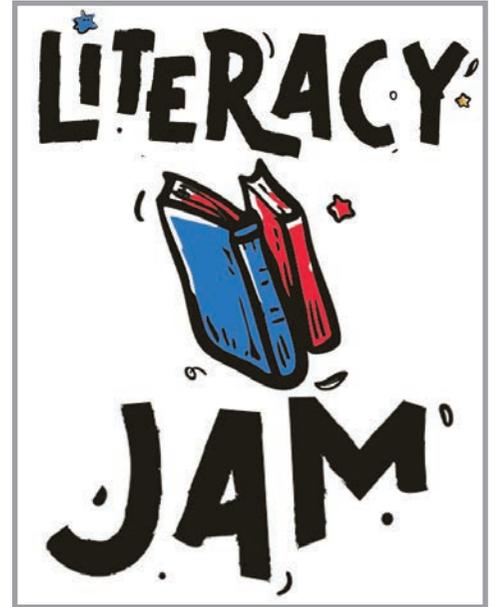




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Valente versus Cahnman

Young, Latino state worker challenges longtime local politician in primary

POLITICS | Scott Reeder

Miguel Valente, a 25-year-old budget analyst in the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget is running in the March 17 Democratic primary for the Sangamon County Board's 18th District, pitching himself as a fiscally minded candidate focused on affordability, transparency and government efficiency.

Despite Valente being on Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker's staff, his opponent in the primary, incumbent Sam Cahnman, contends that Valente is really a Republican posing as a Democrat.

"This guy voted Republican in the primary election in 2022. And with all the terrible things Trump has done, I think it's a shame. ... I've never voted Republican. I never will. I think we need a Democratic candidate who's 100% Democrat," Cahnman said.

But Valente told *Illinois Times*, "I'm obviously not a Republican. This was just a one-time occurrence, but ever since then I have voted blue. ... I don't condone MAGA. I don't condone Donald Trump. I don't condone far-right extremism."

Later in a news release he characterized his vote in the GOP primary as an "isolated and erroneous act."

He noted that in 2023, Cahnman accepted a \$500 campaign contribution from Republican County Board Chair Andy Van Meter.

Cahnman acknowledged receiving a contribution from Van Meter when he ran

unsuccessfully for the nonpartisan Springfield City Council.

"Accepting a campaign contribution from a Republican doesn't make you a Republican," Cahnman said.

Valente, who lives on Springfield's north side, said his decision to run grew out of both his professional background in public finance and his desire to represent the district that has high poverty rates and aging housing stock.

"I think we can make improvements on the County Board, especially when it comes to transparency and fiscal responsibility," Valente said. "My goal is to be proactive, approachable and ethical, and to make sure residents feel they're being heard."

Valente was born and raised on the south side of Chicago to immigrant parents from Guerrero, Mexico. At 17, he enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard where he served seven years as a water treatment specialist.

After graduating from high school in 2018, Valente attended University of Illinois Springfield, earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 2022 and a master's degree in public administration in 2024. Attending UIS is what initially brought him to Springfield.

"Affordability was a big draw," he said. "Compared to Chicago, rent here is much more manageable, and it's still close enough to home."

Valente began working for the Governor's

Office of Management and Budget in September 2024. Before that, he worked for about a year and a half with the city of Springfield, starting as an intern while at UIS and later becoming a financial planning analyst. He said those roles shaped his interest in budgeting, long-term financial planning and internal controls.

Valente supports making Sangamon County a home-rule county, a change that would require voter approval. Home-rule status would allow the county to pass certain ordinances without seeking approval from the General Assembly.

"One advantage is being able to act more quickly when there's a pressing issue," he said of his home-rule proposal. "Instead of waiting months for the legislature to meet, the county could address problems at the local level."

But Cahnman countered it would make it easier for the Republican-controlled county board to raise taxes.

Valente said he is not trying to raise taxes.

He also is proposing the creation of a county budget office to improve long-term financial projections, cost controls and policy compliance. In addition, he wants to establish two advisory commissions: one focused on economic development and another on homelessness.

"For economic development, I want residents and business owners at the table, helping propose recommendations that benefit the whole county," he said. "On homelessness, we need to bring in experts, community members and representatives from the county, city and nearby municipalities to work together on real solutions."

District 18 includes parts of north Springfield. "Affordability is the biggest issue," he said. "Building trust in the community is just as important."

Valente said he does not want to run a negative campaign.

"I'd rather focus on what I'm offering," he said. "If people want to look into my opponent's record, they can do that themselves. My goal is to be respectful and forward-looking."

Cahnman, 71, is a well-known name in local politics, having first been elected to the Sangamon County Board in 2002 and later serving on the Springfield City Council as the Ward 5 alderman from 2007-2015 before being defeated by Republican Andrew Proctor. Cahnman returned to the County Board in 2022.

Cahnman, an attorney in private practice, was censured by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2014 for misleading a judge. Two years later, his law license was suspended for 90 days for a conflict of interest case that occurred with one of his law clients while Cahnman was serving on the City Council.

Cahnman has also made headlines over the



Miguel Valente, a 25-year-old budget analyst in the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget, is challenging Sam Cahnman in the Democratic primary for the Sangamon County Board's 18th District.

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years for various accusations of inappropriate interactions with women, although the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission declined to discipline him in those cases and he was acquitted of criminal charges.

Valente said he is campaigning largely through door-to-door canvassing, social media and community events, fitting campaign activities around his work schedule. He has already hosted two informal public meet-and-greet events and attends community gatherings whenever possible.

"I put myself on the ballot," he said. "I collected my own signatures. This is something I chose to do because I care about this community."

If elected, Valente expects to serve in the minority as a Democrat on the Republican-controlled County Board. He said collaboration and clear communication would be essential.

"You have to be honest, direct and bring people into the conversation," he said. "If you explain why something benefits everyone and keep the process fair, you can build respect across party lines."

Valente is single and lives alone. He describes himself as the youngest candidate in the race and the only Latino candidate seeking the seat.

"I'm 25, I'm Hispanic, and I bring a different perspective," he said. "But more than anything, I want to make county government work better for the people who live here." □

Scott Reeder, an Illinois Times staff writer, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

Editor's note

"A Forum on the City Garbage Ordinance," the title of a recent Springfield public meeting, sounded like a recipe for complaints about disastrous public policy. Everybody knows, don't we, that the city's trash collection system, using multiple private haulers, leaves many households without regular pickups, an invitation for fly-dumping? Not so, says the Independent Coalition for our Neighborhoods, Springfield's premier garbage watchdog. The ordinance is actually pretty good, says Jill Steiner, ICON's president, noting that it clearly states every household must have trash service, and for rental property that's the landlord's responsibility. "We've got what it takes to make it work," she says. "It just doesn't." The trash system used to be driven purely by citizen complaints, but now there are "zone managers," employed by the Public Works department, whose job it is to report garbage that's not being picked up. But their calls go to the city's housing inspection department, which may or may not do anything about the problem. In many cases citizens must take garbage complaints to their zone manager, if they can find out who their zone manager is. There's supposed to be a new button on the city's website called "See, Click, Fix," a one-stop-shop for citizen complaints, but apparently few people know it's there or how to use it. ICON's March 23 meeting will be a class on how to use the city's website. Maybe we're making progress. — Fletcher Farrar, editor

New craft grow operation in the works

MARIJUANA | Adrian Dater

Justin Conder is only 40 years old with a sturdy build and firm handshake, but gray already specks his otherwise brown hair. It's quite possible a frustrating, eight-year odyssey to obtain a state craft-grow cannabis license has something to do with that.

"I ask myself that sometimes," Conder says with a weary laugh when asked what made him want to get into the pot business. "Sometimes, even I don't know the answer to that question."

Conder, born and raised in Springfield, is the manager and co-owner of Lincoln Labs LLC. If the business opens as expected later this year, it will become Springfield's second craft-grow cannabis operation. It will occupy the long-vacant former Comcast building at Cook Street and South Dirksen Parkway, starting out with 2,500 square feet of space to grow cannabis plants.

Conder finally owns a state craft grow license, one of 88 issued statewide since the use and sale of recreational marijuana became legal in 2020. The journey was arduous.

A family group led by Conder first applied for a craft-grow license in 2018, in anticipation of it soon being legalized. But then the COVID-19 pandemic hit and delayed everything for a couple of years. The application was later denied based on what Conder said was "a technicality." Lincoln Labs sued the state over the matter, and a judge ruled in the business' favor.

Lincoln Labs eventually received a state license in 2022, which requires a \$40,000 annual fee. Tax rates can take another 20% to 30% off a craft grower's gross revenue. Conder is hopeful new federal tax laws will allow him to take deductions that were previously prohibited for craft growers, such as labor costs.

But then came numerous false starts over Springfield's restrictive setback zoning law, which initially prohibited any craft-grow business from locating within 1,500 linear feet of schools, churches or residential neighborhoods. The law has since changed to 1,000 linear feet.



Justin Conder is preparing to open a craft-grow operation at 701 S. Dirksen Parkway, eight years after first applying for one of the state's craft grow licenses PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

"The zoning (issues) may not seem like a pain in the butt, but they are," said Conder, the owner of a local construction company, Pro Bid. "We just could not find a place that met the zoning requirements."

Until, that is, one day when Conder was driving past the old Comcast building.

"I thought to myself, 'You know, I think that works.' I went home that night, and I got mad at myself for not noticing this sooner," Conder said. "Then I called the city and got all the criteria. John Harris is the (Springfield zoning administrator) and I said, 'Hey John, do you think this works?' And John is pretty hard, but he said, 'I actually do think this works.'"

In late December, Conder finally received the news he'd waited almost eight years to hear.

The city's Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of Lincoln Labs' zoning request for the property at 701 S. Dirksen Parkway, and the Springfield City Council agreed, approving it with no debate.

"The city, especially (Ward 2 Ald. Roy Williams,) the alderman where the business will be, was very good to us. It was a great moment when we found out the vote," Conder said.

Now, Conder can finally talk about the benefits to the city he thinks Lincoln Labs will provide. It includes potentially 20-25 new jobs, increased business activity in the surrounding block, increased tax revenue for the city and state, and an increase in the quality of cannabis – be it the flower itself, oil products, infused beverages and more – for customers in Springfield and throughout the state.

Lincoln Labs will not be a retail dispensary open to walk-in customers. The initial 2,500 square feet the business will occupy, with hopes of expanding, will have 155 security cameras that continuously monitor the building with "zero blind spots." The business will sell products to any of the state's hundreds of retail dispensaries.

The state allows craft grow facilities to start out with 5,000 plants and expand by 3,000 plants at a

time, up to a maximum of 14,000 flowering plants at a time. Each one requires about one square foot of indoor space.

Conder signed a five-year lease with local business owner and landlord Josh Sonneborn, with an option to buy, which he intends to exercise when the time comes. While not giving a specific number, Conder said the business will be a "multi-million-dollar buildout."

"We're going to start off boutique-style, sort of like a small batch whiskey distillery. We're going to focus on quality over quantity," Conder said. "The state occupies the other half of the building, but when their lease is up, we plan to take it over and grow the business."

Conder said Chris Stone, who is an investor or consultant to multiple cannabis dispensaries, has been an invaluable resource throughout his eight-year journey. Stone, whose name has become synonymous with the cannabis industry in central Illinois, opened an \$8 million marijuana cultivation center and canning operation in 2024 on Springfield's northeast side. Located in an industrial area, it is the largest facility of its kind in the state, and perhaps the nation, to produce beverages infused with cannabis and hemp oil.

While Conder said Stone has no financial stake in Lincoln Labs, he said, "He's a great guy. I consider him a friend. I don't believe we'll be rivals. I think we can work together. As long as the state allows it, I'm going to lean on him for advice on our oils and things like that."

Despite the occasional second thoughts over the years, Conder has a no-risk, no-reward mentality and is happy to get into the next phase of the journey, which, in his words, "Is to finally open the damned thing" and participate in the state's \$2 billion cannabis industry.

"It's like being in a boat where you're more than halfway to the land you want to dock, but haven't been able to for whatever reason," he says. "Do you think I'm going to turn around and go back now? No way." □

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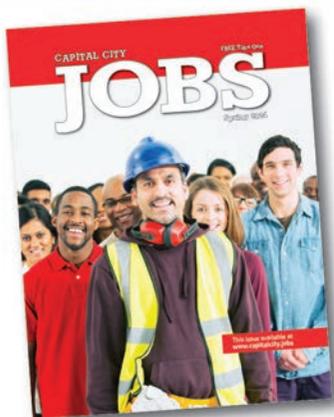
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Receives 90 days in jail for 2024 crash, injured woman says it's not enough

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A woman who almost lost her life because of a crash caused by Michael Egan said the 90-day jail sentence he received Jan. 30 for drunken driving was too lenient, but because of the criminal justice system's inherent bias toward police, not surprising.

"Unfortunately, I was expecting him to skate out easy because he's a cop, and that's the way it goes, I guess," a tearful Chelsey Farley said after Egan, 51, a retired Springfield police sergeant, was sentenced by Sangamon County Circuit Court Judge Robin Schmidt.

The judge's decision ended a case that included public speculation of preferential treatment Egan may have received from police dispatched to the scene of the Sept. 5, 2024, collision between Egan's car and a motorcycle near Lake Springfield a few hours after the officer's final shift.

The case led to a public demonstration and a scuffle on Sept. 9, 2024, between protesters and police wielding plastic shields outside police headquarters downtown.

The incident also contributed to rising tension in the community, occurring just two months after the murder of Sonya Massey in her Woodside Township home at the hands of former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy Sean Grayson.

"I wanted to see Michael Egan sent to the penitentiary for at least five to six years," said Farley, 32, a Springfield resident. "The man should have been treated as any other American citizen and he's not, because in America, the cops are more important."

Egan pleaded guilty Nov. 14 to a felony charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and causing great bodily harm, as well as a misdemeanor DUI charge. He had remained free after initially spending a day in jail but was taken into custody immediately after sentencing to begin serving his sentence at the Sangamon County Jail.

After Egan's release in three months, he could be ordered to serve another 90 days in jail, or possibly time beyond that in prison, if he violates any terms of his 30 months of probation. The judge also ordered him to perform 300 hours of community service upon release and make a \$5,000 donation to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The felony DUI charge carried a potential penalty ranging from probation and no jail or prison time, to a prison term of between one and 12 years. Illinois law allows a prison term



Chelsey Farley reacts during the Jan. 30 sentencing hearing for Michael Egan, who was charged with two counts of aggravated DUI after his SUV struck a motorcycle. Farley, a passenger on the motorcycle, was severely injured in the crash. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

for that offense to be reduced by 15% for good behavior.

Assistant State's Attorney Brittney Lehr asked Schmidt to give Egan a prison sentence "somewhere in the middle" of the range allowed by law.

But Dan Fultz, who worked with fellow attorney Mark Wykoff to represent Egan, asked the judge to sentence Egan to probation alone. The two attorneys also represented Grayson.

Egan's conviction stemmed from a crash on East Lake Shore Drive in Springfield that injured Farley and her then-boyfriend, Trevor Hopkins. They were riding a Kawasaki motorcycle, with Hopkins, 32, the driver, and Farley as his passenger.

Several people at the scene, including those who posted video to social media, as well as members of Farley's family and other members of the public, have said they were upset that Springfield police failed to keep Egan in the back seat of a police car during the scene investigation and allowed him to roam the scene, stumble around and accept multiple glasses of water to drink.

Four Springfield police officers later were disciplined for their handling of the scene, but results of the internal investigation didn't

address whether Egan, a 23-year veteran of the force, received preferential treatment.

According to Lehr, Egan was heading to the boat club for a "a nightcap" after consuming multiple drinks at a Springfield bar to celebrate his retirement earlier in the day.

Officials had to get a court order to force Egan to get a blood test. The test, six hours later, indicated that Egan's blood-alcohol level at the time of the crash was between 0.018% and 0.0234% – or about double the legal limit for driving, according to Lehr.

"This defendant did everything wrong ... resulting in life-altering changes" for Farley, Lehr told the judge.

Both Farley and Farley's sister, Caitlyn Weiss, 34, of Springfield, said they were upset that Egan, until the sentencing hearing, never publicly expressed remorse for his actions and the emotional and physical turmoil he caused for Farley and her loved ones.

Farley, who has attended several court hearings for Egan, said he has never spoken to her. "Every time I've seen him, he's laughing, smiling, palling around," she said.

Farley said she has ongoing nerve damage and other lifelong challenges from the crash and wonders how Egan could have driven drunk after arresting many drunk drivers

during his career and witnessing the results of their decisions.

Fultz, one of Egan's attorneys, said Egan didn't express remorse until now because his lawyers instructed him not to and because such an expression could be used against him in court.

"Mike Egan served this city with honor" and was "crushed" when former police chief Kenneth Scarlette, in charge at the time, said publicly that Egan embarrassed the police department, Fultz said.

"He is devastated by this," Fultz said.

Egan spoke briefly before Schmidt's ruling, saying, "I made a terrible mistake. A day hasn't passed that I have not thought about the pain I caused you and both of your families."

Springfield police Lt. Brian Oakes, who testified about Egan's character, said Egan is a good friend. Egan expressed remorse every time they talked, Oakes said.

Egan has become withdrawn and is "on his own imposed 'house arrest'" since the crash, according to Oakes. "He is not the same person," Oakes said.

"Nobody is more sorry this has happened than him," Oakes said. "He doesn't blame anybody else. He blames himself."

Patrick Shea testified that Egan used to be a regular volunteer as part of the Little Flower Catholic Church men's club but no longer shows up.

Farley and her sister said after sentencing that they doubt Egan's sincerity.

Schmidt said the suffering Egan caused Farley was "profound" and "entirely preventable." The judge said she was affected by Farley and Weiss' testimony. Schmidt said she considered Egan's lack of a prior criminal record, his honorable service as a police officer and his bad decisions at the end of his career.

"He should have known better," Schmidt said, but she added, "He has shown remorse" and was likely to comply with terms of his probation.

Farley said the sentence Schmidt imposed was puzzling after the judge appeared sympathetic when Farley and Weiss testified. Farley said the system has to change.

"Twenty years is not enough for Sean Grayson, and three months is not enough for Mike Egan," Farley said. "This is screwed, and I think our government needs to do better." □

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Continuing her legacy

Sonya Massey's family vows to fight for reforms following her killer's sentencing

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Members of Sonya Massey's family, who declared victory with the recent sentencing of her killer to a 20-year prison term, say they hope her tragic death leads to policy changes in Sangamon County and nationwide.

The sentence, which likely will be appealed to a higher court by lawyers representing former Sangamon County sheriff's deputy Sean Grayson, capped a nationally publicized case that led to discussions and action locally about bridging racial divides.

"My motivation is to continue her legacy," Sontae Massey, a cousin of Sonya's, said after Grayson, 31, received the sentence – the maximum allowable for second-degree murder – on Jan. 29 from Sangamon Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin.

Sontae, 54, a Springfield resident, assisted the citizen-led Massey Commission in making local and state recommendations for policy reforms in the wake of Sonya Massey's shooting death in July 2024 in her home in unincorporated Woodside Township.

Sontae Massey said he will work to extend the life of the volunteer commission, pass a national version of the Illinois law named in his cousin's honor to promote more thorough background checks in the police hiring process, and pass a 0.5% Sangamon County sales-tax increase in a March 17 binding referendum.

The increase would enhance mental health services in the county through a new mental health board.

Sonya Massey's struggle with mental illness has been cited as a factor that led to the 36-year-old's fateful call to 911 that led to Grayson and another deputy being dispatched to her home when she suspected a prowler in the neighborhood.

Grayson's interactions with Massey in the seconds before the fatal shooting were dissected in a jury trial that ended with Grayson's second-degree murder conviction in October.

A cheer went up in the courtroom Jan. 29 when the sentencing was announced, and Donna Massey, Sonya's mother, said, "Thank you God, thank you God," as the hearing concluded.

Members of Massey's family were calling for the maximum sentence possible. They had been disappointed with the jury's second-degree murder verdict but said they considered the 20-year sentence a victory, even though with good behavior and time served, Grayson could be released in 8½ years.

Cliff Jones, an investigator for the Ben Crump civil rights law firm, which represents the Massey family, said the sentence "represents



Donna Massey, mother of Sonya Massey, speaks to the media following Shawn Grayson's sentencing hearing Jan. 29. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

another meaningful step towards justice for this family. ... This outcome confirms a critical principle, that no one is above the law, and unlawful use of force will carry meaningful consequences."

The Crump law firm previously negotiated a \$10 million settlement for the Massey family from Sangamon County government to avoid a wrongful death lawsuit against the county.

Summer Massey, 16, one of Sonya Massey's two children, told the news media after the sentencing hearing that she was grateful for the sentence and grateful to prosecutors and others who sought justice for her late mother.

"Twenty years is not enough, but they did what they could do," she said.

Sonya Massey's father, James Wilburn, said he wants to see the Illinois General Assembly lengthen the maximum sentence for second-degree murder.

"But right now," he said, "I'm just overwhelmed with joy. We prayed that this would happen."

Grayson's family members declined comment after the sentencing.

A Peoria County jury on Oct. 29 found Grayson, of Riverton, originally charged with first-degree murder, guilty of the lesser offense of second-degree murder.

Grayson, who is white, killed Massey, a Black unarmed single mother of two teenagers, in a rapidly progressing confrontation over Grayson's fear that Massey would harm him with a pot of hot water from the stove of her kitchen.

The second-degree conviction was controversial, but Grayson is one of only a few police officers convicted of murder across the country in connection with an on-duty shooting.

Grayson would have been ensured a prison sentence of 45 years to life if convicted of first-degree murder because of enhancements related to the use of a gun and state law requiring that defendants serve 100% of a sentence for certain crimes.

The jury decided that Grayson's actions met the legal standard for first-degree murder but that his belief he was acting in self-defense – even though that belief was unreasonable – was a mitigating factor justifying a finding of second-degree murder.

Grayson's lawyers recommended the judge give Grayson a six-year sentence.

One of the arguments for leniency made by Grayson attorney Mark Wykoff before sentencing was that a long incarceration would cause further deterioration of Grayson's health.

Wykoff said Grayson was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer in 2023, and since then, the cancer has spread to his liver and lungs. Wykoff said Grayson also has been diagnosed with rectal cancer.

Grayson told Cadagin before sentencing was announced that he was sorry for his actions and for the trauma he caused the Massey family.

Harkening back to the early morning hours of July 6, 2024, inside Massey's home, Grayson told the judge, "I was very unprofessional that night."

Grayson said Massey didn't deserve to be addressed in the way he spoke to her.

"I made a lot of mistakes that night," he said. "I made terrible decisions. I'm very sorry."

During his trial, however, Grayson defended his actions on the stand. □

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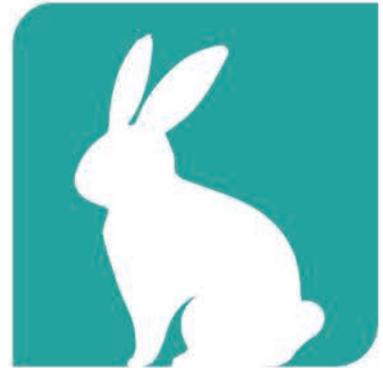
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NEWS

Both data center plans move forward

Projects in Sangamon and Logan counties slated for public hearings, votes

UTILITIES | Dean Olsen



Representatives of CyrusOne and the Sangamon County board give a presentation at a Dec. 3 public hearing at the BOS Center. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Plans for a \$500 million data center to be built by Dallas-based CyrusOne in rural southwest Sangamon County could receive final zoning votes from county officials later this month and in March.

A public hearing on CyrusOne's plan to build a 636-megawatt data center complex covering 1.4 million square feet on 230 acres of farm ground in the 13000 block of Thayer Road in Talkington Township, 14 miles southwest of Springfield, is scheduled Feb. 19 in front of the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ZBA will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Sangamon County Board chambers, Room 222 of the Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, to hear testimony on the plans and consider making a non-binding recommendation to the County Board.

The Sangamon County Board's zoning and land use committee will meet, hear public comments and discuss CyrusOne's proposal for a conditional use permit at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 19 in Room 223 of the County Complex. The committee won't take any votes on the plan, county spokesperson Jeff Wilhite said.

The soonest that the full Sangamon County Board would take a final vote on CyrusOne's proposal would be March 23, when the board will meet at 6 p.m. at the BOS Center, Wilhite said.

County Board Chairperson Andy Van Meter recently informed board members that

the site of the March meeting was moved from the county board chambers to the BOS Center to accommodate a potential large crowd.

Logan County proposal

Meanwhile, a somewhat similar data center proposal by a different company, Miami-based Hut 8 Corp., to build a large-scale data center in rural southeast Logan County two miles west of Latham could receive final votes from Logan County officials in April.

Hut 8 made its first presentation to the public during a meeting of the Logan County Board's zoning and economic development committee on Jan. 5. Company officials hosted a public forum Feb. 4 on its plans at the Lincoln Banquet Center.

Hut 8 has temporarily withdrawn its original proposal, which would change the zoning for the site near Latham from agricultural to industrial, according to Logan County Zoning Officer Allan Green.

Logan County is considering following Sangamon County's example and changing its county zoning law to allow for a data center in an agricultural zone through a conditional use permit so zoning wouldn't need to change from agricultural to industrial, Green said.

The Logan County Board's zoning committee could discuss this proposed change as soon as March 2, with the full board discussing the change at its workshop meeting March 19 and a final board vote taking place

March 24.

The Logan County Regional Planning Commission would make a nonbinding recommendation on the change in county zoning law at its March 4 meeting, with the county's Zoning Board of Appeals making a nonbinding recommendation at its March 5 meeting.

If that change takes place, and if Hut 8 refiles its proposal, Green said votes on a conditional permitted use for Hut 8 could take place in April.

Under that schedule, the Logan County Board's zoning committee could discuss the plan at its April 6 meeting, and the Planning Commission and ZBA could make nonbinding recommendations at their meetings April 8 and 9, respectively.

The Logan County Board then would discuss the potential conditional permitted use for Hut 8 at its April 16 workshop meeting and take a final vote at its April 21 meeting.

Hut 8's proposed data center would require 500 megawatts of electricity, but the company has estimated it would cost \$5 billion to build – 10 times as much as what CyrusOne says it would cost to establish the Sangamon County data center. □

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OPINION

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VOTE YES

In March, Sangamon County voters will decide whether to create a county mental health board funded by a small, dedicated sales tax ("Creation of mental health board will be up to voters," Jan. 29). As a pediatrician and president of the Sangamon County Medical Society, I strongly support voting yes.

Mental health needs in our community are real, growing and more visible than ever. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen sharp increases in anxiety, depression, substance use and mental health crises, especially among children and adolescents. These challenges affect those in our community, including families, schools, workplaces, emergency rooms and law enforcement every day.

Sangamon County has many dedicated nonprofit organizations working to address these needs. However, too many programs are limited by unstable funding, reduced hours, staffing shortages or long waitlists. The demand for services now far exceeds what our current system can provide.

The proposed mental health board, also called a 708 Board, would create a stable, local funding source to strengthen and expand mental health and substance use services. Many counties in Illinois already have one. These boards do not replace existing programs; they help them grow so services can be deeper, broader and more reliable.

I know that no one is eager to pay higher taxes, and Illinois residents already carry a significant tax burden. However, this proposal is modest and limited. The 0.5% sales tax equals five cents on a \$10 purchase and does not apply to groceries or medications. If approved, it would generate more than \$14 million each year, and those dollars would stay right here at home in Sangamon County to support our neighbors with mental health and substance use services. Importantly, the County Board would appoint the mental health board members and hold them accountable for how funds are used.

On March 17, Sangamon County voters can take a practical step to improve access to mental health care. A yes vote will support local providers, reduce gaps in care and help our community respond to growing mental health needs. The board of directors of the Sangamon County Medical Society has already endorsed this referendum. I encourage residents to vote yes as well.

Shreepada Tripathy, MD
president, Sangamon County Medical Society



Left to right: Citizens Club board member Cynthia Lamar with Josh Sabo, Dr. Kari Wolf and Mike Murphy, who all served on the county's mental health commission. They spoke at the Jan. 23 Citizens Club to express support for an upcoming referendum that would use a 0.5% sales tax increase to fund mental health services. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

NO NEW TAXES

We already pay too much in taxes. If you want 0.5%, then find 0.5% to cut somewhere.

Roger Conrad

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GET THE FACTS

It was interesting to hear Mike Murphy at the Citizens Club meeting say he went in thinking no way they could convince him to do a tax increase to pay for this, but after talking to so many folks he now thinks that doing this is the right way to go. If you don't think this should pass, I would listen to the facts and where things are in the community and in other communities before you make your mind up.

Cathy Schwartz

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FREE, WITH TIME LIMITS

I just read Jim Krohe's article about the state of parking in downtown Springfield ("Dumb. Outmoded. Unusable," Jan. 22). He is correct that in regards to parking, to coin a phrase, "You know if you know," and if you don't, it will cost you. His idea of "shouting from the rooftops that street parking is free all the time" is, in fact, incorrect. Parking is free for a limited amount of time (depending on the location), at which time you are required to either move your vehicle to another block or risk being subjected to the issuance of a \$10 parking ticket by the city's roving foot patrol.

I speak as a veteran of these parking wars after 27 years working for the state and being on the receiving end of more than my share of these \$10 awards, along with a few \$50 special awards for being parked in a block that was deemed a no parking zone by police order after I was already parked there. I disputed those and won them both.

Mark E. Anderson

Springfield

NOT COMMON KNOWLEDGE

I'm in the process of moving back to the area and recently met family downtown. I went to feed a meter and noticed it was shut off. There was no signage letting me know it was free. I had no idea until I read this article ("Dumb. Outmoded. Unusable," Jan. 22). The family I was meeting lives downtown and they told me it's free after 5 p.m. They've lived downtown for years and apparently have no idea, either.

John Theodor

Chatham

WELCOME BACK

So glad to see Jim Krohe is back. I always enjoyed his articles, and this one is spot on – can't wait to read more. It has been a long time since I last saw Jim at Springfield High School.

Carolee McGaw

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Probably True (Uncle George Trever)

Great uncle George Trever was pastor of the Beloit Methodist Church maybe 1890. He was an explosive speaker, and the family story goes that he shot out his false teeth, which landed in the lap of a congregant, Uncle George calmly lisped to the woman, "would you be so kind as to pass the plate?"

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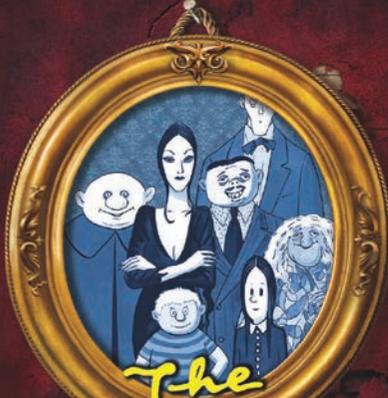
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Seeing an old problem with new eyes

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

The Scots poet Robert Burns famously said (I'm using the version in English) "Oh, would some power gift us / To see ourselves as others see us!" For me, that power turned out to be YouTube. I am a latecomer to the video blog posts of transportation planning and engineering consultant Ray Delahanty, known professionally as CityNerd. Delahanty's channel explores cities that work or don't work in terms of livability, walkability and affordability. Crank and snark figure conspicuously in his judgments, so fellow city nerds like me find them as irresistible as salted peanuts.

Hungry for more, I looked at his previous posts and spotted one from two years ago titled, "Let's Shame the Awful Land Use of America's Ten Worst State Capitals." To borrow from a commenter, "I saw the title and was like, 'Oh boy! A video about Springfield, Illinois!'"

No one who knows this city will have been surprised that Springfield ended up No. 2 on Delahanty's list. (Only one capital city was judged to be worse, and that was Phoenix, Arizona.) He blamed the "low-rise low-density" state campus that "absolutely devastates the downtown of what may otherwise be a perfectly fine small Midwest city." Accurate enough but he could have been more specific. The reason the state campus is low-density is that it was built for cars, and you can't get any more low-rise than a parking lot.

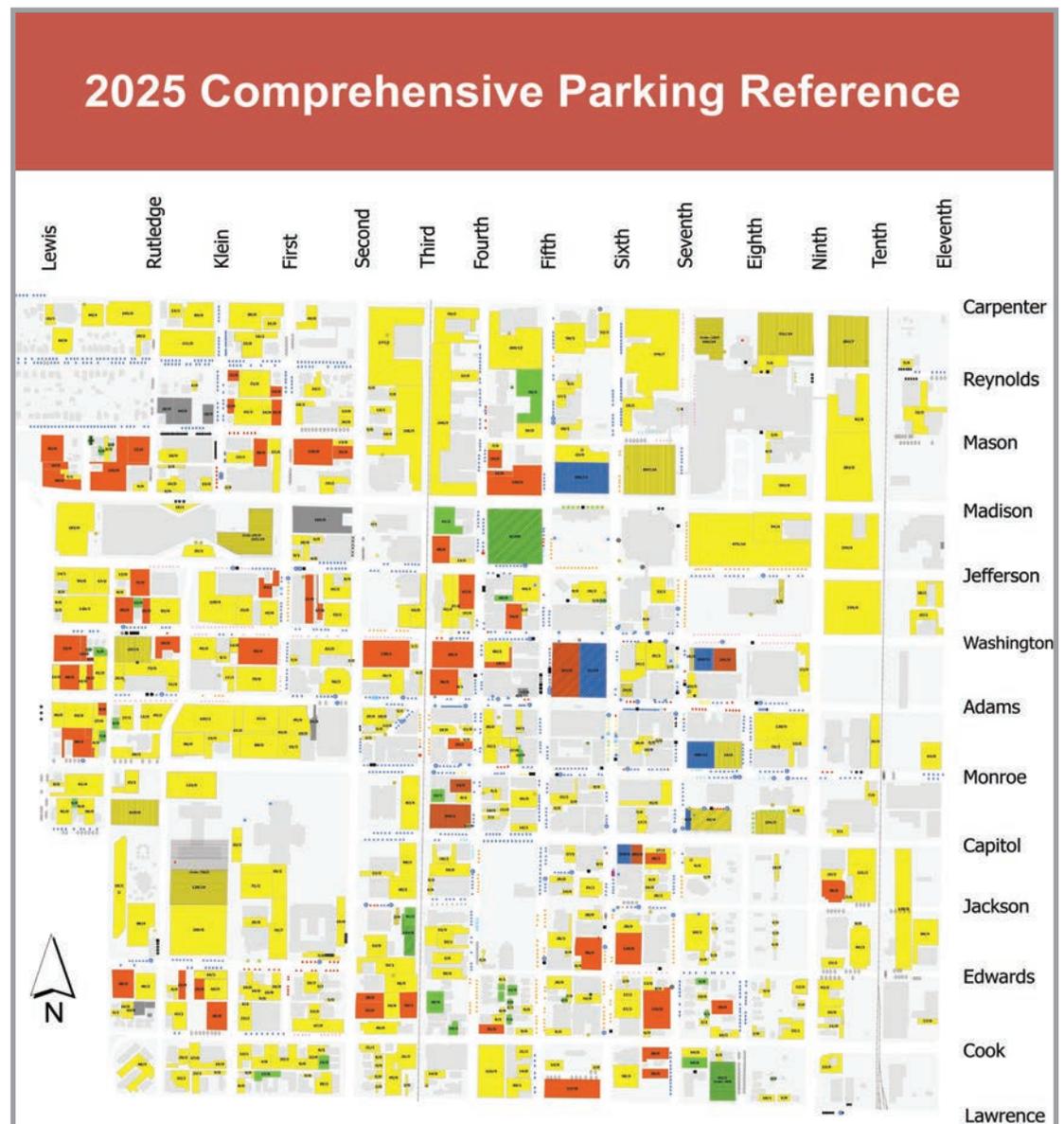
You can't really take in the scale of this wasteland by looking at it on a map or from the sidewalk or a passing car. Delahanty offered viewers an aerial video tour of greater downtown Springfield from the southern boundary of the Capitol complex at Edwards north to the SIU Med/St. John's/Memorial medical district. (It starts at 12:31.) While these images must make a paving contractor swoon, the rest of us find them (in Delahanty's words) "pretty horrifying." And it could have been even worse; Delahanty's tour spared viewers the flattened city south and east of downtown. If you must look, you can take your own tour via Google Earth. It reminded me of news footage from a hundred floods with only a building here and there poking bravely above the gray, still water.

It must be pointed out that Delahanty is a better polemicist than journalist. The unbuilding of Springfield was not wrought by

the State of Illinois alone. The town's merchants and insurance companies have tar-stained hands too, as does county government and those hospitals and clinics who plainly believe that the mission to heal the sick does not extend to their neighborhoods. The result is that about a third of the land in the city center sits empty for three hours out of every four during the week and much of it has only one parking space in four or five occupied when it is being used. The expansion of its display lot now underway by Isringhausen Imports is not a sign that downtown is thriving but the opposite; it used to be that new car dealers were pushed out of downtown because the land there was too valuable to park cars on.

I know – old news. This paper has been berating the paving over of the graves of houses, apartments building, warehouses and shops of all kinds since Lincoln was still warm in his casket. (I published my first rant on the topic here in 1976.) But we were judging Springfield by good-city standards and that is to commit a category error. The paving of Springfield is not merely something badly done. It is a bad thing done so badly as to approach greatness. I mean, the Grand Canyon is a ruined landscape made magnificent by its scale. The same can be said about Springfield's cityscape. Oddly, Springfield boosters are not trumpeting the news that the old hometown was named No. 2 on a list of notable U.S. cities. If the horseshoe sandwich is reason to visit Springfield, how many more might come to see (with apologies to Cincinnati) America's Parkopolis?

While the tourism hucksters try to figure



This 2025 map of parking lots in the Springfield central area was compiled by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Color key is yellow-formal parking lots, blue-public lots, red-informal parking, green-residential and gray-inactive. The map is available on the Sangamon County website under Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

out how to exploit Springfield's notoriety, the rest of us can explore the how and why. The same social and economic dynamic is at work in other state capitals, yet only a handful of host cities have done as badly in adapting to the automobile as Springfield. Finding the answers to why this has happened in, and to, Springfield is a first step to fixing it.

We might talk about policies (such as tax laws) with unintended consequences, geographic happenstance, about political, indeed philosophical notions about private property and the public good, about

sovereignty or the decline of old Springfield's propertied clans. We might also talk about how the things that are being done better – and some are – can become common practice. These are big ideas and this is a small column, however, so the talk will have to wait. For the moment, our lots will be our lot for a while. □

In his long career, Mr. Krohe authored some three dozen articles on urban issues in Illinois Times and was a regular contributor to Planning, the American Planning Association's monthly, from 1978 until 2014.

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Senate candidates debate

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The top three Democratic U.S. Senate candidates faced off twice last week.

The first debate wasn't televised, so the live audience was quite small. The second debate was televised, so the audience was bigger.

However, these debates don't attract even a smidgeon of the audience of presidential debates, when half the country often tunes in.

The object here is to generate video clips for TV ads and social media promotion, and to manage conventional news coverage, which can then be used in ads. Like it or not, that's where most people will be exposed to the debates.

Effectively conveying those messages requires money and creativity. U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi has so far raised and spent the most money. And while he has a substantial lead in the polls, it's unclear yet if his wide support is paper-thin, meaning he could be taken out with some strong attacks.

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton really took it to her two opponents during Monday's debate, which was sponsored by the Chicago Sun-Times, WBEZ Public Radio and the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics.

Krishnamoorthi especially seemed caught off-guard at Stratton's aggressiveness, including on his refusal to completely abolish ICE.

Stratton repeatedly dissed the other two candidates for taking corporate PAC money, forcing them to explain their positions.

Voters don't generally do nuance, so when you're explaining in campaigns, you're not winning.

Both pointed in response to Stratton's backing by a "dark money" superPAC. She didn't explain, but that committee will actually be reporting its contributors.

Stratton has lately taken Krishnamoorthi to task on a host of issues, including his rather meaningless vote for an antisemitism resolution that, in passing, congratulated immigration enforcement. But she forced him to explain it.

After Krishnamoorthi and U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly struggled long and hard with a question on where they agreed with President Donald Trump on anything, Stratton said, "I'm not going to the United States Senate to find something to agree with Donald Trump on."

When asked if they backed him, both Krishnamoorthi and Kelly said they hadn't made up their minds about reelecting Chuck Schumer as the Democrats' Senate leader. Stratton said: "No."

Polls have shown for months that Democratic voters hold their party's congressional wing in low esteem. This ain't rocket science.

But by Thursday's ABC7 debate, the putative frontrunner seemed to have regained some of his bearings.

Krishnamoorthi tried to turn the tables on the ICE question, accurately saying that his position of wanting to "abolish Trump's ICE" is identical to Gov. JB Pritzker's. The governor is popular enough with his party members to help blunt the ICE attack at a time when polls show strong Democratic support for abolishing the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

"I'd be curious if my colleagues agree with this position," Krishnamoorthi said, gesturing at Stratton, who did not explain herself.

But Krishnamoorthi then upped the ante: "Rick Pearson asked Lt. Governor Stratton if she were to abolish ICE, where should the duties be transferred? She said, 'CBP.' I think that would be a grave mistake. CBP is who employs Greg Bovino. CBP is who actually shot and killed Alex Pretti."

I would assume that if Stratton's numbers start to move up or she directly attacks Krishnamoorthi on ICE, her unwise U.S. Customs and Border Protection comment will come back to haunt her.

Meanwhile, when asked about the Senate confirmation process, Stratton said she will not vote for any nominations made by Trump. Kelly made the same pledge.

Krishnamoorthi, instead, focused only on the appointment of federal judges in Illinois and gave

a very DC-centric answer involving independent review panels and "blue slips."

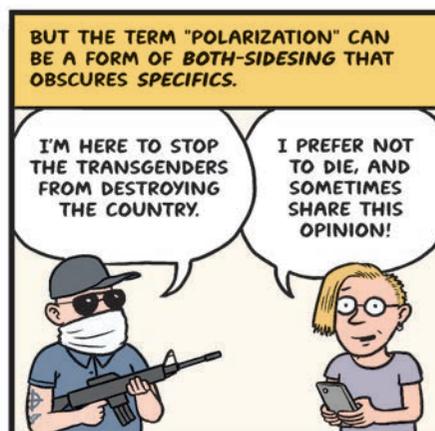
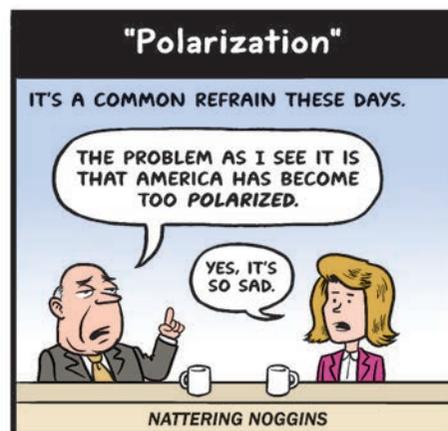
As we saw with ICE, he can learn, but Raja just exudes "congressman." Kelly has the same affliction, although it's less pronounced. It's almost like a nearly incurable disease, and Democratic voters at least say they're looking for something more authentic these days.

Authenticity, however, can be stretched. When asked by ABC7's Craig Wall, "What specific actions would you take in the Senate to help working families struggling with affordability?" Stratton said she and her spouse "have to sit down and we have to budget every single week."

"We have to think through, what are we bringing in? What's going to go out?" Stratton said.

My associate Isabel Miller decided to check the numbers and Stratton and her spouse make a combined \$283,000 a year. The Stratton campaign was not amused by this observation. "What's the salary cap for being allowed to budget for weekly expenses?" OK, good point. And it is possible that she may not have a job in a year. But still. □

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Pesticide drift is catching schools off guard. Lawmakers want to require notice before spraying.

ENVIRONMENT | Jennifer Bamberg, Investigate Midwest



Natalie Brown, a teacher at Bluestem Hall Nature School in Urbana, is pictured with children near prairie plantings during an outdoor class on Oct. 30, 2025. PHOTO BY DARRELL HOEMANN, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST

More than 700 Illinois schools are within a quarter-mile of crop fields, yet state law doesn't require pesticide applicators to notify them before spraying. Advocates say a new notification proposal would give educators and park staff time to move children indoors and reduce exposure. This story was originally published by Investigate Midwest.

When the wind shifts and Abbie Frank smells chemicals in the air, she begins her two-minute drill: grab the children and their backpacks and head to the schoolhouse as quickly as possible.

Frank, the founder and executive director of Bluestem Hall Nature School in Urbana, said pesticides are sprayed several times a year on the six farms surrounding her school. Often, the agrichemicals drift through the air, forcing her students inside and disrupting lessons, which can be particularly stressful for younger children.

“There’s been times where we’re caught in a cloud of chemicals overwhelming us, and we’re literally grabbing backpacks and

running with the children,” Frank said, adding that there is no requirement that pesticide applicators give her school advance warning.

“We’re outside all the time. It’s not the rain, it’s not the snow that drives us in. It’s the chemicals.”

The private school sits on 120 acres of prairie in central Illinois and was designed to connect its students to nature. But while identifying plants and insects has always been a core part of the curriculum, students are now being taught to identify the smell of chemicals and the machines that spray pesticides on the farms surrounding the school.

The Bluestem Hall Nature School isn’t unique. Across Illinois, 740 elementary schools are within a quarter mile of a crop field and 40 are within 20 feet, according to an analysis from the Environmental Working Group, a research and environmental advocacy nonprofit.

In Sangamon County, there are four elementary schools within a quarter mile of a crop field: Hazel Dell, Laketown, Lindsay and

Rochester.

Pesticide applicators are not required to notify schools before spraying, but some state lawmakers want to change that.

House Bill 1596 would require certified pesticide applicators to provide written notice, 24 to 72 hours before spraying, to private and public schools, daycares, and public parks and playgrounds within a half mile of the application site. The notification requirement would apply only to large-scale operations over five acres that use boom sprayers, tractor-mounted sprayers and airplanes to apply weed killers — not residential applications.

Violators would face a \$250 fine, which increases to \$500 for a second violation and \$1,000 for additional infractions.

Bill sponsor Rep. Laura Faver Dias, a Grayslake Democrat, said the bill could change during the next legislative session, which began in January.

“There are children whose respiratory systems are vulnerable and impacted by this. [The goal is] to make sure that schools and parks have the knowledge that they need to

plan and to be prepared,” Faver Dias said.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children stay inside when spraying happens because exposure to pesticides has been associated with an increased risk of childhood leukemia, neurocognitive conditions and higher infant mortality rates.

Faver Dias is a former high school history teacher and the mother of a child with asthma. She said her main concern is young people in rural Illinois at heightened risk of developing asthma and other lung problems from chronic exposure to pesticides.

Pesticides are used to protect crops from disease, insects and other pests. In Illinois, which grows more soybeans than any other state, 96% of the crop is genetically engineered to be sprayed with agrichemicals.

Produced by companies like Corteva, BASF, Syngenta and Bayer, pesticides are sprayed on toxin-resistant crops across Illinois, making exposure a statewide issue. But the risk to children is especially high in Champaign County, an agricultural hub home to more than 208,000 people.

Sixty-one percent of schools in Champaign County are within half a mile of a crop field.

Pesticide use on soybeans has more than doubled since the year 2000, and has increased 30% on corn, Illinois’ dominant crop. Advocates for stronger regulations worry that the increase in pesticide use is leading to more drift and potentially putting more children’s health at risk.

“This is chemical trespass,” said Kim Erndt-Pitcher, director of ecological health at Prairie Rivers Network. “This is your chemicals trespassing into public and private spaces where people and children play, and that is not OK. These exposures can be prevented.”

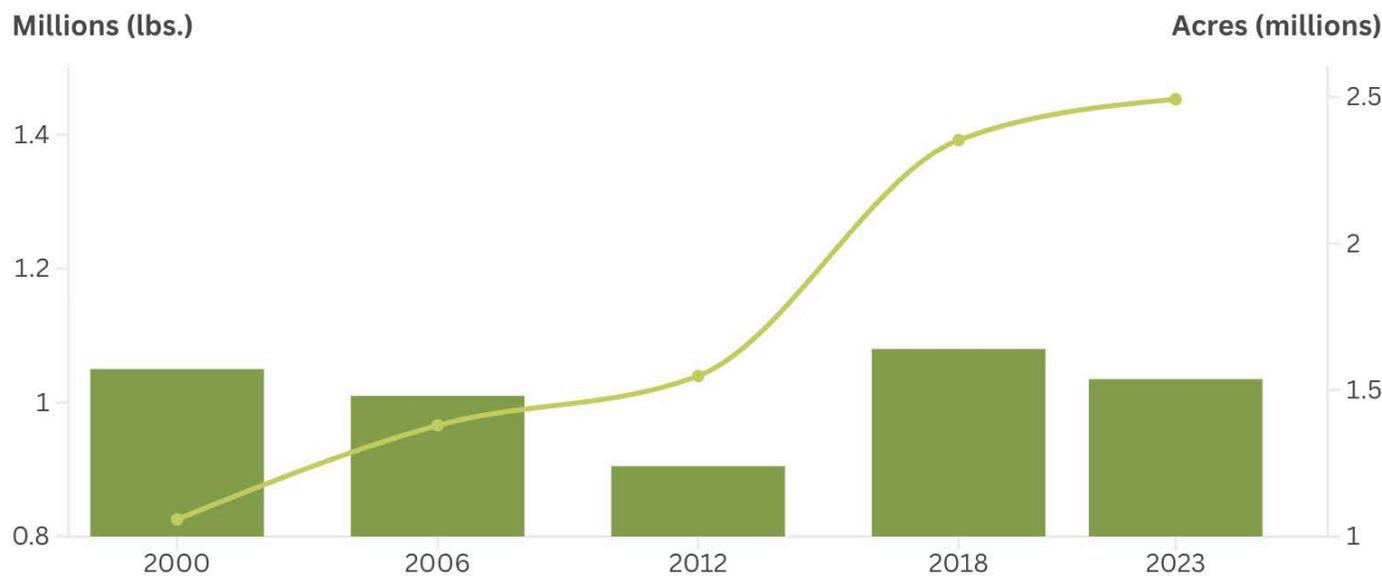
But agricultural and chemical groups believe the proposed notification requirement would burden applicators who must respond quickly to changing weather conditions.

“My main concern for the way that bill was drafted is a 72-hour notice to the person that’s going to apply on that field close to the school,” said Rep. Jason Bunting, a Watska Republican who is also a farmer and the former director of the Illinois Corn Grower

Statewide herbicide growth vs. soybean area planted

Use of all pesticides on soybeans has more than doubled in Illinois since 2000 even as soybean acreage has stayed flat.

■ Pesticides application (Millions lbs.) ■ Acres



Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Quick Stats Database • Custom query for "Soybean Acres Harvested in Illinois, 1996-2024" and "Amount of herbicides used on Corn and Soy in Illinois, 1996-2024."

chart by Jennifer Bamberg and Lauren Cross, Investigate Midwest

(from 2018) on pesticide use in the country, called the Pesticide National Synthesis Project. The information is taken from the U.S. Geological Survey, a primary federal source of science-based information on ecosystems, land use and more. About 501,558 kilograms of agricultural pesticides were estimated to be used in Sangamon County in 2018, an area that covers approximately 868 square miles. The most-used chemicals were glyphosate, metolachlor, atrazine, acetochlor and dicamba. Sangamon County ranks 247 out of 3,057 U.S. counties with data for the amount of pesticides per square mile and 34th highest out of Illinois' 102 counties.

At a 2022 meeting of the Interagency Committee on Pesticides, when misuse complaints totaled 380, the official meeting minutes remarked on the overworked agency: "Our staffing was set up to handle 100-115 misuse cases per season in total. The stress on our resources is real." The department also noted a backlog in hearings going back three years.

The resource shortage goes beyond personnel. At a 2023 meeting, the meeting minutes said that "tissue sampling is very expensive and IDOA does not have the staffing or funding to obtain tissue sampling."

A YMCA camp evacuation shows how quickly drift reaches kids

On Aug. 7, 2023, counselors at a YMCA summer camp in Sterling quickly ushered 57 children inside after encountering the drift of a fungicide being sprayed on a nearby soybean farm. Fearing that some of the children had inhaled pesticides, the counselors called poison control.

When the fire department and EMS arrived, the children, aged 3 to 7, were lined against a wall and assessed one by one. The fire chief held parents at the front of the building "for a monitored and controlled release."

One child said her eyes hurt and another developed a rash. However, none of the children or adults reported being directly sprayed, and no one complained of symptoms in the days that followed.

But "smell can be deemed exposure," Sterling Fire Chief Mike Dettman told the Department of Agriculture investigator, according to the misuse complaint investigation obtained by Investigate Midwest.

This Illinois Department of Agriculture map shows the field where Ted Koster was spraying pesticides on his field in close proximity to the YMCA building in Sterling on Aug. 7, 2023, according to IDOA pesticide misuse investigative documents. An arrow points from an area near the field towards the large pavilion, showing where the children were when they saw the applicator. According

Association. "That's going to potentially tie our hands on our opportunity to do it."

Seventeen inspectors for 38,000 applicators

In 2015, Illinois soybean growers applied about 139,000 pounds of dicamba, an herbicide first introduced in 1967. However, when Monsanto (now Bayer) released a new dicamba-resistant soybean the following year, herbicide use increased by roughly 11 times to 1.6 million pounds.

Following that increase, misuse complaints tripled within the year. State regulators quickly became overwhelmed.

In 2020, complaints declined, which some credit to new regulations around dicamba spraying.

But advocates argue the drop reflects a lack of enforcement resources and political will, not fewer violations.

"There's really no incentive for applicators to follow the rules if you're relying on the Illinois Department of Agriculture for enforcement," said Brian Leber, a farmer in Grundy County. Leber has filed complaints

on four separate occasions with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), including once after he was personally sprayed.

After a 2022 incident that destroyed 10 acres of organic vegetables and multiple fruit and nut trees — his entire commercial crop — Leber filed a misuse complaint. Despite the photographic evidence and receipts of damages he provided, the applicator received only a warning letter from the IDOA.

Leber turned to civil court and secured an undisclosed financial settlement for the drift damage to his crops. He said the cases are "relatively straightforward."

"Even if getting (IDOA) enforcement is difficult, the law is on your side," Leber said. "There are laws in place that can be leveraged, that can hold these applicators accountable."

The Illinois Department of Agriculture oversees the state's 38,000 certified pesticide applicators and operators with just 17 inspectors. Those inspectors also administer certification exams, splitting their time between testing new applicators, recertifications and conducting field investigations.

In response to questions about understaffing, the Department of Agriculture provided a written statement to Investigate Midwest saying that "effective staffing and resource use are essential for state agencies, including evaluation of long-term need, changing of job duties, and rearranging geographical positions to better distribute workload."

In 2020, state lawmakers and the IDOA instituted an emergency rule restricting dicamba applications on soybeans when temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher and set a June 20 cutoff date. Farmers responded by switching to another volatile herbicide: 2,4-D, one of the ingredients used in Agent Orange, a defoliant used by the U.S. military during the Vietnam War.

Faced with restrictions on dicamba, the use of 2,4-D on soybeans in Champaign County increased by approximately 350%, despite the acres planted in beans remaining nearly unchanged. Sangamon County saw a similar increase of 357% in just a three-year period.

For this project, Investigate Midwest analyzed the most current and complete data

to documents, YMCA staff members “moved all the kids to the field towards the parking lot away from the field as fast as they could. They stated within 10 minutes they had all the kids back inside the YMCA building.”

The Illinois Department of Agriculture issued a \$500 fine to Koster, the pesticide applicator who also manages the adjacent 33-acre soybean farm.

Koster did not respond to phone and text messages from Investigate Midwest seeking comment. But he told a Department of Agriculture inspector he didn’t see the kids when he started spraying and “by the time he saw all the kids he felt it was too late, so he continued spraying to the end of the field,” according to investigation documents. He was spraying Trivapro fungicide, manufactured by Syngenta. Koster did not need a license to spray the chemical because it’s considered a “General Use Pesticide.”

Trivapro “causes substantial but temporary eye injury,” according to Syngenta, the manufacturer.

The department’s investigation concluded that Koster applied the pesticide in a manner inconsistent with and in violation of the label directions. “Fewer than three humans were exposed to the pesticide,” according to the report. Koster’s \$500 fine was the maximum amount for that transgression.

Staff at the Sterling YMCA declined to talk to Investigate Midwest.

If HB 1596 is approved during the 2026 legislative session, it would require applicators to notify childcare centers, like the Sterling YMCA, in advance of spraying.

Parks support notice as research shows drift traveling miles

Investigate Midwest reached out to seven public school districts in Champaign County to ask about their positions on HB 1596 and their protocols for pesticide exposure. All declined to comment or did not respond to multiple requests.

However, local park officials have publicly supported the bill.

“If we were given notice, it would give us a chance to put out temporary signage near playgrounds,” executive director of the Urbana Park District Rachel Lenz told Investigate Midwest. “Or if there was a youth program within that radius, move it indoors or to a different park.”

For the past eight years, the nonprofit Prairie Rivers Network has studied trees across Illinois, specifically testing those with curled and wilted leaves, a sign of repeated pesticide exposure. The group has found damage in state forests and urban parks miles away from the nearest corn or soybean field. If pesticides can coat trees in parks, the Urbana Park District is concerned that it can also reach playground equipment.

Nearly all pesticide manufacturers include labels warning their products should not be used in winds exceeding 10 miles per hour. Disobeying that direction is in violation of federal law. But pesticides can drift even in windless conditions, a process Prairie Rivers Network argues is a matter of chemistry, not applicator error.

Days after application, especially after warm, sunny weather, pesticides can vaporize



Natalie Brown, a teacher at Bluestem Hall Nature School in Urbana, is pictured with children near prairie plantings during an outdoor class on Oct. 30. PHOTO BY DARRELL HOEMANN, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST

into the air and travel miles, landing on and injuring or killing old-growth trees or vegetable gardens. The chemicals can also migrate into surface water, potentially affecting drinking water sources.

Despite these risks, agrichemicals remain central to modern farming.

Pesticides have significantly increased crop yields over the past half-century, and proponents argue they have enabled farmers to produce more crops on less land, thereby contributing to resource conservation. It’s also led to higher profits for agribusinesses and agrichemical companies.

However, weed resistance has driven farmers to use more weed killers and increasingly volatile herbicides like dicamba and 2,4-D.

Environmental groups call it the “chemical treadmill,” and it can force farmers to use chemicals whether they want to or not.

Robert Hirschfield, water policy director at Prairie Rivers Network, and the parent of two students at Bluestem Hall Nature School, described how this plays out in practice: “If I’m a farmer, and I know my neighbor is planting dicamba-resistant soybeans, and I know that farmer is going to spray and I know that it’s going to drift onto my property, I might not want to plant those dicamba-resistant soybeans, but I might feel

compelled to, otherwise I’m going to take a loss.”

The harm from pesticide drift can also be found indoors.

Elisa Jazan, an environmental health researcher at Tufts University, investigated the rise in 2,4-D in Champaign County and found that children may be at significant risk of exposure through ingesting dust, which acts as a “chemical sink.”

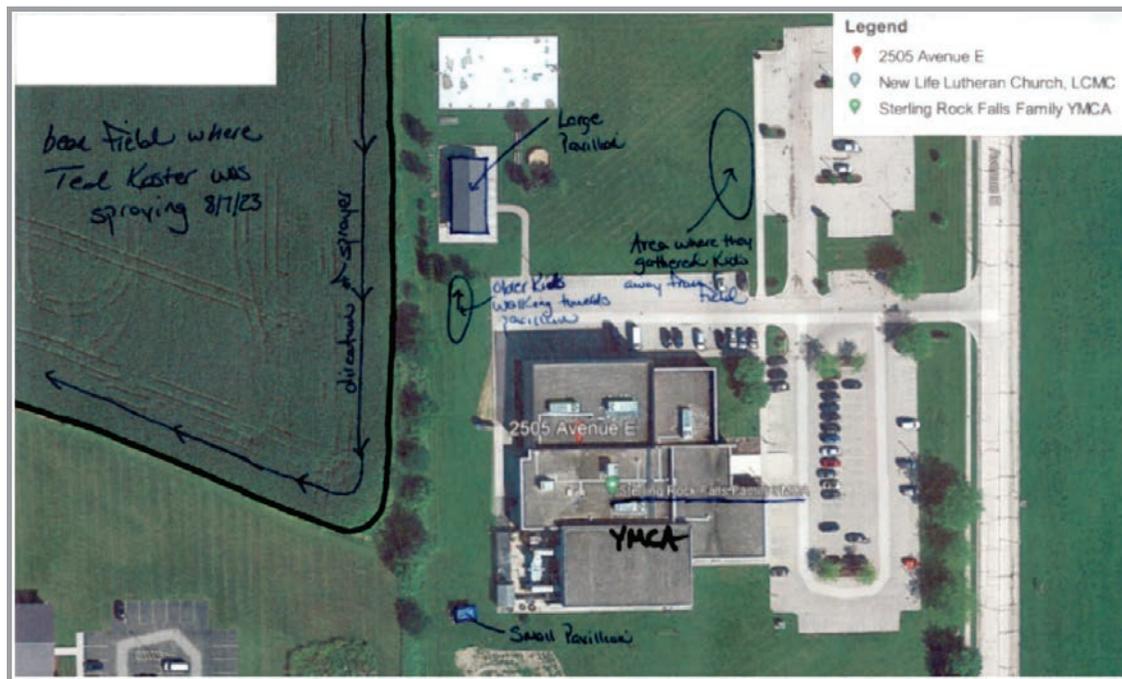
When chemical residues are indoors, they’re not exposed to air, sunlight and microbes that break them down. Infants and toddlers face the highest risk due to their hand-to-mouth behaviors, which increase the likelihood of ingesting contaminated dust, according to Jazan’s 2025 report. Because schools are regularly cleaned, however, dust might be less of a concern than playing outside, she said.

“If you’re playing football or soccer for three hours on a field that’s right next to a cornfield, how much dust are you kicking up [from previous spraying]?” Jazan asked.

However, Rep. Bradley Fritz, a Dixon Republican, worries HB 1596 could conflict with existing Environmental Protection Agency deadlines. Applicators cannot spray dicamba after June 12, and with a 72-hour notification requirement, that window narrows even further.

“I think all of us who have been involved in the agricultural space take this incredibly seriously,” said Fritz, who is also a corn and soybean farmer. “I think there’s a lot of things to think through here, because this has unbelievable consequences for our industry.” □

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Illinois Department of Agriculture map showing the field where pesticides were being sprayed on a field in close proximity to the Sterling YMCA PHOTO BY DARRELL HOEMANN, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST

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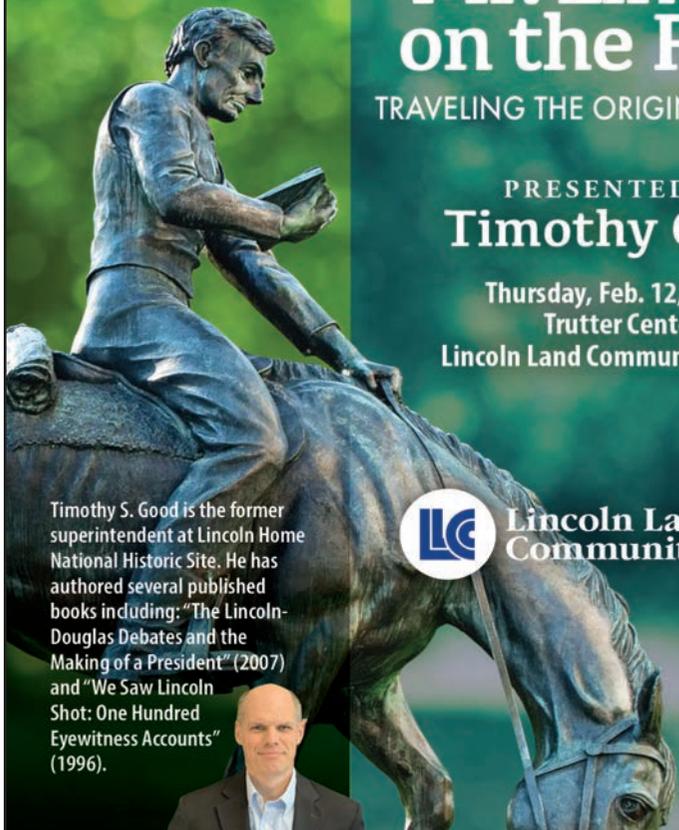
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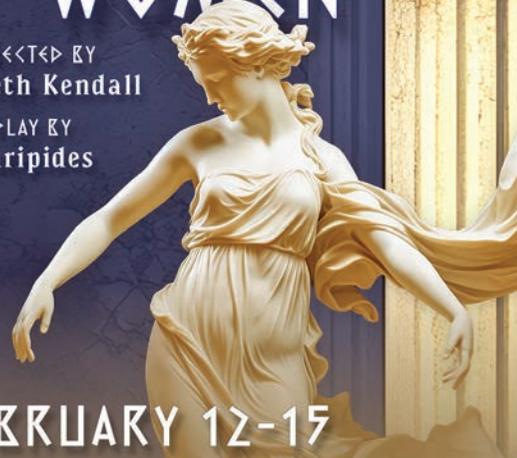
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Farmer's cheese pancakes

Called syrniki, this popular dish has a fried-cheesecake texture

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Preserving food was vital for survival before modern refrigeration, especially for milk, which was plentiful in the summer but scarce in winter. About 8,000 years ago, a method was devised to ensure milk could be stored for the cold season: it was curdled using either acid or rennet, and the resulting curds were then preserved with salt. This process relied on both salt and microbes to prevent spoilage.

Tvorog, also known as quark or farmer's cheese, is a type of preserved dairy product from the countries that once made up the Soviet Union. It is made by naturally fermenting and curdling cow's milk, then draining the whey in suspended bags. This process imparts a distinctly tangier flavor compared to similar-textured cottage cheese. This curd cheese is a staple in sweet and savory Eastern European dishes. The most common use for this versatile fresh cheese is as the main ingredient in the popular pancake-like dish, syrniki.

Syrniki ("SEER-nee-kee") are essentially pan-fried cheese fritters or pancakes. The origin of the name is the Old Slavic word for cheese, syr. A key difference between syrniki and American pancakes lies in their structure. Syrniki rely almost entirely on curd cheese, whereas American pancakes depend heavily on flour and leavening agents for their characteristic fluffiness.

Locally-made tvorog is available from Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery in Champaign and is sold as "Ukrainian Farmer's Cheese." It is made from cow's milk, despite the farm's focus on goats. Using cow's milk ensures a consistent, year-round supply for the creamery. Goat milk production is seasonal, mirroring the animals' synchronized lactation cycle: they are bred in the fall, "go dry" (stop producing milk) in the winter and restart production in the spring with the birth of their kids.

To maintain a steady supply, Prairie Fruits partners with Kilgus Farmstead in Fairbury for its high-quality cow's milk. The Kilgus Farmstead Jersey herd is seasonally pastured, yielding rich, golden milk. Even in winter, the cows maintain steady production with a reliable diet of the farm's non-GMO corn silage, alfalfa and grass hay, plus access to grazing and comfortable bedding. This partnership is crucial for keeping the creamery operational during the goat's "off-season."

Traditional syrniki have a dense, fried-cheesecake texture because they are made mainly with tvorog and very little flour, held together with egg. They are quite easy to make if you follow some basic principles:

1. The consistency of syrniki batter depends on the moisture level of the farmer's cheese, as only a small amount of flour is used. It is essential that the cheese is neither too dry nor excessively



Syrniki with huckleberry preserves. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

- runny, as this will prevent the pancakes from holding their shape. If the farmer's cheese seems too dry, incorporate a small amount of heavy cream. If the farmer's cheese is loose or runny, it needs to be drained. Line a strainer or colander with cheesecloth or a coffee filter, spread the cheese inside, and place it over a bowl. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight to remove excess whey. To speed up the process, you can gently press the cheese or place a weight on top.

2. Using cold farmer's cheese straight from the fridge will help maintain the proper shape. A slightly sticky batter is generally best for moist pancakes. Even with this sticky texture, you can easily shape the syrniki by lightly flouring your hands and handling the batter gently.

3. To achieve ideally shaped syrniki, use only the

- egg yolk in the dough. Incorporating the egg white will result in a mixture that is too runny.

4. To preserve the characteristic cheesy texture, use flour judiciously. Avoid overmixing the batter, as this can develop gluten and result in a tougher final product. A gluten-free flour, such as Bob's Red Mill Gluten Free All Purpose Flour, can be substituted.

5. To ensure a perfectly cooked interior without burning, employ a gentle frying technique. Cook the syrniki in a pan over low to medium heat, covered, for about 7 minutes on each side. This method allows the syrniki to "bake" while frying, resulting in a golden-brown crust and a thoroughly cooked center.

Syrniki recipe

While traditionally accompanied by sour cream or

jam, Syrniki can also be prepared as a savory dish. To make them savory, simply omit the sugar and incorporate fresh herbs like dill or chives into the mixture.

Makes about 6 pancakes

Ingredients:

- 1 pound full-fat farmers' cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks, room temperature
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour plus extra for coating the pancakes (See note below)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
- Cooking oil or clarified butter for frying

Preparation:

In a medium bowl, thoroughly mix the cheese, sugar, well-beaten eggs, lemon zest and vanilla.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt.

Gradually work the dry ingredients into the cheese mixture in the bowl until very smooth and well combined. If the mixture seems too dry, add a little heavy cream.

Chill the dough in the refrigerator for 45 to 60 minutes. Once chilled, use an ice cream scoop to portion the dough into balls, then place them on a lightly floured surface. Shape these into puck-like patties. Lightly flour both sides of each round.

Warm a non-stick skillet over medium-low heat and add about 1/4-inch of oil. When the oil is hot, carefully place the syrniki in the skillet. Avoid overcrowding; fry only three or four at a time, depending on the size of your skillet.

Pan-fry, covered, until the first sides are golden brown (about seven minutes), then turn the syrniki over and cook until the second side is golden brown (about five to seven minutes more).

Plate the finished syrniki and serve immediately. They are typically served with crème fraîche or sour cream, along with your choice of favorite jams, preserves or fresh berries.

Alternatively, you can shape the patties ahead of time, lightly coat them with flour, and refrigerate or freeze them until you are ready to fry. □

After a 40-year career in dentistry, Dr. Peter Glatz retired at 66 to pursue his lifelong passion of becoming a chef. This unconventional second act saw him gain professional experience over seven years in acclaimed kitchens nationwide. His journey from the precision of dentistry to the creativity of culinary arts proves that it's never too late to reinvent oneself.

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JANET I. EDEN

Sept. 21, 1937-Aug. 9, 2025

Janet Eden, 88, passed away on Aug. 9, 2025, in Springfield. Seven years earlier her husband, John Eden, passed away after 59 years of mutual respect and devoted married life. Janet lived a quiet life as a homemaker. For most of their marriage they lived on three partially wooded beautiful acres on State Park Road adjacent to New Salem Park, a few miles south of Petersburg. Janet loved the outdoors.

By the time John died, Janet had poor eyesight, little mobility and no driver's license. But now she was living alone. Her one child, Laura Bounds, lived in North Carolina as did her sole granddaughter, Beth Miller and family.

Janet made do for a while, but a bad fall/hospital stay, another broken hip bad fall/hospital stay/rehab, led to assisted living, then a stroke, then nursing home life, then COVID-19, then skilled care living. But throughout, Janet remained attentive to the Long Nine Museum (L9M) in Athens, Illinois, which she now owned.

Janet's husband, John, a native of Athens whose family ancestral home is three blocks from L9M, had bought the historical museum building after its closing in 1979. He had earlier been part of the group that first opened the museum. Through perseverance, skill and dedication, John restored the museum and reopened it using his own limited funds and solo efforts. But as John aged, he had no succession plan for the museum.

But because of Janet's focus and attention to the museum following John's death, now there is a succession plan for the museum. Janet approved the efforts of retired Tennessee engineer Jim Siberell, local CPA Dick Poynter, Lincoln expert James Cornelius and longtime Eden family attorney Joe McMenamin to form a not-for-profit 501c3 Illinois corporation to perpetuate the museum. These efforts are ongoing and now include leadership from Athens Mayor Chris Reichert and Pennsylvania entrepreneur/Lincoln devotee Sameer Somal.

The L9M focuses on Lincoln's early adult life prior to his move to Springfield in 1837 to practice law. The museum celebrates one of Lincoln's earliest civic accomplishments, legislation with eight other tall central Illinois legislators to move the capital of Illinois from Vandalia to Springfield. The L9M building is the building that held the celebratory banquet for Lincoln and the other Long Nine in 1837 on the second floor.

The Long Nine Museum is a unique and special place. Janet and John Eden have left a lasting legacy of commitment to historic preservation and the memory of Lincoln.

-Friend Joe McMenamin



Janet Eden, her granddaughter Beth Miller, and Museum advocate Jim Siberell sit together on December 15, 2018, in the Long Nine Museum Building, Athens, IL. On this date, area residents and others gathered in a standing room only celebration of John Eden's life. Others attending included Janet's daughter Beth Bounds, the Athens mayor, the Menard County Sheriff, Illinois Historical Society Executive Director William Furry, Springfield Tourism Director Scott Dahl, Attorney Joe McMenamin, CPA Dick Poynter (RIP), Don Tracy, Ben Kiningham, photographer Bob Shaw, and many more.

MUSIC



Joshua Reilly and Roc Helton play at Bullard Country Chapel in Buffalo this Friday.

February music fun

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Fancy this, my fellow February friends. Suppose you live in a world that offers live music at a reasonable price (often free) in varying venues (generally well-kept) on a regular basis (more than one show nearly every night of the week) and all you need to do to participate is to participate. Yes, this described world exists right in your area and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Now let's go find out about all the what, when and where. Why not?

Let's begin with a heads up for Sunday, Feb. 15, when friends and family of Bobby Hoyt – known to many as “Tequila Bob” – will gather at The Alamo (thanks, Barry!) for a second annual celebration of the life and times of this idiosyncratic icon and former staple of the local bar scene starting at 1 p.m. and going until it's over. See you there, handsome, or haircut, or whatever else Bobby called you.

Our Thursdays are thawing out with a few happenings including a performance by acclaimed bassist, musician, arranger and spoken word artist William B. Hart at Stella Coffee and Tea from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. while the acoustic duo of Aasne Daniels and Jerry Setnicky – known as After School Special – delivers a batch of original tunes and unusual covers at Mother Road Diner in the evening.

Next up we have a cool concert happening at a special space when Joshua Reilly teams up with Roc Helton this Friday at the Bullard Country Chapel in Buffalo for an evening of original music from these two talented singers and songwriters. Our hometown guy Josh, who has lived near Tampa for many years, created a songwriter space down there for himself while helping Roc (and many others) bring new music into the world. Listen to their tunes on most digital platforms, buy your tickets at Eventbrite and shuffle out to Buffalo

to enjoy the vibes in this 120-year-old church coming back to life as a vibrant music venue.

Let's stick with the cool concerts this Friday as Dumb Records downtown hosts a night of really good, area-based original bands featuring Attic Salt, The Lovelorn, Sweetmelk (from Champaign) and Scarlet's Darling. All these groups produced studio recordings available online (and some physical copies) in the last few years, which is really awesome, incredible and downright wonderful. So take a moment to peruse and use the internet by typing in the band names and listening for a bit (or longer) and reading up on what's what. Then when you show up for the concert be sure to request a favorite song and purchase all the merch you can carry to support your local music-making, song slinging, out-there-performing band of choice.

Concert time continues on Saturday with Sunshine Daydream going “Springfield Sphere” on us at Motorheads using the mighty big screen, Lateralus turning on the Tool at Danenberger Family Vineyards, TobyMac, Crowder and Jeremy Camp playing at the BOS Center for the Hits Deep 2026 Tour, Illinois native Craig Gerdes singing a solo show at The Stadium and modern country star Josh Meloy turning on the “Porch Light” at Boondocks, just in case you were wondering if there were any other goings on going on around town.

Sunday Funday will be a super day to go bowling, if you know what I mean, but there's plenty of music to take in before the big game including Matt Mifflin at Crafted Stag Supply and Craig Russo Quartet with vocalist Alex Manfredo at It's All About Wine.

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Thursday Feb 5

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 Night

Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Karaoke

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

After School Special

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

Open mic with Silas Tockey

Spirited Republic/Limerick Brewing Company, Lincoln, 7-10pm

William B. Hart

Stella Coffee & Tea, 11am-1pm.

Kortney and friends open mic

The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke

The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Feb 6

Muddy Creek & Co.

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

John Drake

Bar Bella, 7-9pm

Hippies of the Heartland

Boone's, 5:30pm

it Joshua Reilly and Roc Helton

Bullard Country Chapel, Buffalo, 6:30-10:30pm

Karaoke with Party Time DJ

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

First Friday

Butternut Hut, 4pm.

West End Boogie Project

Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

The Stone Giants

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Jobe & Woody

Don's Place, Jacksonville, 7-10pm

it Attic Salt, The Lovelorn, Sweetmelk, Scarlet's Darling

Dumb Records, 7pm

Karaoke

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

The Jay Larson Band

George Rank's, 8pm

Hugh Sullivan

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

The Tangents

Harvest Market - Springfield II, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night

JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and Feb. 7, 7-10:30pm

Me 'N D

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Tom Beverly & Geoff Ryan

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Karaoke

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

Saturday Feb 7

Karaoke with JCB Entertainment

AJ's Corner, Chatham, 8pm-1am

Double H Karaoke

American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

John Wahl

Boone's, 6-9pm

Hippies of the Heartland

Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

JackAsh

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Pizzazz

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm



Ruf Edgz will play from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday at Pier 55.

Not Petty

Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 6-9pm

Cramer and Horn

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

Broken Stone

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Lateralus

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Sushi Roll

Decatur Knights of Columbus Hall, Decatur, 7pm

Hat Trick

DH Brown's, 7pm

3's Company

Goodfellas Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

The Red Ribbon Revue

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night

LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 8pm-12am

Rock Mafia

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 6-10pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Midwest Revival

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Robert Sampson

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

Maui Grimm

Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Renegade Karaoke

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

Molly Seaton

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

Ruf Edgz

Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Jonny Vodka

Pop's Place, Decatur, 9pm-12am

Joel Honey

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8-11pm

Sunshine Daydream

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

Karaoke

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

Craig Gerdes

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

David & Tom

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

Karaoke

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

Decatur Big Band

The Wagon, Decatur, 4-6:30pm

Sunday Feb 8

Wes Shipp and Layla Tucker

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 12pm

Hippies of the Heartland

BB's BFE, Latham, 1pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Matt Mifflin

The Crafted Stag Supply, 1-3pm

it Molly Seaton

Franny's, 7-10pm

Craig Russo Quartet with vocals

It's All About Wine, 2-5pm

Robert Sampson

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Jazz Night with B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Keith Dunlap

The Shed, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Monday Feb 9

Travis Ried Band

The Alamo, 7-10pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Rockin' Robin Karaoke

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

Tuesday Feb 10

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood

Fluid Lounge, 7pm

Allan Harris

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam with Living Bratz

George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

Karaoke

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

Karaoke with Suzi

The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 8pm-12am

Wednesday Feb 11

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

Robert Sampson

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam hosted by Kristi White

Goodfellas Pub, 7-10pm

Harris Trio

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

it Taylor Hunnicutt with Addison Johnson

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

THE CALENDAR

LITERACY JAM



Literacy Jam | Sat., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St. | Free admission

CHILDREN'S CORNER | Event celebrates Lincoln's love of reading

it Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's love of reading and lifelong learning with the Lincoln's4Lincoln Literacy Jam, benefiting Compass for Kids' afterschool program. This special kids' event in the museum plaza features celebrity story readers, musical entertainment, a magician, local sports mascots and interactive children's activities. Tater Tots Rock gets things rolling at 10 a.m. with its rock 'n' roll for the junior set. The day only gets more fun after that. Literacy Jam's goal is to spread Lincoln's love of reading. Attendees are asked to donate a book from the Compass for Kids students' wish lists. Literacy Jam is an ALPLM community partnership with Compass for Kids and Lincoln Library, Springfield's Public Library. Learn more at compassforkids.org/literacy-jam/.

Special Music Events

Josh Meloy

Sat., Feb. 7, 8:30pm. Country music singer-songwriter Josh Meloy is known for hits such as "Porch Light." \$25-\$35. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-679-0145.

TobyMac with Crowder and Jeremy Camp

Sat., Feb. 7, 7pm. TobyMac, Crowder and Jeremy Camp will perform a night full of chart-topping hits. Part of the Hits Deep 2026 Tour. \$30. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams- outdoor, 217-788-8800.

Books & Authors

Blind Date with a Book

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. 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. But trust us, each book will end sweetly, with the choice of milk or dark chocolates from the famous Cocoa Blue Chocolates in Rochester. Adult and young adult books are available. SAA members \$12, nonmembers \$15. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Book signing

Sat., Feb. 7, 10am-12pm. Nancy Schrock will sign copies of her new book, *Morning of a Crescent Moon*, a novel based on the Virden Mine Battle. Free to attend. Books on the Square Virden, Virden, 153 East Jackson, 217-965-5443.

Book signing

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Theater & Comedy

The Addams Family

Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30pm, Sat., Feb. 7, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 8, 2pm. This comedy - presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre - features an original story about Wednesday Addams, who has grown up and fallen in love with a young man from a respectable family. She confides in her father, Gomez, who keeps the secret. Everything changes during a dinner for the boyfriend and his parents. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Comedy Show

Fri., Feb. 6, 7:30pm. Laugh along with Richard Bailey, Joshua Pierce,

Joe The Animal, Bradley Scroggins and Reed Davis. Presented by Cryptid Comix. \$10. Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 59 E. Central Park Plaza, 217-200-0896.

Express Yourself! Acting & Improv Class

Mon., Feb. 9, 5-6:30pm. by Springfield Park District Special Recreation. Residents \$8, non-residents \$10.50. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

Mason City (No) Limits Comedy Showcase

Sat., Feb. 7, 7-9:30pm. Standup comedy with Kathy Brennan, Jaime Guzman, Kristen Unakis, Jeff Govednik, Barbara Park and Paul Belcher II. Age 18-plus. 13.50. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

Dance

Princess and the Frog

Fri., Feb. 6, 7-8pm and Sat., Feb. 7, 3-4, 5-6pm. Leap into a sparkling bayou ballet where a curious princess dreams big and a gentle frog hides a royal secret. Young dancers twirl through jazzy rhythms, firefly-lit swamps and friendly critters, telling a joyful tale of kindness, teamwork and believing in oneself. With playful choreography, colorful costumes

and a happy ending, this child-friendly adaptation celebrates imagination and perseverance. Presented by Springfield Dance Theatre. springfielddance.com. Reserved seating - \$20 advance, \$25 day of show. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-483-3623.

Art & Architecture

"Awakening" featuring Joan Burmeister

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through March 25. The Underground gallery to the SAA Collective presents mixed media works by juried artist Joan Turner Burmeister. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Earth Song" Exhibit Opening

Feb. 6-7. Earth Song is the theme of this first exhibit of 2026. If inspired by this theme, member artists' glasswork, paintings, photographs, sculpture or writing may reflect that. Refreshments available Friday and Saturday. Live music on Friday night. Exhibit runs through April. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 720-447-4548, 217-622-7903.

"the neophobic kingdom" at LCC's Trutter Museum & Murray Gallery

Through Feb. 13, 8am-4pm. See the "the neophobic 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.

Canvas + Cocktails: Palentine's/ Valentine's Night

Fri., Feb. 6, 6-9pm. An evening of painting, laughter and snacks to give participants "heART" eyes. For those 21 and older. SAA members \$55, nonmembers \$65 (pricing is for 2). Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Diamond Art Suncatchers

Sat., Feb. 7, 10am-12pm. Make suncatchers with Diamond Art on the first Saturday in January, February and March. Listen to local musicians while you create. \$10. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

"The Four Elements" opening reception

Fri., Feb. 6, 5:30-7:30pm. A collection of 2D and 3D artwork inspired by the themes of Earth, Air, Fire and Water, created by the juried artists of the SAA

Collective. Open from 11am to 5pm Wednesday through Saturday through Feb. 28. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Galentine's Bead Night

Fri., Feb. 6, 6-8pm. A fun, creative evening of friendship, laughter and jewelry-making in the beautiful setting of the Brinkerhoff Mansion as participants create their own rondelle bead necklace. No experience needed. \$40. Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-303-6143.

Mansion Tours

Saturdays, Sundays, 1:45-2:45, 3-4pm. Illinois Department of Natural Resources trained staff and volunteers lead this tour of the official residence of Gov. JB and first lady MK Pritzker. Tour focuses on the history of the mansion. No self-guided tours are permitted. Reserve a spot on eventbrite.com. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show

Sat., Feb. 7, 11am-2pm. The Watch & Clock Show and Sale provides a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Sponsored by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

Film & Television

Santosh

Sun., Feb. 8, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., Feb. 10, 7-9pm. Newly widowed Santosh inherits her husband's job as a police constable in the rural badlands of Northern India. When a girl's body is found, she's pulled into the investigation under the wing of charismatic feminist inspector Sharma. This film, rated R, is part of the annual Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series, presented by Exciting Windows! by Susan Day and the Springfield Art Association. springfielddart.org. Adults \$10, students \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-523-2631.

History

Civil War Saturdays

Saturdays, 5-7pm. Through Feb. 28. The Old State Capitol will be open for self-guided tours from 5 to 7pm with short 20-minute presentations on weekly themes at 5, 5:45 and 6:30 pm. Presentations will vary week to week, but may include discussions with interpretive staff, interpreters in historic clothing, historic photography, props, artifacts and/or hands-on activities. See [Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.com) for details on featured topics. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Lincoln's Birthday at ALPLM

Sat., Feb. 7, 9am-5pm. Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 217th birthday with free admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Peoples National Bank of Springfield Exhibit

Mondays-Saturdays, 10am-8pm. Through Feb. 28. Learn about this bank, the first religious and ethnically-integrated bank in downstate Illinois. African Americans Dr. Edwin A. Lee Sr. and E. Winfred "Doc" Helm were instrumental in founding it. See black and white photos from the 1970s, architectural plans, newspaper articles, telephone directory advertisements, oral histories, artifact photos, certificates and correspondence. Located in Sangamon Valley Collection on the third floor. Curated by the nonprofit Untold Histories, Mary Frances, president. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum Open House

Fri., Feb. 13, 1-5 p.m. Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 217th Birthday and his enduring legacy, showcased at the Long Nine Museum. Sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum Board of Directors, city of Athens, Looking for Lincoln, Menard County, The Abraham Lincoln Association and other organizations. Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum, 200 S. Main St., Athens, 217-361-7857.

Jacksonville African American History Museum special hours

Fri., Feb. 6, 2-4 p.m., Sun., Feb. 8, 1-4 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 21, 1-4 p.m. Special hours enable visitors to explore exhibits, discover local stories and gain a deeper understanding of African American history. Suggested donations of \$5 for adults, \$3 students, children young than 5 free. Jacksonville African American History Museum, 859 Grove St., Jacksonville, 217-414-5059.

Holiday Happenings

Ice Skating

Saturdays, 1-4pm and Sundays, 1-4pm. Through Feb. 15. An age-old holiday tradition. Skating and skate rental are free, though donations are welcome to help maintain equipment. A full schedule can be found on ALPLM website. Free, donations accepted. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St.

Sweetheart Social

Sat., Feb. 7, 10am-2pm. Event will feature multiple vendors offering permanent jewelry, charm bar, custom on the spot embroidery, DIY claw clip decorating and custom

lip gloss keychains. Includes refreshments. Free to attend. Willow & Birch Salon, 521 E. Washington St., 217-726-7050.

■ Community Organizing Food Not Bombs SPI Meeting

Mon., Feb. 9, 6:30-7:30pm. Learn how to build community-led structures to feed our neighbors without restrictions. Group meets on second floor in the Multi-Purpose Room. New folks welcome. There is an option to join virtually. Email foodnotbombs.spi@proton.me to learn how. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Good Trouble Alliance Meeting

Every fourth Saturday, 12-1pm. The Good Trouble Alliance strategizes bold, creative, nonviolent initiatives to challenge local institutions that weaken democracy. Join the fight against authoritarianism. Bring ideas. Snacks provided. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-801-0209.

■ Children's Corner Bird Drawing for Kids

Sat., Feb. 7, 1-2:30pm. Those interested in learning how to capture birds in their nature journals or other art will learn the basics in this class. Suitable for any skill level and offered for children ages 8-13. Drawings will be done in pen and pencil. Participants are encouraged to bring a notebook or journal and pen if preferred. Pencils and paper provided. Class size is limited. Registration is required. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$15. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Funshop Kids Club

Fridays, 3:30-6pm. Through April 24. This is a fun and welcoming drop-off program where children ages 6 to 12 explore themes through crafts, STEM projects and interactive play. It includes group games, hands-on stations and active play. Pack a snack or light meal for your child. Kid's Club encourages creativity, teamwork, and a love of learning—all while having a great time! Register at bit.ly/Funshop_KidsClub1. Activity #140910. \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents for 1 day only. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Funshop: Little Creators

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Through Feb. 26. Get a little messy in this four-week, hands-on art program designed to spark creativity and self-expression. Young children will explore colors, textures, and materials through painting, sculpting and more. Caregivers can join in. All classes blended ages 3 to 5 years of age. Activity

#150971. Register at bit.ly/SPD_Art-Explore-1. Residents \$75, non-residents \$85. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Weekend Play & Stay

Sat., Feb. 7, 9:30-11:30am. At Weekend Play & Stay, little ones and their caregivers can dive into two hours of playful discovery. From building block towers to creative play and interactive storytime, every week brings new ways to spark imagination and connect with other families. For children ages 16 months to 5 years with caregiver. No class Feb. 14. \$10 per child when registered online, \$10 per child day-of when bringing a friend, or \$20 per child for drop-ins. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

■ Lectures & Meetings Caregivers Support Group

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

LIVE2LEAD QUAD CITIES

Fri., Feb. 6, 8am-4pm. One day. Lasting impact. Transform your leadership with this leadership development and personal growth workshop featuring notable presenters John C. Maxwell, Jesse Cole, Craig Groeschel and Valorie Burton. \$107.48-\$135.30. Lavender Crest Winery, Coloma, 5401 U.S. 6, 217-519-2269.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Wed., Feb. 11, 5:15-6:15pm. This group is for anyone who has faced prostate cancer including spouse/partner, friends and family. A counselor from Cancer Care Center of Decatur will present "Strength Through the Season: Coping with Stress, Caregiving and Cancer Together." Microsoft Teams meeting: To join on a computer or mobile device (video), contact Tia Rapps at 217-588-5392 or rapps.tia@mhsil.com to receive a link to the meeting. Edgar J. Curtis Memorial Learning Center, 228 W. Miller, 217-588-5392.

What is the Poesis of Dis-Possession?

Wed., Feb. 11, 6-7pm. Chicago-based artist Sherwin Ovid works across painting and mixed media to explore themes of migration, memory and material transformation. In this conversation with Marissa Baker, visiting assistant professor of art history and curator of Ovid's

exhibition at the UIS Visual Arts Gallery, the two will discuss his process, influences and the personal and historical narratives that shape his practice. UIS Brookens Auditorium, One University Plaza, 217-206-6245.

■ Bulletin Board

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 1-2:30pm. The best thing you can do for the person you are caring for is stay physically and emotionally strong. Support groups offer comfort and reassurance, and can be good sources of practical advice and even humor. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

The Foundation Academy LLC Youth Program

Tuesdays, 4:30-7:30pm. Through March 5. The Foundation Academy LLC serves all central Illinois youths ages 12-18, with emphasis on at-risk and underprivileged individuals, by providing comprehensive, job-focused education. Soft skills are essential for navigating personal life and workplace challenges. Email Lbrown.thefoundationacademyllc@gmail.com for registration information. thefoundationacademyllc.com. Free. Kummer United Methodist Church, 600 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2046.

■ Health & Fitness

Breast Cancer Support Group

Tue., Feb. 10, 5:30pm. This group is for anyone who has faced breast cancer including a spouse/partner, friends and family. A wellness educator from the University of Illinois Extension office will present "Decadent Delights: Exploring the Art and Science of Chocolate." Microsoft Teams meeting: To join on your computer or mobile device (video), contact Tia Rapps at 217-588-5392 or rapps.tia@mhsil.com to receive a link to the meeting. RSVP is strongly encouraged. Edgar J. Curtis Memorial Learning Center, 228 W. Miller, 217-588-5392.

Wellness Workshop: Food, Fitness and Self-Care

Wed., Feb. 11, 6-7:30pm. Gayle Jennings will lead this workshop focused on important areas of concern to help manage weight, eating habits, physical activity, self-care, weight stigma and medications. This session will help participants understand obesity as a medical condition, what current treatments are available, how they work and why they involve more than just an eating plan and physical activity. lincolnlibrary.info. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.



Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 218S Joint Apprentices Committee's application process is now available year-round for their apprenticeship program. Visit www.sheetmetalworkers218s.com to complete an online application.

If unable to apply online, application packages are available (AT NO COST) and can be picked up:

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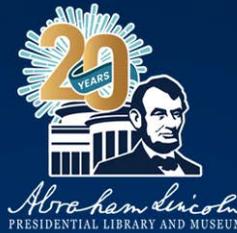
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FREDERICK HARROLD A/K/A FREDERICK I. HARROLD; STEPHANIE HARROLD; DEERWOOD LAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ATTN: C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL; TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS

NO. 24 FC 139
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on November 12, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 10, 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 5312 Deerwood Lake, Springfield, IL 62703
Permanent Index No.: 22-27.0-252-008
Improvements: Single Family Residential

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WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
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UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEVEN W. WOOD, a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD, deceased, CARRIE HUMES, MINDY DAVIS, JACLYN WOOD, KAYLA WOOD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR STEVEN W. WOOD, a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD, Deceased,
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(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: West Central Bank, Attn: Kris Krones, 3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62711; Telephone: (217) 726-9600
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 3137 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703
(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.
(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.
(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid

at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.
(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DONNA L. SLAVENS,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-33
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Donna L. Slavens of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2026, to Reginald Craig Slavens, 1111 Pike Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before August 5, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH E. VORTMAN, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-30
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of RALPH E. VORTMAN. Letters of Office have been issued to TONIA RAICHLE, 39 Enfield Road, St. Louis, MO 63132 and MELINDA WALTER, 602 Fairview Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before August 11, 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 Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 28th day of January, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
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(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL J. GROESCH, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-29
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of DANIEL J. GROESCH. Letters of Office have been issued to VANESSA HEBDA, 3805 Tamarak Drive, Springfield, IL 62712 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan

& Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 11, 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 28th day of January, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NANCY LEA RENFRO, Deceased.
Case No. 2026 PR 27
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Lea Renfro. Letters of Office were issued on January 28, 2026 to Jessica C. Thompson of 1311 E. Union Avenue, Litchfield, IL 62056, as Executor, and whose attorneys are GATES, WISE & SCHLOSSER, P.C., 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 28th day of January 2026.
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Attorneys for the Estate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY IN THE ESTATE OF CARRIE MICHELLE EICHEN (DECEASED) 25PR479
ORDER
To Terry Nelson Watson, or the individual using that name on July 5, 2017. On March 3, 2026, at 8:30am or as soon thereafter as you may be heard, you shall appear before the Honorable Judge Robin Schmidt, or any Judge sitting in her stead, in the courtroom usually occupied by her at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 and present the following documented proof:
1. Your Identification.
2. Your residential address on July 5, 2017, and
3. That on July 5, 2017 you were an ordained minister in good standing with a bonafide religious organization and authorized to perform a marriage ceremony in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Your failure to appear in court will be taken as your admission that all the information you provided on the Official Marriage License Application was false, make your marriage to Carrie Michelle Eichen invalid, and allow the court to remove your name from the list of heirs to the Estate of Carrie Michelle Eichen. Signed and entered on January 27, 2026 /s/ Robin Schmidt Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF CATHERINE A. DERRIG, Deceased. 2026 PR 024 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of Catherine A. Derrig. Letters of Office were issued to Andrew Joseph DeTolve IV, as Administrator, whose address is 1801 Norwell Lane Schaumburg, IL 60194. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 5, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: January 26, 2026 Attorneys for Administrator: Sorling Northrup John R. Simpson (2616947) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144 E-Mail: jrsimpson@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: DANNY EARL DALTON, Deceased. NO. 2024-PR -429 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Danny Earl Dalton of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 24, 2024, to Steven Gene Whitcomb, 609 Cypress Drive, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both,

on or before July 28, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 21st day of January, 2026. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 paswater@barberlaw.com 356027

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of Marilyn Elaine Franklin Deceased. Case No. 26-PR-3 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marilyn Elaine Franklin, Deceased Notice is given of the death of the above. Decedent departed this life on November 23, 2025. Letter of Testamentary were issued on January 15, 2026. Independent Personal Representative: Stephen Blazis. Attorney for the Estate: Thomas H. Wilson HeplerBroom, LLC 4340 Acer Grove Drive Springfield, IL 62711 T: (217) 528-3674 F: (217) 528-3964 thw@heplerbroom.com Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street Springfield IL 62701 or with the Personal Representative or both, on or before July 29, 2026 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney of Record, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing. Stephen Blazis, Independent Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn Elaine Franklin

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF SANDRA J. KIHN, Deceased. No. 2026PR22 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Sandra J. Kihn, a resident of Sherman, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Illinois, on December 27, 2025. Ashley A. Pasbrig, whose post office address is 230 Prairie Place, Sherman, Illinois 62684, was appointed executor of her estate on January 20, 2026. The attorneys for the executor are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executor and to the attorney within 10

days after it has been filed. Dated this 20th day of January, 2026. Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 switsman@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-961379

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Jean L. Reavis, Deceased Case No. 2026-PR-000011 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Jean L. Reavis. Letters of Office were issued on Jan. 20, 2026 to Christopher K. Reavis as Executor, 22752 Liberty Ave., Athens IL 62613. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before, July 29, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS BENINATO, DECEASED. NO. 2025-PR-505 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ESTATE CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of DOUGLAS BENINATO, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 15, 2026, to ANGELINA BARTOLOMUCCI-BOLLERO, 319 South Park Ave., Springfield, IL 62704. The attorney for the Independent Administrator is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 . 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 29th day of January 2026 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to the unknown heirs of the decedent, if any, as the names or addresses of one or more heirs may be unknown or cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry; and that, unless you file an appearance in this proceeding or otherwise make your interest known to the Court within six months from the date of the order appointing the administrator of the estate, you may be defaulted and bound by any orders of court entered in this estate, including any order declaring heirship and orders approving accountings and distributions, as provided by the Illinois Probate Act of 1975.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 15th day of January 2026 ANGELINA BARTOLOMUCCI-BOLLERO, Independent Administrator of the Estate of DOUGLAS BENINATO, Deceased BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/Anthony J. DelGiorno Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel Attorneys for Estate of DOUGLAS BENINATO: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250 Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER LARUE REDEFORD, JR., DECEASED. NO. 2026-PR-18 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES Notice is given of the death of ROGER LARUE REDEFORD, JR., of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 15, 2026 to BONNIE LOU REDEFORD of 215 S. Glenwood Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 29th day of January, 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Dated this 16th day of January 2026 BONNIE LOU REDEFORD, Administrator of the Estate of ROGER LARUE REDEFORD, JR., Deceased BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney Attorneys for Estate: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: HERMAN J. MILLER, SR., Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-19 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Herman J. Miller, Sr. of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 15, 2026, to Trevor J. Miller, 6847 Curran Road, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before July 22, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of January, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 366231

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: CLAIRE J. SLAGLE, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-17 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Claire J. Slagle of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 15, 2026, to Robert Timothy Slagle, 64 Danbury Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before July 22, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of January, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 366301

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LISA MARIE BELL, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-16 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of LISA MARIE BELL. Letters of Office have been issued to WILLIAM CEARLOCK, 36 Greencastle Circle, Springfield, IL 62712, as Indepen-

dent 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 29, 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 Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 15th day of January, 2026. William P. 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 DANNY EGLER, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-14 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of DANNY EGLER. Letters of Office have been issued to ELIZABETH EGLER, 4062 Mill Stone Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 29, 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 15th day of January, 2026. William P. 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 ESTATE OF WILMA L. SINNOTT, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-13 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Wilma L. Sinnott Giles. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2026 to Donald Weinhoff of 4440 Ash Grove Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62711, as Executor, and whose attorneys are Gates Wise Schlosser & Goebel, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 14th day of January 2026. Gordon W. Gates GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703

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Attorneys for the Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. SINNOTT, Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-12
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William T. Sinnott. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2026 to Donald Weinhoff of 4440 Ash Grove Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62711, as Executor, and whose attorneys are Gates Wise Schlosser & Goebel, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 14th day of January 2026.

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Attorneys for the Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM VERNE WIEBKING, Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-10
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William Verne Wiebking of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2026 to William Scott Wiebking, P.O. Box 1151 Chatham, VA 24531, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before July 21, 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of THELBERT L. DRAKE, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2026-PR-9
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of THELBERT L. DRAKE, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2026, to G. ROGER REEVES, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, 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 Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 20th 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 13th day of January, 2026.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
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P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JERRY A. WOOD, SR., Deceased.
Case No. 2025-PR-495
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of JERRY A. WOOD, SR. Letters of Office were issued to JERRY A. WOOD, JR., whose address is 1525 E. Glenn Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703 and SANDRA L. PAINTER, whose address is 3017 Louise Ln., Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Co-Executors. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 22, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated January 13, 2026
Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors:
Roger L. Rutherford (2426919)
Sorling Northrup
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of CARROLL LEE JACOBS, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2025-PR-513
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of CARROLL LEE JACOBS. Letters of office Under Independent Administration were issued on January 7, 2026 to Dwight Dale Emerson Jr, whose attorney of record is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P. O. Box 2459, Springfield, Illinois.

Notice is given to unknown heirs who are named in a Petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered by the Court on January 7, 2026 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6—21 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/6—21) You also have the right under Section 8—1 of the Probate Act (755 1 LCS 5/8—1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701 or with the representative of the estate, or both on or before July 21, 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.
Joseph B. Roesch, Circuit Clerk

Divorce

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

Re: the marriage of Jonace Walker, Petitioner And Dilshod Abdulloev, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000140
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Dilshod Abdulloev, 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 1st day of March, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Stacie Ramthun, Petitioner And Brent P. Ramthun, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000210
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Brent P. Ramthun, 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 22nd 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

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Gaebryel Alexander Jackson For change of name to Aaron Alexander Price
Case No. 2025-MR-000595
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 24, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Gaebryel Alexander Jackson to Aaron Alexander Price pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Feb. 5, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Mary Jo Anthony as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Frederick E. Anthony; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Frederick E. Anthony; Mary Jo Anthony; Allison Anthony; Christina Miller; Consuella Constant; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC000228
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Frederick E. Anthony
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:

2437 Huntington Rd
Springfield, IL 62703
and which said Mortgage was made by: Frederick E. Anthony the Mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Mortgaggee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2016R08816; 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 March 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. 14-25-07378
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
I3280997

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LEXACO CAPITAL LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, Plaintiff,

v.
JLP PROPERTIES LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, JORDAN POWELL, WARREN BOYNTON STATE BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2026-FC-13
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on January 23, 2026 and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.
2. The Court in which this action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the titleholder of record is JLP Properties LLC, an Illinois limited liability company.

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
Part of Lot One (1) in Block Five (5) of Robert Allen's Addition to the City of Springfield, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in the North line of said Lot, 113 feet West of the Northeast corner, running thence West along the North line of said Lot, 67 feet to a stone, the Northwest corner of said Lot; thence South along the West line of said Lot, 74 feet to a stake; thence 48.97 feet to a stake; thence North 32 feet to an iron pipe; thence East 17 feet to a stake; and thence North 42 feet to the place of beginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

PIN: 14-27.0-176-049
5.A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 516 Enterprise St., Springfield, IL 62702
6.An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Name of Mortgagor: JLP Properties LLC, an Illinois limited liability company
b. Name of Mortgaggee: Lexaco Capital LLC, an Illinois limited liability company
c. Date of Mortgage: November 7, 2023
d. Date of Recording: November 7, 2023
e. County Where Recorded: Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds
f. Recording Document Identification: 2023R20632

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before MARCH 7, 2026, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of

the Complaint for Foreclosure.
Circuit Clerk
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24-101831
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-HE1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE1 PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
FREDERICK HARROLD A/K/A FREDERICK I. HARROLD; STEPHANIE HARROLD; DEERWOOD LAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; STATE OF ILLINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ATTN: C/O ATTORNEY GENERAL; TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
DEFENDANTS
NO. 24 FC 139
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on November 12, 2025; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on March 10, 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 26 IN DEERWOOD LAKE ESTATES, REPLAT LOT 4, SECOND ADDITION, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as 5312 Deerwood Lake, Springfield, IL 62703
Permanent Index No.: 22-27.0-252-008
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 \$221,282.73. 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:
Sole Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
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(847) 291-1717
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, As
Trustee Securitized Asset Backed Receiv-
ables LLC Trust 2006-HE1 Mortgage Pass-
Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE1
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
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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 BANK-
RUPTCY 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.
8051-961599

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking
corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
STEVEN W. WOOD, a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE
WOOD, deceased, CARRIE HUMES, MINDY
DAVIS, JACLYN WOOD, KAYLA WOOD,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS, and THEODORE J. HARVATIN,
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR STEVEN W.
WOOD, a/k/a STEVEN WAYNE WOOD,
Deceased,
Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000177
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
entered by the Court on the Complaint for
Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause,
the property hereinafter described or so
much thereof as shall be sufficient to

satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the
highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone
number of the person to contact for infor-
mation regarding the real estate is:
West Central Bank, Attn: Kris Kronen,
3600 Wabash Avenue, Springfield, Illinois
62711; Telephone: (217) 726-9600
(B) The common address and other
common description, if any, of the real
estate is:
3137 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois
62703
(C) The legal description of the real
estate is:
Lot Five (5) in Block Eleven (11) of Golden
Gardens Annex "C".
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.
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.
(D) A description of the improvements on
the real estate is:
Single family residence.
(E) The real estate may be inspected prior
to sale at the following times:
Not applicable.
(F) The time and place of the sale are:
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026;
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S.
Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room
223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(G) The terms of the sale are:
10% cash or certified funds at the time
of sale; balance within twenty-four (24)
hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid
at the sale. The successful bidder will
receive a Certificate of Purchase following
the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confir-
mation of the sale by the Circuit Court of
Sangamon County, Illinois.
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to real
estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent
years and special assessments, if any; to
building restrictions and restrictive cov-
enants of record; to easements of record
or in place; to rights of way for roads,
streets, and highways; to rights of tenants
in possession, if any. Sale is subject to
approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon
County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer
tax which may be due as a result of the
sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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8051-961454

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking
corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
JEFFREY KLEES, CASSIE KLEES,
R.P. LUMBER CO., INC., an Illinois corpora-
tion,
CAPITAL ONE, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000010
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIM-
ANTS of the real estate described below,
Defendants in the above-entitled case,
pursuant to the provisions of Sections
2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code
of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled
mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending
in said court and the day on or after
which a default may be entered against
Defendants is February 27, 2026.
Plaintiff has certified the following
regarding said foreclosure action filed on
January 14, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case
Number are as follows: West Central
Bank, an Illinois banking corporation;
2026FC000010.
2. The court in which said action was
brought is as follows: Circuit Court for
the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon
County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holders of record
are: Jeffrey Klees and Cassie Klees
4. A legal description of the real estate
sufficient to identify it with reasonable
certainty is as follows:
Part of the South Half of the Northwest
Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the
Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township
16 North, Range 4 West of the Third
Principal Meridian in Sangamon County,
Illinois, more particularly described as
follows:
Commencing at an iron pin found marking
the Northeast corner of the South Half of
the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast
Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the
aforesaid Section 9; thence North 89
degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds West
along the North line of said South Half
290.00 feet to a found iron pin marking
the true point of beginning; thence South
02 degrees 50 minutes 10 seconds East
116.20 feet to a found iron pin marking
the beginning of a 403.80 foot radius,
nontangent curve, concave Southeasterly,
whose center bears South 90 degrees
33 minutes 35 seconds East; thence
Northeasterly along said curve through a
central angle of 90 degrees 08 minutes
04 seconds a distance of 64.38 feet;
thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 29
seconds East 31.00 feet to a found iron
pin marking the West right of way line
of Fifth Street; thence South 00 degrees
25 minutes 31 seconds East along said
right of way line 50.00 feet to a found
iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 34
minutes 29 seconds West 31.00 feet to
a found iron pin marking the begin-
ning of a 353.80 foot radius, tangent
curve, concave Southeasterly; thence
Southwesterly along said curve through
a central angle of 18 degrees 00 minutes
00 seconds a distance of 111.15 feet to
the beginning of a 276.08 foot radius,
tangent curve, concave Northwesterly;
thence Southwesterly along said curve
through a central angle of 10 degrees 09
minutes 39 seconds a distance of 48.96
feet to a found iron pin; thence South
00 degrees 25 minutes 31 seconds East
50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50

minutes 27 seconds West 17.00 feet;
thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 31
seconds East 93.81 feet to the South line
of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter
of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast
Quarter of the aforesaid Section 9; thence
South 89 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds
West along said South line 267.00 feet to
a found iron pin; thence North 00 degrees
17 minutes 39 seconds West 335.35
feet to a found iron pin; thence South
89 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East
371.25 feet, more or less, to the true point
of beginning.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas
and other minerals underlying the land
which have been heretofore conveyed
or reserved in prior conveyances, and
all rights and easements in favor of the
estate of said coal, oil, gas and other
minerals, if any.
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.
5. A common address or description of the
location of the real estate is as follows:
1015 N. 5th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561
6. The Tax Identification Number for the
real estate is as follows: 15-09-0-277-010
7. An identification of the mortgage sought
to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgagors: Jeffrey Klees and
Cassie Klees
Name of Mortgagee: West Central Bank
Date of Mortgage: December 12, 2024
Date of recording: December 17, 2024
County where recorded: Sangamon
County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Docu-
ment No. 2024R21575
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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Notice by Publication
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Elijah Sampson
No. 2026-GR-14
To: Deandre Price at address unknown:
Please be notified that LaToya Williams
has filed a Petition for Guardianship of
Elijah Sampson, minor child. You are
required to answer said Petition By March
23, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court
thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
MELODY L. WILLIAMS; SHAWANNA
MARIE UNDERHILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS,
and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2025-FC-41
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that
pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure
entered by the court in the above entitled
cause the property hereinafter described
or so much thereof as shall be sufficient
to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to
the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone
number of the person to contact for infor-
mation regarding the real estate is:

Suzanna Scherf
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD
3400 Wabash Avenue
Springfield, IL 62711
Telephone: (217) 529-5555
(B) The common address and other
common descriptions, if any, of the real
estate is:
1323 E. Division Street, Springfield, IL
62702
(C) The legal description of the real estate
is as follows:
The East 10 feet of Lot Sixteen (16) and all
of Lot Seventeen (17) in Andrew Walker's
Subdivision of part of Lot Three (3) in Cal-
vin Lewis' Estate in the City of Springfield.
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Parcel number: 14-27.0-231-032
(D) Description of the improvement on the
real estate is as follows:
Residential real property
(E) The real estate will not be open for
inspection prior to sale.
(F) The time and place of the sale is: 9:00
AM on March 10, 2026, at the Sangamon
County Sheriff's Office, 1 Copley Plaza,
Springfield, IL 62703.
(G) The terms of the sale are cash or certi-
fied funds at time of sale.
(H) The subject property is sold subject to
all general real estate taxes which are a
lien upon the real estate, all general real
estate taxes which have not yet become
due and payable, with special assess-
ments, if any, and easements and restric-
tions of record, and existing leases, if any,
applicable zoning laws; property is sold
"AS IS, WHERE IS, and with no warrant-
ties", and without any representation as to
quality or quantity of the title and without
recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the Court.
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking
corporation, Plaintiff
By: /s/ Brian D. Jones
One of Its Attorneys
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS, SANGAMON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
MARGARET STUBER and TODD A. MONI-
CAL,
Plaintiffs,
v.
RUSSELL T. SCHROEDER,
(deceased)
RUBY SCHROEDER,
(deceased)
CAROL JEAN ANGELES,
(Putative Heir at Law – deceased)
LOUIS LEROY ANGELES
(Putative Heir at Law)
UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION TO
QUIET TITLE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, RUS-
SELL T. SCHROEDER (deceased), RUBY
SCHROEDER (deceased), CAROL JEAN
ANGELES (Putative Heir at Law - de-
ceased), LOUIS LEROY ANGELES (Putative
Heir at Law), UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in
the above-entitled cause, that said action
to quiet title in favor of the Plaintiffs was
filed on December 30, 2025 and is now
pending.
THEREFORE, unless you, RUSSELL T.

SCHROEDER (deceased), RUBY SCHRO-
EDER (deceased), CAROL JEAN ANGELES
(Putative Heir at Law - deceased), LOUIS
LEROY ANGELES (Putative Heir at Law),
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendants, file your answer
to this cause or otherwise make your
appearance therein, in the Circuit Court
of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon
County, Illinois, held in the Sangamon
County Courthouse, in the City of Spring-
field, on or before February 26, 2026,
default may be entered against you and
each of you at any time after that day.
Riley P. Hamilton (#6348477)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
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Springfield, IL 62703
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Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DELORES E. BURNES, JP MORGAN BANK,
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION
III, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
No. 25-MR-594
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, DELORES E. BURNES,
JP MORGAN BANK, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE
CORPORATION III, UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, that a
complaint has been filed in the above
named court on December 17, 2025 for
demolition of the structure or structures
located on the real estate commonly
known as 1203 S. 12th St. Springfield,
Illinois, and legally described as:
THE SOUTH 40 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 1
OF OUT LOTS OF BARRETT'S ADDITION TO
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-34-453-026);
and for other relief.
UNLESS DELORES E. BURNES, JP
MORGAN BANK, HOUSEHOLD FINANCE
CORPORATION III, 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 Build-
ing, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield,
IL 62701, on or before March 2, 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
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
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Publication notice
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABSOLUTE PERFECTION II INC., WARREN-
BOYNTON STATE BANK, UNKNOWN OWN-

Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm



Call Daron at 217-679-7801
or email legals@illinoistimes.com

ERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
 No. 25-MR-516
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, ABSOLUTE PERFECTION II INC., Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on October 31, 2025 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1020 N. 4th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:

THE NORTH 28 FEET OF LOT 2 OF KIRSCH ESTATES SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 51, 52, AND 53 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. ALSO THE SOUTH 6 FEET OF LOT 6 OF THE SECOND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF LEWIS KIRSCH, DECEASED, MADE UNDER A DECREE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AT THE FEBRUARY TERM 1885, IN THE CAUSE OF BARBARA ANN KIRSCH, ET AL, VS, MARY THOMAS, ET AL, BEING PART OF LOT 9 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF LYING EAST OF FOURTH STREET IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. (Permanent Parcel No. 14-27.0-105-013); and for other relief.

UNLESS ABSOLUTE PERFECTION II INC., 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 March 2, 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
 Kateah McMasters, Assistant Corporation Counsel ARDC #6309668
 800 East Monroe Street, Room 327
 Springfield, Illinois 62701
 Telephone: (217) 789-2375
 kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday February 21, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
 Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday February 18, 2026.
 No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION

Shayla Shanklin Unit B-7
 James Clark Unit J-27
 Mhynessha Day Unit 4-5
 Sheila Sullivan Unit 6-5
 Khalib Williamson Unit 9-6
 Bonnie Sutton Unit 1-28
 Charles Jones Unit 1-41
 Shannon Estes Unit 3-22
 Laura Snyder Unit 3-23
 Vernice Bailey Unit 5-22
 Jennifer Staff Unit 5-23
 Shalik Rhynes Unit 9-34
 Mark Grier Unit 10-13
 Lakaisa Tucker Unit 10-41
 Brady Tyhurst Unit 10-44

Morgan Murawski Unit B-5
 Michael Lusk Unit H-2
 Angela Williams Unit H-8

NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, GAZMEND RUSHITI, Plaintiff vs. ADA RICHARDS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Foreclosure, Case No. 2026-FC-9. NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, that suit entitled as above has been commenced and is now pending wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a contract for deed affecting the following described property, to-wit: The South 100 feet of Lot Twenty-five (25) of Hugo Thoma's Addition.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 837 E. Percy Avenue Springfield, IL 62702 Tax I.D. #: 14-22.0-202-022 And you are further notified that unless you appear on or before March 2, 2026, and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

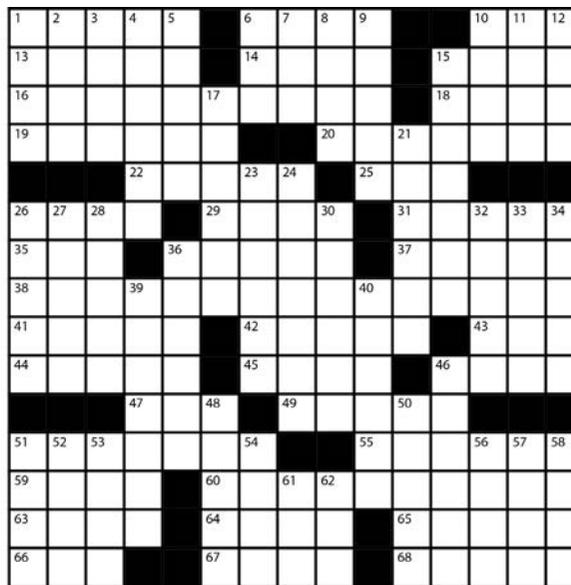
Joe Roesch
 Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois
 Attorneys for Plaintiff:
 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
 P.O. Box 79
 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868

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; Monday the 23rd day of February, 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 Gabriel Delao 443. Destiny Shaw 510. Rusty Morrison 558. William Evans 193. Rebecca Daly 38. Rachel Loveless 741. Branden Vaughn 537A. Kimberly Cluney 714. Joshua Sutherd 817/818. Roderick Kimbrough 329. Cecelia Jenkins 750. Rebekah Tallman 779. Melissa Rodgers 803. Jacqueline shanle 58. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Gregory Gordon P43. Audrey Curtis 421. Jeremy Word 445/446. June Word 5. Crystal White 752. Phillip Campbell 63. Janice Rutledge 532; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Candace Armstrong B192/B193/B194. Philip wlotzko P21. Fred Kay A29. Jalisa Cheese A36. Lakeisha Price A59. Patricia Jones A60. Lacreia Lott A96. Erick Anderson A105. Britney Dyer B212; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Christine Marcum 264E/265E. Adam Young 109B. Jeanne Meeks 159C. Casandra Bryant 213 WH. Allie Holmes 216D/217D. Dennis Whitehead 59B; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Drays Williams E287. Erick Hill E277. Jessica Russell 193. Jessica Russell 185. Josselland Huggins 146. Gymelah Coleman 150. Cassie Smith F262/475. Penny Benton 21. Austin Gutierrez 235. Kayla McMurray 8/63. John DeGroot 147. Annetta Robinson 2. James Smith 72. Van Converse 157. Van Converse 159. Danita Wright 142. Karen Peterson 4

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Across

1. "You're So Vain" singer Carly
6. Hack (off)
10. Company nicknamed "Big Blue"
13. ___ Gay (W.W. II plane)
14. Back of the neck
15. About, on a memo
16. Coyote outfoxer, in cartoons
18. Ponzi scheme, e.g.
19. Secure
20. Brezhnev, to Khrushchev
22. Fancy dresses
25. Oolong, for one
26. Be an omen of
29. Top dog
31. Ledger entry
35. "... man ___ mouse?"
36. Eric Clapton love song



37. "The L Word" creator Chaiken
38. They're often tipped on sidewalks

41. Where the heart is
42. Pong maker
43. Beyond tipsy
44. "S.N.L." V.I.P.s
45. City near Lake Tahoe

46. Lawyers' charges
47. Agatha Christie's "The ___ Murders"
49. Subsequently
51. Not an expert
55. Common antiseptic

59. Hay bundle
60. Sign before merging
63. Squeaks (by)
64. Boxing stats
65. Like the sea
66. Paul for whom a guitar is named

67. On its way
68. English filmmaker David or Peter

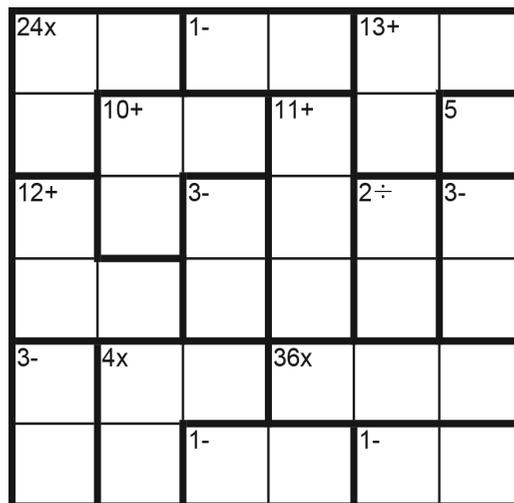
- Down
1. Lab liquids
 2. Beyond regulation, for short
 3. Castle defense
 4. Gerontologist's study
 5. D.E.A. agent
 6. Anderson Cooper's channel
 7. ___ Solo of "Star Wars"
 8. Major oil cartel, in brief
 9. H. Ross ___, candidate of 1992 and 1996
 10. Ancient Peruvian
 11. Actor Pitt

12. Internet phenomenon
15. Tel Aviv native
17. "Response to unexpected info"
21. House of ___ (old Italian banking family)
23. Brazilian soccer star
24. Private greetings?
26. "The Garden of Earthly Delights" painter
27. Muscle-and-bone doc
28. Challenges
30. Aquafina competitor
32. Memphis street with many jazz clubs
33. Navel type

34. Exams
36. Doesn't bother
39. Residences that may have groundskeepers
40. 1996 hit for Alanis Morissette
46. Indiana Jones trademark
48. Zealous sects
50. Cheese often mixed with Monterey Jack
51. Biblical shepherd
52. Car brand
53. Pub pints
54. Autumn tool
56. "What ___ now?"
57. Hawaiian goose
58. Breyers competitor
61. Oui's opposite
62. Approx.

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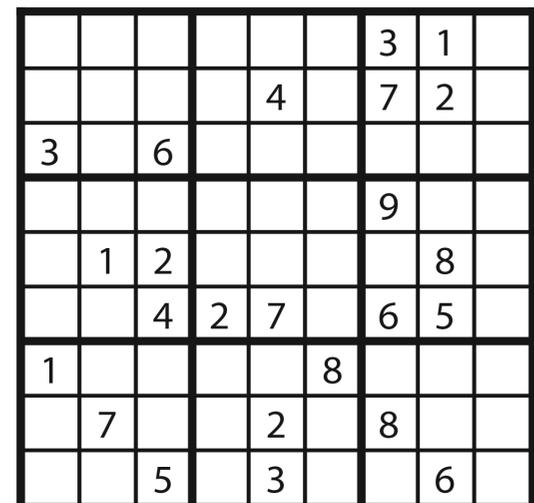
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

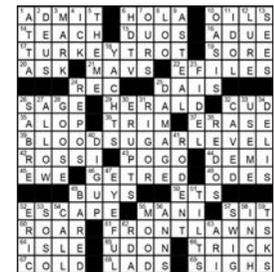
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.



Difficulty medium

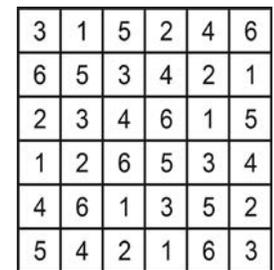
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #930



Sudoku answers from #930



JoshJosh answers from #930

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3422 Freedom Dr., Springfield, IL 62704
217-787-7667
<https://www.facebook.com/PapaJohnsPizzaSpringfieldIL1262/>
2605 Stevenson Dr., Springfield, IL 62703
217-529-7262
<https://www.facebook.com/200725756622887>

Papa John's The Works - \$15.99

Large Works Pizza - Large hand-tossed or thin crust works pizza. Pepperoni, julienne-cut Canadian bacon, spicy Italian sausage, onions, green peppers, mushrooms and black olives with pizza sauce and cheese on your choice of crust. Use promo code 1599AQ126 when ordering online at papajohns.com

Razzo's Family Pizzeria

129 S. John St., Rochester
217-498-9565
Hours: Daily 4-9pm

Hot Honey Pizza - \$23.95 - 16"

This pizza is baked on our New York-style crust and topped with our house-made pizza sauce, spicy pepperoni, fresh mozzarella, basil and our very own hot honey. Available for dine in, carry out and delivery. Voted Best Italian Restaurant in 2023 Best of Springfield. Play slots here with Universal Gem.

Antonio's Pizza

antonios-pizza.com
Wabash and MacArthur · 217-787-5544
Wabash Location hours: Sun-Thurs 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat hours 11am-10pm
Other locations below hours: Hours: 4pm-9pm Sunday - Thursday, 4-10pm Friday & Saturday
2701 W. Lawrence Ave · (217) 787-3355
3219 Lake Plaza Dr. · (217) 529-3600
2114 North Grand Ave. E · (217) 523-5544
1233 Toronto Rd. · (217) 585-0323

Chicken Ranch 14" Large - \$13.99

A creamy buttermilk ranch base topped with tender grilled chicken, crispy smoked bacon, fresh tomatoes and melted mozzarella, all served on a hand-tossed crust.

Sapori Pizzeria & Italian Market

1941 W. Iles Ave.
217-679-3760
saporipizza.com
Hours: Wed. through Mon. 11am to 8pm - Closed Tuesdays

The DiCaprio - slice \$5.99, whole 20" \$39.99

Indulge in gourmet pizza on our house-made fresh New York-style dough, slathered with creamy garlic sauce and topped with savory sausage, vibrant spinach, sweet caramelized onions, shaved garlic for that extra kick, a melty mozzarella-provolone blend, and dollops of sharp aged English cheddar. Pure Sapori perfection in every bite — come grab a slice!

Finley's Tap House

3236 Ginger Creek Drive
217-572-1996
Mon-Thurs: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sun: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
finleystaphouse.com

Bloody Mary Pizza - \$19

Garlic butter-brushed house-made crust, slathered in a bold Bloody Mary sauce, topped with fresh mozzarella, house-made pickles, green olives and chopped Slim Jims - because the best Bloody Mary comes fully loaded. Salty, spicy and a little unhinged, yet perfectly balanced. No bartender required.

Legacy Pointe Eatery

1130 Legacy Pointe Drive
(On the north side of Scheels)
217-670-1217
legacypointeeatery.com
Kitchen hours: Tues.-Sat. 11am-9pm, Sun. 10am-3pm.

Cuban Flatbread Pizza - \$18

Our handmade dough starts with a cheese sauce base followed by smoked pulled pork, Applewood ham, caramelized onions and three cheese blends baked and topped with house pickles, Dijon aioli and fresh herbs.

Main Gate Bar & Grill

2143 N. 11th St.
(across from Illinois State Fair main gate)
217-528-8940.

Hot Honey Midwest Brisket BBQ - \$28.95 - 16"

It all starts with a garlic butter crust, sauced blend of marinara and tangy BBQ sauces, brisket, red onions and grande mozzarella cheddar cheese blend. Drizzled with hot honey for the win! Available in thin and crispy or rising crust.

Creamy Brisket Philly Supreme - \$31 - 16"

Alfredo sauce, brisket, bacon, mushrooms, onions and green peppers. Smothered in Grande mozzarella cheddar blend and drizzled with garlic parmesan for the finish. Dine-in, delivery or schedule carryout at maingatebar.com
Kitchen hours 10:30am to 2am every day, delivery to 4am Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights.

Joe Gallina's Pizza & Restaurant

432 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL
217-522-5271
Mon-Thurs 10:30am-11pm, Fri. 10:30am-Midnight, Sat. 11am-Midnight. Open Sun for parties.

White Pizza Special - \$15

Ricotta and mozzarella cheese with fresh tomato. Substitute tomato for chopped garlic oil, broccoli or spinach. Made fresh every time. Add a cold beer for just a bit more. Dine in or carryout (no delivery). Authentic Italian food, family owned and operated. See full menu at illinoistimes.com/gallinasmenu



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