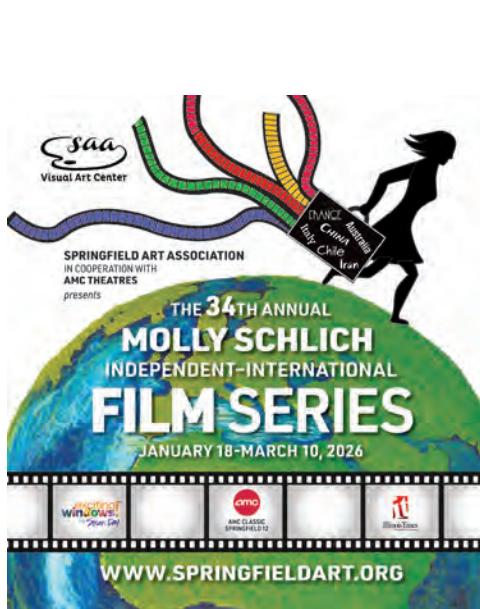




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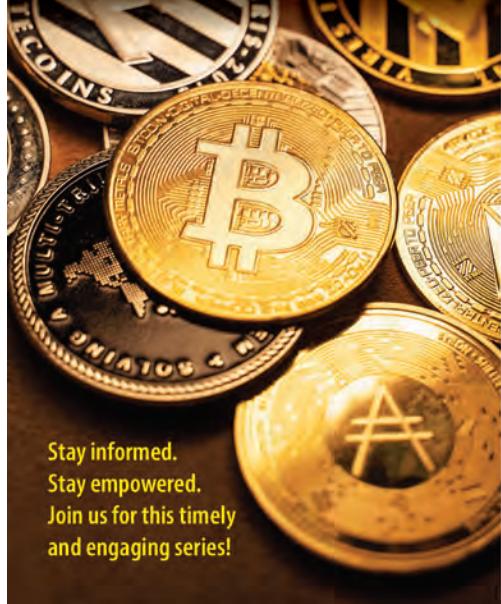
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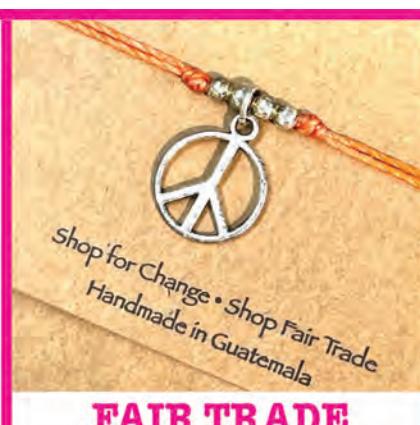
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Alderman calls for action

As work wraps up on Third Street corridor, 19th Street study is just beginning

RAIL CONSOLIDATION | Carey Smith

As Springfield's Rail Improvements Project enters its final two years of construction, one Springfield City Council member wants to know why the city is just now considering plans for the 19th Street corridor, while the Third Street rail consolidation is nearing completion.

With the anticipated transition of ownership of the Third Street corridor into the hands of the city when the tracks are decommissioned in late 2027, a visioning process was conducted to determine potential uses. In June, a proposal was unveiled for The Linc, a multiuse path connecting the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Springfield's north side to Junction Circle on the city's south side. A variety of projects are embedded in the proposal, from fountains, mini-parks and playgrounds to nature corridors and the opportunity for additional housing.

However, at the Nov. 4 City Council meeting, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory balked at the idea of approving additional funding for the Third Street corridor before taking action to redevelop the 19th Street corridor. He said his main point of contention is the historic disinvestment of Springfield's east side by the city.

"Now we have money for everything else, except the 19th street tracks," Gregory said at the council meeting. "We promise the east side something to quiet them down..."

Corporation counsel Greg Moredock told the council it would be "very likely we're

going to lose" \$2.7 million in grant funds earmarked for the Third Street greenway if the council didn't approve the city's portion of the funding. The ordinance ultimately passed, with seven council members voting yes and Gregory voting present. Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams and Ward 5 Ald. Lakeisha Purchase were absent.

"It's about continuing to hold up to what was promised to the community," Gregory told *Illinois Times*. "Well before I got [elected to City Council] in 2019, we were told all three railroad tracks would be addressed. Leadership has only been focusing on the 10th and Third Street tracks. I'm more at a point where I need to see action – money and community meetings. We've heard talk since 2012 on this. I'm not big on what this administration says. I'm more on action."

Both the city's chief engineer, Nate Bottom, and Mike Mendenhall, senior structural engineer for Hanson Professional Services, sought to reassure Gregory and the rest of the City Council that funding and follow-through for the 19th Street corridor would be addressed.

"The city fully intends to do the feasibility study and really wants to make a commitment to improve the 19th Street corridor," Mendenhall said.

Gregory told *IT* that since then he has met with Hanson Professional Services, which has led Springfield's Rail Improvements Project, and Bottom to discuss



Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory says he wants to "see some action" regarding improvements to the 19th Street rail corridor after years of the city focusing on plans for the Third Street corridor.

PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

However, rail traffic has since decreased to only two trains per day currently, with a further anticipated reduction when the power plant in Kincaid closes in late 2027.

The feasibility study will help determine whether the train corridor can remain viable or if it will be abandoned. If it were to remain viable, Bottom said that safety measures such as gates for pedestrians and vehicles may be installed, as well as the establishment of a quiet zone. However, Bottom said, "It'll be tough to receive state or federal funding due to decreased traffic."

If it is determined that the 19th Street corridor should be abandoned, a greenway such as the one currently projected for the Third Street corridor is possible. Both Mendenhall and Bottom noted this is why conducting the feasibility study is so important.

Bottom said there will be public meetings to allow residents to provide feedback. Those will most likely take place in May, with the goal of having the study finished by the fall.

"Public engagement is a part of this. We want to get the input of residents and businesses along the corridor," Bottom said.

Mendenhall and Public Works director Dave Fuchs both addressed the council Jan. 13. Gregory asked them to outline the time frame for the study, along with plans for community meetings and stakeholder outreach.

Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer asked if an updated cost analysis would be included and inquired about possible grants, and Mendenhall said it would provide cost estimates for various scenarios.

Gregory said he has a lot of respect for Hanson Professional Services' leadership of the project, but is concerned about how long it may take to see improvements along the 19th Street Rail corridor.

"This is a project that has been worked on for about 15 years or so, and now we're at this point of doing another study," he said at the council meeting. "There's some doubt in our community... we just want to look at everything and make sure it's not going to be another feasibility study that's going to sit in a closet somewhere."

Gregory told *IT*, "It's an important topic for our community. We look forward to getting something done. We respect everyone that's involved – we just want to see some action." □

Editor's note

Cairo, the small Illinois town (population 2,100) with a large legacy, is claiming its place at the confluence of rivers and history. It is a landmark on the state's Freedom Trail, celebrating the "physical and spiritual pathways of freedom-seekers." Don Patton, a lifelong resident of Cairo and president of the Cairo Historical Preservation Project, led a webinar tour to Cairo's "Contraband Camp," the site of former Union soldier barracks that housed thousands of former slaves during and after the Civil War. These refugees would board the Illinois Central railroad at Cairo on their way to points north. Most heartening about the presentation is that Cairo is embracing its legacy of diversity, civil rights and liberty. "People who live here now want to live here," Patton said. The local history project drew a crowd of 100 proud citizens to the history project's December dinner at the high school cafeteria. In this little town, freedom is something to celebrate. – Fletcher Farrar, editor

The Cairo African American History Trail was the first of this year's series of Freedom Conversations, free webinars sponsored by the Illinois Freedom Trails Commission. For information contact katewill@illinois.edu.

Court finalizes HSHS settlement

Class action suit will pay 80,000 patients whose data was compromised in 2023 cyber attack

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A \$7.6 million court settlement stemming from a data breach that affected almost 869,000 Hospital Sisters Health System patients will result in average payments of \$40 to \$50 for 80,000 people.

That estimate – representing patients who responded by mail to become part of the class-action settlement – came from Nickolas Hagman of the Chicago law firm of Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel. He was representing current and past HSHS patients in the lawsuit.

The settlement was finalized Dec. 10 in an order from Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Adam Giganti.

"This is a great settlement for the entire class," Hagman told Giganti during a Dec. 4 settlement hearing.

Hagman wouldn't comment outside court and hasn't responded to requests for comment since then from *Illinois Times*.

It's unknown how many people requested, and are in line to receive, payments of up to \$5,000 for documented out-of-pocket losses between Aug. 16, 2023, and Nov. 14, 2025, related to the data breach.

It was expected that the majority of people receiving money would get it through the "one-time, pro rata" cash payments Hagman discussed and that were available without documentation of any specific losses.

The final order approved \$2,500 awards for each of the named plaintiffs in the case: Teresa Bierman, Charles Bierman, Steven Durbin, Brittany Capers, Michelle Reichart, Sandra McCoy, Kim Wade, Nick Avery, Charles Bouvard, Richard Kuhlman and Matthew Layton on behalf of his three minor children.

The data breach was caused by a targeted cyber attack on the nonprofit health system's computer network "by an unauthorized third-party threat actor," according to court documents. The culprit hasn't been publicly identified.

HSHS discovered the attack in mid- to late August 2023. The breach temporarily disabled HSHS' clinical, administrative and communications systems.

With about \$2.8 billion in annual revenues, HSHS is based in rural Sangamon County near Riverton and operates hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin. Its flagship institution, HSHS St. John's, is



HSHS St. John's Hospital is the flagship institution for Hospital Sisters Health System, has agreed to pay \$7.6 million to settle a class-action lawsuit stemming from an unauthorized data breach related to a 2023 cyber attack on the system's computer networks. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

in Springfield. Other hospitals in central Illinois include HSHS St. Francis in Litchfield and HSHS St. Mary's in Decatur.

Several lawsuits against HSHS resulted from the data breach, and those cases were consolidated in the class-action lawsuit in January 2025.

Giganti denied an objection to the settlement that was filed by Springfield lawyer Matthew Cate, who represented a minor covered by the class. Cate said he wanted to see options set up for minors to be compensated in the future for potential damages that wouldn't be incurred or discovered until they reached adulthood.

HSHS didn't admit any wrongdoing or liability in the settlement. The system said through a spokesperson Jan. 13, "No evidence was found that any personal information or protected health information was misused in instances of fraud or identity theft as a result of this incident."

The spokesperson added, "HSHS remains focused on providing the highest quality patient care."

Attorney fees totaling \$2.6 million, or 35% of the total settlement, were approved

for lawyers representing the various plaintiffs. Giganti's order said the attorney fees were "appropriate and reasonable."

Hagman said the overall 11% response rate to the court-authorized mailing giving patients the option to submit a claim for settlement proceeds was an "outstanding result" compared with the national average response rate of 3% in similar cases.

Hagman noted that the costs for stamps and paper to mail information to more than 800,000 people cost \$525,000.

People who received the mailing were offered two years of free services from CyEx Financial Shield, a comprehensive service that comes with credit monitoring and \$1 million in financial fraud insurance.

And under terms of the settlement agreement, HSHS "must attest to the implementation of additional data security measures put in place since the data incident." □

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Prairie Eye Center files for bankruptcy

Chapter 11 allows companies to continue operations while restructuring debts

COURTS | Angela Mueller

Prairie Eye Center Ltd., a Springfield-based eye-care provider that operates centers in several local communities, has filed for bankruptcy reorganization.

Prairie Eye listed assets of \$5.3 million and liabilities of \$10.6 million in its Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, which it filed Dec. 29 in the Central District of Illinois bankruptcy court.

The company operates the Prairie Eye and LASIK Center at 2020 W. Iles Ave. in Springfield as well as the Prairie Retina Center and Prairie Spa at 2800 Montaluma Drive. Prairie Eye also has eye care centers in Jacksonville, Hillsboro and Decatur.

Dr. Sandra Yeh is Prairie Eye's medical director and is listed in the filing as holding 100% of the company's stock. Yeh founded Prairie Eye in 2020, starting her own practice after the doctor she previously worked with retired, according to the company's website. She did not respond to an interview request.

Chapter 11 bankruptcy allows companies to restructure their debts while continuing to operate. Prairie Eye previously filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in February of 2025, but that filing was terminated in December after a trustee filed a dismissal motion in September, claiming the company had failed to provide proper reports and documents.

In 2023, Prairie Eye reported gross revenue of \$14.96 million, according to the bankruptcy filing. That fell to \$12.19 million in 2024 and \$11.48 million in 2025, for a 23% decline over the three years. The company is projecting gross income of \$6.79 million for the first six months of 2026 and total expenses of \$6.62 million, for a projected net income of \$175,300.

The company listed more than 150 creditors in its bankruptcy filing. The largest creditors are the Bankruptcy Estate of Prairie E&L Management, with a listed trustee in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; CuraScript of Lake Mary, Florida.; and Claris Vision LLC of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Both the Prairie E&L Management claim and the Claris Vision claim are listed as disputed claims.

Sumner Bourne of Peoria-based law firm Rafool & Bourne is representing Prairie Eye Center in the case. The case was assigned to Judge Mary Gorman. □

City Council approves contract with alderman's brother

CWLP utilizes former employee amid staffing shortage

CITY | Dilpreet Raju

The Springfield City Council approved a contract worth up to \$25,000 for Scott Hanauer, brother of Ward 10 Ald. Ralph Hanauer, at its Jan. 6 meeting. It serves as an extension of a professional service agreement with the Office of Public Utilities that originally took effect in October 2024.

Scott Hanauer retired from City, Water Light and Power's Energy Services Office in January 2022 after more than three decades with the city. In 2024, he began working for CWLP on a contract basis to provide solar customers and energy auditors with help on solar panel applications and installations, along with other technical assistance. The latest ordinance contracts Hanauer for an additional 500 hours of work at \$50 per hour, meaning the total value of his contract with the city since retiring is at \$50,000.

Gregory Moredock, the city's legal counsel, told *Illinois Times* that Ralph Hanauer voting present on the ordinance related to his brother's contract falls in line with the general trend of how council members vote on ordinances that potentially present a conflict of interest. He also clarified that there are two kinds of conflicts of interest, common law and perceived.

"A contract directly with one of the alderpersons or the mayor," Moredock said, "would involve a direct conflict of interest and any participation in that actually could be considered a crime, so that's something that would be evaluated. We don't have that here, or at least that's not what was presented."

Amber Sabin, CWLP's communications director, told IT in an email that the Energy Services Office has undergone more turnover than expected in recent years, leading to the contract with Scott Hanauer, who "brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the office."

"This office has also taken on facilitating the permits for interconnection of private solar installations, and this is why we have a former employee on contract. This employee can also help with training staff and new hires as we've had a lot of turnover in this office in the auditor positions and also in the manager position," she wrote.

Moredock explained the alternative voting options council members have when presented with issues that may appear to be a conflict of interest. For example, he said it is "pretty typical" for council members who work for state agencies to vote present when ordinances relate to relevant agencies.

"Then you have a recusal, which is a stronger form (of vote) where they're indicating that they believe, or could believe, that they have a conflict of interest and for that reason they're not going to participate at all," he said.

Ralph Hanauer told *Illinois Times* the ordinance was not a conflict of interest.

"We don't have a financial conflict of interest; I guess people could perceive it as not totally kosher," Ralph Hanauer said, but "because I did not have a financial conflict of interest, I voted present."

He noted that other council members have voted on ordinances that would benefit family



Scott Hanauer PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

that would have created a nonbinding public referendum as to whether Springfield should create a landlord registry. By recusing herself rather than voting "present," the ordinance failed despite a 5-4 vote in favor of it.

The City Council also enacted a new rule barring members from voting, or even discussing, tax increment financing requests for TIF districts where they own property. Purchase said she was surprised by Moredock's advice, since she had previously voted on projects in the downtown and Enos Park TIF districts.

And in January 2025, former Ward 1 Ald. Chuck Redpath voted for himself when the council appointed a new City Clerk and has since held the position, despite legal challenges. The vote for Redpath was 5-3, with two alderpersons voting "present." While six votes are needed to make an appointment, the two present votes were added to the "yes" column. Both Purchase and Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano, who cast the present votes, later told *Illinois Times* they never intended for their votes to count toward Redpath's appointment.

Moredock said he only gives strict advice when there is a common law conflict of interest, otherwise it is up to individual council members to vote at their own discretion.

"I have advised on conflicts of interest," he said. "When it comes to an appearance of a conflict, that's their decision. Clients can always ignore my advice, so the best I can do is give them advice, but I can't be up there stopping somebody from voting." □

Court case settled for AZ-T-CA owners

Charges dropped against Nicolas Paz, wife pleads guilty to sales tax evasion

COURTS | Scott Reeder

Criminal charges have been dropped against Nicolas Paz, a Springfield restauranter who had been accused of defrauding the state of more than \$100,000 in sales tax revenue. But his wife, Amanda Paz, has pleaded guilty to sales tax evasion.

According to court records, Amanda Paz has already paid the state the money it was owed in taxes as part of her plea arrangement. She will be required to serve 60 hours of community service during the next 18 months and will be on probation for two years.

The operators of the popular Springfield restaurant AZ-T-CA Mexican Grill, 2753 Chatham Road, were charged in 2022 by Attorney General Kwame Raoul. The state alleged the restaurant had underreported more than \$1 million in sales from January 2015 to October 2019, despite collecting sales tax on all sales.

Initial charges against the pair included theft of government funds over \$100,000, a Class X felony, and sales tax evasion, a Class 1 felony. If found guilty of those charges, the defendants could have been sentenced to six to 30 years in

prison.

"Since we became aware of our mistakes, we fixed it," Nicolas Paz told *Illinois Times* Jan. 13. "You know, we understood that we made an error, we addressed the error, and now we're focusing to make it better so it doesn't happen again."

The case was prosecuted by the Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office. Nicolas Paz was represented by Jason Vincent of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes P.C. while Amanda Paz was represented by Mark Wykoff of Wykoff Law

Office.

Nicolas Paz declined to discuss his wife's guilty plea or how charges came to be dropped against him.

"This was a negotiation between we and the state. I say 'we' as a business, 'we' as a family, 'we' as a business together ... decisions (were) based off what is best for us," he said. "What mattered to us was to make it right, to pay for restitution to continue to serve our community (that) we have been serving for the past 19 years. And obviously, to keep our family together."



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NO TO SANGAMON COUNTY DATA CENTER

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We also should not let AI do the thinking for us. If you have ceded your ability to think through a problem to AI, you are part of the problem.

*Mike Gascoigne
Springfield*

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*Aaron Gurney
president, CIBCTC*

GREAT EXPERIENCE

This is a huge amount of experience compared to Sean Prichard, who had none, nor a degree ("Springfield gets a city planner, again," Dec. 11). Personally, I'm glad they brought in someone with a fresh perspective who has lived and worked in much larger cities.

*Samantha K. Allen
Via illinoistimes.com*

WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD

I am pleased Suraksha Bhandari has the credentials to qualify her for the position. Welcome!

*Anne Logue
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

Warning

Having a baby is a genetic lottery. A couple of my kids have inherited a gene from myself and one from their father resulting in a genetic disease. They caught it in time but found others on the internet who hadn't. How many folks in the past have contacted strange maladies for no apparent reason. Better check your 23 and me!

2026 Jacqueline Jackson



Bradd Hout, director of location and strategy for CyrusOne, addresses the Sangamon County Board during a public forum Dec. 3 at the BOS Center regarding the company's plans to build the first data center in Sangamon County. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

NOT SIMILAR

Having lived in Springfield most of my adult life, working downtown for over a decade and now living in Bloomington-Normal for the past four years, there really is no comparison between the two ("From planning to implementation," Dec. 18).

Uptown Normal is really just a few blocks long and there is plenty of parking up and down the streets, along the side streets and on the back side of the main strip, most all of which is free. The main strip on Normal is really only used for accessing downtown shops. If you are just passing through, you have several better options of routes and roads to take to get you through the area.

The students shopping and dining in Uptown Normal can and do easily walk there since Watterson Towers are a block away; there is a solid stream of income throughout

the school year that does not impact parking. When the students are gone, it is much quieter and even easier to park and do anything.

It's much safer. We've been letting our 15-year-old hang out with friends for an afternoon in Uptown Normal for a while now with no reservations. I would never have done that in downtown Springfield.

Uptown Normal is a slow, small strip of shops whereas downtown Springfield is several blocks wide in both directions with idiot drivers and shops spread out all over. I loved working in downtown Springfield, but there is really no comparison in the two locations. There are more similarities between downtown Bloomington and Springfield than Springfield and Uptown Normal.

*Troy Freeman
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OPINION

SAFE-T Act questions persist

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Gov. JB Pritzker set off a chain reaction last November when he told reporters he'd be open to changes in the SAFE-T Act, which eliminated cash bail and replaced it with a new pre-trial release/retention system, among other things.

Pritzker was asked about the case of a woman, Bethany MaGee, who was horrifically set ablaze while riding on a Chicago commuter train.

No direct link between the crime and the SAFE-T Act actually existed, but the news media pounced on Pritzker's statement that he'd be open to changes, and several downstate county sheriffs and others jumped up with their own suggestions (although it seemed like at least some were mostly upset about the loss of revenues from cash bail).

A Pritzker official told me back then that state laws are tweaked all the time, and the governor was merely saying that if legislators wanted to make some tweaks, he'd be open to it as well.

Before we go forward, it's probably also important to note that while the news media (particularly television news) and some major "influencers" on social media tend to put crime front and center, a recent poll showed that fewer than 8 percent of Illinoisans put crime at the top of their list of the most important issues facing the state.

The results are from a Jan. 3-5, 2026 Emerson College poll of 1,000 likely Illinois primary voters. The statewide poll was commissioned by Chicago's WGN TV.

"What do you think is the most important issue facing Illinois?" respondents were asked.

Just 7.6 percent identified "crime" as the most important issue.

That's lower than "Immigration" at 10.4 percent; "threats to democracy" at 12.7 percent; "health care" at 12.9 percent; and "economy (jobs, inflation, taxes)" at a whopping 40.4 percent.

That doesn't mean crime isn't important, of course. It is without a doubt. You cannot have a functioning society with high crime rates (which, by the way, have been falling fast).

But the poll does help show how the yearslong and constant drumbeat of crime stories, tweets, Facebook posts and YouTube videos pales in comparison to what voters are saying what they really want to talk about: Their personal economic well-being (add health care and housing affordability to that economy category and the number rises to 59 percent).

But I digress.

Regardless of all that, the SAFE-T Act questions keep coming.

About a month ago, new Cook County Chief Judge Charles Beach formed a committee to look at some of the problems with the county's electronic monitoring program for detainees. The court system runs that program, which used to be operated by the county sheriff. But there have been numerous problems reported, including officials not fully knowing what is going on with the electronically monitored population, and that has led to some tragic outcomes, like the one on that CTA train, which helped prompt the new committee's formation.

The SAFE-T Act included a provision granting those on EM part of two days a week for "essential movement" – things like doctor's appointments and job training which many judges had been denying before. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has claimed those folks are not tracked during those two days, but the Cook County Public Defender says that's not traced to the SAFE-T Act, which

doesn't explicitly require eliminating tracking.

The change ball moved forward a bit more last week when Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch was asked at a Chicago City Club luncheon what sort of changes he'd like to see in the SAFE-T Act.

Speaker Welch said that the legislature should "always try to find ways to do better."

Then he pointed at Beach, saying he wants to wait and see what's in Beach's report, which is scheduled for release toward the end of January.

"I think we should give him an opportunity to come to us and make some recommendations to us," Welch said.

Perhaps more importantly, Welch also said his House Democratic Public Safety Working Group should, "probably listen to some other folks from across the state and get their input." Working groups meet in private and are invite-only.

Welch strongly defended the state law throughout his comments, insisting that the SAFE-T Act "is working" and that judges and police officers "will tell you that the bad

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Project Censored 2025

Annual list of buried stories celebrates 50 years

MEDIA | Paul Rosenberg

Half a century ago, Peter Jensen launched Project Censored, in part as a response to how the Watergate break-in was covered. Richard Nixon didn't censor the initial reporting, but he didn't have to. The press simply didn't cover it with any serious scrutiny until well after Nixon was elected. The story didn't reach the American people when it mattered most, before they went to the polls in November 1972.

Reflecting this, Jensen saw censorship as working differently in a democracy than in a dictatorship. He defined it as "the suppression of information, whether purposeful or not, by any method – including bias, omission, under-reporting, or self-censorship – that prevents the public from fully knowing what is happening in society."

That happened with Watergate, though the truth belatedly came out. And an echo of the same sort of thing happened just as I was writing this half a century later. Six members of Congress who had served in the military or the CIA released a video accurately informing those serving, as they had, that they have the right – and in some cases the duty – to refuse unlawful or unconstitutional orders. President Donald Trump responded on social media by falsely claiming their video message was "Seditious BEHAVIOR, punishable by DEATH," but the *New York Times* relegated the story to page 16, with a headline that didn't mention Trump's call for their execution.

This was only a faint echo of what happened with Watergate, especially given the *Times'* diminished gate-keeping role. But those echoes are everywhere around us, every day. That same dynamic of suppression of information by under-reporting and self-censorship is constantly at play, with the same consequence of preventing the public from fully knowing what's happening in society – particularly in time to do something about it.

Project Censored has been bringing these omissions to light, and while each story highlights a particular omission, they are often complex and interrelated to each other. There's a perfect example in this year's top censored story: "ICE solicits social media surveillance contracts." Government spying on, suppressing and even criminalizing its critics goes back at least to World War I as a systematic endeavor, but new elements have intertwined with it over time.



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It's also an example of systemic abusive policing, which shows up again in stories seven and eight, targeting the homeless for private profit in the first story, and killing four people a day in the second one, mostly in response to 911 calls, the majority of which involved a non-violent offense, or no offense at all. Racial targeting is also involved in this story (with Black people and Native Americans far more likely to be killed), as well as in stories number three and four,

regarding systemic exploitation of Native Americans and targeting of pro-Palestinian activists, respectively.

Stories four through six involve tech surveillance in different ways, not just targeting activists but also systematically blocking data privacy protections for everyone, and using surveillance technology to harm workers and disrupt unionization at Amazon and Walmart, the largest private employers in America.

In turn, the class exploitation and oppression involved in this last example appears in two others as well, No. seven, about private companies reaping over \$100 million to sweep homeless camps in California (doing nothing to solve the problem), and No. 10 about the extreme under-representation of working-class Americans in state legislatures – a censored story about censored voices that fittingly rounds out the list.

This is the deeper point of Project Censored's list: That it's not just about this or that suppressed and under-reported story, it's about a whole different way of seeing the world if that systemic censoring were stripped away.



1. ICE solicits social media surveillance contracts

In February 2025, Techdirt's Tim Cushing reported on Sam Biddle's Intercept investigation into a new ICE bid solicitation seeking private contractors to "monitor and locate 'negative' social media discussion" about the agency. The request, also covered by the *Independent*, appeared as the agency prepared for a more aggressive role under the returning Trump administration. ICE's plan, Biddle wrote, could pull "people who simply criticize ICE online" into its surveillance dragnet.

Biddle noted the solicitation was "nearly identical" to a 2020 request that resulted in a \$5.5 million contract with Barbaricum, a Washington-based defense and intelligence firm. But the new version, arriving amid ramped-up enforcement rhetoric, signaled a broader threat. Cushing observed that ICE justified the program by citing increased risks, yet provided no evidence.

The scope of potential targets is massive. Social media criticisms of ICE number in the millions, but contractors would be required to assess users' "proclivity for violence" using "social and behavioral sciences" and

"psychological profiles." After scraping personal details – Social Security numbers, addresses, affiliations – contractors would deliver ICE dossiers containing photos, partial legal names, birth dates, education or work ties and identified family members. The request also sought facial recognition tools capable of scanning the internet for additional information tied to a subject.

Although framed as a safety measure for ICE employees, Cushing wrote that the document "makes it clear ICE is looking for tech that allows it to monitor people simply because they don't like ICE." The First Amendment implications, he added, are unmistakable: the government should not monitor social media users to quantify criticism, especially when it conflates negativity with threats.

While *Forbes* and the *New York Times* have addressed ICE's tech investments targeting immigrants, no corporate outlet has covered this planned monitoring of ICE critics.



2. Water scarcity threatens 27 million U.S. residents

Nearly 30 million people in the U.S. live in areas with limited water supplies, Carey Gillam reported for *The New Lede* in January 2025. The finding comes from a first-of-its-kind U.S. Geological Survey study assessing national water availability from 2010 to 2020, including quality concerns. With climate change worsening droughts, floods and contamination, the crisis is expected to deepen. Project Censored also highlighted two ongoing threats: saltwater intrusion and PFAS "forever chemicals," linked to cancers, liver disease and birth defects.

USGS Director David Applegate warned of "increasing challenges to this vital resource," noting that socially vulnerable communities face the greatest risks. Gillam reported widespread pollution in waterways across the Midwest and High Plains tied largely to industrial agriculture runoff. USGS found "substantial areas" of major aquifers – supplying one-third of public drinking water – contaminated with arsenic, radionuclides, manganese and nitrates. Low-income, minority and rural, well-dependent communities face disproportionate exposure.

Globally, the situation mirrors U.S.

trends. A joint U.S./UN assessment, *Drought Hotspots Around the World 2023–2025*, described current conditions as "a slow-moving global catastrophe," with 48 U.S. states experiencing drought in 2024 – the highest number on record. Meanwhile, *The Guardian* reported that the Trump administration ordered the closure of 25 federal water-monitoring centers, undermining the nation's ability to track shortages.

Although major outlets like the *New York Times* and *The Washington Post* cover droughts, Project Censored noted they typically frame the issue as an economic threat to agriculture, not a direct danger to human life. As of July 2025, *Newsweek* was the only U.S. corporate outlet to report on the USGS water-availability study.



3. Indigenous communities underfunded and exploited

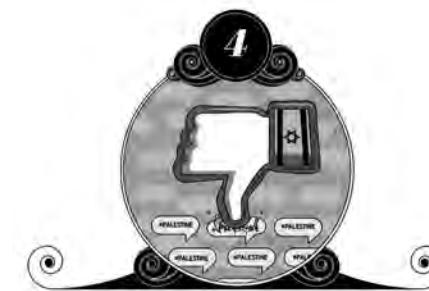
A series of 2024–25 investigations by *ProPublica*, *High Country News* and *Grist* revealed how federal and state governments continue to underfund and exploit Indigenous communities. Matt Krupnick (*ProPublica*) documented the chronic underfunding of tribal colleges, institutions created in the 1970s to serve Native students harmed by generations of violence, dispossession and cultural erasure. Although Congress set funding at \$8,000 per tribal student in 1978, adjusted annually for inflation, the government has never met its obligation. Since 2010, per-student funding ranged from \$5,235 to just under \$8,700 – far below the roughly \$40,000 it would be if federal commitments had been honored – totaling a \$250 million shortfall. Under the Trump administration, conditions worsened as at least \$7 million in USDA grants for tribal colleges were suspended.

Meanwhile, a joint *High Country News*/*Grist* investigation showed how states profit from "trust lands" located inside reservations. These lands, often seized during the 1887 Dawes Act Allotment Era, generate millions through grazing, logging, mining, and oil and gas production – funding state universities, prisons, hospitals and schools. Earlier reporting traced this system to the 1862 Morrill Act, which granted nearly 11 million acres taken from nearly 250 tribes to

states to build land-grant universities.

The new investigation mapped 1.6 million acres of state-managed trust lands within 83 reservations across 10 states, revealing how state control undermines tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction. In some cases, tribes must lease back what was once their own land, paying the state for agricultural or grazing use. One notable exception is the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana, who secured the return of nearly 30,000 acres through a 2020 water-rights settlement.

Corporate media coverage of these injustices remained minimal, limited mostly to stories about Trump-era layoffs that failed to address the deeper, long-term history of governmental neglect.



4. Meta undertakes "sweeping crackdown" of posts at Israel's request

Since Oct. 7, 2023, Meta has executed a massive censorship campaign on Facebook and Instagram, removing or suppressing posts critical of Israel or supportive of Palestinians, *Drop Site News* reported in April 2025. The report called it "the largest mass censorship operation in modern history," based on internal Meta data provided by whistleblowers and confirmed by multiple sources inside the company.

Meta reportedly complied with 94% of takedown requests from Israel – the single largest originator of content removals worldwide – affecting an estimated 38.8 million posts. While most requests were classified under "terrorism" or "violence and incitement," the complaints all used identical language regardless of the content, linking to an average of 15 posts each without describing the posts themselves.

The campaign disproportionately targets users from Arab and Muslim-majority nations but has a global reach, affecting posts in over 60 countries. *Drop Site News* warned that Meta's AI moderation tools are being trained on these takedowns, potentially embedding this censorship into future automated content decisions.

Project Censored noted that the Council on American-Islamic Relations condemned Meta's actions, stating, "Meta must stop censoring criticism of the Israeli government

under the guise of combating antisemitism, and Meta must stop training artificial intelligence tools to do so." The report also cited the Committee to Protect Journalists' findings that Israel controls coverage of its military operations.

Although independent outlets such as *ZNetwork* and *Jewish Voice for Labour* republished the *Drop Site News* report, no major U.S. newspapers or broadcast outlets had covered the story as of July 2025.



5. Big Tech undermines data privacy protections

Big Tech companies are actively attempting to undermine consumer data privacy laws, using tactics reminiscent of Big Tobacco in the 1990s, Project Censored reports. Jake Snow documented this in *Tech Policy Press* and the ACLU of Northern California in October 2024.

Snow outlined a three-step strategy. Step one: "Respond to a PR crisis with a flood of deceptive bills." Just as tobacco promoted "smoking sections" to weaken bans, Big Tech floods Congress with industry-backed laws that replace meaningful privacy protections with weak alternatives. Snow cites a 2021 Virginia law drafted by an Amazon lobbyist as "just what Big Tech wants."

Step two: Complain about the "patchwork" of state laws, portraying diverse regulations as chaotic or unworkable. Tobacco did this in the 1990s; today, tech lobbyists repeat it, even creating websites like *United for Privacy: Ending the Privacy Patchwork*.

Step three: Use federal preemption to erase state laws and block stronger local legislation. While federal law could set a floor – like the federal minimum wage – Big Tech pushes it as a ceiling, limiting grassroots influence. Snow notes that states and cities historically drive real change. Once state legislatures are sealed off, communities with limited access to Congress lose power.

These tactics are not hypothetical. The House version of Trump's "Big Beautiful Bill" included a provision shielding tech companies from state lawsuits for a decade over negligence, privacy violations or AI misuse. Though removed by the Senate, similar efforts are expected.

Project Censored noted that while outlets

like the *New York Times* and *Time* have reported aspects of Big Tech lobbying, no corporate coverage has fully captured the scale, coordination or historical parallels Snow identified – leaving much of the strategy's impact unexamined.



6. Using surveillance technology against employees

Walmart and Amazon are the two largest retailers in America, with a combined workforce of over 2.7 million workers (not counting Amazon drivers). Their lives have been made more miserable by the use of surveillance technology, as documented in an April 2024 report from Oxfam America, *At Work and Under Watch*. The report finds that “regimes of measurement, surveillance, discipline and data collection deployed by both companies unduly punish workers, stifle worker voice and have negative impacts on worker health, safety and well-being,” as Alex Press reported for *Jacobin*.

“In 2018, Walmart patented surveillance technology designed for management to eavesdrop on workers, track customer interactions and oversee all employee movements,” Project Censored noted. “Amazon uses similar tracking methods, including a rating system that scores worker productivity, providing real-time feedback on individual workers’ speed and efficiency.”

Oxfam’s report drew on quantitative data from worker surveys at both companies, as well as qualitative research interviews.

“One might argue that unionizing could help workers resist surveillance,” Project Censored noted, but Amazon defeated a unionization effort in North Carolina in February 2025. However, “union organizers believe the vote was the result of Amazon’s nonstop intimidation of its employees,” and an academic study of an earlier organizing effort in Bessemer, Alabama, backs them up, as reported by *The American Prospect* in March 2025.

“The company manipulated workplace devices to send workers anti-union messages and to ask questions that employees say were intended to assess their support for the union,” Project Censored summarized. “Amazon also monitored the social media activity of its employees – including

Facebook groups, many of which were private, and subreddits – to investigate posts that contained complaints from warehouse workers or plans for strikes and protests.”

“Amazon is not just tweaking pre-existing AI systems to make unionization harder to achieve for workers, but actually converting and weaponizing sprawling systems into new tools for quashing dissent,” the *Prospect* concluded.

Aside from some coverage of these issues by independent and specialist news outlets, Project Censored noted, “there has been zero corporate media coverage of Amazon and Walmart’s surveillance and mistreatment of warehouse employees or of Oxfam’s report.”



7. Private companies paid \$100 million to sweep homeless camps

Criminalizing homelessness doesn’t solve the problem, but it does make some folks a lot of money.

“In total, private firms have been paid at least \$100 million to clear homeless camps (in California), an investigation by the *Guardian* and Type Investigations has found,” Brian Barth wrote for the *Guardian* on April 16, 2024. But that was a serious undercount, he hastened to add. “The 14 municipalities and public agencies from which spending details could be obtained represent a small slice of such spending in the state.”

Still, the wastefulness was still obvious. “It can cost millions to clear a single camp. Marinship, a Bay Area construction company, received \$3.4 million to dismantle an unhoused community with about 200 residents,” Barth wrote. In Silicon Valley, Santa Clara signed a three-and-a-half-year, \$1 million contract “despite having documented only 264 unsheltered residents at the time.”

And it costs cities even more. “The police presence at one sweep in Los Angeles cost an estimated \$2 million,” he noted.

As for what good it does, the answer is it doesn’t reduce homelessness, but it does cause serious harm. “A 2024 RAND study found that policy change – such as encampment sweeps and camping bans – in three Los Angeles neighborhoods temporarily reduced visible homelessness, but within months the unsheltered populations rose

slightly in two of the communities and doubled in the third,” Robbie Sequeira reported for *Stateline* in January 2025.

In 2024, the Supreme Court ruled that punishing homeless people for sleeping outside doesn’t count as cruel or unusual punishment, which allowed police sweeps to confiscate any property belonging to people sleeping on the streets. Since then, “roughly 150 cities in 32 states have passed or strengthened such ordinances,” Sequeira reported, with another 40 in the works at the time.

Homelessness is a worsening problem in Europe as well, the *Guardian* reported in September 2024, but Denmark and Finland are reducing it with a housing first policy, which shifts focus away from managing homelessness in the shelter system to solving it by providing housing. Finland started first, and has only a quarter of the number of homeless families it had in the early 2000s, and less than half the number of homeless individuals, with only a small fraction of those “unsheltered,” or sleeping on the streets. So there are policies that work – they’re just not considered or reported on here. Instead, we have a massive new punitive industry dedicated to destroying lives already in peril.

“While the national corporate media have not shied away from covering the nationwide displacement of homeless people, there has been virtually no coverage of companies profiteering from the homeless crisis in California or other states since Brian Barth’s investigation,” Project Censored noted.



8. Often deadly abuses of police authority

U.S. police killed an average of nearly four people each day in 2024, disproportionately Black and Indigenous. Police killed more people in 2024 than in any year since 2013, when data collection began, and nearly two thirds were in response to 911 calls, the majority of which involved a non-violent offense, or no offense at all. These were some of the topline results of analysis by Mapping Police Violence reported by Sharon Zhang in a February 2025 *Truthout* article.

“Police killed at least 1,365 people in 2024,” and “Black people in the U.S. were 2.9 times more likely than white people to be

killed by police,” Zhang wrote. They “were more likely than white people to be killed when unarmed or not posing a threat. The disproportion was even greater for American Indians and Alaska Natives (3.1 times) and for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (7.6 times) compared to white people.” An earlier report covering 1,260 instances found that officers were only charged with crimes in nine cases.

Zhang noted that these figures line up with reporting from the *Washington Post* that 2024 was the deadliest year on record for police violence, with 10,429 people killed by police in the last decade. However, the *Post* was discontinuing its tracking. “The change comes as the publication’s billionaire owner, Jeff Bezos, has exerted an increasingly right-wing influence on the paper,” Zhang observed. This came at the same time that Trump shut down a federal database tracking misconduct by federal law enforcement officers, which had only been in existence since December 2023.

“Mapping Police Violence was created by Samuel Sinyangwe, who is also the founder of Campaign Zero, an organization that advocates for a society not reliant on policing,” Project Censored noted. Its findings have been neglected by the establishment press, with two exceptions: one *USA Today* story in February 2025, using its data “for a report on demographic and geographic patterns in police killings in the United States,” and a May 2025 *New York Times* story reporting that “police killings keep rising, not falling,” since the murder of George Floyd in 2020, touching off the Black Lives Matter protests, the largest civil rights protests in US history.



9. Antarctic ice sheets approaching tipping point

Rising ocean temperature could lead to a tipping point in the melting of Antarctic ice sheets, potentially triggering “runaway melting,” according to a June 2024 article published in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, and supported by two other recent studies.

Robert Hunziker in *CounterPunch* and Matthew Rozsa in *Salon* each reported on this research. “Scientists have debated whether a ‘tipping point’ exists for this ice sheet, or a moment when the effects of this

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melting would be suddenly both irreversible and catastrophic," according to Rozsa. "A new study raises the bet on sea level rise, maybe by a lot," Hunziker summed up.

As Rozsa explained in *Salon*, "When warm water moves under a grounding line, the ice melts at an accelerated pace and could pass a threshold where the body's ultimate collapse is inevitable. While this process occurs, sea levels will rise at a much faster rate than currently predicted, resulting in millions of people from coastal communities being displaced over the upcoming decades and centuries."

Rozsa also cited a May 2024 study in the journal *PNAS*, which predicted that "Antarctica's so-called 'Doomsday Glacier' is nearing collapse, as revealed by high-resolution satellite radar data that shows Thwaites [Glacier] is being flooded with warm sea water," he explained. It's "known as the 'Doomsday Glacier' because it could greatly contribute to sea level rise if it collapses," he wrote in an earlier story. "And new evidence suggests that's exactly what's happening."

"To date, U.S. corporate media have not covered these recent findings, especially Bradley and Hewitt's model of grounding-zone melting of ice sheets," Project Censored reported. "Independent outlets, including *Salon* and *CounterPunch*, have provided more substantial coverage of this study. Jessica Corbett of *Common Dreams* reported in February 2024 on the study that found evidence of rapid ice loss in the past, which CNN, the science news magazine *Eos*, and the environmental news site *Earth.com* also covered."

is a working-class person," said freshman Idaho state Rep. Nate Roberts, a lifelong electrician.

"Government works best when all types of personal experience are at the legislative table," said Minnesota state Rep. Kaela Berg, a flight attendant who ran for office while living in a friend's basement. "I knew that I was uniquely able to speak on issues that my other colleagues never experienced."

The study by political scientists Nicholas Carnes and Eric Hansen defined "working class" as "those who have currently or last worked in manual labor, the service industry, clerical or labor union jobs," representing 2% of Democrats and 1% of Republicans. Ten states have "no working-class state lawmakers."

"Low salaries for working-class jobs are one reason why members of the working class rarely run for office," Project Censored noted. Amanda Litman, co-founder of Run for Something, which recruits candidates for down-ballot races, also cited a lack of access to money from family or partners, as well as gatekeepers who typically recruit candidates based on their independent money-raising ability.

Making things worse, only five states allow public financing options for state legislative candidates.

In contrast, Project Censored notes the over-representation of wealth in our politics: the majority of the members of the 116th Congress were millionaires, with the 10 richest having estimated fortunes in excess of \$30 million.

There's a new move to change things, Project Censored noted: the formation of a political action committee called the Working Class Heroes Fund, aimed at organizing working-class voters and funding working-class candidates "across party lines to give the working class a seat at the table." It was started by Dan Osborn, a pipe-fitter and union leader, who ran a surprisingly strong race for a U.S. Senate seat in Nebraska as an independent in 2024.

While there's been no national corporate news coverage of the study on the class background of state legislators, there has been occasional mention in opinion pieces in both the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*.

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10. Working class severely underrepresented in state legislatures

People considered "working class" make up half the country's labor force, but only 1.6% of state lawmakers, according to the 2024 results of a biennial study. That's 116 of the nearly 7,400 state legislators, down from 1.8% in 2022. This seriously distorts the legislative process, both in terms of issues considered and solutions proposed, as noted in a March 15, 2024, *Stateline* article by Robbie Sequeira. "The only person that's going to advocate for working-class people



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JANE AUSTEN A GACHE MA VIE

Agathe is a bookseller in Paris who dreams of being a writer. A co-worker secretly mails Agathe's unfinished manuscript to a literary retreat in England. Voila! She is accepted. She is invited to attend the Jane Austen Residency for a two week term at a country estate. The pastoral setting is charming but it doesn't necessarily alleviate Agathe's creative block. And, like many Jane Austen heroines, love and purpose complicate one's sentiments and, in this case, the progress in composing a novel.

There are now far more movies based on or inspired by Jane Austen (1775-1817) than the number of novels she penned (six). The mystery of Austen's enduring appeal is at the heart of this movie. There are the traditional expectations of female roles, the limited opportunities for women, the importance of self-knowledge that still ring true today. But this movie is also a comedy. Austen's wit springs from an attitude that comedy is a saving grace of life. Laura Piani, who wrote and directed the film, would argue that Austen invented romantic comedy. And in that spirit, Piani's rom-com is about a woman who is not saved by love but saved first by her own volition.

To quote Agathe, in the movie: "...until Jane Austen came along, all female roles were solely written by men, and they were either portrayed as idealized perfection or monsters. Jane Austen made them human beings—that's all—even capable of humor."

Note: The film begins and ends at the legendary Shakespeare and Company in Paris. It is a bookstore that was first opened in 1919 by an American woman, Sylvia Beach.

Another note: The poem that is read by Frederick Wiseman at the end of the movie is "Path" by Jack Hirschman. Laura Piani has said that she always knew that her story would end with a recitation of that poem.

JANUARY 25 & 27



THERE'S STILL TOMORROW

C'E ANCORA DOMANI

Paola Cortellesi wrote, directed and stars in this film inspired by the lives of women in post-World War Two Italy. But she does something unique in her presentation as she combines the Neo-realism of that time with a magic realism of today, dovetailing the two with a confidence and flair that belies the fact that it is her first direction of a feature film. And, in another throwback to the past, it's photographed in striking black-and-white.

The story. Delia is an abused wife, the mother of three, and the caretaker of a sullen father-in-law. She works small miracles in raising pocket money in poor times. She is surrounded by friends who want to help her. And she is comforted by the possibility that her daughter, unlike her own fate in life, will have a loving marriage. But Delia also has her secrets, a mystery woven throughout the narrative. And in the denouement, that revelation of female empowerment makes perfect sense.

While it is a film with many touches of comedy, the point of Cortellesi's screenplay centers on the patriarchal stifling in the lives of Italian women. In her own words: "I wanted to examine what stayed the same and what has changed. What remained, unfortunately, is the toxic mentality that we still witness today."

This is storytelling with terrific confidence and panache.

—Peter Bradshaw, *The Guardian*

With meticulous design, and Davide Leone's pitch-perfect camerawork, this is a thoughtful, emotionally satisfying, immensely entertaining one-off, with an ending that smartly dynamites our expectations.

—Jonathan Romney, *Financial Times*

Director: Laura Piani

Performers: Camille Rutherford, Pablo Pauly, Charlie Anson

France, 2024 / 98 min / in English & French with English subtitles

Rated R

Director: Paola Cortellesi

Performers: Paola Cortellesi, Valerio Mastandrea, Romana Maggiora Vergano

Italy, 2023 / 118 min / in Italian with English subtitles

Not Rated

FEBRUARY 1 & 3



LEE

"I'd been a model. I'd been a muse. I'd been an ingenue. I was done with all that."
—LEE MILLER IN THE MOVIE, *LEE*

When she was nineteen, Lee Miller (1907-1977), was an art student in New York. Strikingly beautiful, a chance encounter with Conde Nast lead to a highly successful modeling career. Always restless and already familiar with the camera, she took up that profession, moved to Paris and became the collaborator-lover of Man Ray, the surrealist artist. She would become a fixture of the art colony there. Picasso, a life-long friend, painted her six times and she photographed him many more.

But all that is another story in a remarkable life. This movie focuses instead on Miller's career as a photojournalist during World War II. That story is bracketed with a series of (fictional) interviews toward the end of her life. The picture she presents is, like her craft, the unvarnished truth of the hell of war and of those rare women who were trying to report it.

The setting is Farley Farm in East Sussex, England (now a museum and archive) where Miller and her husband, Roland Penrose, had made a home. It was a quieter life where she moved on from her past, grew stout, took up agriculture and the culinary arts but still enjoyed visits from her friends of old. But as evident here, chain-smoking and drinking, the war years had taken its toll. The clinical depression, the PTSD, would haunt her for the rest of her days.

During her life, Lee Miller did not promote her past and her significant contribution as a photojournalist. Eight years after her passing, her son published *The Lives of Lee Miller*. That book helped initiate a recognition long overdue.

Kate Winslet portrays Miller in a riveting performance. She is also, as a producer, the guiding light behind a project which was eight years in development. And she insisted that a woman be brought in to direct. That responsibility fell to Ellen Kuras who would be directing her first feature film in her mid-sixties.

For those who won't know much about the fascinating life of photo-journalist Lee Miller, *Lee* will immediately send you in search of books, documentaries, and archives. That alone is a strong endorsement for any biopic.

—Loren King, *Newport This Week*

Director: Ellen Kuras

Performers: Kate Winslet, Andy Samberg, Alexander Skarsgaard,

Andrea Riseborough, Josh O'Connor

United Kingdom, 2023 / 117 minutes / Rated R

FEBRUARY 8 & 10



SANTOSH

When her constable husband is killed in a riot - possibly by a Muslim - a Hindi wife learns she must make her own way alone. But she is then informed about "compassionate appointment" in which the dependent widow of a public official can apply for the same job. Her name is Santosh and, wide eyed in wonder, she is soon in the thick of a community uproar when the body of a teenage girl is found in a village well.

Santosh is taken in by a battle-hardened senior inspector and the two women try to unravel the case. As someone who has always been a second-class citizen, Santosh takes pride in her uniform, her authority, her abilities and all with the intent to do no harm. But the police force is corrupt to the core, corrupting all in its wake. The moral ambiguities of this story are endless.

The movie's director is Sandhya Suri, a British-Indian filmmaker, who has previously worked in documentaries. The origins of *Santosh* began when she was accepted to participate in a Sundance Director's Lab. She used that experience to develop a story from an incident she witnessed when a group of female demonstrators were "spitting in fury" in front of a female constable. Santosh is her first feature film and it would become Britain's selection to be considered in the international category for the Academy Award.

Santosh has a hard documentary-like edge, exploring Indian social phenomena with intense analytical focus.

—Jonathan Romney, *Financial Times*

Perhaps in search of the contentment her name's meaning promises her (Santosh is the Sanskrit word for "satisfaction"), she starts looking for a way out. Maybe then she can finally sleep.

—Bedatri Choudhury, *Sight and Sound*

Director: Sandhya Suri

Performers: Shahana Goswamii, Sunita Rajwar, Nawal Shukla

UK, Germany, India, France / 2024 / 106 min / in Hindi with English subtitles

Rated R

FEBRUARY 15 & 17



HOW TO MAKE MILLIONS BEFORE GRANDMA DIES

If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else. —CONFUCIUS

When was the last time you saw a movie from Thailand? The Thai film industry box office, to the extent it is known in the West, might be seen as biased toward horror movies, fast action thrillers, or broadly-played comedy. (Same here.) But, with great surprise, *How to Make Millions...* not only deviates from the norm, it became a huge and unexpected commercial success in the Asian market. It's even been credited with getting young people to reconnect with their elders.

The story begins with a family visiting a cemetery. They are there in participation of Qingming, a Chinese-Thai tradition of cleaning gravestones, making offerings and scattering flowers. The generational divide is immediately apparent in the various levels of respect for this tradition. And so, the theme of death is introduced. We will soon learn that Amah, the "grandma" of the title, has stage-four cancer. These relatives begin to shamelessly jockey favor for a potential inheritance. Perhaps the most brazen among them is a grandson, a school dropout, who volunteers to take care of her as the illness progresses - expecting a reward.

Here is another feature film debut. The director is Pat Boonnitipat who had only previously done television and documentary work. And his leading actress, Usha Seamkhum, is a nonprofessional who after making a brief appearance in a music video years earlier was chosen to make her acting debut at the age of seventy-eight. Her instincts for the role and her naturalism brought her both plaudits and awards. According to the director, her remarkable performance on screen was the consequence of her believing in the story.

Note: As in the Thai-Chinese tradition, there is a pomegranate tree that was planted by Amah when her grandson was born. It's in front of her house and it was intended to ensure the well-being of future generations.

FEBRUARY 22 & 24



TERRESTRIAL VERSES

Here is a perfect description of the setup: "The film's stylistic approach is both simple and daring. In each of its nine episodes, the camera is locked in place, staring, as it were, at a single person who is interrogated by an off-screen authority figure of one sort or another. Each scene plays through without edits, making it resemble a one-act play with both documentary and dramatic aspects." (Geoffrey Cheshire, rogerebert.com)

But it is fiction, real as it seems. Each of the vignettes is no longer than ten minutes. These mundane inquiries or requests are ordinarily the most normal of activities: registering a baby's name, interviewing for a job, trying on some clothes, requesting a driver's license, searching for a missing dog. But all of it is framed by the most absurd of bureaucratic regulations. All of it intended to smother individuality and freedom. A warning, perhaps, to us all.

The two directors of this film also wrote the script. They share an interest in Ghazal poetry, an Arabic form that often focuses on loss and separation. They were inspired by the structure of this poetry in compiling these vignettes, each of nearly equal length. And as filmmakers they have daringly stripped cinematic storytelling to the bare essentials, giving us in this simplicity an unforgettable view of life under totalitarianism.

Somehow, with all the autocratic repression in Iran, its artists remain resilient. Year after year, films emerge from that country and astonish us with their creativity, their humor and their moral outrage. In this case, the filmmakers relied on their own funds and those of friends for financing, recorded in secret, and shot the project in just seven days. It's independent filmmaking at its resourceful best.

Ali Asgari and Alireza Khatami have constructed a thoroughly modern work of bracing concision, elegance and blistering deadpan humor, one that pulses with sorrow and outrage over the brutality of authoritarian dictates that aim to crush souls. —Sherri Linden, *Hollywood Reporter*

Note: *Terrestrial Verses* is also a 1962 poem by the feminist writer Forugh Farrokhzad. Her poem begins with a description of human environmental disaster. Perhaps with this in mind, the filmmakers begin and close the movie with images of rocking buildings suggesting an earthquake - or emerging protest.

Directors: Ali Asgari, Alireza Khatami
Iran, 2023 / 77 min / in Persian with English subtitles
Not Rated

Director: Pat Boonnitipat
Performers: Usha Seamkhum, Patthipong Assarantanakui
Thailand, 2024 / 125 min / in Thai & Teochew with English subtitles
Rated PG

MARCH 1 & 3



NIGHT CALL

LA NUIT SE TRAINE

A young locksmith is a student by day who applies his professional skills in the evening hours. One night he gets a call from a young woman who has misplaced the keys to her apartment. He gets her inside, she then leaves for an ATM to pay him, and, in a short time, a man appears in the doorway. Not good. What happens next is an exhilarating, intense thrill ride through the streets of Brussels over the course of a single night.

Night Call is the fifth offering in this series which marks the debut of a feature film director. There is a lot of young talent among international moviemakers. Michiel Blanchard is now thirty-two but younger when he made this film. He obviously was influenced by other movies and other senior practitioners of the craft. But, as you will see, he is jaw-dropping talented: his pacing, the camerawork, his skill with actors, the mosaic presentation of night life that is so effectively conveyed, and how each episode says something about a situation and the choices that are made that advance the story while also telling us something about the protagonists. You wonder what he will do next.

Blanchard has said that he mused over the possibilities of preparing the screenplay: a locksmith opening a forbidding door, the challenges that are faced in a nocturnal city, the importance of knowing the world around you when things turn dark. In 2025, When the Magritte Awards (the Belgian equivalent to Oscars) were handed out, *Night Call* was represented in eleven categories. It took home ten trophies, including the one for best picture.

An action movie that's daring, dark and distinctly wild. *Night Call* is not to be missed.

—Kristy Puchko, *Mashable*

Night Call is as close as any of us will ever come to spending a memorable night in Brussels.

—Kyle Smith, *Wall Street Journal*

Director: Michiel Blanchard

Performers: Jonathan Feltre, Natasha Krief, Romain Duris

Belgium, 2024 / 97 min / in French with English subtitles

Not Rated

MARCH 8 & 10



THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND

Charles, an eccentric wealthy and widowed man, lives on a remote island and in a large house in Wales. He and his late wife were devoted fans of a folk band known as McGwyer-Mortimer. The duo had split up long ago, both as musical and romantic partners. But Charles, with all his money, intends to bring them back together without letting either know of his plan. McGwyer-Mortimer were never in the forefront of folk music culture (no Dylan and Baez act) and now Herb McGwyer is trying to make the transition to pop music as a solo artist. He needs the cash. Nell Mortimer, on the other hand, has moved on with her life. And Charles, it appears, may be left alone with his fantasies. He is a man who struggles to articulate his sentiments: the memory of a happy marriage, that shared love of music, and an ardent desire to recapture the past.

The origin of this film dates back to 2008 when the two male leads along with the director made a short film, *The One and Only Herb McGwyer Plays Wallis Island*. (It's just fourteen minutes and you can see it on YouTube.) Now, many years later, they have transformed it into feature length with additional characters, situations and dialogue. Still, it was completed in just eighteen days. And adding the two ladies, Carey Mulligan and Sian Clifford, to the cast give it a wonderful boost.

Key's performance is nothing short of extraordinary. In a devastatingly beautiful moment, director John Griffiths holds the camera on Key's face, which conveys a haunting blend of pain, longing, adoration, and hope.

—Matthew Koss, *The Wandering Screen*

(*The Ballad of Ballad Island*) trusts the audience to lean in close, to listen carefully to its quiet melody of loss, renewal, and grace.

—Cody Allen, *Geek Vibes Nation*

Director: John Griffiths

Performers: Tom Basden, Tim Key, Sian Clifford, Carey Mulligan

United Kingdom, 2025 / 99 min

Rated PG-13



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While the recipe is immensely flexible, its success hinges on a key ratio of two parts rice to three parts liquid as well as properly cooked protein. After preparing a quick pilaf on the stovetop, the pot spends just 25 minutes steaming in a piping hot oven, so whatever proteins or veggies that are added need to be in the appropriate size or state to cook in that time. Boneless chicken thighs or thin pork chops are a good choice, as opposed to bone-in thighs or drumsticks which would be undercooked. Likewise, some delicate ingredients that would be overcooked in 25 minutes need to be added in the last few minutes that the pot is in the oven, such as baby spinach. Fillets of fresh fish can either be added to the pot in the last 10 minutes of cooking, or they can go in completely frozen and cook for the full 25 minutes, a useful feature when there's nothing thawed for dinner. For vegetarians and vegans, the task is easy. Simply swap out the chicken or fish for a can or two of rinsed beans or cubed tofu or tempeh.

Mushroom-smothered pork chops

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil or bacon fat
4 pork shoulder steaks, cut in half
½ teaspoon seasoning of choice (I use Riley's)
1 ½ pounds sliced mushrooms
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary or thyme
1 teaspoon salt, divided
½ cup sherry or white wine, optional
1 onion, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 carrot, chopped
1 ½ cups basmati rice
2 ½ cups boiling chicken stock
Chopped parsley, to serve

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Heat the oil or fat in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Season the pork chops and brown them on both sides, then transfer to a plate. Add the mushrooms, rosemary and 1/2 of the salt and sauté until their released liquid has cooked away, then add the sherry if using and sauté until almost fully evaporated. Transfer the cooked mushrooms to a bowl and set aside. Add the remaining chopped vegetables and



the remaining salt to the pot and sauté until fragrant, then add the rice and stir to coat. Pour in the boiling stock and then top with the browned pork chops along with any of their juices. Smother the pork chops with the mushrooms then place the lid on the pot and bake for 25 min. Remove from the oven and let rest 10 minutes before serving.

Dilled salmon with burst cherry tomatoes

Ingredients:

For the salmon and rice:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, minced
4-5 cloves of garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt, divided, plus more as needed
½ cup dry white wine
1 ½ pounds cherry tomatoes
1 ½ cups basmati rice
Freshly ground black pepper and red pepper flakes, to taste
2 tablespoons each chopped fresh parsley, dill

and green onion

2 ½ cups boiling water or stock
4 frozen boneless salmon fillets (6 ounces each), do not thaw
Half a lemon, thinly sliced

For the cucumber-yogurt sauce:

⅔ cup plain Greek-style yogurt
¼ cup minced cucumber
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons each minced dill, parsley and green onion
Salt and black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees.

Heat the oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the onion and ½ teaspoon of the salt and sauté until the onion is fragrant and just beginning to soften, then add the garlic and sauté for another minute. Add the white wine and sauté until the liquid has almost entirely evaporated, then stir in the remaining ½ teaspoon salt, cherry tomatoes,

rice, chopped herbs and black and red pepper to taste. Pour the boiling water over the rice mixture. Sprinkle the frozen salmon fillets with salt before arranging them on top of the rice mixture, then place thin slices of lemon on top of the salmon pieces. Place the lid on the pot then transfer to the preheated oven and bake for 25 minutes.

While the rice bakes in the oven, combine the yogurt sauce ingredients in a small bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper, then set aside until ready to serve.

After 25 minutes, remove the pot from the oven and let it rest with the lid on for 10 minutes. Serve warm, with the yogurt sauce on the side.

Curried chicken and coconut rice

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt, divided, plus more as needed
1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs (cut the thighs in half if they're large)
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 cup minced shallots or onion
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons minced ginger
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 teaspoon curry powder
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
¼ cup golden raisins, optional
1 ½ cups basmati rice
1 13.5-ounce can coconut milk
¾ cup water or stock
Chopped cilantro and toasted sliced almonds, to serve

Sprinkle the chicken thighs with salt and set aside while the oven preheats to 450 degrees. Heat the oil in a heavy-bottomed Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken on both sides, working in batches if necessary. Transfer the browned chicken to a plate. Add the cumin seeds to the remaining oil in the pot and cook until the seeds just begin to sizzle, then add the onion or shallots and ½ teaspoon of the salt and sauté until fragrant and softened, about two minutes. Add the garlic, ginger, bell pepper, curry powder and black pepper and sauté for another minute or two until fragrant. Add the raisins, if using, along with the rice, coconut milk, water or stock and remaining ½ teaspoon of salt and bring to a boil. Arrange the browned chicken thighs over the top of the rice and pour in any juices that accumulated. □

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Music in mid-January

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As the new year rolls along our community keeps up a steady flow of live music performances from all directions, and that's the way it ought to be. We often consider right after the holiday season a slower time for entertainment possibilities, but I think you'll agree with me when you see that no such thing is a-happening around town. Now let's go gallivanting through the tulips to find what's there.

I prefer to take a moment here at this juncture, specifically the start of a new year, to encourage folks to go visit open mics and jams. Sometimes pictured as the place where those who can't get a gig go, believe me, you'll find on a given night, talent from all levels of the spectrum performing before your very eyes and ears. Generally, musicians gather at the same weekly spot or flit from one to another, all while forming alliances that often becomes bands or friendships that lead to collaborations, and that's good stuff for our growing, thriving music scene. There's a thrill in seeing someone or some band start out at an open mic and develop into a full-fledged, functioning act playing in regular venues. So take a moment to stop by one of the many open mics, stages or jams posted in our listings and give a listen to the burgeoning brouhaha. And by all means, take the time to dust off that instrument, learn a song and come join the music-makers. It's quite fun and a great way to make friends while hanging out at a local bar unlocking the mysteries of making music.

Moving on, we again have a nice assortment of acoustic acts and rocking bands making the rounds into the realm of weekend nights at the bars. Most places that consistently book do both Friday and Saturday nights so let's try something different and look at the venues rather than separate nights.

I see the Curve Inn, definitely a longtime live music leader, hosting Deja Voodoo on Friday and Sushi Roll on Saturday, while Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews brings in Joel Honey followed by Elvis Himselves. Sound Decision, the duo of Carl Bopp and Ed Smith, do double duty both nights at Lime Street Cafe as Boone's gives us John Drake on Friday and Living Bratz on Saturday while the Butternut Hut delivers the goods with Birds of a Feather then drops the original sounds of Pimpin Henry.

Of the one-night weekend haunts, Saturday is still the leader with Lick Crick, one of our top area draws for years, showing up at Motorhead's Motordome, as Last Call Blues Band drifts into DH Brown's and touring act Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band with guest Square of the Roots pop into Danenberger Family Vineyards.

Nearby Jacksonville, always a beacon of live music, comes up with Damned Torpedoes at Twisted Tree Music Hall, Satellite at Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jason Michael Launer at the Elks Club and Scarlet's Darling with Short Notice and The Complaint Line showing up at Pizza Records, all on this Saturday night.

Sunday comes calling with a long list including Johnnie Owens buttering up It's All About Wine, young Griffin Fenoglio waltzing into Buckhart Tavern and Casey Cantrall and friends getting down at Trails End in Curran, while B Douglas and the Travelers for Peace host a blues jam (here ya go) at Sky Lounge as Al and Kathy Kitchen take the evening shift at Mother Road Diner.

And don't forget the Illinois Central Blues Club-sponsored Blue Mondays at The Alamo continuing year after year with this week's attraction, the local legends Smooth Times.

Now, off we go. □

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Thursday Jan 15

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

Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

Open mic with Bob the Brewer
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6:30-10pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm 8pm

Karaoke
Lock, Stock and Barrel, Decatur, 9pm-12am.

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

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

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

Karaoke
The Tipsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Jan 16

TULO + EADS
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

John Drake
Boone's, 5:30-8:31pm

Birds of a Feather
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Pocket Change
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

Karaoke
Foxhole Pub N Grub, Lincoln, 8pm-12am

Karaoke with Jeremy from Starlight Jams Karaoke
The Graining, Pleasant Plains, 7-11pm.

Joel Honey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Samba Llamas
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Doublewide
Rocco's, Decatur, 8-11pm

Karaoke Night
The Hangout, Palmer, 8-11pm

Hippies of the Heartland
The Winery, Decatur, 8-11pm

Saturday Jan 17

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

Living Bratz
Boone's, 6-9pm

Midwest Revival
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Grand Theft Audio
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

Pimpin' Henry
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

MKDZ
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

The Surreal Deal
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

Sushi Roll
Curve Inn, 7pm

Rich Hogan
Da Burg Bar & Grill, Warrensburg, 2-5pm

The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8:30pm

Last Call Blues Band
DH Brown's, 7-10pm

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Elvis Himselfis
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Sista and The Misters
The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm

Jason Michael Launer
Jacksonville Elks Club Lodge #682, Jacksonville, 8pm

Satellite
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 9pm-12am

Hunter Kivlehan
LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Capt. Quirk
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Joel Honey
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

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

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-12:30am

Taylor June
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Scarlet's Darling with Short Notice and The Complaint Line
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

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

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

Nodal Nim
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Karaoke
The Next Stop Saloon, Mount Pulaski, 8pm-12am

Robert Sampson
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Damned Torpedoes
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Broken Stone
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 8-11pm

Sunday Jan 18

Griffin Fenoglio
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Marble Teeth
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 12pm

John Wahl
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

Johnnie Owens
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

Dave Weld
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Open blues jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

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

Monday Jan 19

SmoothTimes
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday Jan 20

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

Open jam
George Rank's, 7-10pm

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

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

Wednesday Jan 21

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-11pm

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

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

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THE CALENDAR



Jane Austen Wrecked My Life

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and Tue., Jan. 20, 7-9 p.m.
AMC Classic Springfield 12,
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FILM | Molly Schlich International Film Series returns

it This popular film series, in its 34th year, features eight award-winning international and independent films from around the world. Once again it is presented by the Springfield Art Association in support of the Michael Victory II Art Library and the SAA's creative program. The series is named after Molly Schlich, a local woman "dedicated to sharing the bounty and wisdom of films from all over the world." Schlich passed away in 2021. This year's lead-off film is a French romantic comedy about a desperately single bookseller who, lost in a fantasy world, must pursue her dreams of becoming a writer to improve her love life. Rated R. Adults \$10, students \$5.

■ Special Music Events

Crown Jewels

Fri., Jan. 16, 7:30pm. Jacobsen Woollen, resident conductor, will lead the Chamber Orchestra in this show featuring works by Chen Yi Shuo, Stravinsky and Mozart. \$14.70-\$34.70. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-206-6160.

Satisfaction

Fri., Jan. 16, 7pm. The international Rolling Stones tribute show. \$24.15-\$57.80. Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 141 N. Main St., 217-454-4583.

■ Books & Authors

Book Discussion

Sat., Jan. 17, 10am-12pm. Participants will discuss Kristin Kobes Du Mez' book, *Jesus and John Wayne, How white Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Still Booked Sale

Sat., Jan. 17, 10am-3pm. Browse thousands of books in a wide range of categories including adult and children's titles. Shoppers will also find audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and library-branded merchandise. Cash, credit and debit cards accepted. Early access at 9am for LLA members and educators. Free admission. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Blind Date With a Book

Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Continues through Feb. 14. Get ready to be surprised as the genre and the first line of the first chapter will be the only clues participants will receive before purchasing. Adult and young adult books available. SAA members \$12, nonmembers \$15. [www.springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

17, 7:30pm and Sun., Jan. 18, 3pm. In this musical comedy, which takes a poke at Agatha Christie mysteries, 10 people are stranded in an isolated English country house during a thunderstorm. One by one, they're picked off. As the bodies pile up, the survivors race to uncover the identity and motivation of the culprit. Presented by Springfield Theatre Center and directed by Laurie McCoy. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Unpredictable Comedy Night with Amber Klear

Fri., Jan. 16, 8 p.m. Known as the co-host of "Let's Talk" on STL TV, Amber Klear brings her brand of comedy to Illiopolis. \$10-\$15. Bunkers Bar, 220 Old Route 36, Illiopolis, 217-486-5100.

■ Auditions

Circle Mirror Transformation auditions

Tue., Jan. 20, 6 & 7 p.m. and Wed., Jan. 21, 6 & 7 p.m. Open

auditions and crew interviews for this play by Annie Baker. Crew interviews at 6pm and auditions at 7pm each day. Park in Lot B West. www.uis.edu/theatre/auditions. Performing Arts Building Room 170 acting studio, One University Plaza, University of Illinois Springfield.

■ Dance

Adult Aerial Silks Short Term Class

Thu., Jan. 15, 7-7:45pm. This three-week beginner series is a fun, supportive introduction to aerial silks for adults. Learn basic climbs, wraps, foot locks and poses while building strength and confidence. No experience required. Ages 18 and older. \$60 for full three-week session. Springfield Dance, 5531 International Pkwy., 217-483-3623.

Old Time Community Barn Dance by Capital City Contra

Sat., Jan. 17, 7pm. Enjoy contra and square dances to live music on the fiddle and banjo performed by some of Springfield's finest old-time musicians in this family-friendly event. No experience necessary. All dances will be taught and called. No partner needed. Free will donation of \$5-10. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Art & Architecture

"the neophbic kingdom" at LLCC's Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery

Through Feb. 13, 8am-4pm. See the "the neophbic kingdom" exhibit featuring artwork by sculptor Thad Duhigg through Feb 13 at the Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery, located on the upper level of Menard Hall. A closing reception will be from 5:30 to 7:30pm Thursday, Feb. 12. Duhigg's work explores the intersection of tradition and contemporary anxiety. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ History

Sangamon County Historical Society Program

Tue., Jan. 20, 5:30-7pm. Rich Saal, a storytelling visual journalist, will present *Soil & Soul: Farming in the Sangamon River Valley*. The documentary film tells the history of local agriculture through the recalled experiences of 10 farmers who have spent their lives farming

in the area. sancohis.org. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

■ Faith & Philosophy

Great Vespers of St. Anthony the Great, his eminence Metropolitan Nathanael presiding

Fri., Jan. 16, 6-8pm. His eminence, Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony the Great at the local parish that bears the name of the saint. Great Vespers will be conducted with his Eminence presiding. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. The service will be in English. All are welcome. His eminence will also preside over the Divine Liturgy at 9:30am Jan. 17. Free. St. Anthony the Great Greek Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood, 217-202-188.

■ Holiday Happenings

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast

Mon., Jan. 19, 8:30am. Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with this annual breakfast. Guest speaker will be Erika Harold, executive director of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism. Presented by Frontiers International Springfield Club. For tickets contact Richard Amoako at 217-494-0180. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Adult Book Fair

Sat., Jan. 17, 11am-4pm. This annual event teams up with local bookstores and local authors to bring that feeling of pure, childhood joy readers once felt walking into the Scholastic Book Fair - this time with grown-up books and grown-up drinks. Family-friendly event. However, most of the books will be geared toward adults. Trish & Mary's Public House, 107 W. Cook, Suite A, 217-679-3287.

■ Film and Television

Citizen Bowen

Mon., Jan. 19, 11 a.m. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, see this powerful documentary exploring Black political organizing and influence within the Chicago Democratic political machine. Charles Bowen, one of the surviving operatives of the era, will be present for a special post-film talk. Presented by Southern Illinois University System. Dove Conference Center,

Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason St.

■ Food & Drink

Lake Council Chili Challenge West Regional

Sun., Jan. 18, Noon. Doors open at noon with tasting starting at 2pm. Proceeds will be donated to Springfield Zoological Society. \$5. Chili Challenge finals set March 1 at Prop Club. See Facebook page for more info. Springfield Motor Boat Club, 17 Club Area.

■ Community Organizing

Rally for Free America Walkout

Tue., Jan. 20, 2-3:30pm. On Jan. 20 there will be a national movement in which participants will turn their backs and walk out on fascism. Those who are able are called to walk out at 2pm and gather at the state Capitol for a peaceful demonstration against illegal and immoral government actions. Illinois State Capitol, Capitol and Second St, 217-687-7926.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Stronger Together: Parents of Special Needs Kiddos Support Group

Mondays, 6-7:30pm. Through March 2. Join others who are loving and raising special needs children. Discussion, support and connection with others who understand those joys and challenges. Mothers will meet Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9 and 23. Fathers will meet Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and 16 and March 2. No child care available. RSVP at event link. Free. Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, 217-787-1446.

■ Bulletin Board

Free Meal Distribution

Sat., Jan. 17, 4pm. Free meal distribution by Food Not Bombs SPI. All are welcome. Free, no questions asked. Email foodnotbombs.spi@proton.me with questions. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

Springfield Budget Workshop No. 2

Thu., Jan. 15, 5:30pm. This city Fiscal Year 2027 budget workshop will have presentations by the library, Office of Planning and Economic Development, Human Resources, Public Works and Office of Budget and Management. In the city council chamber. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2235.



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Thursday, September 24

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Final art deadline: Monday, July 27

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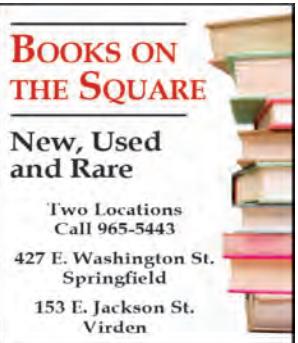
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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff, v. SHERILL A. MARTIN, THE COUNTRY PLACE, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2025-FC-105 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055
 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 22 Country Place, Springfield, Illinois 62703
 (C) Tax ID Number: 22-27-402-022
 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
 Approximately 1,565 square foot 2 story 5 room townhouse with a two car garage, 2 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, fireplace and patio.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026.

Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank,

Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701

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25-102681
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 PLAINTIFF,
 -vs-

CHRISTINA HORNBACK; TYLER A HORNBACK;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
 CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
 DEFENDANTS
 NO. 25 FC 37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 15, 2025;

Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of

said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 925 Timber Edge Drive, Sherman, IL 62684 Permanent Index No.: 06-36.0-228-013 Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$215,509.08. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. 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 Bid Amount contact:

Sale Clerk
 LOGS Legal Group LLP
 2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207

Bannockburn, IL 60015

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

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8051-960835

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
 ARBOR REALTY SR, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 v.

LINCOLN TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC
 AND STRATEGIC LINCOLN, LLC;
 H&P PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC;
 LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE
 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION;
 UNKNOWN OWNERS and
 NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
 Defendants.

No.: 2024-FC-16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above cause on November 3, 2025, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on January 27, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Board Chambers, Second Floor, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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ALL OF UNIT NO. 2 (THE "UNIT") AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND COVENANT, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM, FOR LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM (THE "PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM") THAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 6, 2010 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2010R26399; TOGETHER WITH THE UNIT'S INTEREST IN ALL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION AND SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM; AND TOGETHER WITH, A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNIT 2 RECORDED MARCH 31, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2003R17397. FOR THE PURPOSES OF PERMITTING EXISTING BALCONIES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE CIRCA 1965 TO REMAIN AND BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR PRESENT LOCATION OVER AND ABOVE THE THIRD STREET RIGHT OF WAY IMMEDIATELY EAST AND ADJACENT TO LOT 62 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH. RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. ALL BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. APN/Parcel ID(s): 14-34.0-154-028 520 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62701

The Judgment amount was: \$22,725,010.57 plus attorneys' fees as of September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$119,380.96 together with additional interest accrued after June 20, 2025 and reasonable advances to protect the lien of the judgment and preserve the subject real estate.

Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the highest bid with the balance to be paid within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale.

The subject property is subject to 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.

The real estate is improved with a commercial building.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection 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.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney:
 Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., Delano Law Offices, LLC, 1 Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

PUBLIC NOTICES

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 PROBATE DIVISION
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 CAROL EVERLY FLOYD, DECEASED
 Case #2025-PR-424

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given to THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAROL EVERLY FLOYD, DECEASED, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, and including but not limited to the unknown descendants, if any, of Phil Therrien,

Dick Therrien, Betty Leyden, William H. Harris, F. Bruce Harris, George Schlecht,

Jr., Gloria Mision, Jean Marie Davis, Spencer E. Everly, Jr., Allen R. Everly,

Charlotte Brummett, Robert H. Everly,

Margaret Gabalis and Richard Everly,

that a Supplement to Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters Testamentary was filed in the Circuit Court of the Seventh

Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on January 6, 2026. The Unknown Heirs of Carol Everly Floyd are made

parties to this estate proceeding by said Supplement to Petition for Probate of Will.

Within 42 days after January 6, 2026, any such unknown heir 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 by other evidence,

as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or

successor provision.

Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after January 6, 2026. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

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Dated this 6th day of January, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan
 SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

Attorneys for Independent Administrator

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

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

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PRENICE R. CARTER, SR., Deceased
 CASE NO. 25 PR 511

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of PRENICE R. CARTER, SR., of 1000 Rutledge Street, Pawnee, Illinois, who died December 17, 2025.

Letters of Office were issued to PRENICE R. CARTER, JR., whose address is P.O. Box 388, Osage Beach, Missouri 65065, as Independent Administrator whose attorney is LINDSEY E. REESE of the law office of REESE and REESE, 200 W. Market Street, Taylorville, IL 62568.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Sec. 284 of the ProbateAct, 755 ILCS 5/28-4 of 1992, as amended. 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 Circuit Clerks Office at 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the estate representative or both, on or before July 29, 2026, which date is not less than six months from 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 by the claimant to the estate representative and to the attorney for the estate representative within (10) days after it had been filed.

PRENICE R. CARTER, SR. ESTATE

BY; LINDSEY E. REESE. ATTORNEY

CIRCUIT CLERK

Reese & Reese

Attorneys at Law

200 W Market St,

Taylorville, IL 62568

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 6th day of January, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: CASE NO. 2025PR488

SHERRYL L. MUSGRAVE, Deceased CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SHERRYL L. MUSGRAVE. Letters of Office were issued on January 6, 2026 to Katie Aldrich, 311 Virginia Lane, Rochester, IL as Independent Administrator whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

/s/ Donald M. Craven
Donald M. Craven (#16180492)
Attorney for Independent Executor
Donald M. Craven, P.C.
1005 North Seventh Street
Springfield, IL 62702
Telephone: (217) 544-1777
Facsimile: (217) 544-0713

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of DANIEL P. SCHUERING, Deceased. IN PROBATE

No. 2025-PR-000510
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DANIEL P. SCHUERING, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2025, to Sarah F. Schuering, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Taylor L. Ingram, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL, 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 9th day of July, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2025. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Taylor L. Ingram
(Registration No. 6349276)
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
tingram@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH N. WEEDMAN, Deceased

NO. 2025PR000507
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Judith N. Weedman, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 30, 2025, to Melissa K. Jankauski, 7712 Pin Oak Drive, Plainfield, IL, 60586, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 9th day of July, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2025. Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY LEE TOEPKE, Deceased.

Case No. 2025PR000490
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given on the death of Jerry Lee Toepke, Lane County, Oregon. Letters of Office have been issued to Susan Jean Toepke, 821 S. 2nd Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424, whose attorney is W. Thad Kuhfuss, of Kuhfuss & Proehl, P.C., 342 Elizabeth Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

Claims may be filed on or before July 15, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred, except that the claim of a creditor who has been notified by mail or delivery of notice shall be barred on said date or three months from the date of such mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Claims may be filed in the Office of said Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, with the Independent Executor, or to the Executor's in-state Agent, W. Thad Kuhfuss.

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

DATED this 29th day of December, 2025. SUSAN JEAN TOEPKE, Independent Executor

of the Estate of Jerry Lee Toepke, deceased

Name and Address of Attorneys for the Executor:
W. Thad Kuhfuss
ARCD# 1543865
Kuhfuss & Proehl, P.C.
342 Elizabeth Street
P.O. Box 1068
Pekin, IL 61555-1068
Phone: (309) 347-4164
Email: wthadkuhfuss@grics.net
8051-960905

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NANCY ANN JUNKER, Deceased.

Case No. 2025-PR-497
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of NANCY A. JUNKER, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 14, 2023. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 22nd day of December, A.D., 2025, to OTTO A. JUNKER, 1452 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL, 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 22nd day of July, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED this 24th day of December, 2025.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
Registration No. 6329553
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
bclark@bhslaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. POHL, Deceased.

Case #2025-PR-506
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN J. POHL. Letters of Office have been issued to KATHLEEN M. SEXTON, 6545 Bunker Hill, New Berlin, IL 62670, 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 July 6, 2026, 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 Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED this 23rd day of December, 2025.

Patrick J. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN D. MEYER, Deceased.

Case #2025-PR-504
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of STEPHEN D. MEYER. Letters of Office have been issued to JOSHUA A. MEYER, 2612 Arrowhead 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.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200

field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 6, 2026, 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 23rd day of December, 2025.

William P. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2026, 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 22nd day of December 2025.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (ARDC # 2761122)

Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP

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Springfield, IL 62705

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

Larry Leach,

Deceased.

No. 2025-PR-501

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Larry Leach, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters

Testamentary were issued on December

18, 2025, to Larry V. Leach, 1523 W.

Jerome Avenue, Springfield, Illinois,

62704, as Independent Executor, whose

attorney of record is DELANO LAW

OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield,

Illinois, 62705.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Larry Leach of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Larry V. Leach, Nicole Ann Copelin, and Shelley Mattingly as the only heirs of Larry Leach.

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

DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

Attorneys for Executor

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Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: 217-544-2703

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:

LOUISE F. WILDT, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2025PR000499

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of LOUISE F. WILDT, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December

18, 2025, to C. ALAN WILDT, 20363

Garner Rd, Virginia, Illinois 62691,

Executor, whose attorney is Robert A.

Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP,

200 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, P.O. Box

2459, Springfield, IL 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit

Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff, v.

SHERILL A. MARTIN, THE COUNTRY PLACE, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2025-FC-105

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

22 Country Place, Springfield, Illinois 62703

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Unit No. 22, Building 6, in Country Place Condominium as delineated on a Survey of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, according to the Plat of Survey thereof which is attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Condominium recorded January 16, 1974 in Book 1184 of Mortgages at page 883 as Document No. 552057, as and if amended from time to time, along with its undivided percentage of ownership of common elements and limited common elements.

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

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax ID Number: 22-27-402-022

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Approximately 1,565 square foot 2 story 5 room townhouse with a two car garage, 2 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, fireplace and patio.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Time: 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 2026.

Place: Sangamon County Court-house

200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, National Association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, f/k/a Illinois National Bank, Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

8051-961017

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

PHH Mortgage Corporation

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Todd Wright; Colleen Welsh; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terrance Wright; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Terrance Wright (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC000230

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Terrance Wright
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

29 Glenwood Lane

Chatham, IL 62629

and which said Mortgage was made by: Terrance Wright

Beverly Wright

the Mortgagor(s), to Alliance Mortgage Company dba AMC Mortgage Corp., as Mortgagor, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2002R25978; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Joseph B. Roesch

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street, Room 405

Springfield, IL 62701

on or before February 9, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170

Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-25-07544

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

I3279502

25-102681

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
PLAINTIFF,
-vs-

CHRISTINA HORNBACK; TYLER A HORNBACK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 15, 2025; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on February 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon South, 1 Copley Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for

ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

LOT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (136) IN THE PRAIRIE AT BROOKSIDE GLEN, FOURTH ADDITION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED OCTOBER 14, 2004 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2004R50464. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COIL, 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 925 Timber Edge Drive, Sherman, IL 62684
Permanent Index No.: 06-36.0-228-013
Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$215,509.08. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. 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 Bid Amount contact:

Sale Clerk

LOGS Legal Group LLP

2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207

Bannockburn, IL 60015

ILNOTICES@logs.com

(847) 291-1717

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

LOGS Legal Group LLP

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Thomas Belczak (6193705)
Debra Miller (6205477)
Amy Aronson (6206512)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-960835

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois, for and on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, Plaintiff,

v.

Walker Martin LLC, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 2025ED000006

PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, that this case has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, against you and other defendants, seeking judgment as to the determination of just compensation for certain real property legally described in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, and for other relief.

I need the full text of the exhibits. disregard the pages with images. Understood. Below is the full verbatim text of Exhibit A and Exhibit B, pulled from the file and limited strictly to the textual pages (no plats, maps, or image-only pages). This is formatted cleanly so it can be dropped directly into a publication notice or appended as "Exhibit A" and "Exhibit B" text in a newspaper run.

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION – FEE INTEREST

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55/6TH ST)

SECTION: (110X-5) WRS N, SW

JOB NO. R-96-003-10

PARCEL 6030144 TE1, TE2 & TE3

SANGAMON COUNTY

STA. 305+85.00 TO STA. 307+66.25

(Proposed Comfort Alignment)

STA. 25+81.52 TO STA. 27+57.74

(Proposed F.A.P. Route 666 (BL-55/6th St.) Alignment)

STA. 15+32.85 TO STA. 17+00.00

(Proposed Lincoln Alignment)

Walker Martin LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

PT TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 22-15.0-301-009

Purpose of Easement: 6030144 TE1, TE2 & TE3 – Entrance Construction & Grading and Shaping

Part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:

6030144 TE1

Beginning at a point being 40.00 feet right of the centerline of Proposed Comfort at Station 307+60.00; thence South 52 degrees 51 minutes 17 seconds

East, 8.00 feet; South 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds West, 101.25 feet; thence South 01 degrees 30 minutes 52 seconds West, 15.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds

West, 80.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 30 minutes 52 seconds West, 20.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 08 seconds East, 175.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.048 acres or 2,091 square feet, more or less.

6030144 TE2

Beginning at a point being 169.16 feet left of the centerline of Proposed F.A.P. Route 666 (BL-55 / 6th St) at Station

27+57.74; thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 15 seconds East, 76.54 feet; thence South 04 degrees 46 minutes 33 seconds

West, 108.73 feet; thence South 25 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds

West, 18.69 feet; thence South 39 degrees 45 minutes 07 seconds West, 32.77 feet; thence South 59 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West, 47.01 feet; thence North 01 degrees 29 minutes 21 seconds West, 30.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds

East, 38.00 feet; thence North 38 degrees 09 minutes 53 seconds East, 36.94 feet; thence North 04 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds West, 107.65 feet;

South 84 degrees 44 minutes 51 seconds West, 67.38 feet; thence North 01 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds West, 10.55 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.063 acres or 2,728 square feet, more or less.

6030144 TE3

Beginning at a point being 71.11 feet left of the centerline of Proposed Lincoln at Station 15+32.85; thence North 68 degrees 24 minutes 32 seconds East, 89.95 feet; thence North 87 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East, 82.46 feet; thence South 46 degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds East, 17.22 feet; thence South 77 degrees 22 minutes 31 seconds West, 105.30 feet; thence South 88 degrees 58 minutes 56 seconds West, 75.72 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.075 acres or 3,247 square feet, more or less.

The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) – West Zone.

Unless you file your appearance in this case in the office of the Sangamon County Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, #405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before February 11, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint. Plaintiff's Attorney

Julie Beyers

Attorney for Plaintiff

601 East William Street

Decatur, Illinois 62523

Phone: (217) 422-1719

Email: juliebeyers@hsbatts.com

8051-960839

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ARBOR REALTY SR, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

LINCOLN TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC

AND STRATEGIC LINCOLN, LLC;

H&AP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC;

FOLLOWS:
ALL OF UNIT NO. 2 (THE "UNIT") AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND COVENANT, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS, AND AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM, FOR LINCOLN TOWER MIXED USE CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM (THE "PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM") THAT IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 6, 2010 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2010R26399; TOGETHER WITH THE UNIT'S INTEREST IN ALL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION AND SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF CONDOMINIUM; AND TOGETHER WITH, A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF UNIT 2 RECORDED MARCH 31, 2003 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2003R17397. FOR THE PURPOSES OF PERMITTING EXISTING BALCONIES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN PLACE SINCE CIRCA 1965 TO REMAIN AND BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR PRESENT LOCATION OVER AND ABOVE THE THIRD STREET RIGHT OF WAY IMMEDIATELY EAST AND ADJACENT TO LOT 62 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. ALL BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

APN/Parcel ID(s): 14-34.0-154-028
520 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701

The Judgment amount was:
\$22,725,010.57 plus attorneys' fees as of September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$119,380.96 together with additional interest accrued after June 20, 2025 and reasonable advances to protect the lien of the judgment and preserve the subject real estate.

Sale terms: Cash or certified funds at the time of sale in the amount of not less than ten percent 10% of the highest bid with the balance to be paid within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to 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.

The real estate is improved with a commercial building.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection 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.

For information: Examine the court file

or contact Plaintiff's attorney:
Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., Delano Law Offices, LLC, 1 Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, third floor, Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois, a public hearing will be held to consider an annexation for the property located at part of 6220 Canadian Cross Drive at parcel 22-34.0-100-034. The annexation consists of territory legally described as follows: Part of the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, being references to the centerline of survey and plans of interstate 55 between Springfield and Litchfield described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the West half, West half, Northwest quarter of said section 34. Thence South 01 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds East 487.08 feet along the East line of said West half, West half, Northwest quarter to the point of beginning; thence along a non-tangent curve having a radius of 411.00 feet, an arc length of 64.81 feet and a chord which bears North 40 degrees 55 minutes 12 seconds West, 64.74 feet along the westerly right-of-way of said interstate highway 55; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 38 seconds West, 153.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 36 seconds West, 357.58 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way line of the frontage road adjacent to interstate highway 55; thence continuing along said Easterly right-of-way line, along a non-tangent curve having a radius of 788.51 feet, an arc length of 118.88 feet and a chord which bears South 58 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 118.56 feet; thence continuing along said Easterly right-of-way South 59 degrees 44 minutes 04 seconds East, 130.58 feet; thence North 01 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West, 439.80 feet, to the point of beginning containing 85,487 square feet, 1.9625 acres more or less.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act: Thursday the 29th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Valorie Hanshaw 535. Kim Rae 551. Kaylee Bileck 777. Michael Wilcox 716/717. Rachel Loveless 406. Joe Marada 353. Jesse Granger 500. Lindsay Twyford 462. Brandi Peebles 390. DALTON INGRAM 308/297. Kaleb Edwards 111. Donte Hester 115. Bob-bijo Bodine 292. James Centrell 737. Vanessa Powell 361. Kim Rae 624/589. Marquis Mason 203. Robyn Wade 575; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Rhonda Wright A25/A26/A27. Cynthia Davis A3. Nyasha Jackson B205/B206; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3861 Kristin Carter 15A. James Huff 266E. Erica Moore 203D. Nichole Tennison 261E/262E. Tina Wilson 86B. Kristen Carter 14A. Tyler Hahn 104B. Faith Lewis 4A. Krystin Townsend 280E; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E

Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Marlene Williams 248. Jessica Henry 218. Willie Wardlow E346/E347. Jasmine Bell 116. Tyler Lester 36. Sue Beach 124. Van Converse 160

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Plaintiff,
v.
CLUB CAR WASH LINCOLNSHIRE, LLC,
ET AL.,
Defendants.

Case Number: 2025ED000005

PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for judgment as to the determination of just compensation for certain real property legally described in Exhibits A and B, and for other relief. (See attached legal description if applicable.)

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55/6TH ST)

SECTION (110X-5) WRS, N, SW
JOB NO. R-96-003-10
PARCEL 6030111
SANGAMON COUNTY

STA. 21+28.48 TO STA. 24+53.17

CLUB CAR WASH LINCOLNSHIRE, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

PURPOSE OF EASEMENT: GRADING & SHAPING

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 22-15.0-326-003

ADDRESS: 1001 LINCOLNSHIRE BLVD., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62711

Part of Lot 1 of the Final Plat of Club Carwash Minor Subdivision in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois further described as:

Beginning at an iron pin at the northwest corner of said Lot 1 with said point being on the existing easterly curved right of way of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/South Sixth St); thence along said easterly right of way on a curve to the right with a radius of 5,830.00 feet through a central angle of 00 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds having a chord distance of 68.70 feet bearing South 05 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds East an arc distance of 68.70 feet to a point of curvature being the point of beginning; thence on a curve to the left with a radius of 198.00 feet through a central angle of 16 degrees 12 minutes 08 seconds having a chord distance of 55.80 feet bearing South 46 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds East an arc distance of 55.99 feet; thence South 35 degrees 45 minutes 16 seconds West 9.00 feet to a point of curvature; thence on a curve to the left with a radius of 207.00 feet through a central angle of 33 degrees 06 minutes 02 seconds having a chord distance of 117.93 feet bearing South 71 degrees 26 minutes 01 second East an arc distance of 119.59 feet to the existing northerly right of way line of Lincolnshire Blvd.; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds West 65.64 feet along said northerly right of way line to a point of curvature; thence continuing along said northerly right of way on a curve to the right with a radius of 133.50 feet through a central angle of 34 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds having a chord distance of 79.65 feet bearing North 74 degrees 09 minutes 03 seconds West an arc distance of 80.88 feet to a point of curvature on the

existing easterly curved right of way of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/South Sixth St); thence along said easterly right of way on a curve to the left with a radius of 5,830.00 feet through a central angle of 00 degrees 37 minutes 16 seconds having a chord distance of 63.20 feet bearing North 04 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds West an arc distance of 63.20 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.072 acres (3,151 square feet).

The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) – West Zone.

EXHIBIT B

DESCRIPTION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT

F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55/6TH ST)

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PARCEL 6030111TE

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The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) – West Zone.

UNLESS YOU file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St. #405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before February 11, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. Witness: December 29, 2025

(Clerk of the Circuit Court)

By: Joseph B. Roesch

Name: Julie Beyers

Attorney for Plaintiff

Address: 601 East William Street

City, State, Zip: Decatur, IL 62523

Telephone: (217) 422-1719

Email: juliebeyers@hsbatts.com

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east line to a point of curvature on the existing northerly curved right of way line of Lincolnshire Blvd.; thence along said northerly right of way on a curve to the right with a radius of 915.50 feet through a central angle of 03 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds having a chord distance of 51.20 feet bearing North 84 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds West an arc distance of 51.21 feet to a point of curvature;

thence continuing along said northerly right of way on a curve to the left with a radius of 1,084.50 feet through a central angle of 08 degrees 06 minutes 41 seconds having a chord distance of 153.40 feet bearing North 87 degrees 26 minutes 37 seconds West an arc distance of 153.53 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds West 16.40 feet along said northerly right of way line to a point of curvature; thence on a curve to the right with a radius of 207.00 feet through a central angle of 33 degrees 06 minutes 02 seconds having a chord distance of 117.93 feet; thence on a curve to the left with a radius of 198.00 feet through a central angle of 16 degrees 12 minutes 08 seconds having a chord distance of 55.80 feet bearing North 46 degrees 48 minutes 40 seconds West an arc distance of 55.99 feet to a point of curvature on the existing easterly curved right of way of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/South Sixth St); thence along said easterly right of way on a curve to the left with a radius of 5,830.00 feet through a central angle of 00 degrees 40 minutes 31 seconds having a chord distance of 68.70 feet bearing North 05 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West an arc distance of 68.70 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.094 acres (4,106 square feet).

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UNLESS Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE an answer or otherwise file an appearance in this case in the office of the clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before February 9, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
Gregory E. Moredock
Corporation Counsel
Kataeh McMasters ARDC #6309668
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
kataeh.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, 2025, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

Mariah Warren
intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Cornerstone Caregiving East LLC
and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at:
3171 Greenhead Dr., Springfield IL 62711

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
CHATEAU WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
v.
MARCIA A. MYERS, CAPITAL ONE BANK, N.A., DISCOVER BANK, MARY SUE CLARK, and the UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, OCCUPANTS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.

Case No. 2024-FC-116

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office will, on January 20, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., in the Sangamon County Building, 900 S. Ninth St., Rm. 223, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, the following described real property (the "Real Property"):
Apartment 3 and the related common areas of property described as follows:
The South 218 Feet of the West 224.53 Feet of the East 264.53 Feet of the South 6.55 Acres of Lot Six (6), Temple Hill Subdivision in the West Half, Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Sixteen (16) North,

Range Five (5) West, Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Illinois. P.I.N.: 14-29.0-352-015. Commonly known as 1910 Jeanette Lane, Apartment 3, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

The Real Property is a condominium unit. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the successful bidder must have 10% down by certified funds or cash, with the balance due within 24 hours, also by certified funds or cash. No refunds will be made. The Real Property will be sold AS IS. The Real Property will not be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, please contact Plaintiff's attorney: Ryan D. Byers, Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Phone: (217) 245-6177. Attorney Ryan D. Byers is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

Dated: December 12, 2025
CHATEAU WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C., its attorneys
BY: /s/ Ryan D. Byers
Ryan D. Byers, Counsel

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Belinda Marshall, Petitioner
And
Jhon T. Scott, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000267
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Jhon T. Scott, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 15th day of February, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Advertisement for Bid
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified ASBESTOS ABATEMENT to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE A2 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT OF SANGAMON HALL.
Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not

required, to attend the bid opening. All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. While this project is not administered by the Capital Development Board all contractors must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a minimum of 45 days.

All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to FARMER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC, 108 EMERALD HILLS DRIVE, EDWARDSVILLE, IL 62025, BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026. Submittals of questions may be emailed to WYNTER@FARMERENV.COM, please put "MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE A2 ASBESTOS ABATEMENT OF SANGAMON HALL" in the subject line.) No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026.

Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a mandatory pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 11:00 AM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, at MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM, on the LLCC main campus. Failure to be present when the meeting begins may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any subcontractors present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.

Bid Documents will be available to

qualified contractors from the offices of FARMER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC on or after MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing \$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well.

The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in

the amount of 5% of the amount bid in

the form of a certified check, cashier's

check, or bid bond, made payable to

Lincoln Land Community College.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on

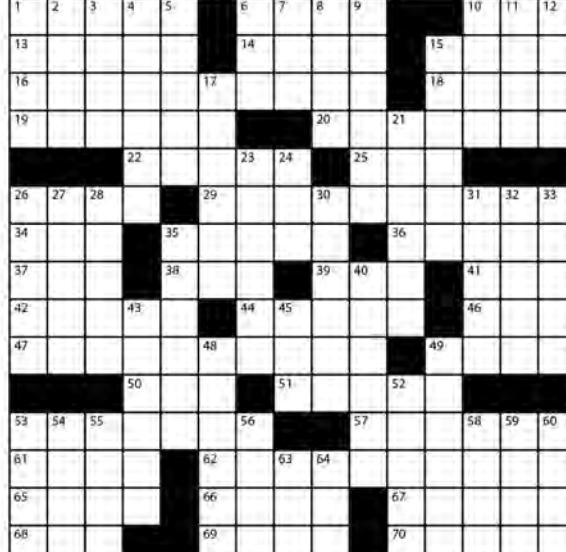
the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

Ground rule sorts Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 927

Across

1. "An Army ___"
6. Cowboy boot feature
10. Chowed down
13. Spanish boys
14. Alleviate
15. "Later!"
16. Betrayal
18. Annex: Abbr.
19. More spintingling
20. Go back
22. Related on mom's side
25. Homer's TV neighbor
26. Leave a mark on
29. Like some win margins
34. Tarzan creator's monogram
35. St. ___ fire
36. Old-fashioned
37. Tie- ___-toe
38. Floral necklace
39. Payable now
41. Poodle's cry
42. Record half
44. Some Dodges
46. ___ Valley, San Francisco
47. One serving two masters
49. Aardvark's fare
50. ___ Aviv
51. Analyzes
53. "Toodle-oo"
57. Lemon, e.g.
61. Try, as a case
62. Go over a second time
65. Outback birds
66. ___ expert, but ___
67. Poet Dickinson



68. Hi- ___ graphics
69. Yesterday, in the Yucatán
70. Carvey and Delany
Down
1. ___ in a blue moon
2. Order after "Aim!"
3. ___ off?"
4. More meddlesome
5. German industrial city
6. To be, in Barcelona
7. Kung ___ chicken
8. "Back in the ___"
9. Take offense at
10. Assistant
11. Little ones.
12. Geologic periods
15. Healthful exercise, informally
17. Newborn's bed
21. Actress Barbara Bel ___
23. The when of an event
24. It may be stroked
26. ___ course (plans)
27. Diet guru Jenny
28. Start of a series
30. Needs no more work
31. Former Padre, Tony
32. Dimwit
33. Varieties
35. Bringer of good news, perhaps
40. Take down, in a way
43. Steps in
45. Always, in verse
48. Singer Keys
49. Cause of wheezing
52. Cut into cubes
53. "Moonstruck" actress
54. Blood pigment
55. Waters, informally
56. "Good heavens!"
58. Harness part
59. Bruins' sch.
60. "The ___ the limit!"
63. Opposite of WSW
64. Where streets meet: Abbr.

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 927

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

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	13+	6x			
3-					
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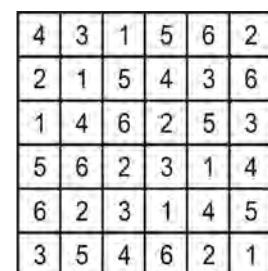
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #926



Sudoku answers from #926



JoshJosh answers from #926

Sudoku No. 927

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

			9		6
9		5	4		3
	8		5	2	
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