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- * Garden in a Glove | [7/3]
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- Intro to Dungeons and Dragons | [6/27]
- Trivia | [7/11]
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- Walk with Pride! Springfield's LGBT+ History | [6/5, 8, 12, 22, 26, or 29]
- Route 66 Celebration | [6/22]

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- Upcycled Sweater Plushie [sewing] | [6/27]
- Patchwork Picnic Blanket [sewing] | [6/29]
- Upcycled Napkins [serger] | [7/13]
- Summery Wall Art [Cricut] | [7/16]
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Lawsuits for Lincoln Tower Apartments

City, adjacent property owner both file suits to force owner to make repairs

HOUSING | Dean Olsen

Structural problems have festered for years at Springfield's tallest apartment building, but court action to fix at least one of the issues at Lincoln Tower Apartments could be coming in the next few months.

The situation – including an inadequate number of working elevators and the city-mandated closure of the deteriorating underground parking garage – has caused headaches for residents of 17-story Lincoln Tower and for city officials tasked with enforcing building codes and protecting the public.

A lack of preventive maintenance at the 110-space underground parking lot serving the 199-unit apartment complex at 520 S. Second St. led to concerns that the ceiling of the structure was potentially dangerous and could someday collapse. The city deemed the underground structure “unsafe and dangerous,” then erected barricades in February 2023 to prevent cars from using the underground garage until repairs could be made.

Barricades also bar access to the 65 ground-level parking spots that sit above the garage to prevent more damage to the underground lot's ceiling. The spots surround Lincoln Tower Plaza, 524 S. Second, which is immediately west of Lincoln Tower Apartments.

Access to the ground-level spots were part of the leases of the six-story office building's government and corporate tenants. They rent from the building owner, EMS Midwest LLC, which is operated by Springfield businessman and EMS investor Chris Stone.

Maintenance of the spots is the responsibility of Lincoln Tower, based on a condominium agreement, but the agreement allows Lincoln Tower Plaza to use the spots for its tenants, according to EMS Midwest attorney George Petrilli.

The underground parking lot remains

closed, and Lincoln Tower residents who pay extra for parking have had to seek alternative parking in an above-ground, unlit surface lot a few blocks away, at Fourth and Cook streets.

Residents who pay \$950 per month for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,400 per month for two- and three-bedroom apartments told *Illinois Times* their ultimate worry is that the building will be condemned and they will have to move from a desirable location across the street from the Capitol Complex.

The building was constructed in the late 1960s and over the years has been a convenient home for state workers, lobbyists and other downtown residents. Former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan maintained an apartment there for many years.

Greg Moredock, a lawyer who heads the city's legal department, said there's little chance Lincoln Tower residents will have to vacate the premises in the near future. That's because he said the building is structurally sound, the building's water bills are being paid, and the parking garage's problems haven't affected the building.

But the city isn't satisfied with the pace of progress, he said.

“It's just frustrating when we have a non-responsive, out-of-state owner,” Moredock said.

The city filed a lawsuit this January in Sangamon County Circuit Court against the building's owners – Lincoln Tower Holdings LLC and Strategic Lincoln LLC, based in Skokie and Lakewood, New Jersey, respectively – to force improvements at the parking garage.

Lincoln Tower Holdings and Strategic Lincoln have owned the 230,000-square-foot building since 2014 and paid \$15.8 million for the property, according to Sangamon County records.

The city's lawsuit followed a hearing in a city



The ground-level and below-ground parking at the Lincoln Tower Apartments complex has been unavailable for use since February 2023 when the city decided the deteriorating parking areas were unsafe. The parking was also used by tenants of Lincoln Tower Plaza, an office building immediately west of the apartment complex along South Second Street in Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

administrative court at which the owners failed to appear and were ordered to make improvements and pay a \$3,750 fine.

The lawsuit remains pending and was complicated by the fact that the owners' lender, Arbor Realty SR Inc., began foreclosure proceedings after the owners defaulted on their 2020 mortgage of \$14.8 million.

Chicago lawyer Eric Kaplan, representing the owners, asked the court in April to delay proceedings and any enforcement. Any repairs, he said in court documents, are the responsibility of the company appointed to act as a receiver and look out for the lender's interests.

The court hasn't ruled on Kaplan's requested delay. Neither Kaplan nor a representative of the receiver, Friedman Real Estate in suburban Detroit, responded to phone calls and emails from *Illinois Times*.

EMS filed its own lawsuit against the building owners in October 2023, and later added Friedman as a defendant, to force repairs or allow EMS to arrange for repairs and make the owners pay for it.

The owners also asked for a delay in this lawsuit because of the foreclosure, but Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin in April ruled against the owners and set the next hearing in the case for May 30.

Petrilli said EMS hopes the company's lawsuit paves the way for an engineering study so structural work on the underground parking garage can proceed.

Based on informal estimates, he said it

would cost \$800,000 or \$900,000 for below-ground improvements in the garage so EMS tenants could resume use of the above-ground parking spots.

Those same estimates put the cost of repairs to reopen underground parking at \$4 million to \$5 million or more, Petrilli said.

Petrilli said the city inspected the garage in June 2019 and sent its first “notice of violation” letter to the owners, requiring the owners to submit a timeline within 14 days for completion of repairs. No plan has been submitted, he said.

Lincoln Tower residents would welcome a return of on-site parking, according to Hewitt Douglass, 69, a retired state worker who has lived at the complex for 13 years. The building is less than half-occupied, but that would still mean 80 or 90 people need on-site parking, he said.

The lack of working elevators remains a big concern, but an immediate solution doesn't appear imminent.

Douglass said he and his wife went through a scary time a month ago. Springfield Fire Department and ambulance workers responding to a medical emergency his wife was going through in their 16th floor apartment had to wait 15 minutes for the lone working elevator to return to their floor, he said.

When the elevator arrived, the first responders brought her to the hospital on a gurney. She has since recovered.

“Thank God it wasn't a life-threatening situation,” Douglass said. “There are three elevators, but only one works,” he said. “About 10 years ago, they started breaking down and stopping. It causes serious delays.”

He has complained to the Springfield City Council several times and to Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase. Purchase said she was invited to meet with residents and Friedman's building manager at the complex. She went there May 10 and talked with residents, but the manager never showed up to answer their questions.

Douglass said residents aren't blaming the city for the problems, but they hope the city can pressure the complex owners to tell residents when and whether long-term improvements will be made.

“We are not being given any answers,” he said. □

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Editor's note

Despite changes in culture and technology, summer for Americans still has a romantic, open feel, with visions of long days filled with possibility and freedom. Even when listings are digitized and at our fingertips at illinoistimes.com, our paper Summerguide is a favorite for the same reason as summer. In these 80 pages you can leisurely browse to discover the unexpected, and dream of doing everything suggested here, while sampling all the ads have to offer. Or you might schedule only a few activities, ones that promise memories, with time left over to relive them. Either way, it's important to use our guide to plan. We all know this season goes fast, and summer is a terrible thing to waste. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

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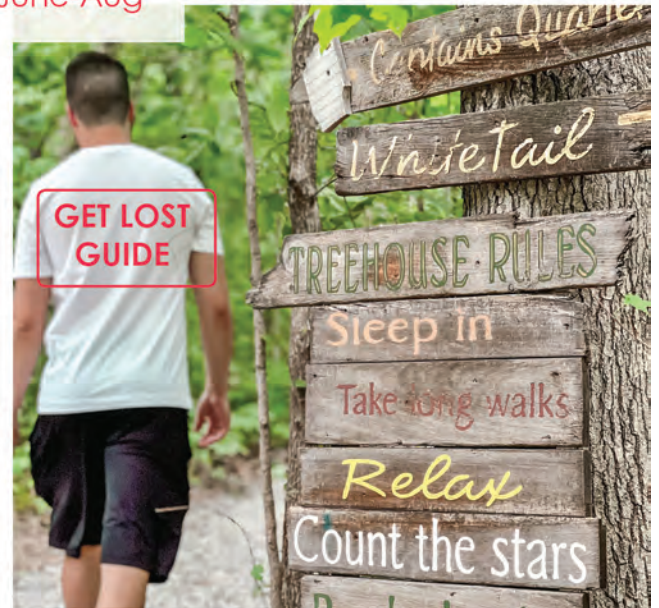
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Airport seeks rezoning to facilitate future development

Modifies request to alleviate concerns of adjacent neighborhood

AIRPORT | Dean Olsen

Residents of the Val-E-Vue subdivision near Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport say they are relieved the airport altered a plan to change about 92 acres from residential to industrial zoning.

The proposed rezoning for the land, which acts as a buffer between the subdivision to the south and the developed part of the airport, “could potentially ruin the neighborhood,” Val-E-Vue resident Gene Taylor said.

He and other subdivision residents spoke to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission on May 15 before the panel made a recommendation to the Springfield City Council in advance of a final decision by the City Council June 18.

Mark Hanna, executive director of the Springfield Airport Authority, told *Illinois Times* that the Val-E-Vue neighbors had no reason to be concerned about any imminent project at the property in question that might disrupt life in their neighborhood.

That’s because the 92 acres is designated as a “buffer area” beyond one of the airport’s runways, and will be preserved for that purpose in the long term, to protect and preserve the runway approach surfaces and provide airplanes extra space in case of emergencies, Hanna said. The 92-acre section has been used for agricultural purposes.

But to avoid delays in the rezoning process, airport officials agreed to remove the 92-acre tract from the airport’s overall request to rezone 1,089 acres of land owned by the airport from the current residential zoning classification to industrial. The 92 acres would remain zoned residential for now.

The commission voted 8-0 to support the proposal.

Taylor, 79, a retired executive director of the Illinois Educators Credit Union, moved with his wife, Cheri Taylor, 76, to Val-E-Vue, a 160-home neighborhood, in late 2019. Gene Taylor was chairperson of the Springfield Airport Authority Board in the early 1990s.

He said his neighbors in Val-E-Vue were puzzled and upset when a handful of them who live next to the 92 acres received a legally required notice of the impending rezoning request.

Industrial zoning would allow for a wide range of uses, including warehouses and chemical processing plants, and the notices put some neighbors in “panic mode,” Taylor said.

However, Hanna said no one from



Gene Taylor speaks to the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission on May 15 on behalf of residents of the Val-E-Vue neighborhood near Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

the neighborhood reached out to airport officials to inquire about the rezoning plan before the May 15 meeting. He described the overall rezoning request as “more or less of a housekeeping issue,” and to maintain the airport authority’s compliance with federal guidance for airports “to safeguard the surrounding air space and to avoid non-compatible land use at airport-owned properties.”

The airport was founded in 1947 and over the years expanded into areas that were previously annexed into the city of Springfield, Hanna said. Newly annexed areas automatically were assigned a residential zoning classification by the city, and the zoning hadn’t been updated, he said.

The airport authority, a unit of local government, recently asked the city to rezone all of the airport-owned land to match the rest of the industrial-zoned property. That rezoning would help the authority in promoting property to developers for commercial use in certain parts of the airport, Hanna said.

“We’re just preparing the property for

long-term success,” he said. “You just never know what’s in the minds of site selectors or developers.”

There’s no such project pending that would require the rezoning to move forward, Hanna said.

The residential-zoned land to be rezoned industrial includes parts of airport runways, the control tower, state- and federally-operated offices and land east of the runways that airport officials want to develop for a both aeronautical and non-aeronautical uses.

The staff of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission recommended that the zoning commission and the City Council approve the entire rezoning request, including the 92 acres.

Located at Illinois Route 4 (Veterans Parkway) and Route 29 (J. David Jones Parkway), the airport covers 2,400 acres and is considered a “civil-military airport.”

In addition to providing commercial flights for the public, the airport is home to the 183rd Wing of the Illinois Air National Guard, as well as the Illinois Department of Transportation’s Division of Aeronautics and

some businesses.

Because of the current location of runways, it’s “highly improbable” that the 92-acre buffer zone in question ever would be considered for development, Hanna said.

If that’s the case, Taylor questioned why rezoning of those acres would be needed. Airport officials should have done a better job of communicating with Val-E-Vue residents to avoid any unnecessary anxiety, he said.

Keeping the 92 acres as residential would give Val-E-Vue residents time to revive their dormant neighborhood association and be vigilant in case they want to oppose projects they don’t like in the future, Taylor said.

Hanna said airport officials made the request to properly zone property that never should be considered for residential development.

“We’re trying to be very truthful with how things are rezoned,” he said.

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Motivation to move

Jacksonville offers \$5K to qualified workers willing to relocate to the community

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Scott Reeder

Some people will soon be paid \$5,000 to move to Jacksonville, Illinois.

The Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation is offering the bounty as part of its ongoing effort to lure professionals to the community of 17,600 and surrounding Morgan and Scott counties.

According to the U.S. Census, during the second decade of this century Jacksonville lost 9.2% of its population. Since then, it has faced other economic setbacks, such as the closure of 174-year-old MacMurray College.

Kristin Jamison, executive director of the JREDC, said businesses in the community are struggling to recruit qualified candidates.

“The two sectors that we’re really honing in on are manufacturing and health care. We have (open) professional positions in both of those areas from engineers to drafters to technologists to robotic welders – some really interesting positions that people might not know about,” she said.

Trevor Huffman, CEO of Jacksonville Memorial Hospital, said his organization also struggles to fill positions. In addition to dealing with the nationwide nursing shortage, he said his hospital also finds itself bereft of qualified applicants for other openings.

“Technologist positions – like X-ray techs – are really hard for us (to fill.) Medical lab technologists have been difficult for us as well. And then there’s always a need in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy,” Huffman said.

The JREDC, which is funded with both local tax dollars and contributions from area employers, is advertising positions extensively online, Jamison said.

But it is also launching a pilot program this year in which three people, who now live at least 70 miles from Jacksonville, will be cut checks to move to the community. JREDC is working with Make My Move, an Indianapolis-based company that offers an online directory to help connect people willing to relocate with municipalities offering incentives.

“I’m really pleased that JREDC is willing to offer \$5,000 cash incentives to three individuals who decide to move to Jacksonville,” Jamison said. “It’s exciting because we have great jobs here. But we just may need a little bit of help in making sure that people know about them and know about our area.”



The Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corporation will soon start offering \$5,000 cash and other incentives to qualified professionals who are willing to relocate to the community. PHOTO COURTESY JREDC

While only three people will receive the cash bounties, the JREDC anticipates that the program will actually result in more people moving to the Jacksonville area, she said.

Jamison said she believes many people will apply online for the cash incentives. When they do this, they will fill out an application that lists their qualifications for various jobs. Those applications will become part of a database of people willing to move to the Jacksonville area and it will be shared with various employers.

Huffman said nothing would preclude area employers from offering incentives on their own to hire applicants off the list.

“The more data you have, the more options that you have,” he said. “But I think the big thing too is when they go to that site and see the number of community leaders who have

joined – providing different services – it shows the level of activities and support that we have in this community. I think it shows that we have a lot going on over here, and that we’re not just a small town that would be boring to come to.”

Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said there have been informal discussions within his group to offer incentives to get individuals to relocate to the Springfield area. But nothing has come of those discussions.

He noted the housing market in Springfield is tight, making it difficult for newcomers.

“People who have houses aren’t putting them on the market,” he said. “And the houses that do go on the market sell pretty darn

quickly,” he said.

McCrady added different communities need to take different approaches.

“I think a community should always work hard on the foundational things that make a community great,” he said. “That’s really going to be the best incentive program in the long run: great schools, good housing, a safe community, arts and cultural activities for people to do, restaurants and also a community that is friendly, kind and welcoming. You have to have all of those things in place, or any incentive program won’t work. And when I look at Springfield, I think of those foundational qualities.” □

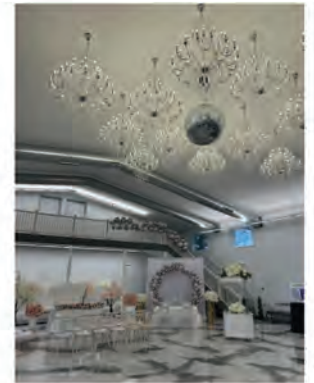
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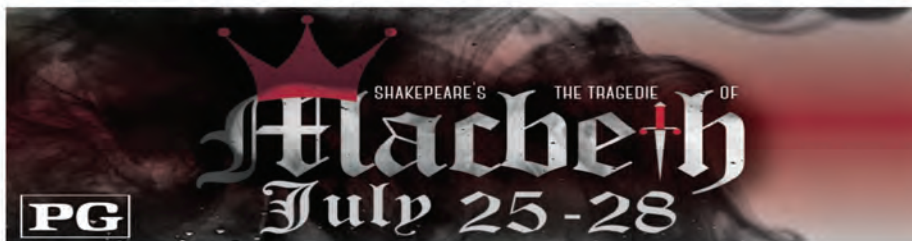
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Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase, with microphone, is flanked by City Clerk Frank Lesko, left, Mayor Misty Buscher and members of the Springfield City Council. A March 26 public meeting to discuss the U.S. Postal Service's proposed plan to redirect Springfield's mail to St. Louis for processing drew a crowd of more than 200 people to the Hilton Garden Inn, including city officials. PHOTO COURTESY LAKEISHA PURCHASE

U.S. Postal Service delays decision

Union says processing mail through St. Louis would lead to 33 layoffs, slower delivery times

POSTAL SERVICE | Scott Reeder

While delays within the U.S. Postal Service are not usually applauded, one made this month by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy was celebrated in Springfield.

The Postal Service has chosen to pause until January moving some functions of Springfield's packaging and distribution center to St. Louis. This is part of a national endeavor to consolidate processing centers. Proponents of the move say it will save money, but critics contend it will delay mail delivery.

In a letter to Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Gary Peters on May 9, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy confirmed that mail processing facility reviews and changes will halt until next year.

The announcement came in the wake of congressional calls to stop the postal reorganization.

U.S. Rep. Nikki Budzinski, D-Springfield, is one of the more vocal critics of the proposal.

"This gives us more time to continue to beat the drum on why this is bad for our communities," Budzinski told *Illinois Times*. "I introduced bipartisan legislation in the House that says in communities like ours that have a below average on-time mail delivery rate – until we can bring that percentage up – we should not see further downsizing of our services.

"It's been clear that in places where

downsizing has happened, in states like Virginia and Georgia, it has very negatively impacted on-time delivery rates. And we just simply can't afford that. So, the delay in this implementation of their decision gives us room to continue to advocate on Capitol Hill to stop this."

Johnny Bishop, Springfield branch president of the American Postal Workers Union, said the proposed move would be harmful to workers at the Springfield facility.

"We were informed it would be 18 (career employees) impacted. They don't say layoffs because they can't lay us off by our contract. So, they like to tell people in the public that there's no layoffs. ... The key word is 'impacted.' What that means is you either find another job within the post office or they can move you within 50 miles. If it's negotiated, they could go even further.

"You could have just bought a house and have a mortgage. Now, you've got to sell your house. You've got to move your family, your school, your doctors for your kids, everything like that."

In addition to the 18 career employees, 15 entry-level employees in Springfield would be laid off, Bishop said.

"And that's how the number goes to 33," he said. "But (USPS leadership) just wants to keep the number low to try to satisfy the general public."

What relocating the processing center

means is that when a Springfield resident mails a letter to someone else in the city, the epistle will first be taken to St. Louis for processing, he said.

Comptroller Susana Mendoza has expressed concern that moving the processing and distribution center from Springfield will delay the delivery of state checks.

"My office sends out about 11,000 checks a day to home health care workers, child care providers and other state providers and vendors," she said in a prepared statement. "Even a one-day delay could cause serious hardship for these providers and businesses."

Assistant comptroller Kevin Schoeben told *IT*, "It doesn't seem logical sending the mail out of state only to bring it back to Illinois."

He added the comptroller's office is working with Budzinski and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, to stop the proposed change.

"The comptroller's office sends out three million checks a year, and those are going out from Springfield direct to northern, central and southern Illinois," Schoeben said. "We believe that the seat of government, where the comptroller and other state agencies submit their mail, should have a distribution center." □

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From a young age, Bennie Strumpher had a passion for coins.

"I became interested in them when I was about 10 years old," he said. "My dad worked at a coal mine and he came home with a sock full of coins – they paid him in silver dollars. So he laid the coins out on the table. They were pretty and I fell in love with them."

From sorting through silver dollars in a bank vault as a child to traveling along the trade show circuit with his family as an adult, Strumpher's love affair with coins helped guide his life.

In 2007, he found a place for that love

to take root when he bought Decatur Coin and Jewelry, a business that has been located at 104 N. Main St. in downtown Decatur since 1972.

Bennie Strumpher wasn't the only Strumpher with an affinity for coins. His daughter, Samantha, happily followed in his footsteps.

"I went to a lot of coin shows with my dad," she said. "I'd take coins around to dealers and sell them for him. I'd leave with a box full of coins and I'd come back with a hand full of checks or cash."

"She was really little, probably 10 or 12 then," Bennie Strumpher added.

And she's been by her father's side at Decatur Coin and Jewelry since



the very beginning, mostly handling the vintage costume jewelry customers bring in.

"I love being with my dad and experiencing with him daily the passion he has for this place, and that he's helped me

create, as well," she said.

Handling everything from coins, pocket watches and vintage paper money to costume, gold and silver jewelry, Bennie and Samantha believe it's their ethics and service that make their business stand out from others. "We're a 'pay-it-forward' organization," Bennie Strumpher said. "If you have something worth a lot of money, we're going to offer you a lot of money, about 90 percent on the dollar. We have paid out over 14 million dollars to people just like you in the past few years," Strumpher said.

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Bennie and Samantha are staying busy, enjoying their customers and enjoying their work.

"I don't have to work. I do this because I enjoy it," said Bennie Strumpher. "I could have retired a long time ago, but I've been doing this for 40 years, and I hope to keep doing it as long as my eyes and health are good." "I love what I do," Samantha Strumpher agreed. "I love all the jewelry, and the coins, too."

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Expanding access to mental health care

Service providers, state agency officials joined governor for Springfield panel

MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

In the middle of Mental Health Awareness Month, Gov. JB Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton hosted a panel in Springfield May 15 at which he pledged to expand the state's behavioral health services.

With several dozen services providers from around the state in attendance, Pritzker and panelists floated ideas to improve access to mental health care for Illinoisans, like mandating a social worker be in every school and drafting a "Mental Health Bill of Rights" – a document that will affirm the state's mental health system as one for people of all backgrounds.

Pritzker said it's necessary to buck trends of the past, when discussions surrounding mental health were quickly swept under the rug, in private or public life – and received little government attention.

"If you could roll the time backward 10 years, very few people talked publicly about mental health challenges that they personally were having," Pritzker said during the panel, which was attended by a Capitol News Illinois reporter. "We have to just think about the individual who has no alternative – they don't have choices – and we have to give them opportunities to get help."

The governor spoke about his personal experiences and recounted the struggles his mother – who he credits as spurring his political career – had with alcohol as he was growing up in the 1970s. Sue Pritzker died in 1982, leaving the future governor an orphan at 17 years old.

"She drank to self-medicate," he said. "She was somebody who was an activist, a caregiver and she was a widow with three young children when my father died."

Pritzker emphasized that his mother had the money to access care, given the family's enormous wealth, but he said shame and guilt prevented her from seeking professional aid.

"Even with the resources, partly because of stigma, it's hard to go seek help," Pritzker said. "In some ways, my experience with that instilled in me a desire to try to address the challenges that are now referred to as behavioral health." He and Stratton suggested mental and physical health care should be considered with equal weight. Stratton, who chairs the recently formed Healing-Centered Illinois Task Force, also said mental health care needs to be accessible to everyone, regardless of race or income.

"It's not OK if just some communities are healing and others aren't," she said. "If some



Gov. JB Pritzker speaks to an audience of professionals from the behavioral and mental health field at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library on May 15. He said the state needs to make mental health services more accessible.

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communities are saying, 'Now, it's accessible,' but others are left behind."

As stigma continues to decrease for those seeking mental health care, existing practitioners can't keep up with the rising need. More than half of respondents – 56% – to the American Psychological Association's 2023 "Pulse" survey, said they had no openings for new patients.

Illinois officials have responded by easing barriers to enter the profession in recent years. The National Association of Social Workers Illinois Chapter earlier this year praised a 2021 law that did away with a previously mandated test for licensure that the organization said was biased.

Since the law took effect, the number of licensed social workers in Illinois has more than doubled in two years. As of early December, there were more than 10,000 LSWs in Illinois, though that figure does not include licensed clinical social workers or school social workers.

NASW-IL noted that 12% of those LSWs came from out of state. Pritzker, in 2022, signed legislation that made it easier for behavioral health workers licensed in other states to become licensed in Illinois and enabled in-state providers with lapsed licenses to easily get reinstated.

Pritzker credited "greater investments" in mental health – such as being able to use American Rescue Plan Act dollars to expand services and creating the state's Children's Behavioral Transformation Initiative – to Illinois improving financial picture, though he added, "there's a whole lot more to do."

"You can't do any of this stuff unless your fiscal health is such that you can make major

investments," he said. "And we have so much more to do in that regard."

Pritzker wondered aloud why the state isn't putting more social workers in schools. Hopeful Futures Campaign, a childhood mental health advocacy group, reported Illinois only had one school social worker for nearly every 750 students in 2022 – a caseload nearly three times the Illinois State Board of Education's recommended ratio.

"We've got to make strides with a social worker in every school," Pritzker said. "I know we say we can't afford it, but I don't know why we aren't making that a high priority." Child welfare expert Dana Weiner, chief of the state's Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative, said the state is crafting a new social work pilot program.

"We're working on developing a pilot for in-home behavioral health aides for young people who have autism spectrum disorders and behavioral health needs," she said.

No timetable was given on when such a pilot might be introduced.

Weiner announced the state is drafting a "Mental Health Bill of Rights" – also without a timeline – that will eventually "serve as a declaration of our aspirations for an improved mental health service system," she said.

"Someday, when we get there, (it will) grant all Illinoisans the assurance that they can seek help without stigma in their community, in their language in their culture, and that they have access to timely and effective services and that they know where to go for help," she said.

A day after the event, House Bill 5457, which would require agencies that license behavioral health workers to "allow reasonable accommodations for applicants for whom English is not their primary language and a test in their primary language test is not available," passed the Senate and awaits Pritzker's approval. □

Hannah Meisel contributed to this reporting.

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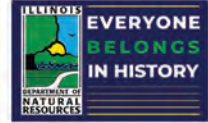
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TEACH RESPECT

I was shocked to read about students at our local schools attacking and threatening teachers (“Not ready to learn,” May 16). While students in my day, 70 years ago, sometimes got into fights between themselves, never was any teacher physically attacked. Respect for authority in today’s world seems to have taken one large tumble. It needs to be taught to children at an early age by parents, grandparents and caretakers alike and continued throughout their development years toward eventual adulthood.

*Dick McLane
Springfield*

I TEACH THOSE KIDS

Making preconceived assumptions about teachers and their relationships based on the color of their skin is asinine. School board member Erica Austin said, “I don’t think Grant has all the tools needed to understand and work with those kind of kids.” What kind of kids is she referring to?

I walk into my classroom every day not even seeing the brown or Black students that fill my classroom. They are children. I have great relationships with them. They come to me excited to tell me about the things going on in their lives. But I guess since I’m white, I don’t understand “those kind of kids”?

The board is making false statements and not doing enough about the 5-8% of our student body that needs alternative placement and alternative education to help give them the life skills to deal with trauma and the chance for the rest of the school population to learn in a safe, healthy environment.

How many of these board members have been teachers? Have they had to come to work and console a student because they had cigarette burns all over them, or their mom or dad just got shot and died, they were walking home from a friend’s house and had to run and crawl on the ground from a drive-by shooting, their parents just split up, their sibling has cancer, they made a bad social media decision and exposed themselves, etc.?

Those kinds of kids are what we deal with on a daily basis. And we, as educators, hold them near and dear to our hearts and help them through those traumas they bring with them each and every day. All we want from the district is to be able to provide a safe haven for those students without the other unwanted, unsafe behavior to add to their already trauma-filled lives. And “those kids” aren’t just Black and brown, they’re white, too. Is that so much to ask – for a safe place for all to learn?



Faith Coalition for the Common Good and the Springfield Education Association held a prayer walk and focus group, “Community Safety: Together We Can Transform Our Community,” on Saturday, May 11, at a church near Southeast High School. PHOTO COURTESY SPRINGFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

I absolutely love my job. Yes, it can be overwhelming at times, but I know I can deal with and understand “those kids.” They are our future, and they all need us now.

*Kiersten Lynch
Springfield*

PRISON SHOULD PARTNER WITH COLLEGE

It makes no sense to close the prison and build one in a new location, to the tune of \$93 million dollars (“Future of Logan Correctional Center uncertain,” May 9). Relocating to the northern part of the state also makes no sense, as over half of the prison population comes from downstate. It only

serves to further disconnect the prisoners from the community, which requires additional funding for “re-entry” services.

Perhaps the reason the college in Lincoln closed is because more young people are entering the prison system than are enrolling in college. The college should reopen in collaboration with the prison to benefit the prisoners, the public and the economy.

*Kendra Barlow-Johnson
Via illinoistimes.com*

MANY THANKS

My sincere thanks to all who came out May 10 for Joel Styzens and Resonance (“Relax your ears,” May 2). It was an amazing evening and those involved were incredibly generous in so many ways. Included in that gratitude but not acknowledged from the stage are the following folks, who made the concert possible: Central Baptist Church; NPR Illinois, Vanessa Ferguson; Illinois Times, Karen Witter; Paula Romanaux and Ana Hopkins; Doug Kamholz and Sheila Walk; Prairie Archives; Simply Fair; Marsha Armstrong and Gary Styzens; Galen Brothers-Furry; Deborah Brothers and John Paul Jaramillo; and Wild Columbine.

I could list 100 more names – all who bought a ticket and those who purchased tickets so others could go; the miracle of the trains (they seemed to stop running during the two-hour program); and the beauty of a standing ovation for Joel and his amazing music, which made us all cry. Thanks to everyone!

*William Furry
Petersburg*

Love’s Seasons

This poem, signed KB, was in response to one of my radio programs broadcast over public radio in WI and IL.

In spring we find clover and wild strawberries, even wild asparagus – and if we search closely, mushrooms hiding in the moss. Summer brings blackberries and raspberries in the fence rows and in the garden, tomatoes, lettuce, squash, green beans, peppers, carrots and potatoes; in the trees, cherries and pears. In the fall, corn, apples, walnuts, acorns. Winter, our kittens and pups become dogs and cats. As everything grows we learn that home is where love grows all the year round!

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A backlog of licensing applications

Eight state workers processing licenses for 80 health-related professions

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Back in April, the executive director of the American Nurses Association Illinois, Susan Swart, told my associate Isabel Miller that advanced practice registered nurses are losing their jobs because of ongoing and severe state licensing delays.

Swart said some of those nurses are waiting “a year to 18 months” to get their licenses from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

“The nurses apply for [jobs] because they’re accepting this position and [licensing] is taking so long, they’re losing positions,” Swart said.

And it’s not just nurses having problems getting state licenses.

Licensed Social Workers are not required to take a state exam to obtain their state licenses. They self-report background issues, so they aren’t required to undergo state background checks. Their only real licensing requirement is to show they’ve obtained a master’s degree in Social Work.

And yet, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation still takes three to four months to process license applications for LSWs, according to Kyle Hillman with the Illinois chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The applications are “the easiest thing to review,” Hillman said. It’s basically a rubber-stamp operation.

These delays are completely unacceptable. The General Assembly passed legislation last year to give the IDFPR some breathing room on licensing renewals so it could focus its efforts on first-time licenses. And yet, here we (still) are.

In response to Hillman, an IDFPR spokesperson revealed that the agency has only eight workers processing license applications for 80 health-related professions.

There are thousands upon untold thousands of people in licensed health-related professions here. No wonder people have to wait months on end for their license approvals.

Up until that response, IDFPR would only say the agency was “under-staffed” when groups like the NASW tried to find out how many employees it had assigned to process applications. Now those groups know, and they’re not happy.

The IDFPR also previously refused to tell the NASW if it was separately processing the no-brainer Licensed Social Workers applications to speed things along. But the agency’s statement admitted the social worker apps were in the big pile along with all the other health-related professions. That makes

no sense. Take a few days and get the easy stuff out of the way, for crying out loud.

Gov. JB Pritzker has talked a good game about workforce development. But it does no good to help train and attract nurses, social workers and a host of other much-needed professionals if his licensing agency can’t even figure out how to deal with fruit that is literally sitting on the ground, let alone the low-hanging variety.

The IDFPR spokesperson claimed the Licensed Social Worker processing time is down 60% from eight months ago. But it’s still a ridiculously long wait.

Pritzker’s proposed state budget includes money “for the procurement of a new licensing system” for IDFPR, but that project is way behind schedule.

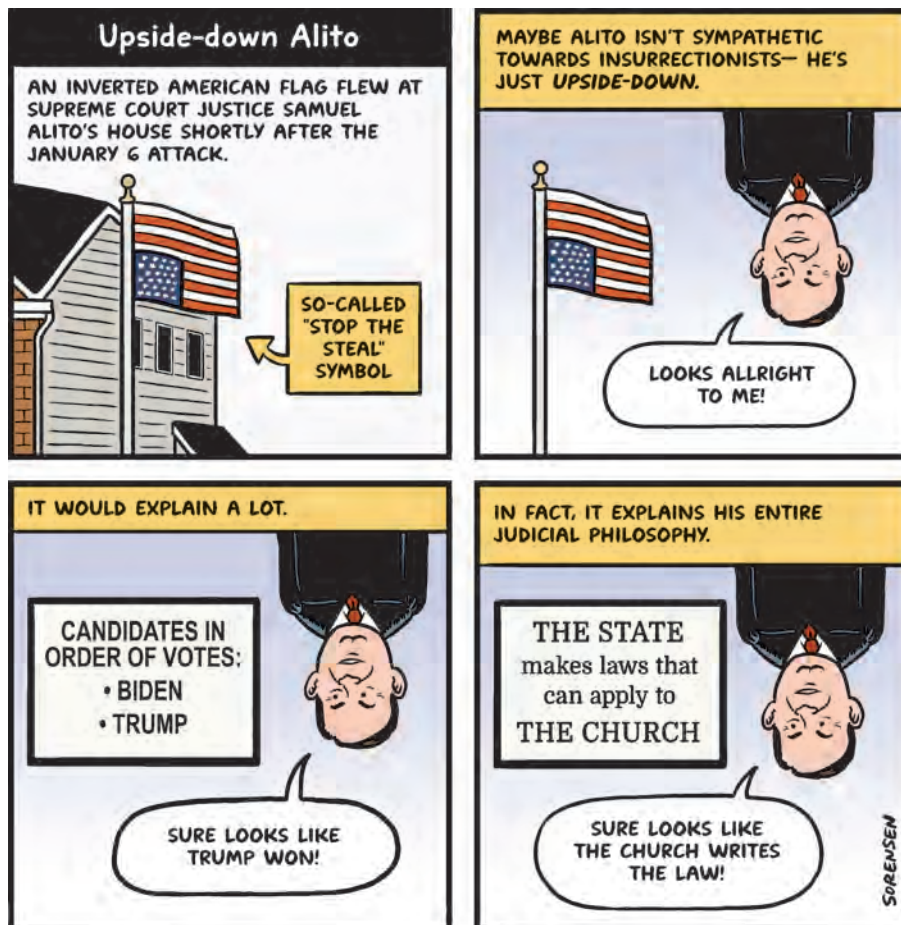
Last year, the legislature gave IDFPR three months to build a new computer software system and then have that system up and running in three months. Well, the department is now at its deadline to have the system running, but it hasn’t yet even finished the procurement process to buy the software.

And the governor’s proposed budget would only increase IDFPR’s headcount by a mere 28 people across the department’s four divisions (after significant hiring this fiscal year).

Meanwhile, a February report by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute’s *The Illinois Update* revealed that more than half of Illinois registered nurses are over the age of 55, and a third say they plan to leave the profession within 12 months. As a result, the report claimed that Illinois “is projected to see an RN shortage of 15,000 by 2025.”

Last week, the General Assembly passed a bill (HB5047) which would extend the time period that license-pending practical nurses and license-pending registered nurses could work to six months, up from three, before their employment is terminated. But even that may not be enough time for IDFPR.

According to the governor’s proposed budget, the number of licensed professionals outside of cannabis is expected to be 1.35 million people by the end of next fiscal year. But that relies on the state getting its act together. □



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Downtown Springfield should take a page from Detroit's playbook

GUESTWORK | Christian Ryan

You are probably thinking to yourself, surely that headline is a misprint, right? Ten years ago, the city of Detroit had an empty downtown, high crime, had lost half its population to outward migration and capped off its downward spiral with the declaration of bankruptcy. The city was effectively dead. Last month, the *Wall Street Journal* published an article highlighting the remarkable revitalization that has occurred in Detroit over the past several years, spurred on through a partnership of private investment and good governance (“Reversing the real estate doom loop is possible,” April 22). Springfield should take the lessons learned in Detroit and apply similar principles to revitalize our own downtown.

Detroit has seen a 40% increase in the value of home prices since 2020, as detailed in the *WSJ* article. The number of new apartments in the downtown area has more than doubled in the last 10 years. New retail stores are opening downtown, commercial buildings are maintaining their historic integrity while receiving modern-day renovations and companies such as General Motors are moving their offices back to the

city center.

Dan Gilbert, co-founder of Rocket Mortgage and a Detroit native, was highlighted in the article for his civic-mindedness and investment in Detroit. He moved the Rocket mortgage offices from the suburbs into the city and invested his wealth into purchasing vacant properties with the intent of turning the spaces into new residential apartments, stores, restaurants and entertainment venues. Investing in a bankrupt city required a boldness and vision for future prosperity – a gamble which appears to be paying off for Gilbert and Detroit as demonstrated by the city’s recent hosting of the 2024 NFL draft downtown.

Private investment works when it goes hand-in-hand with good governance. Developers, businesses and new residents wouldn’t have moved into downtown if the city of Detroit hadn’t provided security, made necessary infrastructure investments and provided the financial incentives to create future growth opportunities.

Springfield finds itself in a similar position to Detroit’s plight several years ago. Although not near bankruptcy, many commercial buildings stand vacant in

downtown, along with residential homes the immediate surrounding neighborhoods. Residents and businesses are moving to the county or out of state to lower tax havens. However, opportunities still abound in Springfield for a turnaround.

Taking a page from Detroit’s playbook, business leaders need to be willing to gamble their wealth on commercial and residential investments downtown. Residents won’t move downtown unless there are new apartments to live in, restaurants to dine at, and venues which provide entertainment. Likewise, the city of Springfield can set economic conditions to financially incentivize new business openings, attract out-of-state residents and tourists and build infrastructure to adapt to the new realities facing post-COVID city centers.

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Morton Avenue, 5-9 p.m.

July 9-14

Annual Morgan County Fair

Morgan County Fairgrounds. Carnival, food, talent show, pageant, livestock, tractor pulls, Rodeo, and Friday night entertainment Mitchell Tenpenny with special guest Sara Evans. Saturday night entertainment Brantley Gilbert with special guest Matt Schuster.

July 25, 26

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July 26-27

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September 6-7

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September 7

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Thursdays, 1pm, from May 31 to Nov. 9. Ride your own bicycle following a guide on a casual, neighborhood-style bicycle tour of historic sites, including the Black Fire House, Dana-Thomas House, Lincoln Home, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Tomb and others. Helmets are required and a water bottle is recommended. The 5-mile tour begins at 1pm at the Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave. 217-782-6302.

1908 Race Riot Walking Tour

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., from May 31 through Nov. 9. This 60-minute tour will examine the devastating 1908 Race Riot that destroyed and affected the lives of many of Abraham Lincoln's African American friends and their descendants. Good walking shoes and water recommended. Donations welcome. Fifth and Adams streets, 217-782-6302.

Black History Walk

Saturdays, 2pm. From June 1 through Nov. 9. This 90-minute walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery focuses on the history of Springfield's African American community, discussing great tragedies, as well as stories of success in the face of adversity and prejudice. Water and good hiking shoes recommended. Donations welcome. Meet at Lincoln Tomb parking lot, 217-782-6302.

Friends of Lincoln Hike

Thursdays, 1:30pm, from May 31 through Nov. 9. This 90-minute hike through Oak Ridge Cemetery visits the graves of Abraham Lincoln's friends, neighbors and political associates. Guides will discuss their lives and highlight their interactions with the 16th president. Comfortable shoes and water recommended. Donations welcome. Meet at Lincoln Tomb parking lot, 217-782-6302.

Underground Railroad Walk

Fridays, 1:30pm, from May 31 to Nov. 9. This 45-minute, 1-mile walk explores locations in Springfield that hold a special significance to the railroad. Includes visits to the Old State Capitol and Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Good shoes and water recommended.

Meet outside Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 217-782-6302.

A Stroll with Old Bob

Sundays, 1:30pm, through Nov. 9. Experience the life of Abraham Lincoln through the eyes of his horse, Old Bob. This walk traces Lincoln's route to work each day and includes stories from Old Bob about Lincoln, his family and Springfield. Best suited for families with children through age 10. Meet at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 217-782-6302.

20th Century Black History Walk

Fridays, 1:30pm, from May 31 to Nov. 9. After the 1908 Race Riot, Springfield's Black community persevered, establishing businesses, participating in politics and organizing. Early Black leaders created opportunities for future generations. This walk will feature stories of the men and women who uplifted their families and communities and dedicated their lives to make the city a better place for all. Meet in the Lincoln Tomb Parking Lot, 217-782-6302.

Downtown Concert Series

Every Friday from May 31 to Aug. 2, 7-9pm. Each week features a different musical genre. See jacksonvillemainstreet.com for schedule of artists. Food trucks will be there, too. Downtown Jacksonville square, 217-243-5678.

Parents WILD Night Out

Get out on the third Friday of every month, 6-9pm, through Aug. 16. Drop off the kids to play, create and learn about the wild world around them while you spend a couple hours doing grownup things. Pizza and snacks provided or send a packed dinner. Registration is \$30-\$35, then \$25-\$30 for each additional child. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-585-1821.

Rochester Public Library Farmers Market

Every second and fourth Sunday from June 9 to Sept. 22. Fresh produce, artisan crafts and baked goods, farm-raised pork products and a food truck in one location. 1 Community Drive, Rochester, 217-498-8454.

Lucky Horseshoes

May 28. Springfield's Prospect League team's season begins at home against a division foe, the Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp. Regular season concludes July 31 and playoffs begin Aug. 1. See a schedule at shoesbaseball.com. Lanphier Park, 1415 North Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

History Comes Alive

May 31-Aug. 4. Go back in time in this 10-week living history program. Meet the Lincolns, attend a flag-lowering ceremony, visit the local museums and historic sites and much more. Go to visitspringfieldillinois.com for a full schedule. 217-789-2360 x5520.

Artist in the Park

Fridays, noon to 1p.m., from May 31 through Aug. 30. Local musicians perform in Union Square Park, 500 E. Madison St. Sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Springfieldartsco.org. Free. 217-753-3519.

Route 66 Main Street Mingle

First Saturday of every month, 10am-6pm. Through Oct. 5. A bustling market featuring an array of vendors such as thrift stores, unique furniture boutiques, bookshops and crystal stores, plus local eats. See the Facebook event for more information. Virden Square, Virden, 217-965-6030.

Masters' Back Porch Chautauqua Series

Third Sunday of every month, 2-4pm. Through Sep. 15. Listen to experts lecture on topics of local interest in literature, art and history followed by original performances by area songwriters. The Masters' Memorial Museum will be open for tours the hour preceding the event. Free. 1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, Petersburg, 105 S. Seventh St.

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On Golden Pond

May 23-26, 6:30pm The love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the 48th year. theatreinthepark.net. \$18.

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Springfield Legends Classic III

May 25, 6:30pm. Former members of the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals battle it out in a seven-inning exhibition game. VIP meet and greets available which include autographs, photos and more. See Lucky Horseshoes web site, shoesbaseball.com, for ticket prices. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 North Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Capital City Biathlon and 5K

May 25, 8 am. Choose from a 5K run, biathlon (5K run and 15-mile bike) or a team biathlon. \$30-\$45. Danenberger Family Vineyards, 12341 Irish Road, New Berlin. 217-488-6321.

Spring Cleaning Cruise-In

May 29, 5:30-8:30pm. Besides cool cars, event includes games for kids, food and more. Free. Car registration is \$5. You can even donate an item to the ReStore retail shop. Habitat for Humanity, 2744 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2710.

Pawnee Prairie Days

May 30-June 1. Rides, pageant, tons of food, antique tractor show, beer tent and live music by Stefan Huffman, The Longmeyer Band, Jason McKenzie and Deja Voodoo. Pawnee Square.

Paul Beaubrun

May 30, 6-9:30pm. A night of roots and blues. Part of the Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

The Lincolns of Springfield

May 30-31, 7pm, June 1-2, 2pm, June 6-7, 7pm and June 8-9, 2pm. The love story we never knew between Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Irish Days Celebration

May 30-June 1. Among the activities planned for this event's 113th year include pageants, rides, a fun run/walk, bags tournament, chili cookoff and live music by The Silver Dollar

Band, Deja Voodoo and Off the Wall. City Park, Farmersville 217-891-3875.

Jersey Boys

May 31-June 2 and June 5-8. A fantastic jukebox musical presented in a documentary-style format that dramatizes the formation, success and breakup of the 1960s rock 'n' roll group, The Four Seasons. themuni.org. \$12-\$22. Ages 5 and under free. The Muni, 815 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-793-MUNI.

Heritage Days

May 31-June 2. A Springfield tradition. Kid's area, carnival, food, raffles and live music. Church of the Little Flower, 800 Stevenson Drive, 217-529-4511.

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Flag Lowering Ceremony

Tuesdays through Aug. 6. The evening begins at 6pm with a Civil War-era concert, along with a meet and greet with President Ulysses S. Grant, who will give a dedication speech for the Lincoln Tomb. The flag-lowering ceremony begins at 7pm with the firing of muskets and while the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry performs. Part of History Comes Alive. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-782-2717.

Sanctuary Tours

Thursdays, 1:30-3pm. Through June 27. See the beautiful sanctuary that houses seven Tiffany windows and the pew that Abraham and Mary Lincoln used during their time at the church. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

8K Trail Race and Kids Fun Run

June 1, 7:30am. Eight kilometers (4.97 miles) of trails will test runners' stamina. Race takes place over the scenic trails and pathways of the historic garden, along the trails next to Lake Springfield and throughout the Ostermeier Prairie Center grounds. Call or visit the Facebook page for registration info. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 East Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

APL Annual Donuts and Dogs

5K Fun Run/Walk

June 1, 9am-12pm. Enjoy a morning of fitness and furry fun with Mel-O-Cream doughnuts, activities for kids and dogs, costume contest and prizes. Pre-registration required, guaranteeing an event T-shirt if registered by May 20. Race packet pickup on May 31 with limited on-site registration. Timed 5K race begins at 10am followed by 11am Fun Run. runsignup.com/apl5K. \$30 entry fee. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-544-7387.

Springfield Fire Station #8 open house

June 1, 9am-12pm. Tour the new facility, meet firefighters, explore firefighting equipment and vehicles and learn valuable fire safety tips. Free. Springfield Fire Department Station #8, 600 Rickard Road, 217-788-8474.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show and Sale

June 1, 11am-2pm. Event provides a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Have a clock, wristwatch or pocket watch and want to learn more about it or sell it? Bring it along. Free. Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 309-643-5241.

Kiwanis BBQ Braggin' Rights

June 1, 12-5pm. Enjoy some great food at the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club's BBQ Braggin' Rights competition. Gates open at noon and judging starts at 3pm. jacksonvilleil.org. \$5, kids 5 and younger free. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Open House

June 1, 12-4pm. Experience the unique beauty of central Illinois with outdoor activities for the whole family. Bird banding demonstrations, prairie tours and wetlands tours. Free. Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Loami, 9560 Withers Road, 217-553-3738.

Bags and Brews

June 2, noon to 5pm. Bags tournament and beer-tasting event fundraiser for the Family Service Center, a licensed non-profit foster care and adoption agency. \$20 for bags tournament

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entry only, \$35 for tournament, food ticket and beer tasting. Includes raffle and live music. service2families.com. Buzz Bomb Brewing Company, 406 E. Adams St., 217-528-8406.

The Gospel of Mark

June 2, 6pm. A one-person staged presentation reading of the Gospel of Mark by Mark Huddle. Free. Central Baptist Church, 501 S. Fourth St., 217-415-8986.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

June 3, 9:30am. Guest speaker Becky Metzger, owner of Alive on 66, will talk about houseplants of all kinds and how to grow a collection to fill a sunroom or just add a touch of green to a home. Program follows 9:30am club meeting. scgc-il.org. Free. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-899-3283.

Springfield Heroes Summer Camp

Children in fourth- through sixth-grades will learn about Springfield's heroes and unlock their own superheroes. Includes field trips, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, dancing and more. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks included. Presented by Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Abundant Faith Christian Center, 2525 Taylor Ave., 217-553-1815.

Musical Instruments in the ALPLM Collection

June 4-1pm. Part of the Tales From the Vault Series. Jade Kastel will take the audience on a journey featuring musical instruments, sheet music and the arts over the decades. Instruments from the 1860s that will be shown include a bass drum, snare drum, fife and flute. Also offered virtually via Facebook Live. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

D-Day Remembrance Ceremony

June 6, 11am-noon. Annual ceremony to honor the men and women who served in World War II to protect our freedom. Event helps ensure America and the world never forget the sacrifices made on June 6, 1944

- 80 years ago. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-725-7466.

Empire Strikes Brass

June 6, 6pm. This brass funk-rock band from Ashville, N.C., has a lot to say with a big sound. Part of the Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

Artist Gallery Talk

June 6, 5-6pm. Join artists Jeanine Coupe Ryding and Rosalyn Schwartz as they discuss their pieces from the "Commanding Presence: 100 Years of Women Artists" exhibit. Reservations required. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Central Park Market

June 6, 4-8pm. Event hosts 60-plus vendors from central Illinois. Includes live music, entertainment and local downtown businesses. jacksonvilleil.org. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Market Days at The Gables

June 6, 10am-5pm, June 7, 10am-5pm and June 8, 10am-5pm. Shop, eat, drink and socialize as local art and craft vendors line the streets. Event features sidewalk sales, specials and live entertainment. Free admission. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Drive, 217-638-1360.

Sparks in the Park

June 6-8. Pageant, food vendors and marketplace, beer tent, parade, carnival, 5K race and live music. Fireworks on Saturday night. See the Facebook page for more info. Rochester Community Park.

International Carillon Festival

June 6-9. Fireworks at dusk on Friday. Lauded as one of the world's most important and prestigious carillon events, the festival has an unsurpassed tradition of presenting the finest carillonneurs from around the world. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838. carillon-rees.org.

History Cooks: Sangamo Club

June 7, 12pm. Chef David Radwine, former general

manager and executive chef at the club, will discuss its 150 years of tradition and fine dining. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-4918.

Friendship Bracelets in the Park

June 7, 11am-1pm. Enjoy a fun-filled day of making bracelets with the Springfield Park District. Bring friends and family or come solo. Everyone is welcome to join in the creativity and camaraderie. Free. Washington Park Picnic Shelter, 1501 South Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

28th Annual Car Show and Car Cruise

June 8, 8am-9pm. Hosted by the Morton Avenue Misfits. Car show 8am-3pm. Custom made first place awards for 20 classes including a pedal car class. Door prizes, raffles, food vendors, music, crafts, swap meet. Morton Avenue cruise 5-9pm. All vehicles welcome. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

Legacy of Giving

June 8, 5pm-midnight, and June 9, noon to midnight. More than 60 music acts on five stages over two days. Includes arts, kid's entertainment, food trucks and more. All proceeds benefit local charities. logmusicfest.org. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street, 217-361-5678.

Governor Duncan Mansion Barbecue

June 8, 5-8pm. Enjoy a buffet dinner, beverages, a benefit auction for the mansion and entertainment by Wild Columbine. Advanced tickets are required. Tickets available at the Jacksonville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, from Governor Duncan Mansion Association Board members or by calling. Proceeds benefit the mansion. \$40. Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, 1061 E. Morton Ave, 217-491-1356

Jazz in Bloom

June 8, 6-9pm. Experience the Dana-Thomas House as a guest. Reservations requested by June 1 - ticket includes live music by Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band, food and cash bar. Hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. \$70. Dana-Thomas

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June 9, 10am-4pm. Get ready for a geeky good time! Features vendors and artists. Event includes tournaments, cosplay showcase and random drawings. \$5 admission at door. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-529-7777.

Springfield Heart & Stroke Walk

June 9, 1pm. Organized by the American Heart Association. Visit website to register, start a team or join as an individual. Proceeds benefit the association. Check-in is at 1pm with the walk at 1:30pm. Event includes demonstrations, food, balloon artist and more. Free. springfieldheartwalk.org. Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S. Second St., 217-299-1145.

Kids Nature Fair

June 9, 12-3pm. Five hands-on

activities for children to enjoy including painting flower pots and making popsicle stick bird feeders. Presented by Springfield Civic Garden Club. scgc-il.org. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-899-3283.

Old "Fashioned" Tea Party

June 9, 1pm. \$25, children under 10 free. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 Illinois 29, 217-968-5620.

Midwest Charity Horse Show

June 11. Each year, the proceeds from this classic American Saddlebred horse show are donated to a worthy cause. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-414-1900.

Day Trip: Exploring Spectacular Springfield

June 11, 10am-3pm. Tour the state Capitol, see Elijah Iles' House, picnic at Lincoln Park, visit the African American History Museum and stop

by Sweet Treat Stop. www.centraillseniors.org. \$25. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4629.

An Evening with Doris Kearns Goodwin

June 11, 7pm. Renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author will share insights about her new book, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*. Admission \$40, \$75 with book. Hosted by the Lincoln Presidential Foundation. Order tickets at lincolnpresidential.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-557-6250.

Juneteenth Celebration

June 12-19. A weeklong, communitywide celebration featuring a variety of family-friendly events including a talent show and a parade June 15. Find more information and a schedule on the Juneteenth Inc. Facebook page.

Juneteenth Talent Showcase

June 12, 5:30pm. Enjoy an evening of great music, poetry, dance and much more. Part of Springfield's Juneteenth Celebration. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Sangamon County Fair

June 12-16. This is a classic Midwestern county fair featuring livestock shows, queen contest, midway, music and always some top-notch entertainment. \$5-\$10. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 316 W. Birch St., 217-488-2685.

Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble

June 13, 6-9:30pm. Enjoy Curley's soulful, bluesy vocals and the band's hard-driving zydeco beat. Part of the Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

Romeo & Juliet

June 13-16, 6:30pm. A tragedy by William Shakespeare

about two young lovers who are unable to be together because of their rivaling families' longstanding feud. theatreinthepark.net. \$18. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

History Cooks: The Bunns and the Peases

June 14, 12pm. Bob Bunn will share the story of two heritage brands now under one roof. Includes tasting of chocolates by chocolatier Ashley McShane. lcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-4918.

Freeish - A Discussion on Black Citizenship in the Land of Lincoln

June 14, 12-1:15pm. "Brown bag it" and join moderator Dr. Lesa Johnson from the University of Illinois-Springfield and a distinguished group of panelists for this panel discussion of the history of

Black Americans in Illinois and their fight for full American citizenship. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Capital Area Concert Band

June 14, 7pm. Celebrating its 50th anniversary of sharing the joy of live music with the community, the band will perform well-known standards and newer compositions. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Henson Robinson Zoo Day

June 15, 10am-5pm. Help the zoo celebrate the city of Springfield's proclamation of Henson Robinson Zoo Day. All guests get in free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-585-1821.

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Juneteenth Parade and celebration

June 15, 10am. Annual parade down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to Comer Cox Park, the site of two days of celebration. Find more information and a schedule on the Juneteenth Inc. Springfield, IL Facebook page.

Morris Day and The Time

June 15, 7pm. A Juneteenth Celebration concert. Free. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-544-1751.

Child Safety Day program

June 15, 12-2pm. "Save your Child's Life Program." Children from age 3 to teens and their parents will learn live training and escape techniques in a family-friendly, fun program by Empowered Martial Arts Team members Rick Christie, John Geyston and Mark Bott. Includes family safety action plan. Free. John Geyston's Empowered Martial Art Academy, 1929 W. Iles Ave., 217-546-6762.

Summer Frolic

June 15, 10am-4pm. Celebrate the frontier heritage with interpreters in period clothing demonstrating period activities throughout the historic village where Lincoln once lived. Free. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Positively Summer Music Festival

June 16, 1-6pm. One-day music festival featuring Positively 4th Street, Ben Bedford, Chickadee Sermon and Buckhart Road. Now in its fourth year. All-ages show. Free. Long Bridge Golf Course, 1055 W. Camp Sangamo Road, 217-744-8311.

High School Journalism & Podcasting Camp

June 17-18, 9am-4pm. Learn news writing, interviewing and editing skills with UIS journalism faculty and NPR Illinois staff members, and then talk with news makers around Springfield to produce stories that will air on the radio. Full and partial scholarships

available. \$149. University of Illinois at Springfield, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-9847.

The Plastic Classic Wiffle Ball Tournament

June 17, 5-10pm. Teams of six players compete in four-inning games in search of glory in this double elimination style tournament. \$20-\$25 entry fee per player. For ages 14-plus. Equipment will be provided. Hobbs Park, 2851 Fox Bridge Road, 217-544-1751.

Summer Organ Concert

June 16, 2pm. Features Scott Montgomery. Concert made possible by William E. Godbey Arts Ministry. Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

Juneteenth Freedom Day

June 19, 10:30am-2:30pm. Commemorate freedom and unity at this annual Juneteenth celebration. Honor the emancipation of enslaved individuals and celebrate the rich history and culture of African Americans. Includes games, vendors and food trucks. jacksonvilleil.org. Community Park, Jacksonville, South Main Street, 217-414-5059.

Armchair Boogie

June 20, 6-9:30pm. A night of bluegrass. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

The Music Man

June 21-22 and June 26-29. Con man Harold Hill poses as a band organizer and leader and sells band instruments and uniforms to naïve Midwestern townsfolk, promising to train the members of the new band, but plans to skip town without giving any music lessons. themuni.org. \$12-\$22. Ages 5 and under free. The Muni, 815 East Lake Drive, 217-793-MUNI.

History Cooks: Susan Lawrence Dana and Her House

June 21, 12pm. Chef Michael Higgins and Kaitlin Pottier will discuss how Maldaner's Restaurant served as the caterer at some of Susan's

parties. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-9847.

SERA Springfield Rodeo

June 21, 7:30pm. A showcase of professional cowboys and cowgirls competing in events such as bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, ladies barrel racing, team roping, bull riding and junior barrel racing. serodeo.com. \$22. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Great Lawn Kite Festival

June 22, 10am-5pm. Enjoy a wholesome family friendly experience. Professional kite flyers and dealers from around the nation will demonstrate the truest form of kite flying. Rain date is June 23. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

Hopeapalooza

June 22, 10am-1pm. Hopeapalooza brings together families, foodies, and exciting activities for children. There will be inflatables, a DJ, bubbles, exotic zoo, food vendors, kites, sensory friendly spaces and more. hope.us. Free. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-753-0702.

The Ruby Slippers

June 23, 1, 3pm. The classic *Wizard of Oz* retold by the talented Dance Arts Studio students. hcfta.org. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Cottonwood Rehab

June 23, 10am-12pm. Arborists will work to rehabilitate a heritage cottonwood tree, believed to be the largest tree in Sangamon County, which had been damaged by a storm. Visitors are welcome to bring a lawn chair to watch. Guy Sternberg will be on hand to explain the process and answer questions. It is in the valley northwest of Lincoln's Tomb. Rain date is June 30. \$5 suggested donation. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-741-9184.

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June 27, 6-9:30pm. An evening of soul folk. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

The Red Velvet Cake War

June 27-30, 6:30pm. The three Verdeen cousins — Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette — could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion. The result is a classic Southern-fried comedy. theatreinthepark.net. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

Annual Birthday Party

June 28, 11:30am. Join fellow

seniors for cake, ice cream, door prizes and entertainment by Curt Smith. centralillinois.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

History Cooks: Baur's Restaurant

June 28, 12pm. Presentation by chef Richard Long, who was executive chef at Baur's for many years. ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Invincible

June 28, 7pm. "A Glorious Tribute to Michael Jackson." A multimedia spectacle featuring up to 17 musicians, vocalists and dancers and choreography by longtime Jackson choreographer and dancer, Lavelle Smith Jr. devonamphitheater.com. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Drive, 217-619-8025.

Paint the Street

June 29, 11am-7pm. In this annual event, artists young and old take over Washington Street

and paint 6x6 squares. Each square registration receives one paint supply bucket (including brushes and the tempera paint which is water soluble/washable), a giveaway bag with goodies from sponsors, and one Paint the Street T-shirt. T-shirt sizes will be limited for registrations entered after June 1. springfieldart.org. \$40 for fun/ \$45 professional category. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-523-2631.

Central Illinois Daylily Society Plant Show

June 29, noon to 3pm. Beautiful examples of daylilies on display in an open house style setting. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 217-546-4116.

Springfield Jaycees Capital City Celebration

June 29. Join in all of the festivities and enjoy the fireworks in downtown Springfield. Springfieldjaycees.net.

The Lovettes

June 29, 7pm. A tribute to the female icons and girls groups

of the 40s, 50s and 60s, from The Andrews Sisters to The Supremes. hcfta.org. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

JULY

Springfield Civic Garden Club

July 1, 9:30am. The Lincoln Land Community College Culinary Arts staff will present a program titled "Cooking From the Garden" and delve into the simple pleasures of preparing recipes with seasonal ingredients. Program begins after 9:30am club meeting. The public is invited. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

Independence Day Celebration

July 1, 10am-4pm and July 2, 10am-4pm. Get your 19th century patriot on. Period demonstrations and the reading of the Declaration of Independence each day. Free. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588

History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Everything Red, White & Blue

July 3, 11:15am. Red, white and blue drinks, snacks, door prizes and trivia game. Teams of up to four people with a \$25 prize for each winner. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Fireworks Extravaganza

July 4, 6pm. Live music on the patio at Trade Winds Pub. Fireworks at dusk. Knight's Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Drive, 217-546-8881.

Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown

July 4, 6-9:30pm. This Tennessee rock band's sound is hard to fit into a single box. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

History Cooks: Macarons and Sweets

July 5, 12pm. Chef Stephanie Warren, LLCC adjunct culinary instructor, will discuss these

sweet treats. ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Rock the Dock

July 5, 6-11pm. Central Illinois' largest fireworks display. Live music by Deja Voodoo and Joel Honey as well as food and beverages. Free. Lake Springfield Marina, 17 Waters Edge Blvd., 217-483-3625.

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July 11, 6-9:30pm. OKAN is a JUNO award-winning contemporary Afro-Cuban roots and jazz ensemble. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

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Hello, Dolly

July 12-14, July 17-21, July 24 and 24-28. "Isn't the world full of wonderful things?" Mrs. Dolly Levi is a matchmaker extraordinaire who decides that the next match she needs to make is for herself. Visit the website or call for tickets prices. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 800-838-3006.

Into the Woods

July 12-14. A modern classic that brings together favorite storybook characters. Presented by the Active Creative Teen Theatre and directed by Ella Nelson. hcfta.org. \$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

History Cooks: Charlie Parker's Diner

July 12, 12pm. Former Charlie Parker's owner Mike Murphy will demonstrate his award-winning English muffin horseshoe. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Women's Distance Festival

July 13, 8am. Race on a beautiful 2-mile course through the park. A virtual option is available. Kids can participate in an untimed fun run. Hosted by the Springfield Road Runners Club. Visit the website for registration information. srcc.net. Washington Park, 1501 South Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

The People Brothers Band

July 18, 6-9:30pm. A night of rhythm and soul. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

Rumble Down Take Three

July 19-21. Music at no less than five stages, with three music genres and at three locations, beginning at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, ending at Knight's Action Park and with a whole bunch of stuff in between. Admission. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 217-529-6626.

Chatham Sweet Corn Festival

July 19, 5-11:30pm and July 20, 10am-11:30pm. Live music, food, vendors and children's activities. A big shout out to the local cows' contributions to that perennial favorite, the Illinois Championship Cow Chip Throw. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

History Cooks: The Horseshoe

July 19, 12pm. Chef Augie Mrozowski will prepare a classic Springfield horseshoe. Mrozowski father is credited with being one of the originators of the horseshoe at the Leland Hotel. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Crazy for Patsy Cline

July 21. Featuring Katie Deal, an award-winning entertainer who is known as one of the best interpreters of Cline's music. hcfta.org. \$32. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Macbeth

July 25-28, 6:30pm. Three witches tell the Scottish general Macbeth that he will be king of Scotland. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth kills the king, becomes the new king and kills more people out of paranoia. theatreinthepark.net. \$18. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

Cactus Blossoms

July 25, 6-9:30pm. Cactus Blossoms plays alternative country. Part of the Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. Opening act TBA. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

River County Quilt Show

July 26, 10am-5pm, and July 27, 10am-4pm. Dive into a world of creativity and craftsmanship at this show where the vibrant threads of tradition and innovation come together in a spectacular display. Features more than 220 exquisite, quilted items. \$7. Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, 1211 N. Diamond St., 309-678-7716.

History Cooks: Clay's Popeye's Barbeque

July 26, 12pm. Demetria Clay will discuss a Springfield tradition since 1961. Chef

Marcus Holmes will demonstrate a favorite. Ilcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Homecoming

July 27, 10am-2pm. Join Camp CILCA alumni, supporters, volunteers and friends for outdoor games, music, square dancing, face painting and more. Includes vendor fair, swimming and boating, wagons rides, food and drinks, campfire and closing devotion. cilca.org. Free. Camp CILCA, Cantrall, 4124 Camp CILCA Road, 2174877497.

Lake Springfield Triathlon - Sprint, Olympic, Half

July 27, 7am. Presented by MSE Racing. A beautiful course with a lake swim, flat bike, and flat and shady run. Visit the website for race options, course maps, schedule of events, packet pickup/endurance expo, volunteer signup and sponsorship info. mseracing.com. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Drive, 314-477-6906.

Maid Rite 100th Birthday Party

July 27, 11am-2pm. Celebrate the restaurant chain's birthday and see classic cars. Includes live music and more. Maid Rite Sandwich Shop, 118 N. Pasfield St., 217-523-0723.

Coin Show

July 28, 9am-3pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Free for members and children under 16. \$1. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, 217-899-9996.

Downhome Music Festival

July 27, 5pm-midnight, July 28, 2pm-midnight. One of Springfield's most popular music festivals. Features local artists and performers, a wide selection of craft beers and food vendors. Band schedule is developing. downhomemusicfest.com. Downtown Springfield, Seventh and Washington streets.

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History Cooks: Mel-O-Cream
Aug. 2, 12pm. Chad Larson will share the history of this iconic Springfield establishment. llcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., 217-786-2200.

Tablescapes Celebration
Aug. 2, 12-4pm and Aug. 3, 11am-5pm. Explore the increasingly popular art of table setting at this exhibit of more than 30 unique settings. Includes silent auction. \$10, students are free. LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-899-3283.

Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show Spectacular
Aug. 2, 6-9pm and Aug. 5, 8am-4pm. Super Cruise at 6pm Friday from Horace Mann in downtown Springfield to Cherry Hills Church. Car show on Saturday. Both cruise and car show features actor Claudia Wells, known as Marty McFly's girlfriend Jennifer Parker in the first *Back to the Future* movie. Free. Cherry Hills Church, 2125 Woodside Road, 217-553-5271.

The Little Mermaid
Aug. 2-4 and Aug. 7-10. A young mermaid, Ariel, makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can experience life on land and impress a prince, risking more than she realizes. themuni.org. \$12-\$22. Ages 5 and under free. The Muni, 815 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-793-MUNI.

Springfield Civic Garden Club
Aug. 5, 9:30am. Nancy Sweet Christie will present "Seed Saving: Opportunities and Challenges," about the increasingly popular practice of seed saving. The public is welcome. Program begins after 9:30am meeting. Free. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

Illinois State Fair Parade Run
Aug. 8. A 2-mile race with a virtual option. Hosted by the

Springfield Road Runners Club. Visit the website for registration information. srcc.net. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Illinois State Fair
Aug. 8-18. Every kind of food imaginable, the sounds of music and concertgoers' cheers at the Grandstand shows, a midway with all the bells and whistles, harness-racing horses kicking up the dust on the track, tons of agricultural shows and lots of 10-gallon hats and cowboy boots. Visit the Facebook page for Grandstand shows updates and admission info. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Dual Piano Goes to the Movies
Aug. 9-11. Great music from the silver screen by the popular entertainment duo of Mark and Damien. hcfta.org. \$22 or \$20 for students and adults over 60. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Illinois State Fair Rodeo
Aug. 10, 7:30pm. See competitions in nine edge-of-your-seat events including bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, tie down roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing. Adults \$10, children 12 and younger \$5. Gate 11 (campgrounds), Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-899-9175.

Picnic
Aug. 15-18, 6:30pm. In this play by William Inge, a handsome young drifter passing through town upsets the lives of five lonely women. theatreinthepark.net. \$18. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

Abe's Amble
Aug. 18, 7:30am. On the last day of the Illinois State Fair, hundreds of runners from Illinois and surrounding states take to the streets covering the fairgrounds, Lincoln Park, Oak Ridge Cemetery and back. This challenging 10K course is USATF-certified and a lot of fun. Certified 5K course option available. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Powerlight Fest
Aug. 18. Featuring Dove Award-nominated Jordan St. Cyr, The Afters and Adelaide at the Lincoln Stage. Free with paid fair admission. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-553-5271.

Disney and Cameron McKintosh's Mary Poppins
Aug. 23-25, Aug. 30-Sep. 1. One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing more hearts as a musical. The tale of nanny Mary Poppins delighted Broadway audiences for more than 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. hcfta.org. \$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Old Capitol Blues and BBQ
Aug. 23-24. Possibly the bluesiest of summer fests. Featuring top blues bands, unbeatable award-winning barbecue, cold drinks and first-rate fun. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street, 217-523-1455.

Brad Williams: Tour '24
Aug. 24, 7-9pm. Williams is one the funniest comedians in the country right now and has become one of the most in-demand comedians working today. uispac.com. \$29.50 - \$74.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Jubilee Morgan Horse Show
Aug. 28-31, 9am-9pm. The stamina and spirit of the Morgan, combined with its build and way of traveling, contributed greatly to the formation of the other American breeds. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 248-207-4956.

Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival
Aug. 31, noon-5pm. This event has raised more than \$130,000 for area charities. Features over 5,000 gourmet oysters and more than 100 different craft beers to wash them down. Live music and local food trucks. Having a good time is much easier when it's for a great cause. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.

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Summer in Chicago

SUMMERGUIDE | Mary Bohlen

Chicago can be a pricey destination any time of the year, but summer is a swell time to seek some savings. Just concentrate on outdoor fun with the family or friends.

“As families plan their summer outings, Chicago offers a vibrant array of fun and oftentimes free activities,” says Rich Gamble, interim president and CEO of Choose Chicago. “Chicago’s rich cultural tapestry makes it the perfect summer destination for families looking to enrich their experience without stretching their budgets.”

Those experiences can include reveling in nature at a zoo, parks and beaches; relaxing to free outdoor films and music; joining the crowds at a variety of festivals or escaping the sun and heat on a free day in the city’s world-class museums. Top it all off with fireworks.

Of course, you will encounter the cost of transportation, hotels and restaurants, but savvy travelers can sample lots of free entertainment in the city 200 miles to our north.

Zoo and parks

Open every day, the Lincoln Park Zoo houses nearly 200 species, from armadillos to zebras. Gates are open at 8 a.m. and buildings at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays and 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Seal training and feeding is a highlight at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Admission is free but you do have to pay for parking and can opt for a \$4 Lionel train ride, a \$4 carousel spin or a \$4 gorilla trek as well as some pricier experiences such as the \$80-per-person penguin encounter. The zoo has been around since 1868 and features beautifully landscaped grounds.

A few miles west of downtown is another place to glory in flowers and plants. The Garfield Park Conservatory has the third-largest garden under glass in the world, a half dozen greenhouses and plenty of outdoor gardens. Make a reservation to enjoy the free 12-acre park, which is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday with food and free on-site parking.

Chicago has 600 parks scattered throughout the city so finding a spot to rest or let the kids run off steam is not a problem.

Beaches

Along with all those parks, Chicago boasts 26 miles of shoreline and two dozen beaches along Lake Michigan. Beaches open Memorial Day weekend and are free. Some offer rentals on paddleboards, kayaks, jet skis and bicycles for the many miles of trails nearby, and some have free parking.

Popular beaches include North Avenue Beach near Lincoln Park, Oak Street beach

close to downtown and Montrose Beach, favored by families for its size and official dog park. In the Hyde Park neighborhood, 57th Street Beach sits across the street from the Museum of Science and Industry and is a good place for picnics and sandcastle building.

Another family-friendly one is Loyola Beach, which tends to be quieter and has a large playground. At 31st Street Beach, beachgoers can rent pontoons along with other watercraft to get out on the lake. Hollywood Beach in the Edgewater neighborhood is popular with LGBTQ+ folks and has a nearby playground and dog park.

Movies and music

Millennium Park in the heart of downtown hosts a variety of free evening activities, including a summer film series on Tuesdays from July 16 to Aug. 20. Things kick off at 6:30 p.m. but arrive early to snag a seat in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, or spread a blanket and picnic on the lawn.

The series begins with *ET* and *Jurassic Park* on July 16 and ends with *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off* on Aug. 20. In between are *Coco*, *Barbie*, *American Fiction* and *Wonka*.

Millennium Park also hosts a free summer series with a variety of music July 1, 11, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5 and 8. Preshows are at 5:30 p.m. and concerts at 6:30 p.m. Free major

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Millennium Park in Chicago is host to free music and movie nights during the summer. PHOTO BY ABEL ARICIEGA COURTESY OF CHOOSE CHICAGO)

music festivals in the park include the Gospel Music Festival June 1, the House Music Festival June 2, the Blues Festival June 6-9 and the Jazz Festival on Labor Day weekend.

Classical music lovers flock to the Pritzker Pavilion and surrounding lawn for the Grant Park Music Festival, in its 90th season. The free festival runs June 12 through Aug. 17, generally on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning at 6:30 or 7:30 p.m., depending on the night. The festival also offers concerts at other locations on other evenings.

Dvorak's *Cello Concerto* begins the series on

June 12, and *Mahler's Symphony No. 8* ends it on Aug. 16.

Big festivals

Chicago hosts several huge festivals in the summer and early fall so, depending on your tastes, you may want to embrace or avoid those weekends. Expect large crowds and pricey hotel rooms during the Lollapalooza music festival Aug. 1-4 in Grant Park (tickets starting at \$149 a day), the Chicago Air and Water Show Aug. 10-11 at the lakefront (free) and the Taste of Chicago Sept. 6-8 with the

main event in Grant Park (free but you pay for food and drinks).

Museums

If you want a break from heat or sun, you can head indoors to the city's major museums, many of which offer free admission on designated days or nights. Adler Planetarium is free from 4-10 p.m. Wednesdays, the Field Museum is free Wednesdays all year and the Art Institute is free from 5-8 p.m. on Thursdays from June 6-Sept. 26 for Illinois residents.

Shedd Aquarium is free for Illinois residents from 5-9 p.m. on May 28 and June 4, 11, 18 and 25. The Chicago History Museum is free May 27 and 29; June 19, 23, 26 and 29; July 4 and 17; and Aug. 28. Many of the city's smaller museums are free any time.

Fireworks

Navy Pier has a free fireworks series beginning May 25 and lasting all summer at 9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 p.m. Saturdays. Popular soundtracks accompany the shows with themed music on holidays. Officials recommend watching the show from along the lakeshore, at the Navy Pier beer garden or from a rooftop or high balcony.

To help you plan your summer Chicago spree, go to www.choosechicago.com for more details on events and locations. □

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Free fireworks explode over Navy Pier in Chicago beginning at 9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 p.m. Saturdays all summer long. (PHOTO BY RANVESTEL PHOTOGRAPHIC COURTESY OF CHOOSE CHICAGO)

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Listen to live music this summer

SUMMERGUIDE | Stacie Lewis

Outdoor music on a Midwestern summer day or night is always worth the winter's wait. Any self-respecting community festival will have live music, and almost every day, bars and restaurants open their patios for local musicians to showcase their talents.

Of course, music festivals are the powerhouse entertainment sources around here, and the perennial local favorites are ready to play again this year.

With five stages, 60 bands and 30 vendors, the **Legacy of Giving Music Festival** is ready to once again make a difference for 10 area charities. Last year the event raised \$4,500 for the benefit of others, and the organizers are ready to do it again June 7-8 in downtown Springfield. Expect food, drinks, things to keep the kids busy, crafts, arts and even sporting events, plus a lot of good sounds.

Now in its fourth year, the **Positively Summer Music Festival** has secured its ranking as a much-anticipated annual event. It's a one-day festival that packs in some serious talent – country acoustic duo Buckhart Road, Chickadee Sermon with some “Midwest comfort folk music” and Ben Bedford, who was named “one of the 50 most significant folk songwriters in the last 50 years,” according to the *Chicago Tribune*. Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan, two of the driving forces behind the festival, will also take the stage with the Positively 4th Street combo. Look for the festival at its new host venue, Long Bridge Golf Course, on Sunday, June 16.

The Rumble Down Festival is always fun, funky and not quite predictable. Organizers are again living up to that standard this year with the **Rumble Down Take Three** festival set for July 19-21. It promises no less than five stages, three music genres and three locations, beginning at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, ending at Knight's Action Park and with a whole bunch of stuff in between.

On July 26-27 you'll have a chance to stop by another favorite, the **Downhome Music Festival** at Seventh and Washington streets in downtown Springfield, where you can listen to some great bands (the lineup is still in the works) and find more than 100 craft beers – yes, 100.

The **Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series** has a fine reputation for bringing in top-notch performers, allowing our Midwestern sensibilities to experience the music sounds of the world. The unconfined Y-Block is the



Chickadee Sermon plays the Positively Summer Music Festival at Long Bridge Golf Course on June 16.

venue of choice for the series and offers space for food trucks, dancing, games and room for kids to run in the sun.

Haitian singer and multi-instrumentalist Paul Beaubrun opens the series May 30. As the son of Theodore “Lòld” and Mimerose “Manze” Beaubrun, both members of the Grammy-nominated Haitian band Boukman Eksperyans, Beaubrun has been described as the “scion of Haitian musical royalty.” He considers his style a mix of the music of his roots with rock ‘n’ roll and reggae.

Empire Strikes Brass, a brass funk-rock band from Asheville, North Carolina, will take the stage June 6 and will bring with it a high-energy, driven performance that combines the talents of each of the members.

Zydeco is a genre born in southwestern Louisiana of blues, rhythm and blues, and “music indigenous to the Louisiana Creoles ... using the French accordion” and a frottoir, a Creole washboard instrument. Curley Taylor & Zydeco Trouble will perform June 13, bringing its unique sound of part modern blues and part traditional zydeco to the stage.

On the evening of June 20, bluegrass and folk with some funk is what Armchair Boogey will bring to town while on its national tour. It considers itself a newgrass band, but its sounds can also be easily called funkgrass or jamgrass.

The following week, Kyshona “shares her story while inviting listeners ... to join her in an exploration of self, healing and growth.” Her style, described as soul folk, infuses soul, gospel, rock and folk. She released an album in April, and more singles will follow. Her show is June 27.

The rock band Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown is set to perform July 4. The band was formed in Nashville, Tennessee, in 2009. Although the band has undergone some lineup changes, Bryant and drummer Caleb Crosby are the remaining original members.

Elizabeth Rodriguez is a classically trained violinist and Magdelys Savigne is a Havana University of the Arts graduate with honors in orchestral percussion. They are the leaders of OKAN, a “JUNO award-winning contemporary Afro-Cuban roots and jazz ensemble.” They will perform July 11.

The People Brothers Band is said to have an infectious stage presence which, coupled with the band members' diverse musical influences, “displays genre-bending versatility and mesmerizing synchronicity” for the eight-member ensemble. They'll be performing their unique style of rhythm and soul July 18.

Brothers Jack Torrey and Page Burkum are the founding members of the band The Cactus Blossoms, an alternative country and indie folk band out of Minneapolis. The band's natural sibling



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The concert series will wrap up on Aug. 1 with a performance by Radio Free Honduras. Bringing together a diverse group of Chicago's most talented musicians, Radio Free Honduras was formed to highlight the brilliant guitar sounds of Charlie Baran, who works as a grade school maintenance man by day.

The **Sangamon County Fair** is keeping it straight up country for this year's grandstand lineup of Priscilla Block, Conner Smith and Mark Wills. In four short years, Block has taken Nashville by storm after her song, "Just About over You," went viral on TikTok in 2020. Her latest release, "Good on You," will be included in her June 13 show. Smith, a 23-year-old with a packed summer tour schedule, will bring in some contemporary country. Wills is a Grand Ole Opry member who has been in the country music business for more than 25 years. Sounds like a lineup for great summer evening like no other.

The **Illinois State Fair** is kicking off its grandstand lineup with a country music entertainer who has received six ARIA Music Awards, 13 CMA Awards, four Grammy Awards and 15 Academy of Country Music Awards, including the Jim Reeves International Award. Legendary singer, guitarist and songwriter Keith Urban will show Springfield what country is all about on Friday, Aug. 9.

Mötley Crüe was formed 43 years ago in Hollywood, California. Self-dubbed the "world's most notorious rock band," it earned a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2009 and continues to tour throughout the world. The band will be playing on Saturday, Aug. 10.



Mötley Crüe plays the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 10.



Priscilla Block plays the Sangamon County Fair on June 13.

Jason Isbell will perform with his 400 Unit band on Sunday, Aug. 11. The Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter will bring his own style of Americana, folk and country sounds to the stage.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, county pop singer and songwriter Jordan Davis will be on stage. The Louisiana native signed a recording contract with Universal Music Group Nashville just four years after graduating from college and has been on the charts ever since. He's been nominated for many awards and won the 2022 County Music Association Awards Song of the Year with the song "Buy Dirt."

Lil Wayne, who many regard as "one of the most influential hip-hop artists of his generation," signed with a record label at just 11 years old, and he has since been cited as

an influence by many other musicians and upcoming rappers. He will be on stage on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

American pop-rock band Jonas Brothers will play on Thursday, Aug. 15. The three brothers formed their band in 2005 and gained popularity with their exposure on the Disney Channel television network, even starring in their own Disney Channel series. They took a break for some time but regrouped in 2019, and in 2023 they received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The Smashing Pumpkins has gone through many lineup changes since the band was formed in 1988. There is one remaining original member, while several members have left and since returned to the band. Their 2024 tour was announced in November 2023 shortly after longtime guitarist Jeff Schroeder announced he was leaving the band. After receiving 10,000 applications for his potential replacement, on April 26, 2024, the band selected Kiki Wong as the touring guitarist. The Smashing Pumpkins will be on stage Friday, Aug. 16.

After hitting on many popular music genres, the lineup will swing back around to country with a performance by Miranda Lambert to wrap up this year's fair. The singer, songwriter and guitarist with Texas roots began her career with the release of her self-titled debut album in 2001. She has been named Female Vocalist of the Year for nine consecutive years by the Academy of Country Music Awards. She will perform on Saturday, Aug. 17.

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So many shows

Outdoor or indoor, there are plenty of theater options this summer

SUMMERGUIDE | Stacie Lewis

Something about an al fresco theater performance changes everything – the spatial relationship between the actors and the audience, the unpredictable lighting, the sound or how a slight breeze can be worked into an ad lib moment. For those passionate about theater, it all adds to the experience. We in the Springfield area are fortunate in that we have two outdoor theaters to feed that passion, and they both have exciting shows waiting in the wings for the summer.

The Muni

The Muni is in full production mode and has some great shows in store. The season starts with *Jersey Boys*, playing May 31-June 2 and June 5-8. This fantastic jukebox musical is presented in a documentary-style format that dramatizes the formation, success and breakup of the 1960s rock 'n' roll group, The Four Seasons. Their music, however, lived on to become “symbolic of a generation.”

June 21-22 and June 26-29 brings us *The*

Music Man. At times “wicked, funny, warm, romantic and touching,” the show hits all the feels and is perfect family entertainment. Con man Harold Hill poses as a band organizer and leader, selling instruments and uniforms to naïve Midwestern townsfolk. He promises to train the members of the new band, but plans to skip town without giving any music lessons.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella, based on the classic fairy tale, features a protagonist who is forced into servitude and mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters because they fear the power of her fine character and beauty. But with the help of her fairy godmother, she attracts the attention of the prince. It runs July 12-14 and July 17-20.

The Muni wraps up its season on Aug. 2-4 and Aug. 7-10 with Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*. Based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen’s story and the classic animated film, *The Little Mermaid* is the story of a young mermaid, Ariel, who makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for

human legs so she can experience life on land and impress a prince. She then learns what a huge risk she has taken.

Theatre in the Park

Theatre in the Park’s outdoor stage in Kelso Hollow at Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site offers some drama, tragedy, a children’s favorite and one huge, healthy dose of comedy.

The season opens on May 23-26 with *On Golden Pond*, the story of Ethel and Norman Thayer who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the 48th year. The play explores the relationship between the couple’s daughter and Norman, and the couple’s own relationship in the twilight of a long marriage.

On May 30-June 2, Elsa, Anna and the magical land of Arendelle come to life in the theater’s production of *Frozen Jr.* This “enchanting modern classic from Disney” is based on the 2018 Broadway musical and features “all of the memorable songs from the

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- 1 Sat KC Club - Brats, Beers & Bags
- 8 Sat Aqua Sports Club - Aquafest
- 15 Sat Firefighters / Postal Club - Chicken Fry
- 16 Sun TRN Club - Father's Day Brunch
- 22 Sat TRN Club - Chicken Fry
- 29 Sat Anchor Boat Club Cardboard Boat Regatta

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- 5 Fri Marina Fireworks - Rock the Dock
- 6 Sat Prop Club - Bags Tournament
- 13 Sat Prop Club - Mid-Summer Blast
- 19-21 Sangamo Surf Club - Softball Tourn. (3 days)
- 20 Sat Lake Press Club - Summerfest
- 27 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summer Bash
- 31 Wed Elks Club - Rumble Around the Lake 6-9pm (last)

AUGUST

- 3 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry
- 10 Sat Sangamo Surf - Dawg Days
- 17 Sat Blue Ridge Club - Patio Party
- 24 Sat KC Lake Club - Chicken Fry
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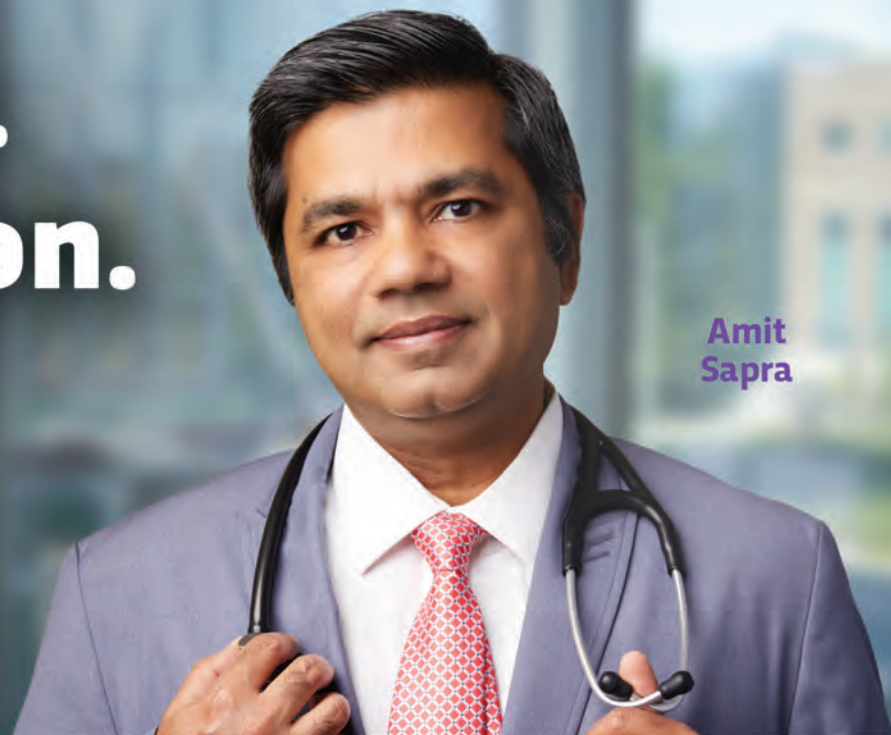
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animated film.”

Romeo and Juliet, the tragedy written by William Shakespeare, is set for the stage on June 13-16. It is a potent tale of “love, tragedy, and the consequences of feuding and violence.”

In the “classic Southern-fried comedy,” *The Red Velvet Cake War*, three Verdeen cousins – Gaynelle, Peaches and Jimmie Wyvette – learned that they could not have picked a worse time to throw their family reunion, and all the eyes of Texas are on their crazy antics and the hilarious consequences. It will run June 27-30.

Another Shakespeare tale, *Macbeth*, will run July 25-28. In it, three witches tell the Scottish general Macbeth that he will be King of Scotland. Encouraged by his wife, Macbeth kills the reigning king, is crowned the new king and then kills more people out of paranoia. It is political ambition in the finest 17th century form, and yet a timeless theme.

The bittersweet melodrama *Picnic* is set for Aug. 15-18. It opens in a small town in Kansas in the 1950s when Hal Carter, a charming young drifter, hops off the freight train. He walks into a space dominated by females where his “animal vitality seriously upsets the entire group,” hearts are broken and lives are changed.

The summer theater usually means fewer indoor productions, but The Legacy Theatre and the Hoogland Center for the Arts do still have some tempting shows scheduled to round out the season.

The Legacy Theatre

“Isn’t the world full of wonderful things?” *Hello, Dolly* will hit The Legacy’s stage on July 12-14, July 17-21 and July 24-28. Mrs. Dolly Levi is a matchmaker extraordinaire who decides that the next match she needs to make is for herself. This is a classic play that first hit Broadway in 1964.

Hoogland Center for the Arts

The Lincolns of Springfield: The Love Story We Never Knew will be returning on May 30-31, June 1-2 and June 6-9. The play, which premiered in Springfield last year, takes a look at the relationship between the self-taught Lincoln, with his backwoods upbringing, and Mary Todd, who grew up in the midst of Kentucky aristocracy and received a private education. It follows their story from their first meeting to the end of the Civil War.

On July 12-14, the Active Creative Teen Theatre will present *Into the Woods*. This is a modern classic that brings together favorite storybook characters and has been hailed as “enchanting and touching.”

August usually marks the end of the summer theater season, but even before the last curtain is closed, directors, actors and choreographers are working behind the scenes for the next theatrical offerings. Keep your eye on the *Illinois Times* calendar for up-to-date theater listings. □



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Celebrating 50 years with the Capital Area Concert Band

SUMMERGUIDE | Courtney Wick

The number 50 holds special significance for The Capital Area Concert Band. Not only has it been a fully formed orchestral ensemble for half a century, it also has performed at 50 venues in Springfield. With 50 dedicated volunteer musicians spanning 75 years from ages 17 to 92, the CACB continues to resonate with the local community, offering an inclusive platform for musical expression and live performance.

Since its 1974 inception, the CACB has remained true to its roots. It welcomes any musician with a high school diploma to join its ranks. The absence of auditions and participation fees ensures the band remains accessible to all who have a passion for it.

Current guest director Jan Zepp, a CACB founding member, believes community service is the most rewarding aspect. "It's one of the best kept secrets in Springfield," she said. "Nobody gets paid, we do it for the love of it."

The CACB plays free public performances, plus private performances at HOPE School and area retirement homes. The mission is to provide concerts to those in the community who may not otherwise be able to see them. In turn, the community gives back. Throughout all 50 years, the band's rehearsal spaces have been donated by local businesses and organizations, as is the newly designed logo.

When asked what keeps someone playing in a band for 50 years, Zepp speculated, "It's that sense of belonging that everyone wants. You might find it because you're all part of the same



The Capital Area Concert Band is made up of 50 volunteer musicians ranging in age from 17 to 92 years old. PHOTO BY HARRY HILD

team, but this is where we belong."

Zepp and six other retired band directors are participating members alongside college students, community players and musicians who want to perform in the winter. Every year the band gets four to five new players.

The current lead conductor, Harry Hild (not to be confused with fictional band director Harold Hill) joined the band 10 years ago. "There were a lot of people I didn't know when I started, but over the past 10 years, it's grown to where I consider them all good friends,"

Hild said.

Hild suspects he's in it for the long haul. With rehearsals and concerts that start and end between 7-9 p.m., the schedule is easy to maintain. "Our rehearsals are pretty loose. We're not strict. We don't claim to be professionals, but everyone here wants to play," he said.

There aren't many opportunities for musicians to play after college. This became especially true during and after the pandemic. Cicely McCain, a 26-year-old recent college graduate and trumpet player, is one of the band's newest members.

She said, "You can't casually join a band in adult life. I play in my church band, but it's not the same as being in a band with your common instruments."

Having an outlet to play and a community of people who appreciate music is key to the band's continued success. The music is what draws members in, but the camaraderie keeps them coming back.

"Some of these guys have been playing longer than I've been alive," McCain said. "It's nice having that mentorship. They help me. I didn't know any of them a year ago, and now I can't imagine not seeing them once a week."

Tom King's official title is "band manager," but he prefers to be called "the roadie." King started with the band in 1977 and received his first saxophone lesson from Ralph Ashcraft –

the oldest member of the band at age 92. King enjoys collaborating with cross-generational players who can learn from each other. "We all have the commonality of being able to play good music, which is a pretty strong bond," said King.

The Capital Area Concert Band's last performance of the season is June 14 (Flag Day) at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Theatre at 7 p.m. Andy VanDeVoort, interim lead director, will conduct most of the concert with guest conductors Jan Zepp and Ralph Ashcraft. They will play patriotic music, a No. 1 hit from the band's inaugural year in 1974 and a piece titled, "A House Divided," conducted by Harry Hild and inspired by Lincoln's "House Divided" speech given at the Old State Capitol in Springfield on June 16, 1858.

"We'd love to have a good crowd for our 50th anniversary. It's going to be a great show," said King.

Free tickets can be reserved at <https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/Event/22842/Capital-Area-Concert-Band-50th-Anniversary-Concert/event-details/> □

For more information about this concert or how to become a member of The Capital Area Concert Band, call 217-971-5008, email caconcertband@gmail.com or visit The CACB website at <https://sites.google.com/site/capitalareaconcertband/home>.



Left to right: Pat Dennis, Richard Zepp, Jan Lyons Zepp, Ralph Ashcraft, Tom King and Rollo Saucier are six longtime members of the group. PHOTO BY HARRY HILD

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Classic cars and cruise-ins

SUMMERGUIDE | Ed Wojcicki

Three area events this summer include a theme involving classic cars, including an awareness-raising cruise-in at Habitat for Humanity, a 100th birthday party for Maid Rite and the 11th Annual Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show. Here are brief summaries of each:

Spring Cleaning Cruise-In

Wednesday, May 29
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity
2744 S. Sixth St.

The name describes this new event perfectly. Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County, which has its ReStore retail shop on South Sixth Street, is seeking donations of what executive director Colleen Stone calls “hard goods,” such as small appliances, kitchen dishes, pots and pans or knick-knacks. Habitat would like any items that can be used in a home, although no soft goods such as clothing, towels or sheets.

“I would also love to have large appliances donated, too,” Stone says, although she doubts many would haul a large appliance there in a classic car. While this is the first time for this event, Stone hopes it will become an annual highlight.

With the partnership of the local Cool Cruisers Club for this cruise-in, Habitat hopes to attract classic cars enthusiasts and people who may never have been to the ReStore. But you don’t have to have a classic car to attend.

No advance registration is needed. Cars can register that evening for \$5, and there will be games for kids, food for sale and shopping in the ReStore until the end of the event.

Longtime local residents may remember the building as the former Furrow hardware store.

Maid Rite 100th Birthday Party

Saturday, July 27
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Maid Rite Sandwich Shop
118 N. Pasfield St.

Maid Rite Sandwich Shop, which claims to be the first drive-through restaurant in the U.S., is throwing a 100th Birthday Party, complete with classic cars, music and throwback prices. The restaurant first opened in 1924.

People are invited to bring their classic cars with no preregistration or entry fee. There will be plenty of room to park on site and across the street. Since the shop is along historic



Maid Rite Sandwich Shop is celebrating its 100th birthday at a July 27 event with classic cars, music and throwback prices. PHOTO COURTESY VISIT SPRINGFIELD

Route 66, it’s an ideal location to show off the classic cars.

There will be outdoor music, and guests can get a second sandwich for a nickel if they buy a Maid Rite at the regular price. The public is invited.

Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show Spectacular and Super Cruise

Friday, Aug. 2, and Sunday, Aug. 3
Cherry Hills Baptist Church
2125 Woodside Road

For this 11th annual event, *Back to the Future* movie star Claudia Wells, who played Jennifer Parker, will be there both days. Several area dignitaries are also expected at this event, which has more than 100 sponsors and

donors and anticipates attracting more than 2,000 attendees, according to organizer Greg Cooper.

The event originated on the grass at Knight’s Action Park, but the concrete parking lot at Cherry Hills provides more flexibility in case of rain and to accommodate motorcycles, semis and race cars, Cooper said. The church building also serves as a cooling center and display building and provides the location for a meet-and-greet with Claudia Wells.

On Friday, vehicles will line up at 5 p.m. in the Horace Mann parking lot and the super-cruise will proceed from downtown Springfield to Cherry Hills Baptist Church. The super-cruise, which is free with no registration required, begins at 6 p.m. and will be led by Claudia Wells. The procession

of vehicles is expected to arrive at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hills, where Wells will hold a meet-and-greet and Q&A at approximately 7 p.m. That event is also free, but autographs and selfies may be purchased at the end. The event will end at 9 p.m.

Saturday is the car show and air demonstrations. Registration will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, with judging from noon to 3 p.m. Awards will be announced at 3 p.m. Special features during the day include Claudia Wells’ presence from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; a Saints Flight helicopter flyover and landing at 11 a.m.; and a vintage aircraft flyover and K9 demonstration from noon to 2 p.m.

The event is free to the public. Vehicle entry for the car show is \$15 to be displayed and \$20 to be judged. □



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SUMMERGUIDE | Ashley Meyer

From outdoor festivals to a night out under the lights, having a fun-filled summer in the capital city doesn't have to break the bank. Mark these free events on your calendar and take advantage of discounted activities for both kids and grownups.

The **2024 Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series** kicks off May 30. Located across from the Governor's Mansion at Fourth and Jackson streets, this free event happens every Thursday night from 6:00-9:30 p.m. Folks are invited to picnic on the lawn or grab dinner from one of the various food trucks. There's even a free book program for kids, courtesy of Central Baptist Church. Keep an eye on Tom Irwin's column, *Now Playing*, to learn more about the artists playing each week.

The Springfield community is fortunate to have a multitude of beautiful parks that offer something for just about everyone, whether it's birdwatching for eagles in Carpenter Park, tail-sliding at the recently built Iles Skatepark or cooling off in one of the splash pads at Southwind or Comer Cox parks.

The Springfield Park District also has several free events scheduled this summer. The **69th International Carillon Festival** runs June 6-9 with daily concerts at Washington Park starting at 6 p.m. One of the largest carillons in the world, the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon boasts 67 cast bronze bells which will be played by an international lineup of award-winning carillonners. The ever-popular fireworks display will start at dusk on Friday, June 7.

Next up on June 22 is the **Great Lawn Kite Festival** at Southwind Park. This free event lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature professional kite flyers, bounce houses and yard games as well as food trucks and kite merchandise for sale. Also happening that day at Southwind Park is **Hopeapalooza** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with more food trucks, tram rides around the park, face painting, a petting zoo and live DJ. Scouting America will also be there with the Vortex STREAM Machine Mobile Laboratory.

There are only a few spaces remaining for the **Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum's Heroes Camp** for kids in 4th-6th grade. Made possible through funding from the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln and the Lumpkin Family Foundation, this free, week-long camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes breakfast, lunch and snacks.

The camp is focused on Springfield's local heroes and history, explained camp director Erica Austin. "Our goal is for the kids to learn about these great heroes and help them understand our



Knight's Action Park offers various admission discounts on weekdays.

history and be proud of it," she said.

Open to campers of all backgrounds, the camp includes field trips to the Lincoln Home sites, arts and crafts and activities like writing letters to their future selves to be put into a time capsule. Week one runs from June 3-7 and week two runs from June 10-14. For more information and to register, go to spiaahm.org/springfield-heroes-summer-camp/

Keep an eye out for discount days when planning an outing. **Henson Robinson Zoo** has two free admission days coming up on June 15 and 19, and dads get in free on Father's Day. **Knight's Action Park** has various specials on weekdays. Moms get in free on Mondays with a paid child's admission, and on Tuesdays all waterpark passes are discounted to the kid rate. Action Splash Passes are buy-one-get-one free with a County Market receipt on Wednesday, and on Thursdays dads, grandparents and heroes (active duty and retired military, firefighters and police) get in free.

The **Kidzeum of Health and Science** will debut a new mural by artist Jane Kim in its courtyard this summer. The Monarch Migrating Mural will be free for the public to enjoy and ties in with the museum's newest exhibit: *Wheels Up - The Science of Flight*, opening June 1. The museum offers a number of discounts daily and memberships, which allow unlimited visits

for a year in addition to other perks, are 15% off through May 31. Families that are enrolled in Link or WIC qualify for a deeply discounted membership. On Saturday, July 20, all visitors get in free to celebrate Kidzeum's sixth birthday. Plus, Kidzeum will be open seven days a week during the summer, beginning June 1.

You don't have to be a sports fan to enjoy a **Springfield Lucky Horseshoes** game at Robin Roberts Stadium. There are loads of activities for all ages, all at a fraction of the price of an MLB ticket. Kids 12 and under are eligible to join the Pony Shoes Kids Club that includes tickets to every Sunday game as well as a shirt and discounts on merchandise, along with other perks. Every Sunday, the team will sign autographs and kiddos will have the opportunity to run the bases.

The stadium has recently received a face-lift including installation of the largest video board in central Illinois, and this year it will also feature an area with four large inflatables at every home game of the season. Admission to the inflatables area is an additional \$5, but is included for Pony Shoes Members. There's a variety of special dates on the Shoes' calendar, including six fireworks nights, kids-eat-free night, sensory-friendly night with reduced volume and available quiet room, and themed games including Star Wars night and Taylor and Travis night. For more information visit <https://shoesbaseball.com>. □

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Tips for an ideal picnic

SUMMERGUIDE | Ashley Meyer

Is there anything more summery than a picnic? Whether you're sitting at a bench with a deli sandwich or spread out on a blanket with a basket of homemade treats, food always tastes better outdoors. While it may seem to be the epitome of leisure, pulling off a perfect picnic does require some planning. Keep these tips in mind for a successful and truly relaxing al fresco outing.

Pack a go-bag

Cute wicker baskets aren't really ideal for transporting food because they're generally not insulated. They do work well, however, for storing all the little odd items that allow you to kick back and relax, and having a picnic basket set up and ready to go makes it easy to be spontaneous. Keep a basket or tote in the garage that's ready to go with everything but food: plates, cutlery, cups, napkins and a picnic blanket. Other helpful items include wipes, sanitizer, sunscreen, bug spray, corkscrew, picnic knife, small cutting board and a very basic first-aid kit.

Get rolling

In the likely event that you'll have a lot to carry to your picnic site, bring along a wagon or rolling cart to lighten your load. This can also help keep your food intact because it can end up shifting or getting smashed as it's lugged from the car to the picnic site.

Select your menu wisely

While sandwiches are a classic choice, there's



a world of other options to consider. Focus on foods that keep well in warm weather and are easy to transport. Whole fruits and veggies will keep better than if they are cut, and foods like olives, cheese and charcuterie are fairly stable. Finger foods like hand pies are excellent choices, as well as quiche and even pizza. Above all, keep it as simple as possible.

Hydrate

It's critical to stay hydrated, especially in warm weather, so be sure to bring plenty of ice-cold water, which is particularly delicious on a hot day when infused with fresh fruit and herbs like mint and cucumber. If you're planning a picnic with adult beverages, choose a light cocktail that can be prepared ahead to avoid carrying heavy glass bottles to your picnic site. Similarly,

look for wine in alternative packaging such as bag-in-box and cans. There are some fabulous box wines available now, such as the organically farmed Bedrock 'Ode to Lulu' Dry Rose.

Pack wisely

Frozen water bottles are an excellent way to keep things cool. Line the bottom of your cooler with frozen bottles 15 minutes before you begin packing it with food to pre-chill it. Then place the heavy items and things that need to be kept the coldest on top of the bottles, followed by the lightest and most fragile items on top. Consider transferring cold beverages into a thermos, or packing drinks into a separate insulated bag with ice.

Create a staging area

Keep your picnic area tidy by setting up the food and beverages in a separate, shaded area rather than piling everything in the middle of the blanket. This prompts your guests to get up and make a plate and helps prevent spills. Bring a board or tray to arrange charcuterie on and keep condiments organized. Don't forget serving utensils if needed.

Don't be trashy

Pack along some plastic grocery sacks for rubbish and to pack up dirty dishes. Considering the high price of disposable paper goods, it makes more sense than ever to switch to reusable picnicware like plastic cups and metal plates. Using real dishes will make the whole affair feel more special and reduce the amount of trash going into the landfill. □

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Make the best of cicadas

SUMMERGUIDE | Pamela Savage

They're coming! If the idea of our region's massive cicada emergence gives you the creeps, you aren't alone. I am definitely (ahem) bugged at the thought of so many airborne crawlies, but I am doing my best to put on a brave face. Since the only way out is through, why not turn up the dial on some fun cicada-themed activities in order to make this summer memorable?

Why not infuse some buggy fun into your upcoming end-of-school and graduation parties by incorporating cicada-themed snacks? No, I'm not talking about literally eating cicadas (that is altogether another topic), rather, going back into the recipe archives for some old-fashioned summer treats. Marshmallow-mint grasshopper pie comes to mind, as does nostalgic bug-juice fruit punch. Other faves are ants on a log, and classic chocolate pudding (mud) with crushed Oreo cookies (dirt), completed by the requisite gummy worm topping. Or, even better, top your mud and dirt with a medjool date to resemble a cicada. Broken pretzel pieces can serve as legs. Be sure to add five miniature chocolate chips to represent the cicada's five bulging eyes.

If you have kids at home (or are just a kid at heart), there are all sorts of fun and educational ways to commemorate this summer's once-in-a-lifetime emergence. Before the cicadas start chirping, take to your backyard or a local park to be a cicada detective. You can search the ground for holes beneath trees (cicadas especially like oak trees)



Henson Robinson Zoo is planning some cicada-themed events including a barbecue on May 31 and a Cicada Shell Hunt on June 7. PHOTO COURTESY SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT

and try to predict when the insects will start chorusing. It takes about a week for cicadas to emerge and settle before they start chirping.

National Geographic magazine suggests that once the bugs do begin chorusing, you and your family and friends might see just how loud the bugs are with a sound wave

experiment. Tightly stretch plastic wrap atop a bowl and attach it with a rubber band. Then crumple up some pieces of tissue paper on top of the wrap. Take the entire contraption outside and set it on the ground by a cluster of chirping cicadas. The sound waves from the cicadas should cause the tissue paper balls to

jump and move.

The greater Springfield community will also be getting in on the fun. It is worth following Visit Springfield on social media if you don't already – more events will be shared there as the cicadas begin their ascent.

At the time of this printing, Lincoln Memorial Garden is hosting Cicada Saturday on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cicada Saturday will feature educational content and a Q&A session with University of Illinois entomologist Dr. Kacie Athey, as well as bug-themed games and crafts. Bring your own snacks and drinks and stay through the evening to enjoy the sounds of the cicadas in community at LMG.

Henson Robinson Zoo is also planning some cicada-themed events, including a barbecue (again, not eating the bugs) on May 31, and a Cicada Shell Hunt on Friday, June 7, from 5-8 p.m. Come to the zoo to hunt for cicada shells and then bring them back to the classrooms on campus to make crafts.

Starting now and all throughout the emergence, Visit Springfield will give away cicada silver bracelet charms to adult visitors and cicada coloring sheets and crayons to youth visitors at the Visitors Center at 1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza.

Happy bug-watching! □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer living in Springfield. She's going to try her best to get a kick out of these cicadas, but you might still find her indoors.



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FOOD | Peter Glatz

I've been hearing that Panama is one of the best places in the world for Americans to retire. It's a tropical destination with incredibly beautiful scenery and is less than a three-hour flight from Miami. Panama is warm and humid at sea level and cool in the mountains. It lies southwest of the hurricane belt, so there's no worry about violent storms. Panama is a country that's not divided by conflict from strong left or strong right political parties. It has a robust economy and a very low crime rate in most areas. And best of all, a retired couple is supposed to be able to live there comfortably on \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month. Many household items cost about half of what you'd pay in the United States. Fruits, vegetables, and seafood are cheap and abundant. Living abroad sounds intriguing, so I decided to check it out. This past November, on a cold, gray, wet day, I booked a flight to Panama City and made a two-week Airbnb reservation.

With coastlines on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, Panamanian cuisine relies heavily on seafood, and I was super-excited to find an Airbnb listing for a "Tropicool Loft with a Rooftop Patio" just "steps away" from the Mercado De Marisco, Panama City's famous fish market. I love visiting local food markets when I travel and as a born-and-bred Midwesterner, a fish market holds special appeal. We've been trying to consume less red meat and eat more fish, and here in Springfield, the good stuff can be pretty pricey so I was anxious to see what I could buy in Panama. The Airbnb advertised a full kitchen, and I planned to cook most of our meals so I packed some sharp knives, pin bone tweezers, my favorite fish spatula and baggies with my favorite seasonings.

After settling into our Airbnb, the first order of business was to visit the fish market. The Mercado De Marisco is housed in a sprawling two-story building located by the docks where the fishermen unload their boats. Inside the market, ice-filled counters were piled high with the previous night's catch. Never have I seen such an assortment of fin fish, shrimp, langoustines, spiny lobsters, sea clams and octopus. The market was a cook's dream and I was enchanted! My wife, on the other hand, found it somewhat less appealing. As she wrote in her travel journal, "I was so excited to go to the fish market. Peter had done nothing but talk about how amazing



Sea bass and shrimp ceviche. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

it would be to buy cheap, fresh fish right off the boats. What he didn't realize or didn't tell me as we walked around deciding which fish to buy, the fish are gutted and sometimes beheaded, and the guts are thrown on the floor and water and heads and guts are flowing over your feet as you walk around the market. Nothing like having fish eyes floating across your feet! Had I known, I would not have worn open-toed sandals but a good pair of wellies!"

The fish market is surrounded by food stalls with ramshackle, plastic seating specializing in fried fish and ceviche, raw fish marinated in citrus juice. For just a few dollars a cup you can sample sea bass, shrimp and octopus, all "cooked" in either lemon or lime juice with thinly sliced red onions,

red peppers, herbs and olives. My wife and I ordered two ceviches, coconut rice, fried plantains, a beer and a margarita and still got back change from a \$20 bill.

Ceviche, pronounced seh-VEE-chay, is a preparation of raw seafood that has the opaque appearance and texture of cooked seafood. No actual heat transfer takes place but the acidic citrus marinade denatures the proteins of seafood enough to mimic the texture of cooked fish. The flesh becomes opaque, the texture firmer and dryer, yet the flavors remain bright, clean and fresh: Any type of semi-firm, white-fleshed ocean fish can be used, such as sea bass, striped bass, red snapper or grouper, Shrimp, sea scallops and octopus also work well. The fish should be the highest and freshest quality available,

preferably sashimi-grade. Oily fishes, such as mackerel, sardines or bluefish don't make good ceviche, nor do freshwater fish like trout or catfish.

The acidic component is most commonly lime juice, but lemons and Seville (bitter) oranges can also be used. Seville oranges, unlike ordinary oranges, have the requisite acidity to do the job. The citric acid in the juice changes the proteins in fish by a process called denaturation. The normally twisted and folded protein molecules unravel or unfold into less convoluted shapes, and the shapes of molecules, especially proteins, are responsible for most of their physical and chemical properties. The leftover marinade, known as leche de tigre (tiger's milk), is often consumed as a hangover cure.

Recipe: Ceviche de Corvina

(White sea bass ceviche)

When the thermometer goes way up and the weather is sizzling hot, don't sweat over a hot stove! Make ceviche instead! It's so cool and refreshing!

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 lb. boneless white sea bass or other semi-firm white fish fillets
 ½ lb. peeled and deveined shrimp
 1 teaspoon Kosher or fine sea salt
 1 ½ cups finely chopped red onion
 ½ cup finely chopped celery
 ½ hot pepper, finely minced
 1 ½ cups fresh lime juice
 ¼ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro

Preparation:

Run your finger across the fish to check for pin bones. If you find any, remove them with tweezers or needle-nosed pliers. Cut the fish and shrimp into bite-size pieces and place them in a non-reactive bowl. Sprinkle with the salt.

Add all the onion, celery, and hot peppers, and mix well.

Add the lime juice. The juice should cover the fish. Add more if needed.

Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator. Allow at least four hours for the fish to "cook" in the lime juice.

When ready to secure, add the cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips or saltines. □

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A collection from a legendary baseball writer

REVIEW | Stuart Shiffman

Carved on the fourth-floor frieze of the Illinois State Library are the names of 35 Illinois authors selected by a committee to recognize the contributions of writers associated with Illinois. Some names, Hemingway, Bellow and Lincoln, are easily recognizable. Others require slightly more thought.

Ringgold Wilmer Lardner came to Chicago by way of Niles, Michigan. There was no journalism school for the writer who would become nationally known as Ring Lardner. His first newspaper job was for the *South Bend Times* and he would eventually come to Chicago where he began writing for the *Tribune*. In 1913, he was assigned to write a column on the *Tribune* sports page that has continuously appeared on the front page of the sports section for 117 years. Titled "In the Wake of the News," the feature has been written by sportswriting luminaries, including Hugh Fullerton, Arch Ward, Dave Condon and Skip Bayless.

At the height of his career, Lardner's baseball articles reached millions of Americans. He was syndicated in more than 100 newspapers across the nation. But Lardner was far more than a sportswriter. Between 1913 and 1919, when he left the *Tribune*, Lardner authored eight books and countless short stories. Later, he wrote a Broadway play at the suggestion of George S. Kaufman and even included lyrics for the songs that were part of the presentation. Lardner would die at the age of 48, succumbing to heart disease. He left behind a legacy of writing.

Frank Chance's Diamond: The Baseball Journalism of Ring Lardner is Ron Rapoport's second collection of Lardner's writing. He previously edited *The Lost Journalism of Ring Lardner*, published in 2017. It included Lardner's early work as well as his nationally syndicated weekly sports column that covered many of the greatest sports events of his era, including the championship fights of Jack Dempsey, the World Series and even the America's Cup. But Lardner wrote about more than sports. He wrote about politics, Prohibition and war, using parodies, poems and personal observations to portray American life.

Some of America's greatest writers trace their writing baptism to sports. Award-winning biographer David Maraniss, whose subjects include Presidents Clinton and Obama, has also written biographies of sports legends Vince Lombardi, Roberto Clemente and Jim Thorpe. The art of sportswriting comes from describing for readers an event where, even knowing the result, they read such an enthralling and entertaining account that makes them wish they

had been there. Lardner was such a writer.

In Lardner's early career in Chicago, baseball was truly the only game in town. The NFL, NHL and NBA were decades from creation. Coverage of college sports was limited, and television was only a futuristic dream. There were multiple newspapers in Chicago and other cities and teams of reporters covered the games. Lardner's stories often included play-by-play coverage in addition to his observations about players and their lives on the road.

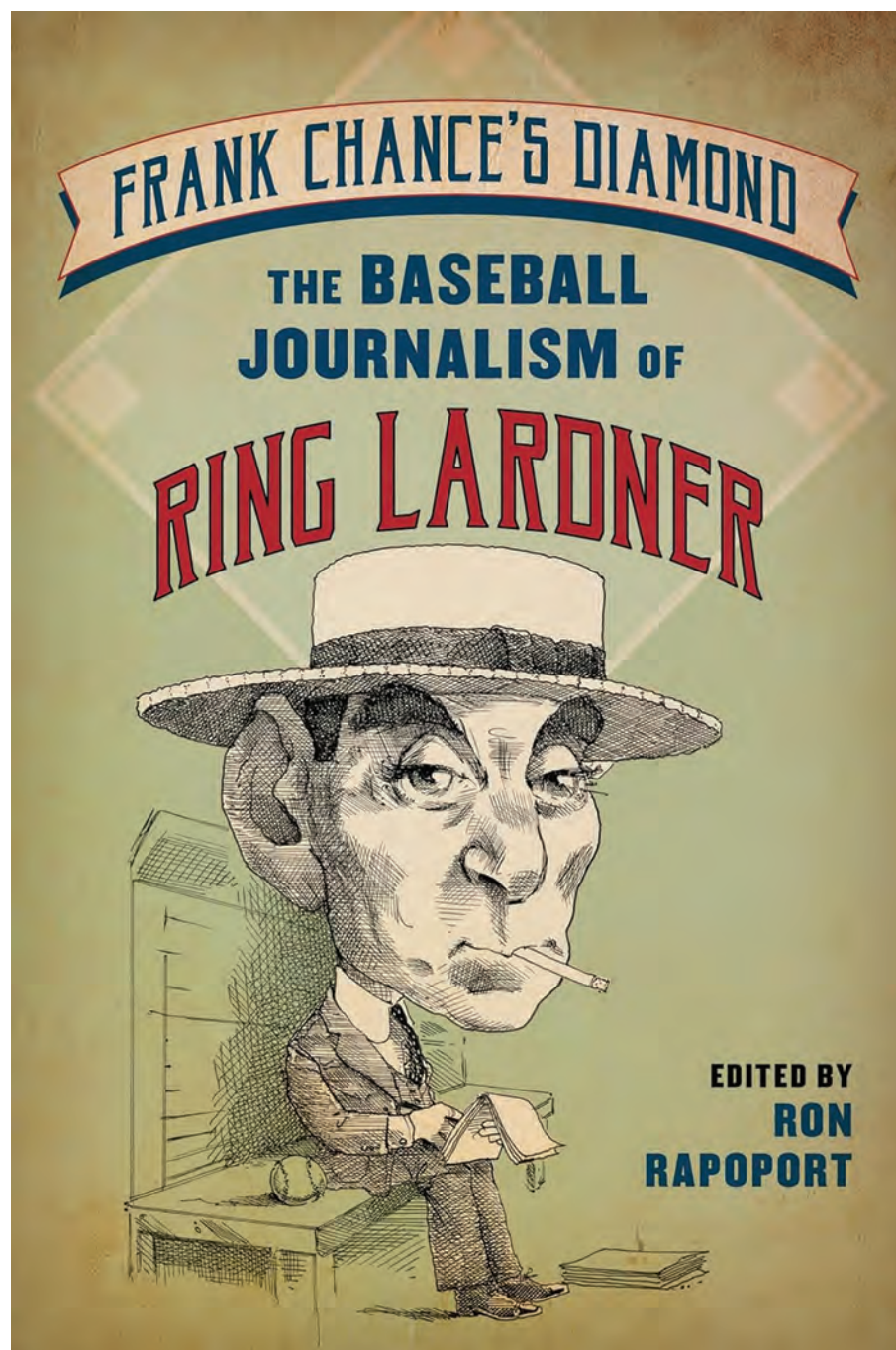
Rapoport has chosen to include for readers columns that focus on baseball greats Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Three-Finger Brown. In addition, players not so well recognized garnered Lardner's attention. Lardner's style is epitomized in a column he wrote for the *Tribune* in October 1917, as the White Sox were preparing to battle the New York Giants in the World Series. It was written in the style of a war correspondent with Lardner dropping in his own intentional grammatical miscues, a regular component of his writing.

During Lardner's tenure in Chicago, both the Cubs and White Sox were successful teams. The Cubs won six pennants in the first decades of the 20th century. They won the World Series in 1907 and 1908, and the 1906 team, defeated by the White Sox in the World Series, had the highest winning percentage in baseball history. The White Sox of that era won the World Series in 1906 and 1917. Lardner covered it all, including the 1919 White Sox and the eventual "Black Sox" scandal that would forever change baseball.

Lardner's writing reminds readers of a journalism style that has disappeared from American writing. On his death at age 48, his friend, Scott Fitzgerald, observed that Lardner's achievements fell short of his actual talent. Fitzgerald thought it was because Lardner spent so many years "in the company of a few dozen illiterates playing a boy's game."

But Fitzgerald had it wrong. *Frank Chance's Diamond* puts Ring Lardner in the proper context. It offers great insight into one of America's eminent sportswriters. His writing was a journey into authentic America, a locality writers rarely seem to visit anymore. Lardner treasured baseball, and his writing reflects his adoration for a game that many baseball fans no longer recognize but still love. □

Stuart Shiffman of Springfield covers baseball and books for Illinois Times. His review of Ron Rapoport's biography of Ernie Banks, Let's Play Two, appears in the March 28, 2019, edition, available at illinoistimes.com.



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We are now into the last full weekend of May and that means it's Memorial Day weekend, commonly known as the beginning of the summer season. Time is flying by, and I guess that means we're having fun. Let's see what fun we can get into during this holiday weekend.

We've been pushing the Thursday night entertainment quite a lot lately and I suspect this one will be extra popular with more than a few folks taking off work on Friday to get in a four-day weekend. I spy Me, Myself & Schy at Boones in the outdoor stage area, myself with Owen Irwin and Amy Battles as OAT at Casey's Pub patio and JackAsh at The Curve Inn Tiki Bar along with an assortment of open mics, karaoke nights and regular third Thursday shows around town. Danenberger Family Vineyards plays host to Tom Sandoval & the Most Extras of the TV show "Vanderpump Rules," joined by Sushi Roll to top off the night.

Friday gives us a slew of acoustic solo and duo acts, plus plenty of band choices, too. Check our listings for times, but generally the acoustic acts are early evening and the bands hit later, and that makes perfect sense in my nighttime entertainment plans. The Tangents tuck and roll at the Railyard (that's the fairly new food and drink spot on South Sixth Street by the newly redone train overpass), Micah Walk waltzes into Bar Bella (nice stage area with a big pond background behind Bella Boutique on West White Oaks Drive), Mandy Rose blooms inside HyVee at Wahlburgers, Tom & Geoff do up VFW Post 755 (expect some extra Bob Dylan songs in honor of Mr. D's 82nd birthday on May 24), Curt Smith floats into the Anchor Boat Club and Joel Honey kicks off the El Taco Guapo summer season at Lake Springfield Marina.

And the bands play on with Angel Brown's Smooth n' Blue Band sliding into Boone's, The Cocktails serving it up at Weebles, The Grand Moff starring (death starring, that is!) at Harvest Market, After Sunset twilighting at Motorheads, Maui Grimm grinding it at Mowie's Cue, Lincoln's Dead killing it at Goodfella's and White Lightnin' striking at The Curve Inn's biker party.

Unusual music sightings include Local Drags (an album release party), Evan vs. Michael and Roboman at Buzz Bomb, top-notch Texas blues guitarist Chris Duarte at the Alamo, country guy Ray Scott with



Ray Scott with guest Patrick Longmeyer plays Twisted Tree Music Hall in Jacksonville this Friday night.

guest Patrick Longmeyer at the Twisted Tree Music Hall in Jacksonville and Justin Clyde Williams and friends at Backroom Lounge in Riverton.

Saturday is about as jam-packed as Friday with many of the same venues having different acts, plus an assortment of area small towns hosting Springfield bands including Damned Torpedoes at Concordia's in Staunton, Hipbone & the Joints at Duke & Joannie's in Chandlerville and Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas at Coghlan's Hideout in Bulpitt.

In the "something different" department, Arrowhead Drive is at Anvil and Forge with Midnineties (calling themselves "the world's first and only full-album-only cover band") doing Weezer's *The Blue Album* and nationally touring, outlaw country singer and songwriter Ward Davis parks his tour bus at Danenberger Family Vineyards.

Sunday looks to be fully booked with day and night gigs since the Memorial Day holiday is on Monday, so please take full advantage of the extra entertainment and get out to see some live music while you can. Special shows include Sequoia Drive at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford for its annual Wine and Music Festival, Sunshine Daydream at the Prop Club on Lake Springfield and Sunny Bleau and the Moons at Pizza Records in Jacksonville.

Have a safe and pleasant Memorial Day weekend. □



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Sing in the Park, Duncan Park | 7:00 pm **JULY 13**

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Me, Myself & Schy
Boone's, 6-9pm

Manny Lee
Casa Real Cantina and Grill,
6-9pm

**OAT (Owen Irwin, Amy Battles
and Tom Irwin)**
Casey's Pub, 5-8pm

JackAsh
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

**Tom Sandoval & The Most
Extras with Sushi Roll**
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7pm

Solista Mariachi Gabriel
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6-8pm

Friday May 24

Chris Duarte
The Alamo, 7pm

Curt Smith
Anchor Boat Club, 7-10pm

Justin Clyde Williams and friends
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,
7pm

Micah Walk
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

**Friday Night Jazz & Blues - Angel
Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band**
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Local Drags, Evan vs. Michael,
Roboman**
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7pm

Midwest Revival
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
8pm

Matt Eck
Crowne Plaza Springfield, 6:30-
10pm

White Lightnin'
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Fool House - The Ultimate 90's
Dance Party**
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Joel Honey
El Taco Guapo at Lake
Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

Late-night open mic
The Gin Mill, 9pm-1am

Michael Satarino
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur,
7-10pm

Lincoln's Dead
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

The Grand Moff
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Mandy Rose
Hy-Vee Wahlburgers, 5:30-7pm

Ricarda Rosalina
La Fiesta Grande, 6-9pm

SmoothTimes
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-
10:30pm

Maui Grimm
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

The Tangents
The Railyard, 6-9pm

After Sunset
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &
Grill, Museum & Entertainment
Complex, 8-11pm

Kevin Aldrich
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10:30am

**Ray Scott with Patrick
Longmeyer**
Twisted Tree Music Hall,
Jacksonville, 7-9pm

Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

The Cocktails
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday May 25

Arrowhead Drive
Anvil and Forge Brewing and
Distilling Company, 7-10:30pm

The Tangents
Bloom Wine Bar & Florals,
3-6pm

Roxschool
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-
10:30pm

**Jambalaya Jazz with
Frank Parker**
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,
6-9pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad
Grandpas**
Coghlan's Hideout LLC, Bulpitt,
7-10pm

Vivacious Audio
The Crowbar, Decatur,
7pm

Sushi Roll
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Ward Davis
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 8pm

Devin Williams
El Taco Guapo at Lake
Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Gabe Marshall
The Filling Station, Rochester,
8-11pm

Elvis Himselvis & DCTB Band
Harvest Market Farmhouse
Brews, 6-9pm

Manny Lee
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-
12am

Whitney Devine
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Robert Sampson
TRN Lake Club, Chatham, 5:30-
8:30pm

2FlightsDown
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

Skeeter Creek
VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30pm

Sunday May 26

BlackHill
Ad Astra Wine Bar and Market,
2-5pm

Antone DeRocchi
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Roxschool
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Tangents
El Taco Guapo at Lake
Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Curt Smith
Harvest Market Coffee Bar,
10am-1pm

Sequoia Drive
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford,
2-5pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Mama Lee's Sandbar, Last
Sunday of every month,
4-7pm

Sunny Bleau and the Moons
Pizza Records, Jacksonville,
6:30-10pm

Brother Jefferson
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Sunshine Daydream
Prop Club, 6-10pm

Amy Battles and Tom Irwin
The Railyard, 1-4pm

Robert Sampson
Springfield Elks Lodge #158,
4-7pm

After Sunset
The Blue Grouch, 6:30-10pm

JackAsh
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Al Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran,
3-6pm

Broken Stone
Weebles Bar & Grill,
6:30pm

Monday May 27

Chris Shepherd
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Open mic with Smokestacks
Trails End Saloon, Curran,
2-6pm

Tuesday May 28

Plush
Danenberger Family Vineyards,
New Berlin, 7pm

**Failure, Unseen Forces,
Subversion, Pucker Up**
Dumb Records, 7pm

John Drake
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,
6-8pm

**Songwriter open mic
with Tom Irwin**
It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Wednesday May 29

Ray Moore
The Alamo, 7-10pm

The Travis Ried Band
Benderz, Auburn, 7-10pm

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

After School Special
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Jason McKenzie
Obed and Isaac's, 6-9pm

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■ Theater & Comedy

Comedy open mic hosted by Larry Smith

Thu., May 23, 8-10pm. No pre-signup. Performers will do five-minute sets. Signups start at 7:30pm. Pre-mic meeting at 7:55pm. Those not in room when called forfeit their spot. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

On Golden Pond

May 23-26, 6:30pm. The love story of Ethel and Norman Thayer who are returning to their summer home on Golden Pond for the 48th year. theatreinthepark.net. \$18. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site,

Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-5440.

■ Dance

Friday Night Open Dancing

Fridays, 7-10pm. An evening of open dancing to a mix of music by the DJ. You can also bring your own music. Two step, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, cha-cha-cha, line dancing, ballroom styles, flow dancing. prairielanddanceclub.com. \$5. Prairie Land Dance Club, Illiopolis, 650 Matilda St., 217-413-8646.

■ Art & Architecture

“Art Mimics Nature”

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through May 23. See a collection of mixed media paintings mostly on wood by Missy Block in the Underground Gallery, which is the Collective's newest exhibition space. The space is dedicated to providing an enhanced art experience by exhibiting a wide range of artists, media and styles - not only from collective members but also from other central Illinois artists. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

DIM N' Friends Pop-Up Show

Fri., May 24, 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy this unique pop-up exhibition featuring artists and friends of DIM

Art House at the SAA Collective. springfieldart.org. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2631.

How to Spot AI in Art

Tue., May 28, 5:30-7:30pm. Local artists Cee Jones, Devin Larson and Bri Skeels will present a lecture on the topic of art's relationship with artificial intelligence. Part of the Springfield Area Arts Council's new “Red Light Night” series. In Carnegie North room on first floor. springfieldartscouncil.org. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-3519.

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Sat., May 25, 11am-1pm. Discover UV resin pouring, tinting, design

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■ History

Small Beginnings

Tue., May 28, 1:30pm. This one-act play tells the remarkable story of Robert Smalls, a man who led a group of enslaved people to freedom by way of a bold riverboat escape plan through Confederate waters in 1862. Starring Reggie Guyton with Randy Erwin providing live music. Museum admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Understanding Inequality: Redlining is only part of the story

Fri., May 24, 12-1pm. Redlining is a practice of denying services or access to certain neighborhoods based on race. Annie Evans will lead a session focusing on new maps and resources added to “mapping inequality” and other related digital humanities projects designed to help seek solutions in the modern era. Free. 217-206-8663.

Elijah Iles House Porch Side Chat

Wed., May 29, 5:30pm. Michael Dunbar will speak about the history of the house, the move to its present site and his time as the charter president of the Elijah Iles House Foundation. Refreshments will be served. Free. ileshouse.org. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Labyrinth Walk

Mon., May 27, 6-8:30pm. This walking meditation is a unique spiritual experience. aluuc.org. Free. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Road, 217-801-2698.

■ Holiday Happenings

Pillsbury Mill Memorial Day Open House

Mon., May 27, 9am-12pm. The dock area will be open for viewing of the “Roll Call” wall and new street art tribute to former Pillsbury employees. Includes Q&A session about the Moving Pillsbury Forward project. Engraved clay red and white Pillsbury bricks will be available for purchase. pillsburyproject.org. Free. Pillsbury Mill, 1525 E. Phillips St., 217-741-2489.

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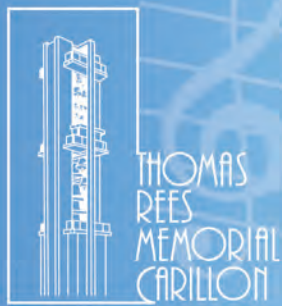
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Children's Corner

Kids Fare Garden Club
Mondays, 4-5pm. Through June 3. This gardening club for school-aged children will be taught by Alana Reynolds. Children will help manage three raised beds in the Enos Park Neighborhood Garden. Drop-ins are welcome. enosparkgardens.org. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Food!

Tue., May 28, 10-11am. Snacks and treats, veggies and sweets...we love delicious foods! The ALPLM's Education Team shares stories and activities that celebrate our love for food. Advance registration required. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Nature, Science & Environment

Tuesdays Stewardship Workday
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Lectures & Meetings

Citizens Club of Springfield: "Talking Tourism"
Fri., May 24, 8-9am. Scott Dahl, director of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, will moderate a program with the Visit Springfield leadership team, Darrin Thurman, Amy Beadle and Terry Truman. The program will provide a look at how the bureau operates while touching on community events, the new sports park and convention center expansion. Coffee and networking begins at 7:30 a.m., with program at 8 a.m. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Bulletin Board

Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield
Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

Flag Lowering Ceremony
Tuesdays.. Through Aug. 6. The evening begins at 6pm with a Civil War-era concert, along with a meet and greet with President Ulysses S. Grant, who will give a dedication speech for the Lincoln Tomb. The flag-lowering ceremony begins at 7pm with the firing of muskets and while the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry performs. Part of History Comes Alive. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

Illinois Product Farmers Market
Thursdays, 3:30-7pm. Through Sep. 26. Local meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, honey and jams, craft beers,

woodworking, jewelry and more. Plus live entertainment and a food truck. agr.illinois.gov. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

Nar-Anon Family Group
Thursdays, 6pm. A 12-step support group for those dealing with an addiction problem of a family member or friend. Call for more info. Leave message if no answer. Free. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-891-5565.

True American Idols Memorial Day Party
Fri., May 24, 11:30am. Event honors all military heroes. Dress in your favorite military branch attire and join us for red, white and blue desserts, punch and a special performance by the Tip Top Tappers. centraliseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Springfield Comic Book Convention
Sunday, May 26, 10am-4pm. A huge variety of new and old comic books, as well as toys and related collectibles for sale. Bring in your old comics books for the dealers.

Free admission. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. St. Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

Health & Fitness

Forest Therapy
Sat., May 25, 9:30-11am. Forest therapy is a practice of deepening a sense of connection with nature through a 1.5-2-hour slow wander through nature. Sessions are led by Cassandra Claman, a certified guide, whose role is to help participants open possible connections with the surrounding nature and forest. llincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$25. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Sports

Capital City Biathlon
Sat., May 25, 8am. 5K run. Biathlon -5K run and a 15-mile bike. Team biathlon - one person runs the 5K and another bikes the 15 miles. See the Facebook page for more information. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Indoor Disc Golf at VFW
Thu., May 23, 6-8pm. Join the Jacksonville Disc Golf Club for putting practice. All ages welcome. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jacksonville, 903 VFW Lane, 217-243-6814.

Region XI Sport Horse Championships
May 23-26, 7am-5pm. Watch competitions in classes of dressage, sport horse and western dressage. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave.

Springfield Legends Classic III
Sat., May 25, 6:30pm. Watch your favorite Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals legends battle it out on the field in a seven-inning exhibition game. Participants include Tom Herr, Brian Jordan, Darwin Barney, Carlos Marmol and Justin Grimm. VIP meet and greets available. Call for ticket info. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-753-0700.

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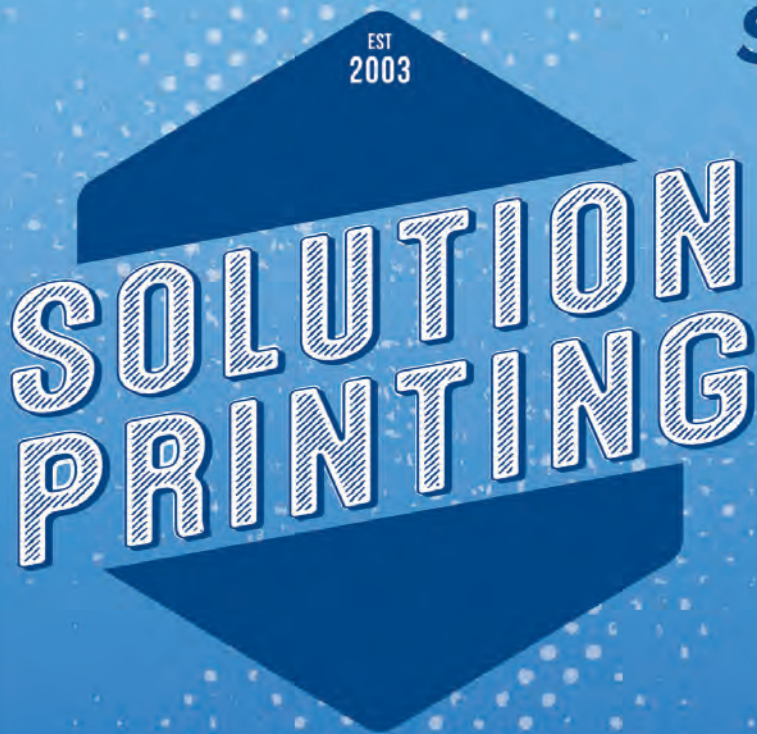
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2021 CH 000001
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on June 4, 2024, at the Sangamon South Auditorium, #1 Copley Plaza (Old S.J.R. Building) 1st Floor, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 2525 W MONROE ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 14-31.0-327-003
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$28,393.48. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, 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).
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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A., 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603, (312) 566-0040. E-Mail: il.foreclosure@qpwbaw.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of March, 2024 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JANET ANN EDWARDS,
Deceased.
NO.: 2024-PR-209
NOTICE TO HEIRS
To: Miranda Frankell, whose address is unknown:

Notice is given to the above who is an heir in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the Court on the 13th day of May, 2024, admitting the will to probate.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS 5/6-21 of the Probate Act.
You also have the right under 755 ILCS 5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within six months after admission of the will to probate.
William W. Edwards
Independent Representative
Filings are to be made with:
Circuit Clerk
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 S 9th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JANET ANN EDWARDS,
Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-209
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Janet Ann Edwards of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 13, 2024, to William W. Edwards, 2241 S. College, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit

Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 20, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 14th day of May, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
GINGER R. DAVIS,
Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-205
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Ginger R. Davis of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 13, 2024, to Martin Dale Davis, 8882 S. Myrtle Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85284, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 20, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 14th day of May, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADOLPH L. KOESTER, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-182
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ADOLPH L. KOESTER. Letters of Office have been issued to TRAVIS L. KOESTER, 520 Appomattox Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on

or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 13th day of May, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH W. BAKER, JR., DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-204
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RALPH W. BAKER, JR. Letters of Office have been issued to RALPH W. BAKER III, 1308 S. Glenwood, Apt. A, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 13th day of May, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
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(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, Vs. Sarah Sipes, et. al. Defendants.
Re: Estate of Ruth Ann Wise, Deceased.
No. 2024-FC-15
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RUTH ANN SIPES:
Notice is given of the death of Ruth Ann Sipes. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Ruth Ann Sipes, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2535 S. 8th St., Springfield, IL 62703.
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.
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/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for Ruth Ann
Sipes, deceased.
Dan E. Way, #6204735
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Springfield, IL 62703
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dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: MARILYN M. KILLION, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-202
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Marilyn M. Killion of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 9, 2024, to Kathleen Marie Killion, 59 Sarah Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 18, 2024, 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 10th day of May, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-199
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William Michael Schneider of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 8, 2024, to William James Schneider, 4520 Ash Grove Drive, Apt. C3, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 15, 2024, 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 9th day of May, 2024.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JANE RUNNING, Deceased, IN PROBATE
NO: 2024PR000192
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JANE RUNNING, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2024, to WILLIAM E. RUNNING, Executor, 1623 THORNHILL DR., Springfield, Illinois 62711, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024.
Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
ARDC 2761122
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Springfield, IL 62701
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rstuart@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN L.R. FROHN, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-195
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of FRANKLIN L.R. FROHN. Letters of Office have been issued to PAULA FROHN, 4424 Venetian Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 25, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2024.
Patrick J. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF VIOLET E. JENSEN, Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-191
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Violet E. Jensen. Letters of Office were issued to Robert A. Jensen, as Independent Executor, whose address is 10134 Bond Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66214 The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated: May 8, 2024.

Attorneys for Independent Executor:
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Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: LISA M. MERRILL, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-187
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lisa M. Merrill of Fairfax County, Virginia. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2024, to Robert Keith Pitman, 5140 Meath Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 13, 2024, 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 6th day of May, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: David L. Andrew, Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-188
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of David L. Andrew, of Iliopolis, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 30, 2024 to Kathy Gustafson, 1146 N Main St. Fremont Nebraska, 68025, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of David L. Andrew of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kathy Gustafson, Julie Chappelaar, Steven Hansen, Sherri Kumm, and Warren Hansen as the only heirs of David L. Andrew.

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.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: DAVID EUGENE THORPE, Deceased.
NO. 2024-PR-177
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of David Eugene Thorpe of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2024, to Craig Thorpe, 49 Covered Bridge Acres, Glenam, Illinois 62536, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 6, 2024, 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 2nd day of May, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY JO MADONIA, Deceased
NO. 2024-PR-185
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARY JO MADONIA, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on April 25, 2024, to Karen M. Clemons, 2024 N. 19th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before October 26, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2024.
Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: PAUL EDWARD PRESNEY, SR., Deceased.
No. 2024PR000013
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of PAUL EDWARD PRESNEY, SR. Letters of office were issued on January 17, 2024, to Paul Edward Presney, II, 38 Lancelot, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, and to Catherine J. Gonzalez, 2713 Rainier, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II, Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of

the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11).
Dated this 9th day of May, 2024
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Presney & Gonzalez
Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In re the Estate of AMELIA J. RANALLETTA, Deceased.
Case No. 2024-P-180
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Amelia J. Ranalletta. Letters of office have been issued to Janice M. Ranalletta, 1909 W. Governor St., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 2616 Hazelnut Dr., Springfield, IL 62702. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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Springfield, IL 62702
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In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Sangamon County Illinois Estate of James J Miller of Loveland CO Deceased
Case Nol 24-PR-77
Notice is given of the death of James J Miller
Bond and Oath of Legal Representative issued on February 27, 2024 to Carla Miller whose address is 209 W Mulberry St, Chatham IL 62629 as independent executor.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex 200 South 9th St., Springfield IL 62701 or with representative on or before July 31, 2024
Any notice not filed within that period is barred.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Dallas Lamale Witherspoon For change of name to Dallas Lamale Renier

Case No. 2024-MR-000162

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Dallas Lamale Witherspoon to Dallas Lamale Renier pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: May 23, 2024

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

In the matter of the Petition of Emma Rose Schattschneider For change of name to Ren Knight Schattschneider Case No. 2024-MR-000184

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Emma Rose Schattschneider to Ren Knight Schattschneider pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: May 23, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition of Skylynn Marie McCain For change of name to Skylynn Marie Howard Case No. 2024-MR-9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 11, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Skylynn Marie McCain to Skylynn Marie Howard pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: May 23, 2024

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.

LINN PERKINS, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LYNN M CONNOLLY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LYNN M CONNOLLY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MISTY BECKMAN; JACOB MCCARTY; MATT MCCARTY; SARAH INGRAM, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2024 FC 000010
25 RIDGE COURT
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lynn M Connolly

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Matt McCarty
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 50, IN "PARK VIEW ADDITION", A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION ELEVEN, TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN NORTH, RANGE FIVE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE

COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SAID COUNTY IN BOOK 15 OF PLATS AT PAGE 141. 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: 25 Ridge Court Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by, Lynn M Connolly a/k/a Lynn Connolly Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC. FKA Quicken Loans, LLC Mortgage, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2022R04733; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 24, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. 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.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

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I3244425

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

LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association, Plaintiff,

v. CALVIN L. PITTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2024FC000074
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is June 24, 2024. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 10, 2024.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: LBC2 TRUST, assignee of U.S. Bank National Association; 2024FC000074.
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Calvin Pitts
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: THE SOUTH 39 FEET 3 INCHES OF LOT 56 OF ASSESSORS SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27, AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1011 N. 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702
- The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-27.0-155-008
- An identification of the judgment lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Judgment Debtor: Calvin L. Pitts
Name of Judgment Creditor: LBC2 Trust
Date of Memorandum of Judgment: May 22, 2023
Date of recording: September 6, 2023
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2023R16410
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

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

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK Plaintiff,

-v.-

CYNTHIA SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF HARRY W CASTLES AND SHIRLEY R CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HARRY W CASTLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY R CASTLES, TERRI CASTLES, CAROLYN CASTLES, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2021 CH 000001

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 20, 2023, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will at 9:00 AM on June 4, 2024, at the Sangamon South Auditorium, #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR. Building) 1st Floor, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: UNIT 1-13 IN MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF PART OF LOT 4 IN MONROE PARK, A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4R OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, MEASURE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, 60 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 47 DEGREES 25 MINUTES, MEASURE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOT 4, 350 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90 DEGREES, MEASURE 165 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90 DEGREES, MEASURE 259.13 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 42 DEGREES 35 MINUTES, MEASURE 178.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS PART OF A DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM ENTITLED MONROE PARK CONDOMINIUM MADE BY CAPITOL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER LAND TRUST NUMBER TLT-186 AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST 31, 1973 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 547821 AND AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT DATED MARCH 27, 1975 AND RECORDED MARCH 27, 1975 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 566282 TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.1652 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS IN SAID PART OF LOT 4 OF MONROE PARK. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS, AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Commonly known as 2525 W MONROE ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
Property Index No. 14-31.0-327-003
The real estate is improved with a condominium.

The judgment amount was \$28,393.48.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, 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.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Chris Iaria, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A., 111 W MONROE ST., STE 700, Chicago, IL, 60603, (312) 566-0040. E-Mail: il.foreclosure@qpwblaw.com 8051-942130

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday,

June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for variance of Sections: 155.311 (b), Non-illuminated Nameplates and Identification Signs, 155.314, Illuminated Signs, and 155.315 (a) (b) & (c), Residential and Office District Sign Conformance, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Currently, there are two (2) existing grounds signs located on the Subject Real Estate: (1) the sign identified as Sign A on Exhibit C is an illuminated freestanding sign measuring 19.39 square feet +/- per sign face with an overall height of approximately six feet (6'); and (2) the sign identified as Sign B on Exhibit C is a non-illuminated freestanding measuring 7.18 square feet +/- per sign face with an overall height of approximately three feet (3'). In addition to the two (2) existing signs, petitioner intends to install the signage identified as Signs C and D in Exhibit C, upon grant of the variances requested herein. Signs C and D would each contain approximately 75 square feet +/- of illuminated signage area, and be installed on the Southeast and Southwest facing walls of the building

at a height not to exceed fifty feet (50') from the level of the ground. To accommodate the existing and intended signage demonstrated in exhibit C, petitioner respectfully requests variances of Sections: 155.311 (b) (Non-Illuminated Nameplates and Identification Signs) of the Zoning Ordinance so as to permit: (i) more than one (1) identification sign (non-illuminated) on the Subject Real Estate; and (ii) the total signage square footage of the signage demonstrated in Exhibit C in excess of the square footage of signage permitted pursuant to the limits established in Section 155.311(b); 155.314 (Illuminated Signs) of the Zoning Ordinance so as to permit: (i) more than one (1) sign (illuminated) on the Subject Real Estate; (ii) allow signage on the Subject Real Estate with total square footage of all signs illuminated and nonilluminated of 203.14 +/- instead of the 100 square feet permitted by Section 155.314; and (iii) allow signage on the Subject Real Estate, a corner lot, to have more than one (1) sign facing each street upon which it has frontage; 155.315(a) (Residential and Office District Sign Conformance) of the Zoning Ordinance so as to permit two (2) illuminated walls signs, of a height of not more than fifty feet (50') from the level of the ground instead of the twenty feet (20') permitted by Section 155.315(a); 155.315(b) (Residential and Office District Sign Conformance) of the Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the ten foot (10') setback required for the freestanding sign along Churchill Road, shown as Sign B on Exhibit C, so as to permit the sign in its present location; 155.315(c) (Residential and Office District Sign Conformance) of the Zoning Ordinance so as to permit: (i) more than two (2) signs on the Subject Real Estate, a corner lot; and (ii) more than one (1) sign facing each street with frontage on the Subject Real Estate. Improvements (or structures) located on said property is an office building containing approximately 59,712 square feet. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the R-5 (b), General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021. Legally described as: LOT 1 OF THE HERITAGE TRAIL OFFICE PARK, PART OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THAT CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED ON APRIL 18, 1975 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 368886 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 2401 West Jefferson Street Springfield, Illinois 62702. Tax Identification No.: 14-30.0-228-047. The property is commonly known as 2401 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois The petitioner is Memorial Health Systems, by its Attorneys Brown Hay & Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel.

Docket No. 2024-029
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Cen-

ter West to hear the following petition. A petition for a Variance of Sections: 155.001, Definitions, "Lot"; 155.320, Permitted Accessory On-Premise Signs; 155.321, Non-Illuminated Signs; and 155.069 (b) (3) & (4), Fences; and for Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Docket No. 1977-016, striking language of certain conditions in the ordinance as it pertains to the approximate 29.93 acres as legally described in this petition, of the Springfield Zoning ordinance. The petitioner desires to sell property to a developer to construct a 226,800 sq. ft. industrial building with associated trailer parking, bulk truck parking, car parking, site security fence, and landscaping. The intended use of the building is for warehouse and distribution servicing customers in and around the Springfield metropolitan area. Improvements will consist of 12,000 sq. ft. of office space, a 5,180 sq. ft. Fleet Garage and accompanying detention pond. The proposed height of the building will be 45' total with approximate 36 ft clear height. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a Variance of Sections: 155.001, Definitions, "Lot", to allow more than one (1) use on a lot, allowing: the previously authorized and approved existing two (2) billboards that are approximately 60 feet high, that both contain two (2) sign faces that are 60 feet wide by 20 feet tall for a total signage area of 1,200 sq. ft., with the total signage area for both billboards is approximately 4,800 sq. ft.; and the proposed future development of the property; and 155.320 and 155.321, to allow the existing billboards on the property, in addition to any allowable on-premises signage that is allowed by code; 155.069 (b) (3), Fences, allowing a 10' high fence in lieu of an 8' high fence per code (proposed fence will be constructed at 8' high with 2' of barbed wire on top); and 155.069 (b) (4), Fences, to allow for a barbed wire fence above 8' but less than 10' in height. Additionally, petitioner requests an Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Docket No. 1977-016 as it applies to the 29.93 acres as legally described in this petition, by striking the language as it relates to the I-1 zoning contingent upon conditions, by striking language of: 3(b). "Any other commercial buildings which will be constructed on the remainder of the above-described property will be compatible in design and construction with the aforesaid building and shall not exceed two (2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height, whichever is less. This height limitation, however, shall not apply to any communication or electronic equipment, or other auxiliary equipment." Section 3.(c) "No commercial building on the above-described property shall be used for any purpose which is dangerous or unsafe or which constitutes a nuisance or is noxious or offensive by reason of the emission of dust, odor, gas, smoke, fumes or noise." Section 3.(e) "The ratio of building coverage on the above-described property to the total area shall not exceed fifty (50) percent." Section 3.(g) "Only the following signs shall be permitted on the above-described property: a single sign located at the North and the South ends of said property necessary to identify the business complex; signs necessary to direct, or for informational

purposes, not to exceed four (4) square feet; signs necessary to identify use or establishment and de-signed as a part of the architectural design of the building, not to exceed an overall height of the building so identified."

Improvements (or structures) located on said property are two (2) previously approved and authorized billboard signs with two (2) sign faces each. The existing billboard signs are approximately 60 feet in height. Sign faces are approximately 20 feet high by 60 feet wide with approximately 1,200 sq. ft. in signage area per sign face. The total signage area for both billboards is approximately 4,800 sq. ft. The remainder of the parcel is vacant farmland that is seasonally farmed. The subject real estate is currently classified in the I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040, with conditions granted under Zoning Ordinance Docket No. 1977-016.

Legally described as: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10 and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, all being in Township 14 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, and further described as follows: Commencing at a found stone marking the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 10; thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes East along the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 10, 140.3 feet to a concrete right of way marker lying on the Easterly right of way of a public road; thence North 0 degrees 50 minutes 37 seconds West along said Easterly right of way a distance of 1638.40 feet to a point, said point being the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 23 seconds East, 1197.22 feet to the Westerly right of way of a public road, said right of way being a non-tangent curve having a radius of 2739.79 feet whose center bears North 76 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds West; thence Northeasterly along and with said curved Westerly right of way through a central angle of 1 degree 43 minutes 33 seconds, a distance of 82.53 feet; thence continuing along and with said right of way North 1 degree 15 minutes 37 seconds East, 447.40 feet; thence North 14 degrees 11 minutes 33 seconds West, 269.89 feet; thence North 34 degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West, 282.49 feet; thence North 47 degrees 27 minutes 46 seconds West, 232.86 feet to a non-tangent curve having a radius of 386.00 feet whose center bears North 37 degrees 36 minutes 36 seconds East; thence Northwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 15 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds a distance of 101.24 feet; thence North 37 degrees 21 minutes 46 seconds West, 55.35 feet; thence North 73 degrees 02 minutes 07 seconds West, 138.77 feet to a non-tangent curve having a radius of 1060.92 feet whose center bears South 25 degrees 31 minutes 54 seconds East; thence Southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 10 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 185.17 feet; thence South 43 degrees 57 minutes 22 seconds West, 321.41 feet; thence South 22 degrees 03 minutes 33 seconds West, 92.98 feet to a non-tangent

curve having a radius of 1030.92 feet whose center bears South 58 degrees 01 minutes 54 seconds East; thence Southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 25 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 449.82 feet; thence South 11 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds West, 142.43 feet to the Easterly right of way of a public road; thence South 0 degrees 50 minutes 37 seconds East along said Easterly right of way a distance of 380.40 feet to the point of beginning, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel ID 29-10.0-100-012. The property is commonly known as Tax ID #29-10.0-100-012, Located on Palm Road/Southwest Corner of the Chatham Interchange & I-55, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Lakeview Acres LLC, by John Kovski, Manager. Docket No. 2024-028 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for reclassification of property from B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, to B-2, General Business Service District, Section 155.034, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners desire to reclassify subject property from B-1 to B-2 to park, store and secure large dump trucks inside when not hauling to and from job sites, with no outside storage. If reclassification is deemed inappropriate, petitioners request a variance that would allow the petitioners to protect and secure large dump trucks indoors when not working, with no outside storage in the existing B-1 Zoning District. Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a block masonry building consisting of four (4) separate car wash bays. Subject property is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 6 E ILES SUB OF LANDS #3, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 1515 S. 9TH Street, Springfield, Illinois and further identified as Index# 22-03.0-127-019 The subject property is commonly known as 1515 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois The petitioners are MJM & Sons Trucking, LLC, by Misty J. Myers & Jamie R. Myers, Members Docket No. 2024-027 John Harris Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition. A petition for a variance of sections: 155.001, Definitions, "Lot"; 155.010 (c), General Provisions; 155.055, Minimum Lot Width for Residences; 155.056, Minimum Required Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit; 155.110, Size of Parking Spaces; 155.112, Surfacing; and 155.091 (a), Required Accessory Off-Street Parking Spaces: Residences; of the Springfield Zoning ordinance.

Petitioner purchased the real estate on March 25, 2014, and has continued to own and operate the real estate in the same condition and manner as it was purchased. Zoning relief was granted for this real estate by the City of Springfield in docket number 1996-070 granting the property a use variance to allow a third dwelling unit above the detached garage and variations of Section 155.001, 155.010, 155.055 and 155.068. At some point prior to Petitioner purchasing the real estate, a previous owner closed in the two-car garage and converted it to a 4th residence on the real estate. The rear structure now has the approved upstairs residence, and the first-floor residence. This created two duplex properties on one lot. Petitioner intends to provide two more gravel parking spots on the far west side of the property. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests for a variance of section 155.056, minimum required lot area per dwelling unit, to allow 2 duplex dwelling units on the lot - the front duplex and a rear duplex dwelling unit on a lot containing 6,624 square feet of lot area instead of the 12,000 square feet of lot area required per code in the R-2 zoning district; a variance of 155.055 to allow two duplex dwelling units on a lot of 40 feet width instead of 50 feet lot width per code; variance of 155.001 Definitions "lot" to allow 2 duplex dwelling units on one lot of record; and a variance of 155.010 (c) allowing two residential duplexes on one lot of record; a variance of Section 155.112 for surfacing is requested to allow a grace period of twenty-four months to complete the parking spaces, and to allow for gravel parking spots instead of paved; and a variance of 155.091 (a) to allow for two off-street parking spaces instead of the four spaces required for a period of twenty-four months; and a variance of 155.110, Size of Parking Spaces, related to two parking spots existing between the structures as they are smaller than what is required by Section 155.110 measuring 16 feet in length per space instead 18 feet. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are a frame building consisting of duplex dwelling unit on the front portion of the property, and a frame garage structure on the rear portion of the property containing an upstairs residence and a first floor residence. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017, with relief granted by docket 1996-070, granting a use variance allowing a third dwelling unit above the detached garage and variance of Sections 155.001, 155.010, 155.055 and 155.068. Legally described as: Lot 13 E.A. WILSONS ADDITION #3, Tax ID: 14-28.0-379-017 The property is commonly known as 203 N. Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Aaron Dean Properties, LLC, By It's Attorneys Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, Alex B. Rabin of Counsel. Docket No. 2024-026 John Harris Zoning Administrator

Jacob and Sheila Hunter, last known address: 120 W. Elliot Ave., Springfield, IL 62702 Unit W. Contents include household items, personal items. The above named occupants are hereby notified that the contents of said storage units: Grace Church Mini Storage, 3401 S 6th St., Springfield, IL 62703, will be sold or disposed of if payment is not received in full by May 31, 2024.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Kyle Kinneel, Petitioner
and
Felicia Glass, Respondent
Case No. 2021-F-000316
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Felicia Glass Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 23rd day of June, 2022, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
STEARNS BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION)
Plaintiff,
v.
POGBACK REAL ESTATE, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company, HR ILLINI OPERATIONS I, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, PARADIGM INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS,
Defendants.
Cause No. 2024FC000071
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above-titled cause, that the above-titled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on May 1, 2024, and is now pending:

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the titleholder is: Pogback Real Estate, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PARCEL 1:
Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a pin on the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue (also known as Routes 36 and 54) 70.00 feet East of the West line of Corbin Street extended South; thence East 175.00 feet along said South right-

of-way of Wabash Avenue; thence South 175.00 feet parallel to the West line of Corbin Street extended South; thence West 175.00 feet parallel to the South line of Wabash Avenue; thence North 175.00 feet to the place of beginning, in Sangamon County, Illinois. PARCEL 2:
An easement for ingress and egress described as follows: Part of the Southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue, 10.00 feet of the intersection of the West line of Corbin Avenue projected South; thence South parallel with aforesaid West street line 586.52 feet; thence East at right angles to the last described course 80.02 feet; thence North parallel to the first described course 589.13 feet to the South right-of-way line of Wabash Avenue; thence Westerly 80.00 feet to the point of beginning. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
1700 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704.
6. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Names of the Mortgagors: Pogback Real Estate, LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
b. Name of Mortgagee: Stearns Bank National Association.
c. Date of Mortgage: June 8, 2022.
d. Date of Recording: July 18, 2022.
e. County Where Recorded: Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois.
f. Recording Document Identification: 2022R15639.
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, held in the Sangamon County Courthouse at 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before the 12th day of June, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment for foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer in the complaint for foreclosure. Dated this 1st day of May, 2024. /s/ Joe Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Prepared by: Douglas S. Dove Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C. 8182 Maryland Avenue, Fifteenth Floor St. Louis, MO 63105 (314) 721-7701 dove@capessokol.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CURRAN-GARDNER TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT
JOB TITLE: Water Plant/Distribution Operator
JOB DESCRIPTION: The District has an immediate opening for a full-time water plant/distribution operator. This position is represented by a collective bargaining agreement between the District and Teamsters Local 916. Candidate must

have a valid driver's license CDL is a plus, and be a high school graduate or equivalent, must be willing to obtain an IEPA water certification. Duties include but are not limited to, distribution repairs and maintenance, new main and service installs, treatment plant operation and maintenance. The position requires good public relation skills. Must reside within 30 minutes of the District headquarters. Interested candidates must be available for on-call rotation duties. The District offers a competitive benefits package which includes clothing allowance, IMRF retirement, health, dental, and vision insurance, paid holidays, paid vacation, and paid sick leave. For more information visit www.currangardner.com/operationspecialist

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Attention: Aaron Smith Operations Manager

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SCOTT McINTYRE, DECEASED
Case #2024-PR-28

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SCOTT McINTYRE. Letters of Office have been issued to NICOLE L. McINTYRE, 1021 E. Washington St., Riverton, IL 62561, 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 December 2, 2024, 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 16th day of May, 2024.

William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

SPRINGFIELD MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
FY25 BUDGET SCHEDULE JULY 1, 2024,
THRU JUNE 30, 2025

May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting

Place budget on file and adopt the following motion: "To have the Springfield Mass Transit District's Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, be placed on file for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, and that it stays on file for 30 days and a public hearing be held at 10:30 AM on June 24, 2024, in the SMTD Conference room, prior to the adoption of a final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance at 4:30pm on June 24, 2024."

May 23, 2024, Publish legal notice to

advise of public hearing for FY25 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance to be held June 24, 2024, 10:30 AM June 24, 2024, Public Hearing of FY25 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance at 10:30 AM in the conference room of the Springfield Mass Transit District.

June 24, 2024, Regular Meeting
Board consideration of public comments for the proposed Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Adopt the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

NOTE:

The above schedule meets the requirement of the budget being placed on file for at least 30 days (May 20, 2024, to June 24, 2024) prior to the public hearing.

The first legal notice would be published at least 30 days prior to the public hearing for the Budget and Appropriation hearing (May 23, 2024 to June 24, 2024).

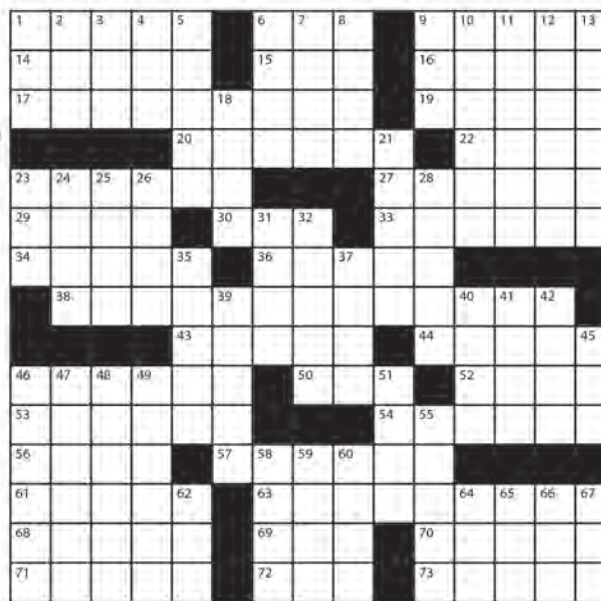
The District's FY25 Budget would be adopted prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

Triathlon

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Across

1. "I'm ___ and didn't know it"
6. Baseball's Mel
9. Bat's homes
14. Alfalfa's sweetie
15. Airline's home base
16. Like helium
17. Beachwear
19. Wish granter
20. Minstrel show group
22. Cheese nibblers
23. Ashe Stadium event
27. Grand
29. Specify
30. Dine
33. Break
34. Hall-of-Famer Rod
36. Lustrous fabric
38. City couriers
43. Bob Marley fan
44. Corrode
46. Marching together
50. ___ welder
52. Bit of filming
53. Kind of network
54. Breakfast choice
56. Marching band member
57. Yoga instruction
61. Storage area
63. Hit the beach
68. Quartet member
69. "Give it ___!"
70. More reliable
71. Rendezvous
72. Asian capital
73. Workout spots, for some



Down

1. Pop-ups, e.g.
2. Kit mitt
3. "... ___ quit!"
4. Freddy Krueger's street
5. Spoonful, say
6. Home to Columbus
7. Dancer's dress
8. Cook's meas.
9. Smoke
10. Weak
11. City with canals
12. Writer Jong et al.
13. Braces (oneself)
18. Coffee dispensers
21. Bone-chilling
23. Chapel Hill sch.
24. Volvo rival
25. Katz of "Dallas"
26. Sneak ___
28. Pasta choice
31. Brings into play
32. Ziti, e.g.
35. "If I ___ rich man..."
37. Autocrat until 1917
39. Sugar ___
40. Golden ___
41. Abbr. at the end of a list
42. Autumn tool
45. ___ Offensive
46. All together
47. Fix
48. Slightly
49. Is behind
51. RC, e.g.
55. Not well-groomed
58. Like Superman's vision
59. Enormous
60. Soon, to a bard
62. Bunk
64. Play a kazoo
65. Tolkien beast
66. Stephen of "Michael Collins"
67. Triage sites, briefly

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #841

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

Sudoku answers from #841

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

JoshJosh answers from #841

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 842

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.

5	4-	2+		2+	
12x		1-	9+		
	9+		2-		3x
			6+		
1-	2	10+		60x	
			9+		

Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 842

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

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

Difficulty hard

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