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Marc Bell drops out of sheriff's race

Withdraws just days after early voting begins for March 17 primary

ELECTIONS | Dean Olsen

The only Democrat whose name will be on the March 17 primary ballot for Sangamon County sheriff decided Feb. 9 to withdraw from the race.

Springfield resident Marc Bell, the lone Democrat on the ballot, posted on his campaign's Facebook page that a lack of financial support from the Democratic Party was the reason for his decision.

"My candidacy was contingent on the full support of the Sangamon County Democratic Party to secure an experienced and knowledgeable campaign management team to put us in the best possible position to win this challenging race," Bell wrote. "The party is unwilling to provide those crucial resources."

Bell didn't immediately respond to a phone message from *Illinois Times*.

The newspaper left a message with Dan Kovats, vice chairperson of the Sangamon County Democratic Party, requesting a phone interview. Kovats responded with an email that didn't address Bell's comment about a lack of financial support.

"Earlier today, the Sangamon County Democratic Party was informed that Marc Bell would be ending his campaign for Sangamon County sheriff," Kovats' email said. "While we are disappointed by Marc's decision, we remain ready to aggressively support our candidates as they work to move our community forward. We will immediately begin searching for a new candidate to run and we look forward to working hard to elect that person in November."



Marc Bell, a Democrat, has dropped out of the race for Sangamon County sheriff.

PHOTO COURTESY MARC BELL FOR SHERIFF.

Ballots for the primary already have been printed, but any votes cast for Bell won't be counted, Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray said.

The local Democratic Party, through a vote of precinct committeepersons, still can select a Democratic nominee for the Nov. 3 general election by June 1, Gray said.

Bell, 62, is a retired Illinois State Police master sergeant who ran unsuccessfully for state representative in the November 2018

race won by Republican Mike Murphy.

"When I entered this race," Bell wrote in his Facebook post, "I wanted to bring experienced leadership, restore trust in public safety, and provide a new direction for law enforcement and public safety, which I believe our community so desperately deserves. And I believed that this election cycle presented a unique opportunity for that change to happen."

"Although I am ending this campaign, my commitment to this community remains unchanged," Bell said. "I dedicated over 40 years of my life to serving and protecting the communities of Illinois. I will continue to serve, contribute, and work toward a safer and stronger Sangamon County."

On the Republican side, current Sheriff Paula Crouch, 52, appointed by the Sangamon County Board in September 2024, is running against retired sheriff's deputy David Timm, 51, for the GOP nomination.

Crouch's appointment was triggered by the resignation of former sheriff Jack Campbell.

Campbell said on Aug. 9, 2024, that he decided to retire before his four-year term was up in 2026 because of the stresses affecting the community, his family and his deputies in the wake of the July 2024 fatal shooting of Sonya Massey in her Woodside Township home by former sheriff's deputy Sean Grayson.

There were calls for Campbell's resignation amid criticism that Campbell had either overlooked or failed to uncover troubling conduct by Grayson when employed by other central Illinois police agencies before Campbell hired him in 2023.

Crouch and Timm's campaign committees filed reports with the Illinois State Board of Elections showing Crouch with \$32,252 and Timm with \$62,025 at the end of the fourth quarter of 2025. Bell's committee reported \$9,385 at the end of the reporting period.

Crouch declined comment on Bell's decision to withdraw when contacted by *Illinois Times*.

Timm said Bell's decision was "unfortunate." Timm added, "I want everybody's support ... regardless of what letter is next to their name. I'm willing to work with anyone to make a difference." □

Editor's note

Once a month Springfield welcomes the world. At 7 p.m. Feb. 19, the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois hosts Reyna Torres Mendivil, consul general of Mexico in Chicago, for a free program open to the public at Illini Country Club. A big part of the job of a regional consul general is to be "explainer in chief" of her nation's policies, programs and interactions with the U.S. government. It's an opportunity to gain perspective on border policies, migration, counter-narcotics and trade, and to learn that some international problems don't have to be so hard. One day we'll find a way to address our southern neighbors, JFK-like, as "My fellow Americans." — *Fletcher Farrar, editor. For more information go to mywacci.org.*

Cover photo: Ben and Jordyne Taylor held their wedding reception Nov. 1 at Paul's Paradise Wedding and Event Venue in Pleasant Plains. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS/1221 PHOTOGRAPHY

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Union president asked for leniency for Grayson

Letter to judge cites institutional shortcomings, cancer diagnosis in plea for clemency

COURTS | Dean Olsen

The president of the union that represents deputies in the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office pleaded with a judge to be lenient in sentencing former deputy Sean Grayson for the murder of Sonya Massey.

Sangamon County Deputy Travis Koester was ultimately unsuccessful but told Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin in a letter that Grayson, 31, deserved mercy because of a history of subpar professional training in the sheriff's office and Grayson's ongoing treatment for cancer.

"Over the years, I have witnessed firsthand how inadequate or inconsistent training, insufficient remedial instruction and a lack of meaningful mentorship can leave deputies ill-equipped to manage high-pressure situations appropriately," wrote Koester, a deputy with more than 20 years of service.

Cadagin said Jan. 29 that he considered Koester's letter along with other character reference letters from Grayson's fiancée, his potential future mother-in-law and friends that were entered into the court record prior to sentencing. Cadagin then gave Grayson the maximum allowable sentence for the second-degree murder conviction handed down by a jury Oct. 29 – 20 years in prison.

Grayson could be released in 8½ years because of time already served and a potential 50% reduction in future time served for good behavior.

Sangamon County Board member Marc Ayers, a Springfield Democrat, told *Illinois Times* that Koester's letter was "offensive to the Massey family" and "profoundly disturbing ... almost making it appear that Grayson is a victim, and that is not the case."

When shown Koester's letter, Sheriff Paula Crouch said she agreed with the sentence Cadagin gave Grayson and was "taken aback" by Koester's comments.

"I'm curious to how his membership reacts to that," she said.

Koester, 42, president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 55, told *Illinois Times* in a text message that he was speaking for himself in the letter and not for the union, of which Grayson was a member. Koester, who listed his union title in his letter, didn't respond to a request for an interview.

Retired Sangamon County deputy David Timm is challenging Crouch in the March 17 Republican primary for sheriff and received Lodge 55's endorsement over Crouch last summer. Timm said he agreed with Koester's comments about the deterioration of

professional training at the sheriff's office in recent years but didn't think Grayson deserved leniency.

"Sean Grayson should never see the light of day again, and I'm telling you that he shouldn't because of what he did," Timm said.

Koester wrote in his letter: "When agencies fail to reinforce de-escalation, critical decision-making and emotional regulation, deputies are placed in positions where errors become far more likely. Mr. Grayson was a product of such an environment, and those institutional shortcomings must be weighed alongside individual responsibility."

Koester added: "Beyond these professional considerations, I ask the court to consider Mr. Grayson's severe medical condition. His cancer diagnosis has imposed extraordinary physical pain, emotional distress and suffering. Serious illness has a way of stripping a person down to their most human state – marked by fear, vulnerability and reflection."

One of Grayson's attorneys, Mark Wykoff, has said Grayson was diagnosed in 2023 with stage 3 colon cancer, and that since then the cancer has spread to his liver and lungs. Wykoff said Grayson also has been diagnosed with rectal cancer.

Ayers said it's disturbing that Koester asked for special consideration of Grayson's health problems when Grayson disregarded Sonya Massey's symptoms of mental illness before fatally shooting her on July 6, 2024.

Grayson and another deputy, who wasn't charged, were summoned to the Woodside Township home of Massey, 36, a single mother of two teenagers, when Massey suspected a prowler in the neighborhood and called 911. Grayson, who is white, fatally shot the unarmed Black woman after an argument over a pot of hot water she picked up from her stove and was holding when she was shot.

The encounter was captured on police-worn camera video, and Massey's death became part of the ongoing local and national discussion about Black victims of police brutality.

"She called for help and got a bullet to the head instead," Ayers said.

Springfield resident Sontae Massey, 54, a cousin of Sonya Massey and a spokesperson for the Massey family, said he was "shocked and appalled" by Koester's letter.

"We've had two years to deal with this and a lifetime of pain and loss that we will incur for a lifetime," Sontae Massey said. "Sean Grayson's actions that night were clearly seen



Travis Koester, a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy, is president of FOP Lodge 55. He wrote a letter to the judge prior to Sean Grayson's Jan. 29 sentencing requesting leniency. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

and judged by a jury of his peers, and I don't think the ravages of cancer and the pain that he's going through can compare with the loss of life that Sonya incurred and the pain that has reverberated throughout this whole community. We will continue to pray for him and his family, but he has been judged."

Crouch, 52, who retired from the Springfield Police Department before being appointed sheriff in September 2024 by the County Board, said she has increased training on de-escalation techniques and other aspects of police work and also improved the hiring process for deputies.

Critics of the sheriff's office called for the resignation of former sheriff Jack Campbell, who hired Grayson in 2023. Campbell, a Republican, later decided to retire at age 60 in the middle of his four-year term.

Campbell denied allegations that Grayson's family connections in the sheriff's office prompted him to overlook Grayson's prior ethical problems and other questionable conduct by Grayson when the former deputy worked at the Logan County Sheriff's Office and other central Illinois police departments.

"Sean Grayson is the poster child for nepotism," Ayers said. "He was woefully inadequate to be a deputy."

Ayers said Koester's defense of Grayson is more proof of a systemic problem in law enforcement. "They protect their own," Ayers said.

Timm, 51, who said he established the

sheriff's office's field-training program for deputies in 2019, said the program has "gone downhill since then" because of bad decisions by top officials in the office. Timm retired in January 2025.

Timm lost his job as a deputy in 2008 and then regained it in 2009 after an appeal by the Illinois FOP Labor Council overturned Timm's firing by former sheriff Neil Williamson. The conduct cited by Williamson involved Timm trying to persuade a Leland Grove police officer to release a man being arrested for driving under the influence as part of "professional courtesies" between Timm and the Leland Grove officer.

Critics of the sheriff's office have argued that professional courtesies came into play in the hiring of Grayson. Timm told *Illinois Times* on Feb. 9 that his view of professional courtesies between police officers has changed since 2008, and he no longer thinks it is proper.

"You can't be a part of it," Timm said. "I would not be involved in it ever again. It should not exist in law enforcement."

Koester didn't say in his letter whether he was affected personally by the "institutional failures" of training and mentorship in the sheriff's office.

Sangamon County officials decided in 2024 to pay \$45,000 to settle a federal lawsuit filed against the county and Koester. The suit stemmed from Koester's decision to detain and handcuff Billie W. Greer, a retired Illinois Department of Corrections administrator, in 2022.

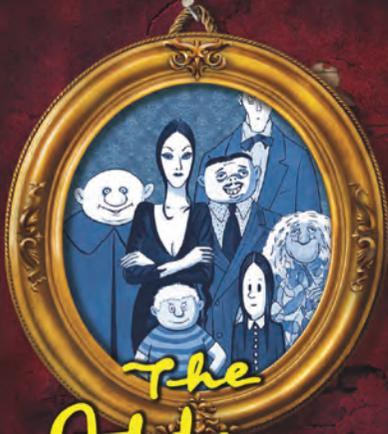
Illinois Times previously reported that Greer's lawsuit and an internal-affairs investigation indicated Koester cuffed Greer for driving on a suspended license, then threatened to take her to jail even after discovering her driver's license was valid.

Legal work to defend Koester before the settlement was reached cost the county \$20,447, county spokesperson Jeff Wilhite said. The county didn't admit liability or wrongdoing in the settlement.

Koester wouldn't comment on that settlement or on other court cases or disciplinary actions to which he was connected. *Illinois Times* previously reported that Koester "has a history of internal-affairs complaints and lawsuits."

The county in 2015 paid \$150,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a woman whom Koester tased after pulling her companion over on suspicion of driving under the influence. Koester and the county prevailed in three other federal lawsuits against the deputy and the county that alleged excessive force. □

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Leland Grove police chief granted pretrial release

Attorney for Dan Ryan says he will plead not guilty

COURTS | Dilpreet Raju

The day after Leland Grove Police Chief Dan Ryan was arrested for domestic battery and driving under the influence, Sangamon County Judge Rudolph Braud granted Ryan pre-trial release. His next court appearance is March 11.

During the Feb. 6 hearing, Braud also did not require an alcohol and drug evaluation that prosecutors argued is typically required for pre-trial release following a DUI charge. John Sharp, Ryan's attorney, said agreeing to such an evaluation would cause Ryan to "breach his Fifth Amendment right... that could impact our case." He said that his client intends to plead not guilty.

Shortly after midnight on Feb. 5, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Illinois State Police, due to a professional conflict of interest involving Ryan, for a disturbance at a residence in the 1000 block of West Elliot Street.

According to an Illinois State Police report of the incident reviewed by *Illinois Times*, an officer who entered Ryan's residence in the early hours of Feb. 5, "noticed the window blinds were heavily damaged and laying on the floor, and the television was turned upside down hanging off of the stand it was previously sitting on."

The police report states the victim, a 28-year-old woman, told officers that she lives at the same residence as Ryan, 53. She explained that the two got into an argument around 9 p.m. Feb. 4 that turned physical when Ryan "grabbed her and shoved her down on the couch and pulled her hair, making physical contact in an insulting or provoking

nature." He then, according to the ISP report, "left the residence in his department-issued patrol vehicle."

Sangamon County deputies later conducted a traffic stop on Ryan near the corner of East Madison Street and North Second Street, according to the report. "Ryan was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence... advised Ryan that he would be charged with domestic battery," it reads.

A citation from Illinois State Police entered into the court filing noted that Ryan was driving a 2016 Dodge with a police license plate.

In a statement given at 12:40 a.m. on Feb. 5, the victim wrote: "I never expected to (sic) things happen as they did. Dan is not like this. I promise."

Last year, Ryan was sworn into a high-ranking position with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, a nonprofit that lobbies the Statehouse on behalf of "more than 1,400 law enforcement leaders."

Illinois Times reached out to Kenneth Winslow, executive director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, for comment but did not receive a response.

Ryan has been with the Leland Grove Police Department for more than 25 years, according to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and was hired as a full-time officer in August 1999 after about six months of part-time work.

The city of Leland Grove has placed Ryan on administrative leave pending an investigation. □

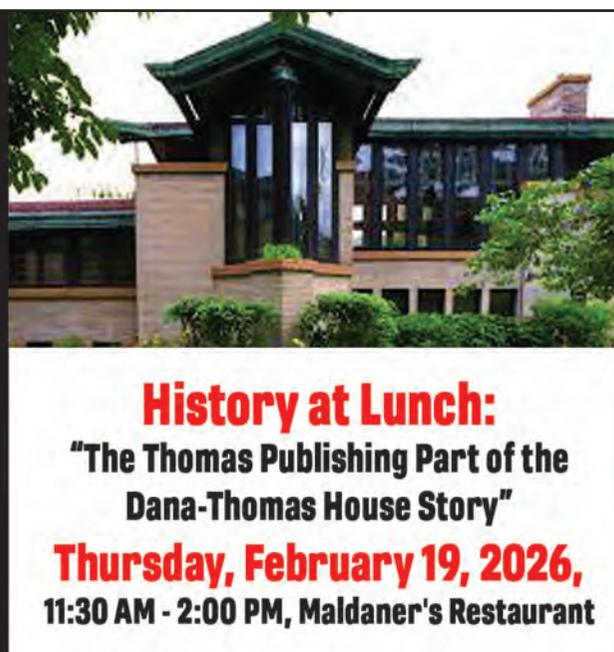


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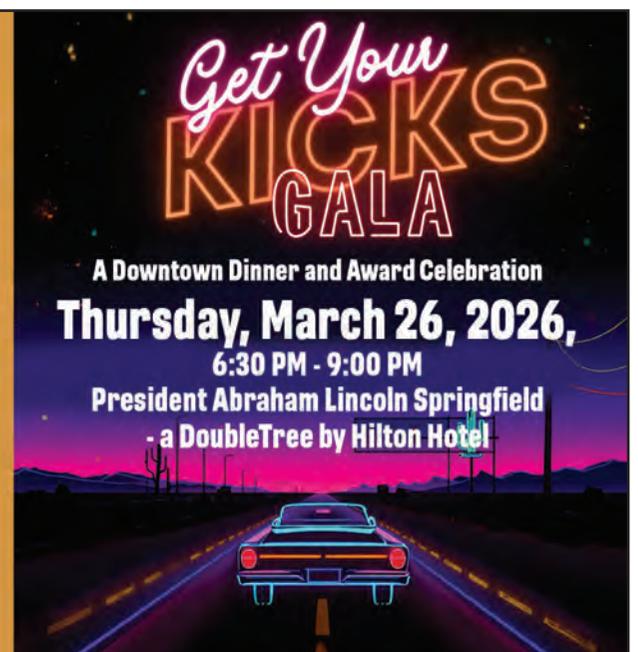
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NOT JUSTICE

I rent space from Chelsey Farley at her small business, The Soul Shoppe. I stayed to keep the shop open for her on Jan. 30 so she wouldn't lose business while she attended court ("Former Springfield police sergeant sentenced for DUI," Feb. 5).

People came forward to defend Mike Egan at his hearing, but if you know Chelsey, you know that she is kind, loving and gives back to people. She and her cousin, Missy, saved my life when I was having to decide between paying the light bill and paying for my 9-year-old son's cancer treatments by letting me showcase some of my merchandise in their shop without charging me rent for the space for several months while we got back on our feet. They have always been there whenever we have needed them, including providing emotional support.

For the last year we have watched as Chelsey still tries to recover, both physically and emotionally. We have watched all of the effects that Mike Egan's "one bad

decision" has had on her and her family. It was heartbreaking watching her come back into the shop looking so defeated, so disillusioned.

Those of us who love and support her are also disappointed. Our legal system is supposed to be here to protect us and ensure justice is given. Yes, we all make bad decisions, but we must all pay the consequences of those actions. Egan was given a slap on the wrist, and in three months he will be out. We will continue to support Chelsey, and we won't be quiet about that support.

Thank you for your coverage of her story.

Jane Marie Cozby
Via illinoistimes.com

NOT FAIR

Judge Robin Schmidt proved the justice system only works if you have money and great lawyers. It's a racket. Imagine the sentence if Chelsey Farley was drunk and hit a cop or a judge. And Michael Egan will probably never lose his driving privileges.

I feel for Ms. Farley and her former boyfriend. They will never get over this injustice and the pain while Egan collects a guaranteed annual pension from taxpayers.

Evan Mahan
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

DON'T SECOND-GUESS

Are you second-guessing Mayor Misty Buscher and budget director Ramona Metzger on their budgets because they are women ("City has more expenses, less revenue," Jan. 22)? It sure does look that way to me. I don't remember Ken Crutcher being interviewed about Bill McCarty's budget, and I don't remember Jim Langfelder being questioned about his budget by Mike Houston. Since Mayor Buscher has become mayor, the last mayor has interjected himself in the running of the city – an election he lost – and Bill McCarty has now done the same with the budget. Seems to me the old boys' club still exists.

Denise Beauman
Springfield



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

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There was an \$8 million deficit last year – the city's expenses exceeded revenue in 2025 by \$8 million before transfers. Springfield is slowly losing population, just like Illinois as a whole. You can't fix the problem until more voters start talking about the problem.

Adam Carlile
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

DO THE MATH

It takes about 52 private-sector employees to fund the pension of just one firefighter. There are not enough private-sector jobs in Springfield to keep the city functioning.

Marty Crews
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

STOP SPENDING

If the mayor is a Republican, shouldn't she be working on cutting spending to balance

the budget? That is what a conservative would do, right? I am with her on not increasing costs or taxes, but there comes a point when you have to stop spending.

Springfield has tens of millions in outstanding bonds. If the city doesn't eliminate them, it will cost even more if more bonds have to be issued to service existing debt. Maybe they are all counting on being able to sell bonds later at a lower rate, but that is wishful thinking. There is a lot of spending going on in Springfield that isn't necessary or really that beneficial.

The people do a share a bit of the blame, because if spending cuts are made, a bunch of folks will vote for whichever candidate promises to whip out the credit card, and politicians know this.

Sean Kelley
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

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OPINION

Put new spending ideas on hold

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Gov. JB Pritzker announced a plan last week to "manage Illinois pension commitments through a set of proposals designed to build on the state's recent fiscal progress and further reduce long-term risk for taxpayers and retirees."

The price tag, however, is already giving one legislative leader pause. And "fiscal progress" is not the reality when factoring in federal funds.

The governor wants to use "unexpected surplus revenues" to pay down pension debt. That, in turn, will help the state reach 100 percent pension funding by 2048 (instead of the current goal of 90 percent by 2045) and make sure that some pension benefits meet the Social Security law's minimum benefit standards.

"The Governor is proposing to redirect excess amounts not needed for state income tax refunds to pay down Illinois' pension commitments by transferring surplus funds above a \$150 million balance to the state's retirement systems at the end of the year," his press release claimed.

So, I asked how much the governor's plan would cost. The price tag would vary from year to year, I was told.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the new pension idea would've cost a whopping \$405 million, a governor's office spokesperson said. In Fiscal Year 2025, the amount would've been \$103 million. And this fiscal year, when the state budget is under siege by federal government budget cuts, the amount would've been \$550 million.

"I don't know if this is the year to do it, because I don't think we do that in isolation," Senate President Don Harmon said of the governor's idea during an event sponsored by Politico. "I think the price tag right now may be too much to pay, when tomorrow morning, we could be another billion dollars in the hole because of a tweet," Harmon said of President Donald Trump, according to the publication.

The next morning, the Pritzker administration released a report about the impact of other federal actions on the state's budget.

According to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget report, the hit to the state budget from congressional tax changes alone will be "\$587 million for the current fiscal year." Legislation was passed during the veto session to reduce the original \$830 million hit. And more legislative actions are expected later this spring to address some of the rest. Plus, this year's amount will decrease over the coming years.

But you can clearly see the point I'm trying to make here. An additional \$550 million pension payment this fiscal year to help the state pay off the pension debt earlier would've greatly harmed the state's ability to deal with the federal tax changes.

To be clear, there are definite advantages to the governor's pension proposal, including long-term savings. Illinois has too often focused on the short term instead of thinking about long-term policy.

But, man, I just do not see how Democratic legislators are gonna agree to take away any cash buffers while the state budget is under constant federal siege with more likely on the way.

The legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability reported last week that January's federal revenue sources plummeted 36 percent compared to the previous January. The fiscal year to date numbers had dropped 8 percent by the end of January, but last month was the third consecutive month of declining federal revenues.

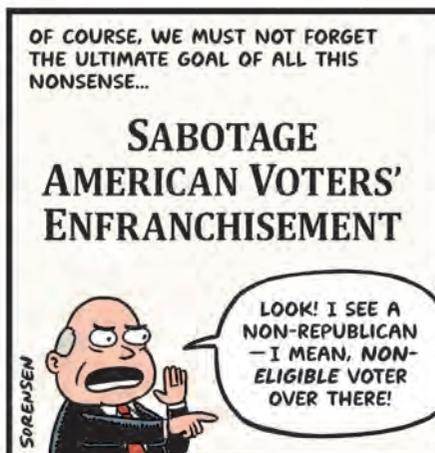
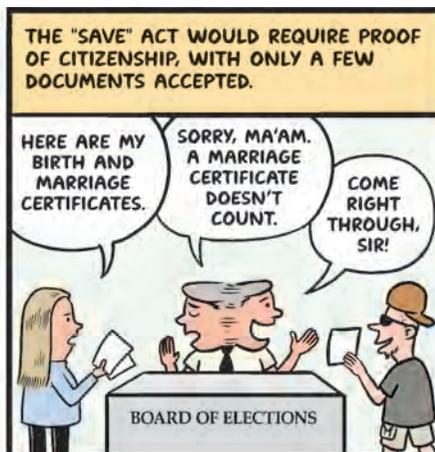
The federal tax changes and revenue hits are, of course, just the tip of the spear.

The GOMB report noted that preparing for new eligibility rules for SNAP and Medicaid will cost the state \$100 million during the next two fiscal years. Increases to state SNAP administrative costs will increase by \$80 million a year beginning next fiscal year. If the state's SNAP "error rate" isn't reduced, the state's taxpayers will have to pony up \$705 million a year. Federal Medicaid payments are scheduled to be reduced by \$4.5 billion over the next five years, and \$3.8 billion a year beginning in seven years.

At least for the time being, the state really needs to move to a fiscal "war footing" - for lack of a better term. Illinois has to make sure it can provide an adequate social safety net and provide basic services. All new spending ideas really should be put on hold.

In other words, please save your press release bills until after this immediate crisis passes.

There's plenty of talk about new "progressive" revenues. But even if the state goes that route, it still has to stop with the new spending ideas and focus on protecting and building on what exists now, at least for the foreseeable future. □



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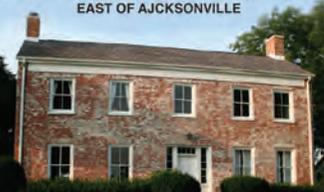
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This year's wedding trends

WEDDING | DiAnne Crown

Festive, fun or formal — this year's weddings can be as personal as the couple's imagination. Local experts share this year's trends.

Regan Duffy offers wedding planning and day-of coordinating. Often, brides have already made their selections by the time they hire Duffy to make sure their special day goes according to plan. So, Duffy has seen several ideas and trends for central Illinois.

Fabrics and colors

Mismatched bridesmaid dresses of different styles and colors that fit each one's body and style better are popular, according to Duffy. Bridesmaid dresses now include patterns, not just solid colors, and bolder colors.

"This is definitely the year of the colorful look," she said. The all-black timeless look is also still popular, she added, but now in a combination of mismatched styles.

The patterns and bold colors trend continues into the reception with patterned table linens and napkins. Duffy likes the trend. "I love it. I'm here for that."

Duffy is seeing more texture and dimension in both the ceremony and reception, such as a designed backdrop for the ceremony and more depth and beauty on the tables. More elaborate designs may include a mirror or stone under the floral arrangement, greenery around the table — not just in the floral centerpiece — and more.

"You're not going to see designers just set a flower arrangement onto the table," Duffy

said. "They're using more elevated designs."

Guest experiences

Guest involvement continues to evolve beyond the perennially popular photo booth. Duffy likes the use of shared photo albums, whether with one of the websites or do-it-yourself. Couples can put a framed QR code at the bar or on cards on tables that guests can use to share their photos and videos with the couple.

"It gives the couple access to guests' perspectives that are different from the photographer, videographer, or content creator who was hired for the event," Duffy said. The shared photos show the guests' point of view

of the day in candid moments which can also be used for TikTok and reels.

Duffy worked one wedding where the couple created a giant white-board crossword puzzle with 20 or so clues about the couple's personalities and history. Guests had fun figuring out the clues and filling in the answers during the cocktail hour.

"The guests really loved that! It's the type of playful and whimsical thing that engages the guests and is a reflection of the couple," she said. "These are the unique elements people remember about the day."

Some couples hire live artistry experiences for guest caricatures and wedding scenes.

Keep it personal and calm

"This is one of the most important days of your lives. It's a reflection of your love and commitment to each other. What's most important to you should be reflected throughout your day," said wedding planner Regen Duffy.

It's personal, and can be unconventional, but some elements are tried-and-true. The first dances, couple's portraits and some kind of personal vow — whether before or during the ceremony — are always in style.

"Find someone who will bring your vision to life. Interview them like you would any professional service. Ask your friends. You want someone who can keep it together when things go wrong and no one ever knows," Duffy said. "A calm wedding day doesn't happen by accident. When you're not worried about the vendors getting there on time, the candles being lit, the flowers being delivered, you can take a deep breath and enjoy your day."

Guests can mingle and share drinks while they watch the artist paint or draw the experience.

And couples are increasingly making food choices that reflect what they really love. Instead of a traditional choice of plated chicken or steak, couples are offering a taco bar, barbecue buffet, pasta bar or other food station. Some add an actual food cart.

Kelly Koch, owner of Clementine Cart Co., curates a variety of options popular at area weddings. Her mobile food cart experience is styled to fit the event with desserts presented on a specialty food and beverage cart specifically chosen by the couple.

“Guests get to watch their treats being prepared, customize them and engage with the experience – that’s a big part of the appeal,” Koch said. “Interest has grown very quickly.”

Reservations and details for mini-pancakes, loaded acai, savory and dessert charcuterie, signature drinks and popcorn are arranged online, and then Koch curates experiences on site.

Whether guests are waiting for the wedding party photos to be finished or they want to take a break from the dance floor, the mobile cart offers a fun diversion and delicious treat. The choices are all popular, but the guest favorite so far is the mini-pancake cart.

“People love that it’s not just about the food. It’s the experience,” Koch said. “Guests stop, watch, customize their pancakes, and it becomes a little moment of joy during the event. It’s nostalgic, interactive and fun to photograph, which makes it especially popular



Wedding planner Regan Duffy at the winter Springfield Elegant Wedding Expo.

at weddings and celebrations. It’s one of those things guests talk about long after the event is over.”

Lights and flowers

Jamie Sneed is owner of Alpha-Lit Marquee Letters, which is a collection of giant lighted marquis letters. “It’s a big, bold, fun, unique statement.”

Ashley Peecher, owner and producer of The Elegant Wedding Expo, highlights

Alpha-Lit and other big-experience immersive lighting such as LED dance floors, projection mapping, interactive lighting, cold sparklers and more as exciting aspects of the “highly intentional, experience-driven celebration wedding.”

Peecher said, “Meaningful moments, guest experience, interactive entertainment, elevated food and drink, and personalization over excess ... are all design choices that feel curated rather than cookie-cutter. They create memories.”

However, when it comes to flowers, the trend is smaller. Sneed also owns True Colors Floral in Springfield and said this year, popular looks will feature wildflowers in bouquets with lots of stems and smaller heads, in many colors.

Roses will always be timeless, classic and gorgeous because they come in so many colors, and can be used in so many ways, whether as sprays or bouquets. But Sneed said featured flowers this year will more likely be calla lilies, daisies, lavender, poppies, ranunculus, anemones and other wildflowers arranged in more of a “just-picked look.”

“The clean, classic whites and greens that lasted several years,” as well as muted colors, “are on the way out. When I look at a room, I’ll see white linens with bold floral accents,” Sneed said.

“It is important to work with an educated florist who can guide you to the correct flowers for your season and the time and setting of your wedding,” Sneed said. You may love tulips, for example, but the minute they are exposed to bright light and warmth, they will likely open beyond the intended design of the bouquet. Peonies, which are in season locally April through June or so, will be harder to keep and much more expensive for a September event. □



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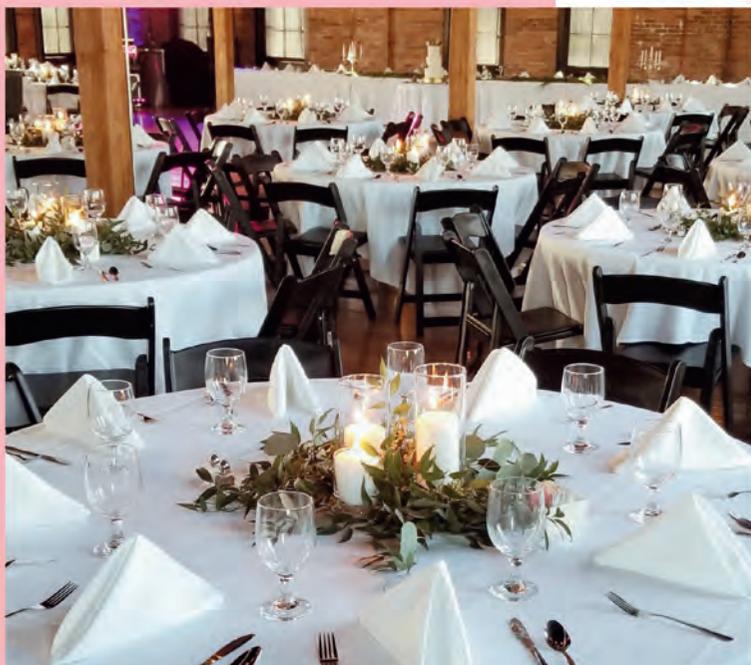
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Bring out the beauty within

WEDDING | Pamela Savage

Though I was married in the aughts, I have a few vivid memories of my wedding weekend. In particular, I remember being in a salon in Philadelphia with my mom, my bridesmaids, my future mother-in-law, and my partner's sister, grandmother and cousins. We had joined together early in the day for mimosas and bagels, and the salon owner's poodle-breed patiently begged my husband's grandmother for a dollop of cream cheese. It was a time of joy and connection – just us girls, celebrating for a few hours in comfy clothes before the big show.

Wedding beauty is clearly an important part of any celebration. Everyone wants to look and feel their best, and those pictures will likely hang in houses or linger in photo albums for generations to come. But wedding beauty is also an opportunity to bring out the beauty within. It's not just a little makeup or hairspray, it is an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of your love and the joining of your families and people.

Several salon professionals provided advice for brides-to-be. First, prospective clients

should plan ahead, especially if you're trying to accommodate a large group – six months is a good guideline. You'll want to do a count of how many people in your wedding party and family will be wanting work done on your wedding day. You also want to leave yourself enough time to plan for your look and have a trial run close to the event.

And think about what services your salon offers – BJ Grand Salon & Spa, which has Springfield locations at 3300 Robbins Road and 3055 Professional Drive, offers everything in-house, including massage, skin care, nail care, hair care, spray tans and makeup. Getting a list of what services everyone is interested in allows your salon pros to ensure they have all the staffing you require.

Lastly, decide where you'll be working on the day of the wedding. Both BJ Grand Salon and Willow & Birch Salon, 521 E. Washington offer in-salon or on-site wedding prep, meaning they can come to you at your hotel, home or venue, and it is important to iron out those details early.

As far as choosing your look, Willow & Birch owner Jessica Kocurek said that clients should make beauty selections based on their own personalities, not necessarily what is currently popular. Timeless looks last a lifetime, she noted, and some people regret being on-trend. She recommends that you aim for "looking like you, just a little bit more put together."

Shareen Crawford, owner of BJ Grand Salon & Spa, and Annie Conrad, salon manager at BJ Grand South, agree that 2026's bride is seeking a polished glam. This includes soft, romantic styles for hair and a focus on pre-wedding skin care so that skin looks its best on the big day. Many brides are building in facials, peels and nails leading up to the wedding and that care and pre-planning allows them to have a more natural makeup look on the day itself.

Kocurek of Willow and Birch added that minimalist and effortless looks are trending right now. She is noticing lots of finished styles, such as French twists, paired with fresher faces. Rather than layered makeup looks, many

brides want their wedding day skin to be their best skin ever, and are interested in skin care packages to ensure they are putting their best face forward.

No matter what look you ultimately land on, the salon professionals recommend that you focus on the experience as a whole – there is a lot to love. Conrad of BJ Grand said she enjoys the initial intake process, including asking the bride questions about her vision for the day and then bringing that vision to life. Crawford said she loves the day itself, seeing the bride with her mother, or mother of the groom, and other relatives.

Kocurek said her favorite part of wedding beauty is the people who are just excited to be in love and get married. "It's not the hair, it's not the flowers, it's not the dress," she said. "It's about the life you are starting with someone else, so select the people that will make that process stress-free and will support you in your joy." □

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Intentionality, not tradition

More couples are choosing to personalize their weddings

WEDDING | Ashley Meyer

The defining theme of weddings in 2026 isn't centered around opulent decor or celebrity-inspired fashion. This season, intentionality is at the forefront. Couples are disregarding traditional expectations and taking the reins to craft ceremonies that are deeply personal, authentic and true to them.

"It's all about minimalism these days," said Renee Rothschild, an event planner now based in Springfield with 25 years of experience and a client resume that includes former presidents, foreign ambassadors and Fortune 500 executives. "The brides and grooms today are not the same as 25 years ago. They're focused on more intentional, more emotional, and very deeply personal weddings and receptions. Everything has a purpose, from a serious color scheme all the way through to the details of the dessert."

Rather than surrendering to the expectations of others, Rothschild says an increasing number of couples are being very purposeful with regards to what aspects of the ceremony they want to put money toward and increasingly disregarding expectations that don't resonate with them.

"In many cases, they're doing it in ways that honors their family and culture," she explained. Heirlooms, for example, are increasingly becoming part of the entire reception. "I'm seeing a lot of the brides use their grandmother's dress, or maybe a portion of the veil in some aspect of a table setting."

Rothschild said that timelines are also being turned. "A lot of individuals are doing early morning weddings, followed by a brunch, as opposed to an evening wedding. They're utilizing a weekend morning or afternoon for a small, intimate wedding and then they have the rest of the day to celebrate as they choose."

That sentiment was echoed by Nicole Gray, owner of Springfield-based Gray Photography Company, who has photographed weddings, elopements and portraits in Illinois and destinations around the globe.

"Get rid of all the things you think you are supposed to do and think about creating the mood you're after," she advised. "If you want your wedding to be a raging dance party, then focus on bringing that energy. If you want it to be romantic and slow-paced, then don't create a crazy timeline that feels like a competitive scavenger hunt rather than



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a celebration of love."

The trend toward more intentional, authentic celebrations extends to the meal as well.

"We certainly still do big, formal weddings," said Jordan Coffey, who owns Luminary Kitchen and Provisions with his wife and fellow chef, Aurora Coffey. "But we also do many that are more casual. Lots of people are really foregoing the traditional meal of a pre-set salad and choice of filet or salmon, finished off with a four-foot wedding cake."

Coffey explained that by ditching the standard routine of a plated three-course dinner, couples can maximize the value of their meal and still put out a dazzling, delicious spread.

"We did a really fun wedding recently where we started with a giant charcuterie

platter and crudites for cocktail hour. Then instead of doing a traditional buffet, we had various stations set up: a cold station with dips and salads, a taco station with barbacoa and carnitas, a Mediterranean station with grilled lamb chops and pasta salad," he said. "It was really good food, and the client got a lot of bang for their buck. I can give you a better product doing something like stations for less cost than plated, because I don't need as many staff to execute it."

Where sweets are concerned, Coffey said that many people steering away from a big wedding cake as the dessert, often opting for a small cake for the couple to cut with the addition of assorted small desserts like profiteroles, tarts and macarons.

Ashley Meyer is a chef and freelance writer in Springfield.

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Located on Lake Springfield, the enchanting 67 wooded acres are perfect for your special event. A majestic lake view, coupled with the rustic elegance of the stunning new LRS Leadership Center, creates a beautiful landscape to host weddings and events. Outdoor adventures such as a challenge course, zip line, archery, swimming and boating, as well as rustic lodging, are also available. 71 Wienold Lane, 888-623-1237. customercare@girlscouts-gsci.org.

Columbian Grand Hall Event Venue

We offer a large banquet hall for any size wedding, party or business event. The built-in dance floor and full size, on-site bar make this the perfect place to celebrate many occasions. The venue accommodates up to 300 guests. 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360. Kccolumbiancenter.com.

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Whether your wedding is an intimate dinner for 20 or a lavish party of 400-plus, the Crowne Plaza is the perfect backdrop for your special day. With an abundance of settings – all flexible, customizable and beautiful – we can help create a unique and stunning celebration. The Crowne Plaza offers ceremonies and receptions to fit all cultures and lifestyles. We also offer themed rehearsal dinner packages. A complimentary suite for the newlyweds and special guestroom rates for out-of-town guests are available. 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217- 529-7777. cpspringfield.com.

Edwards Place

Once a popular site for social and political events in the 19th century, the historic Italianate mansion is perfect for small, elegant ceremonies. The parlors can seat up to 75. Additional space is available in the art gallery which seats 58 for dinner or up to 120



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for cocktail receptions. The lawn is also available to rent. \$300-\$1,500. 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631. springfieldart.org. edwardsplace.org.

Firefighters / Postal Lake Club

Located on Lake Springfield, the club is an event space fit for any occasion. Perfect for weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, corporate and private events. The club has a large banquet room with seating up to 300, a spacious bar with beverage options available to accommodate all budgets, a beautiful outdoor patio area, and plenty of on-site parking. Renters do not have to be a firefighter or member of the club to host an event. The Firefighters Lake Club is ready to host your next business meeting or conference and fully customizable for a memorable wedding or private event. 940 West Lake Shore Drive. 217-691-6472. ffc37events@gmail.com.

Hilton Garden Inn

This premium banquet/event venue offers guests a variety of set-up options that suit various occasions. Enjoy an intimate celebration with close friends and family or stage a grand affair in the 3,100-square-foot Presidential Ballroom. The ballroom can seat 200 guests using round tables. Treat guests to delicious culinary creations that will please all palates. At the end of the night, newlyweds and guests alike can retire to comfortable and modern guest rooms. Bridal suites are available as well as event spaces for bachelor and bachelorette parties. 3100 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-529-7171.

Hoogland Center for the Arts

Ornate, old-style theater and balcony offer a unique site for weddings with up to 200 guests for the ceremony and 140 guests for receptions. Starts at \$850 for the day. 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787. hcfta.org.

Illinois State Fairgrounds

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Inn at 835

The Inn at 835 is a premier wedding destination and top-rated boutique bed and breakfast located in the heart of Springfield. This historic property offers multiple elegant event spaces, including two luxurious parlors ideal for cocktail-style receptions of up to 125 guests or seated events of up to 50 guests. The attached 3,400-square-foot Conservatory accommodates cocktail receptions for up to 300 guests and seated receptions for up to 220. Adjacent to the Conservatory, the Caucus Bar Lounge features a full built-in bar and is included with the Conservatory rental. Garden wedding packages are also available, with outdoor seating for up to 150 guests. Wedding packages start at \$60 per person, making the Inn at 835 a fully inclusive venue offering furnishings, linens, tableware, on-site catering, and complete bar and beverage services provided by a dedicated hospitality team. 835 S. Second St. 217-523-4466 ext. 2308. AngieC@Connshg.com. Innat835.com.

Lake Springfield Beach House

Nestled in Center Park, the Beach House sits on beautiful Lake Springfield. The facility has two large rooms connected by a central foyer, fireplaces, a large patio and a kitchen. Tables and chairs can seat up to 200 guests. 101 Long Bay Drive, 217-757-8660, ext. 1095. lakereservations@cwlp.com.

Legacy Theatre

This intimate, jewel-box theater offers a dramatic setting for weddings and receptions. The theater seats 300. The swanky lounge offers reception seating for up to 150. The venue also includes a beautiful outdoor courtyard. No catering restrictions. Rates start at \$1,250. 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-528-9760. [AtTheLegacy.com](http://TheLegacy.com).

Lincoln Memorial Garden

A woodland garden with seasonal wildflowers, colorful trees in the autumn and a view of Lake Springfield accent this outdoor ceremony site for up to 200 guests. Wide trails, mostly shaded by huge trees, crisscross the garden and lead to stone-ringed areas for ceremonies in natural settings. Golf cart rental is available. 2301 East Lake Shore Drive, 217-529-1111. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. joel@lincolnmemorialgarden.org.

Long Bridge Golf Course

From mid-May to the end of October, hold your ceremony in a climate-controlled tent that seats 275 and has an adjacent courtyard. Rentals include a bride's room, photos on the course and the use of a tent for three days. Site includes turn-around drive at the entrance for convenient drop off and reserved, close parking for the bridal party. 1055 W. Camp Sangamo Road, 217-744-8311. longbridgegc.com.

Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center

Two chandelier-lit ballrooms are available for romantic ceremonies and receptions accommodating 150-400 guests. Wedding packages available. The venue provides a complimentary changing room for the bridal party. Space is also available for small, intimate family-style rehearsal dinners. The wedding coordinators can expertly assist with the smallest of details. Complimentary King Jacuzzi room is available for the couple after the wedding. 3280 Northfield Drive, 217-523-7900. northfieldinn.com.

Panther Creek Country Club

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Piper Glen Golf and Social Club

The Grand Tent, with accommodations for up to 250 guests, features a 20-by-20 dance floor, tables, linens and other accessories. The Palmer Room,

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Pole Barn Chic

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This downtown venue features a talented culinary team, experienced wedding professionals, and an elegant ballroom with Venetian glass chandeliers. Wedding packages include a menu tasting, special room block pricing, and suite for the wedding couple. Suite based on availability. 701 E. Adams St., 217-321-2453. dtspringfieldil.com.

Rail Golf Course

With a new outdoor tent with carpeting and landscaping, this spectacularly elegant outdoor facility for 300 guests offers a dance floor and breathtaking views of the gorgeous grounds. The outdoor patio accommodates up to 60 guests for smaller events. 1400 S. Club house Drive, 217-525-0365. mary@railgolf.com.

Springfield Park District

The park district offers beautiful outdoor wedding and reception venues at several locations. Seating for 60-300 guests. There is something for everyone and every style of wedding. \$70-\$2,000. Duncan Park band shell at MacArthur Boulevard and Madison Street. Erin's Pavilion features a 5,280-square-foot banquet hall to accommodate up to 300 guests and features a charming terrace with a panoramic, peaceful waterfront view, a banquet

hall and two dressing areas for the couple. Caterers may be selected from our list of preapproved caterers. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941. Lincoln Greens Golf Club banquet room has large windows with a view of Lake Springfield. Room seats approximately 130 guests. 700 E. Lake Drive. Lincoln Park bridge or pavilion. The pavilion is perched on a hilltop with a scenic view, large chandeliers and 8-foot windows that light the grand banquet hall. Fifth St. and Sangamon Ave. 217-544-1751. Southwind Park terrace, gazebo, butterfly garden, tree house or Selvaggio arches are options for beautiful outdoor ceremonies. 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941. Washington Park's Botanical Garden annual display beds, rose garden, outdoor gathering plaza and the Roman Culture Garden provide stunning, colorful settings for outdoor weddings. 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116. Washington Park gazebo or pavilion. The gazebo is a quaint spot in Washington Park to hold a lovely wedding ceremony. The pavilion was built around 1900 and has an elegant cobblestone event lodge complete with a banquet room, kitchen and dining room. South Grand Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard, 217-544-1751. springfieldparkdistrict.org.

State House Inn

The State House Inn offers the 3,500-square-foot Governor's Ballroom for couples looking for a grand site. The ballroom can accommodate 450 guests and can be partitioned. The venue provides tables, linen and accessories and can accommodate up to 275 guests. Guests can bring in a food vendor or bring in their own food. The State House Inn also can be the place for wedding and baby showers, birthdays and other events. 101 W. Adams St., 217-528-5100. thestatehouseinn.com.

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The Pasfield House

This historic mansion offers an inspired mix of the past and the present: Comfort and ease, while being elegant and luxurious. The venue accommodates 60 seated inside the gilded ballroom and up to an additional 100 seated outside in the courtyard. Event spaces are fully customizable with on-site catering and bar service. Whole house wedding packages that include access to six overnight guest suites (sleeps 16) start at \$2,300. In-house catering and beverage services start at \$25 per person. Elopement packages starting at \$425 for two-hour rental on weekdays (rooms not included) now available. Showers, rehearsal dinners and other events start at \$400. 525 S. Pasfield St., 217-670-2449. Pasfieldhouse.com.

Trish & Mary's Event Space

Located inside the historic Vinegar Hill Mall, Trish & Mary's is a distinctive indoor/outdoor venue blending eclectic, vintage, and urban style. Featuring exposed brick, industrial beams, a built-in bar, lounge seating, and an open floor plan, the space accommodates seated events up to 120 guests and cocktail receptions up to 200. The attached outdoor area offers café lighting over a brick-paved road with a scenic view of the State Capitol, ideal for ceremonies, receptions, or rehearsal dinners. Rentals include tables with linens and chairs. Catering is provided by Conn's Catering. 107 W. Cook St. 217-523-4466, ext. 2308. AngieC@Connshg.com. Connshg.com.

Venue 1929

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VFW Post 755

VFW Post 755 offers a large dance floor, two bars and catering for weddings and receptions with up to 300 guests. 2211 Old Jacksonville Road. 217-546-9515 or 217-836-6032.

SURROUNDING AREA

Bullard's 311 South Sixth

Located in downtown Morrisonville, Bullard's 311 South Sixth offers a unique experience. The venue is housed in a building that was built in the early 1800s complete with original ornate metal ceiling and hardwood floor which makes for a very warm, cozy experience. The facility is perfect for rehearsal dinners, smaller weddings/receptions, bridal/baby showers, class reunions and much more. Bullard's 311 South Sixth can accommodate up to 100 people. It includes a full bar and beautiful beer garden. 217-827-0587. cbullard1957@yahoo.com.

Clayville Historic Site

Rustic, peaceful and romantic are words that describe Clayville Historic Site, located only 15 miles west of Springfield. The 100-year-old, climate-controlled barn leads into an open pavilion, with side curtains for year-round use. This indoor space allows the site to accommodate up to 175 people, which includes tables and chairs. For larger groups, outdoor picnic tables can be utilized. Tents and extra chairs can be rented and set up by a vendor of the guests' choice at the expense of the renter. Space is available for rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception. Weddings can be a one or two-day rental, but the rental of the venue will be \$2,000 regardless of which option is selected. Indoor or outdoor wedding area available. Add-ons for additional fee: Bar service; margarita machine; wooden benches for outdoor wedding. 12828 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains, 217-481-4430. rentals@clayville.org.

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Hamilton's at The Lake

Your ceremony pictures will be gorgeous with unlimited sites to choose from on the grounds of the Western Illinois Youth Camp. Chairs, benches and tables are included, and setup can be however you envision it. The Craft Hall, Krell Cabin, Dining Hall and Pavilion are all available to create the perfect setting for the special day. 2244 4H Club Lane, Jacksonville, 217-675-2720, hamiltonscatering.com, info@hamiltonscatering.com

Hill Prairie Winery

Couples can choose from several stunning sites, including next to the vineyard, pond, windmill, rolling hillside or inside a 100-year-old barn. Outdoor ceremonies accommodate up to 300, while inside events seat up to 150. The 100-year-old barn has been beautifully renovated with seating, bar and restrooms. We have a list of caterers from which to choose. 23753 Lounsbury Road, Oakford, 217-635-9900. hillprairiewinery.com.

Marian Banquet Hall

Marian Banquet Hall is located just three miles outside Springfield. The venue is one of the largest in the area and seats 370-plus but rents for only \$800 on a Saturday and less on other days of the week. A Friday-Saturday rental option is available for \$1,100. The venue has table and chairs, a full bar, walk-in cooler, kitchen, dimmable lights, stage, disco ball, monitors for slideshows, WiFi and decorations for rent. There are separate rooms for dressing and a large parking lot. Rehearsal dinners can be held in the hall's Community Room. Plus, an adjacent park with the Sangamon River offers additional photo opportunities. To help keep wedding costs low, there are no catering restrictions. 335 S. Fourth St., Riverton. 217-629-7202. MarianBanquetHall.com or MarianBanquetHall@gmail.com.

The Homestead

The Homestead is a rustic, rural venue on a working 10-acre farm. It offers generous indoor and outdoor space for ceremonies and receptions for up to 300 people. The venue is climate-controlled with five restrooms and a dressing room for both the bride and groom's party. There are also two bars with a seven-keg capacity. Guests will enjoy this natural setting complete with dance floor, fire pit and full kitchen for your choice of caterer. Guests can have the venue from Thursday through

Sunday. Located northwest of Springfield on I-97 in Tallula. 217-502-0019. homesteadreceptioncenter.com.

Paul's Paradise

Located 10 miles west of Springfield, Paul's Paradise is a breathtaking wedding and event venue set on a 130-acre tree farm where elegant indoor comfort meets unforgettable outdoor beauty. The venue features a large indoor stage – perfect for peace of mind if the weather changes – as well as a stunning outdoor ceremony stage with a white fence, pergola and a picturesque tree-farm backdrop surrounded by a lush tropical flower garden. Couples enjoy seamless celebrations with indoor and outdoor sound systems, a full dance lighting system and multiple photography backdrops throughout the property. Guests love the spacious layout, including two decorative stamped concrete patios and a large, well-lit concrete parking lot. Bridal suite highlights: This oversized luxury bridal suite features three private hair and makeup studios, private restroom, bridal bar and lounge area and private balcony for relaxing before the ceremony. Groomsmen's retreat: Grooms enjoy their own space on a three-tier deck overlooking the lake complete with Meta Quest 3 VR gaming – an unforgettable way to relax and have fun before the big moment. Food and flexibility: Guests may use any catering company they wish or bring their own food – no restrictions. Included with every rental at no extra cost are access to the complimentary décor closet; tables, chairs, linens and runners; photography backdrops; VIP room and luxury lounge furniture and separate complimentary arcade for guests. Perfectly suited for 125–300 guests, Paul's Paradise offers a stress-free, all-inclusive experience in a one-of-a-kind setting. 12430 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains (Located at Paul Tree Farms). 217-891-8516. paulsparadise@mail.com.

Prairie View Reception Center

Guests will be impressed with the elegantly updated interior of this 8,800-square-foot space. Complimentary event planner and professional staff, large hardwood dance floor and custom lighting, complimentary linens, free Wi-Fi, onsite private parking and your choice of caterers are all available. The venue accommodates 320 seated guests. 8865 State Route 4, Chatham, 217-483-7999. prairieviewreception.com.

Oak Terrace Resort

Oak Terrace Resort is an all-in-one location with an outdoor wedding venue where you and your guests can enjoy your big day and utilize all the resort has to offer. Three different types of on-site lodging are available as is the outdoor wedding location, reception facility, golf course and Mulligan's Bar & Grille. 100 Beyers Lake Estates, Pana, 217-539-4477. koltmanns@oakterraceresort.com.

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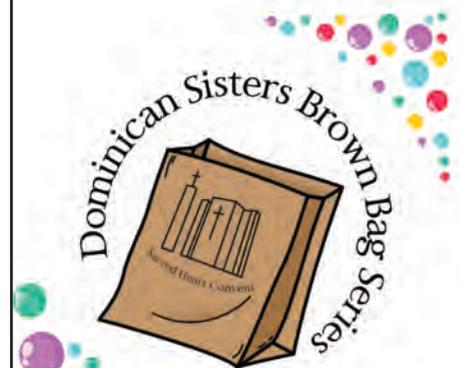
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JANET I. EDEN
Sept. 21, 1937-Aug. 9, 2025



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.

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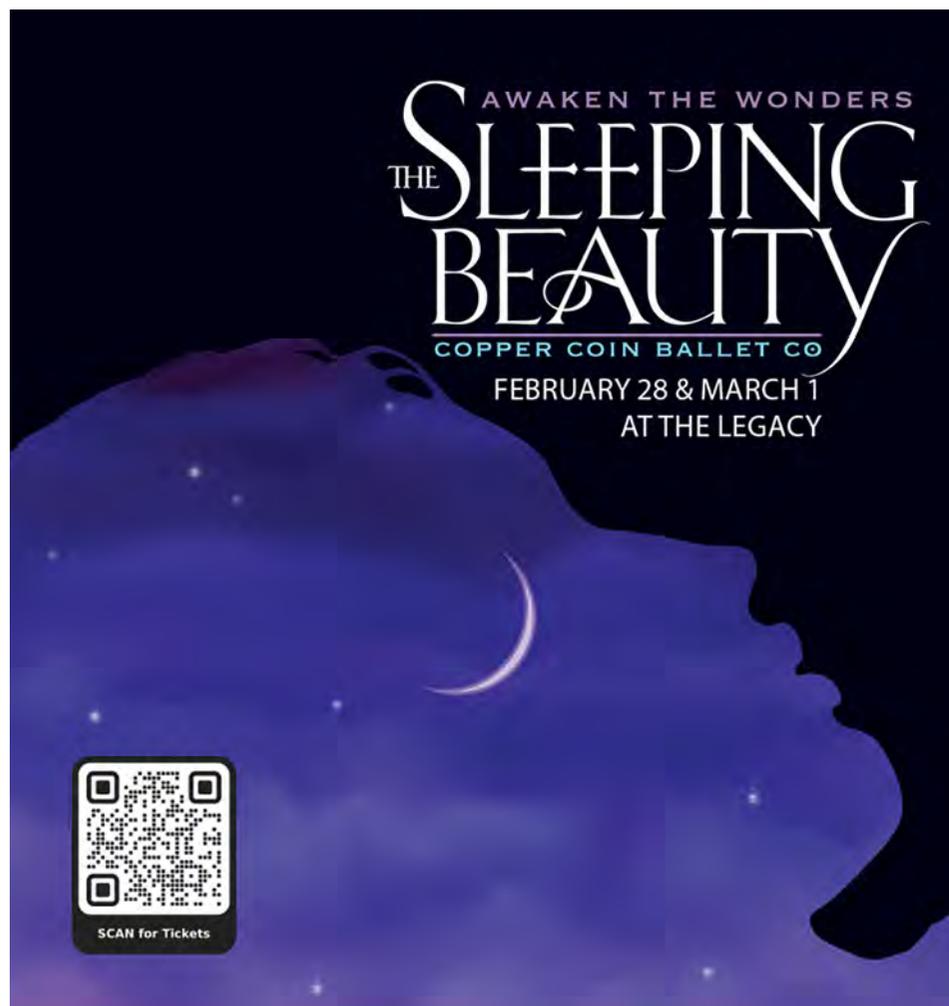
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FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Equally well suited to a romantic night in or a Champagne-infused Galentine's brunch, crêpes are a sophisticated yet playful choice that can be served any time of day, from breakfast all the way to dinner. Made from a simple egg and milk batter, this French culinary classic dates back to 13th century Brittany where they were traditionally made with buckwheat flour and filled with savory fillings such as ham, eggs and melted Alpine-style cheese. They can be filled with a range of sweet or savory ingredients. Eventually wheat flour became a common substitute for the buckwheat and the recipe evolved into the crêpes many are familiar with today.

A popular Parisian street food that can be filled with a dealer's choice of ingredients from Nutella and berries to fresh cheese and jam, crêpes can also be found on dessert menus at some fine dining restaurants in the form of crêpes Suzette, in which the folded pancakes are flambéed tableside in a decadent sauce made from butter, sugar, orange juice and liqueur. They can even be transformed into a showstopping gâteau de crêpes, or crêpe cake, made by sandwiching silky pastry cream between layer upon layer of thin, delicate pancakes.

These elegant serving variations belie crêpes' simplicity in terms of both preparation and serving. Many will already have the required equipment on hand: a 10-inch nonstick skillet or cast-iron pan, thin spatula and a blender (preferably) or a whisk. After blitzing the batter in a blender and allowing it a brief rest (or an overnight chill in the refrigerator), the pancakes cook for just 30 seconds in a hot skillet. They can easily be made ahead and refrigerated or frozen, separated by sheets of parchment or waxed paper and wrapped in plastic wrap, making them a practical choice for entertaining. They can be reheated either individually in a nonstick skillet or in a parchment-lined, 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish that's been covered tightly with foil and placed in a preheated 350-degree oven for 10-15 minutes.

Basic crêpes

Makes approximately 10 crêpes

Ingredients:

3 large eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 ¼ cups whole milk
1 tablespoon melted butter, plus more for the skillet



¼ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon each sugar and vanilla extract (if making sweet crêpes, optional)

1 tablespoon minced herbs such as parsley, tarragon or chives (if making savory crêpes, optional)

Combine the eggs, flour, melted butter, salt and sugar and vanilla (if using) in the bowl of a blender and blend for 30 seconds. Add herbs, if using, and pulse briefly to combine. Or combine in a mixing bowl and whisk until thoroughly combined. Let the batter rest for 30 minutes and up to 24 hours.

When ready to cook, heat a 10-inch nonstick skillet or cast-iron pan over medium-high heat and coat very lightly with butter. Pour ¼ cup batter into the skillet and tilt/swirl the pan to coat it evenly with the batter. Cook until the top of the pancake is bubbly and looks slightly dry, about 20 seconds. Carefully flip the crêpe using a thin spatula and cook for 10-15 seconds more, then transfer to a plate

and cover with a towel or inverted bowl to keep from drying out. Repeat with the remaining batter. To serve simply, roll up individual crêpes like a cigar and finish with a squeeze of fresh orange juice and powdered sugar. Alternatively, you can serve them with one or more of the fillings listed below. Unfilled crêpes can be made ahead and stored well wrapped in the fridge for up to three days or frozen for several weeks.

Crêpes can be served folded in a variety of ways or simply stacked with layers of filling and sliced like a cake. One option is to roll up the crêpe with a more substantial quantity of filling much like a burrito. However, be careful not to overfill, which can cause the crêpe to tear. This is well suited to savory applications which can then be topped with a rich mornay cheese sauce and baked in the oven until brown and bubbly. Crêpes can also be spread with filling then folded in half and then folded again to make a triangle. Another traditional option typically used with sunny-side up eggs is to

place shredded cheese and the lightly cooked egg in the center of the crepe and then fold the sides up over the top of the egg, leaving just the yolk peeking out.

Sweet filling suggestions:

- Sliced strawberries with sweetened whipped cream
- Nutella with bananas
- Honey sweetened ricotta
- Lemon curd with fresh raspberries

Savory filling suggestions:

- Roasted vegetables and goat cheese
- Sautéed mushrooms and spinach with Gruyère
- Creamed chicken
- Smoked salmon, capers and cream cheese
- Ham, sunny side-up egg and cheese (see folding instructions above) □

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

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Left, Carly Shank anchors the production with her portrayal of Hecuba, the fallen Queen of Troy. Right, Lauren Williams as Andromache. PHOTO BY KENNETH KENDALL

The Trojan Women, a Greek tragedy

“All die. Life is judged by how it is lived.”

THEATER | Mary Young

In one of those rare but welcome departures from local norms, a play is being performed in Springfield that probably hasn't been done in years, if ever. While Greek tragedy might not be high up on everyone's list, I hope you make the time to see this one. The story and the production expertly explore the raw human cost of war and the moral gray areas of conflict, highlighting the struggles that still resonate in our modern world.

Considered the greatest anti-war play ever written, *The Trojan Women* by Euripides shows us the brutal aftermath of the Trojan War, focusing on the suffering of the women of Troy as they await their fate at the hands of the victorious Greeks. Some will die, some will be enslaved, all will suffer.

Playwright Arthur J. Beer, who adapted the play, wrote: “The story of the war between Troy and an alliance of Greek states during the 12th century B.C. provided background for nearly half of the extant classic dramas as well as Homer's two great epics. For 10 years the Greeks laid siege to Troy, finally capturing it by the trick of the wooden horse. Achilles, Hector, Agamemnon, Odysseus and Ajax were the heroes of the epics; but Euripides

chose to write about the victims instead. Only four ‘great names’ appear in his play as characters: Hecuba, Queen of Troy; her prophetic daughter, Cassandra; Menelaus, King of Sparta; and Helen, his erring wife – and the last two are seen as a pompous fool and a scheming liar. The only other Greeks we see are a herald and some guards – and their only activities are humiliating and killing helpless Trojans.”

This theater-in-the-round production is appealing for its one-hour-and-six-minute run time and skillful handling, but it's not an easy watch. The subject matter is grim, and audiences can expect a visceral, in-your-face experience. Director Kenneth Kendall said this play was an important one for him to do and for people to witness.

“I've loved this play since I first read it,” he said. Kendall first directed the play at Lincoln College and was once part of a production that performed it in Greece in 2005. When he approached Spencer Theatre Company about producing it, he didn't anticipate it being so topical, but he feels the writing and subject matter are very accessible for today's audiences.

“The playwright was an outsider even in his day. At the time, people felt his works broke the rules. He was not stodgy; he made human, real characters and (audiences today) don't need to know all the history to appreciate or understand it,” Kendall said. “It feels very modern, for being a 2,500-year-old play.”

Anchoring the chorus of women with defiance and resoluteness through crushing grief is Hecuba, the fallen Queen of Troy. Anchoring the production is Carly Shank in that pivotal role, her portrayal equally majestic and broken, rage-filled and devastated. It's a Herculean feat to carry the weight of this character for over an hour, and she does so with skill and confidence.

“I wanted to use the power of theater to comment on the current world,” Shank said, noting that working with Kendall also provided a good acting class.

For those who might have an aversion to Greek tragedy, Shank recommends looking past the ancient format and instead focusing on the subject matter.

“I've been trying to tell people who are politically motivated, this is a form of

resistance. Being in a room with other people who share the desire to resist against atrocities is a powerful thing,” Shank said.

Not to be overlooked are the other important characters who embody this story and the actors who portray them with unbridled passion. Cassandra (Zoe Chase), Andromache (Lauren Williams), Athena/chorus (Tegan Follis), Helen (Kelly Ferguson), members of the chorus (Katharine Roberts, Magoline Middleton, Rachel Hettrick and Sarah Reisch) all excel. Rounding out of the cast are Kevin Paul Wickart as Poseidon/Talthybius, Kam Fleming as Menelaus and Chris Heinrich playing a soldier.

“There's nowhere to hide as an audience,” Kendall said. “You have to watch. You're forced to face what's happening.” We cannot, and should not, look away.

The Trojan Women, presented by Spencer Theatre Company and SIU Medicine, runs Feb. 12-15 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Tickets are available by calling 217-523-2787 or online at hefta.org. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. □

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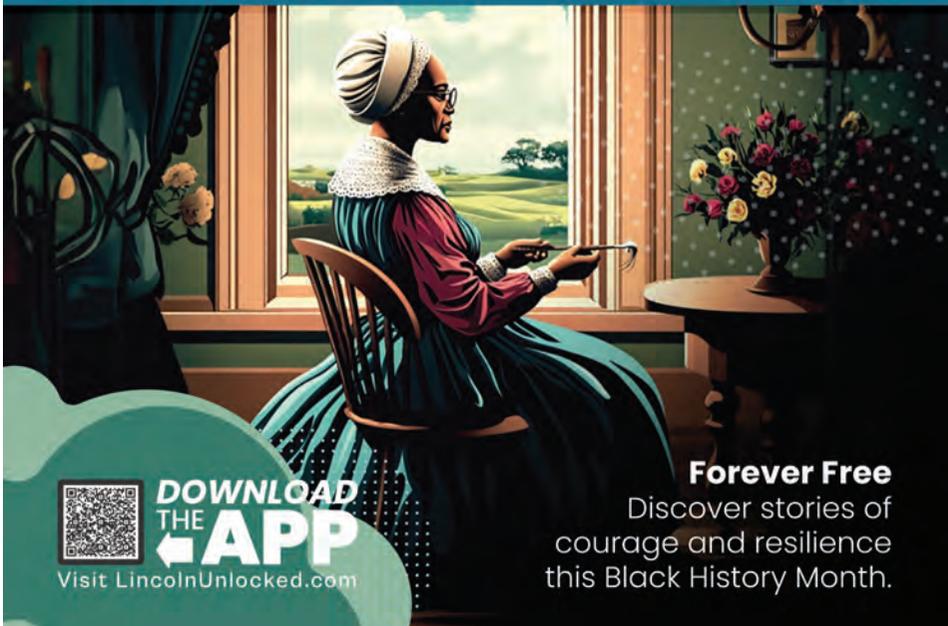
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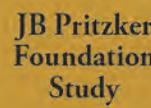
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STC's *The Addams Family* – An ooky love story

THEATER | Mary Young

The Addams Family musical is based on a 1964 sitcom which was inspired by the cartoons of Charles Addams. All feature Gomez Addams, his wife Morticia and children Pugsley and Wednesday. They share their home on Cemetery Lane with Uncle Fester, butler Lurch, helping hand Thing and someone's grandma. They are a close-knit family with very bizarre interests – the humor often found in their morose views of the world and their odd passions. More recently, a 2022 Netflix series focused on the life of daughter Wednesday traversing high school life as a detached but gifted outcast.

The musical – book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and music and lyrics by Andrew Lipp – also focuses on Wednesday (though older than the original pig-tailed child or more recent teen). She wants to bring home the “normal” boy she's fallen in love with, Lucas. Echoing similar plots from *La Cage aux Folles* and *You Can't Take It With You*, Wednesday doesn't want her unconventional parents to ruin her chances with Lucas. She demands the family deny their true selves and odd behaviors and instead, act normal for once in front of Lucas' straitlaced, conservative parents. The result is a madcap evening where a “full disclosure” post-dinner game reveals some awkward truths with hilarious results.

The Addams household is led by patriarch Gomez, wonderfully portrayed by Daniel Maughan, who entertains with a fiery passion for life, love and swordplay. Maughan was originally cast as Gomez at the Muni Opera production that ended up being canceled during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was worth the wait to see him finally bring this spiky character to life.

Jasmine French plays the captivating and poised Morticia, who comforts her children with such affirmations as, “Life is a tightrope, my child, and at the end of it is your coffin.” She matches Maughan in every way. As their son, Pugsley, Carys Fritz was easily one of my favorite people to watch on stage. The diminutive younger brother to Wednesday, Fritz's Pugsley divinely pouts and connives like a mischievous yet loving sibling, with a penchant for torture.

Jim Leach's eccentric Uncle Fester, who occasionally breaks the fourth wall, is a delight. Playing the butler Lurch, Jordan DePatis also turns in a memorable performance, achieving amusing heights with very little dialog. And to put it quite simply, Clair Dudoit as Grandma is hilarious.

Lucas (the always enjoyable Will Moffet)



The cast of Springfield Theatre Centre's production of *The Addams Family*. PHOTO BY CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

and his parents, Alice and Mal (equally talented Kinsey Potter and Justin Johnson) are a typical small-town family initially overwhelmed by the big city and the Addams' lifestyle. The ensemble playing the ancestors, those who have come to life briefly to reveal hidden truths until love triumphs, add a great deal to the production.

As Wednesday, the protagonist of the story, Tyler Caraballo-Pisani nimbly vacillates between being devoted to Lucas and conflicted about her family. A bit of a departure from the stoic youngster some may instinctively think of, the musical gives us a more emotional and occasionally jubilant Wednesday – singing about puppies, Disney and even wearing yellow, sacrificing some of her dead-eyed gloom for romance.

These romantic elements felt a little uneven to me, plot-wise, but all in all, *The Addams' Family* is performed extremely well and is really about love and acceptance.

These themes are what co-directors LaDonna Wilson and Sean Robb said drew them to the show.

“The Addams Family has lasted so long because of how they view life. They embrace death, rather than fear it.” said Wilson. “They're authentic with how they live and don't have to fake it. It's kind of a superpower.”

For Robb, the show also resonated with him on a personal level. “As an old-school series drama king, I've always been drawn to Morticia's elegance and the whole magnificently kookie family,” he said. Robb noted that this musical is unique in that it centers on Wednesday experiencing adult love and a more protective Morticia.

“I love how accepting they all are – they just embrace everyone. It's all about love,” he said.

Sets and scenic design are effective in creating the right atmosphere, along with

costumes, wigs and makeup which harken back to those original characters and their iconic looks. The orchestra is sweeping and bright, playing a bouncy score with Lucy Yockey at the helm of musical direction. Across the board, the vocals are first-rate. Under the guidance of vocal director Nicole Pittman, everyone has moments to shine.

If you're looking for some Friday the 13th entertainment or spooky Valentine's Day fun, The Addams Family continues Feb. 12-14 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at hcfia.org or by calling 217-523-2787. □

Mary Young was born and raised in Springfield and has been performing in, producing and directing live theater for decades. She's done film and voice-over work, performs occasionally with local bands and takes part in improv troupe The Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company.

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My goodness, there's a lot going on this weekend and I'm just talking about days of significance for now without getting to the music. We have a Friday the 13th, Valentine's Day on Saturday, then a President's Day federal holiday on Monday. Sunday could be the Ides of February or President's Day Eve or Post-Valentine's Day, but let's just go take a look at the music that makes these days worth celebrating.

Our week starts on Thursday as Obed & Isaac's celebrates 14 years of being here with a big party from 5:30 to 9 p.m. featuring the music of our friends Me, Myself and Schy from 6 to 8 p.m. Congratulations to O & I's for being the spot for outdoor (and indoor, too) downtown eating and drinking with weekly live music in addition to making some mighty fine beer as well.

Out at Motorheads, it's time for another edition of Thursday Night Live with this month's showcase artists including Caprice Hardin, Julia Rolens, Shaun Tobin, Roger Wainwright and Death Do Us Part (Caprice Hardin, Kaleb Billbe, Buddy Jackson and Blake Perry). Thursdays keep on giving with the dad and daughter team, Al and Kathy Kitchen, at Mother Road Diner and bandmates from 3's Company, Melanie Dennison and Steve Clark, doing the "steak and side ballad" show at the Curve Inn. Downtown at The Pharmacy, The Art of Jazz kicks in with this month's music guests, Ocean State Quartet, consisting of Mark Russillo, Ben Taylor, Jaro Howse and Adrian Russo doing a concoction of jazz, bossa nova and blues.

Friday evening gets downtown going as our first focus with Silas Tockey at Boone's, Joel Honey at The Alamo and Fairweather Friends at the Cidery. Heading westward, there's Johnnie Owens at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Gianna Hines at Farmhouse Brews in Harvest Market, Ashley Riley at Bar Bella and Angel

Brown with Rick Gasparin at Lime Street Cafe. On the north end, I spy Hipbone Sam and the Joints at Stockyards VFW and the monthly Meetup 6 hip-hop show at the Main Gate Bar & Grill.

Let's scoot over to Saturday and set our sights on Valentine's Day and the nighttime, too. Stella Coffee & Tea gets us started with the Springfield Uketopians bringing in the songs at the crack of noon. Officially advertised V-Day parties in the afternoon start in the small towns around Springfield with Thomas J Beverly at Mulvaney's in Stonington, Robert Sampson at Trails End in Curran, The Guilty Boys at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford and TyJon Charlie at Cafe Amulet in Petersburg, with OAT at Pease's as an in-town happening.

For your evening adventures look for this assortment of acts with Mace Hathaway at the Butternut Hut, LowPhatt at George Rank's, Larry Watson at Mother Road Diner, Tim Duggan at Boone's and a Best Kept Secret Live Show at the Curve Inn with music from Paul Bill Jr., Ryan Byfield, Nicholas R., Rontè Harris and Raven B.

On Sunday, the Bobby Hoyt celebration party, affectionately called "Don't Threaten Me With a Good Time" from one of Tequila Bob's well-worn jokes, starts at 1 p.m. at The Alamo and goes until it's over with live music and free food, plus donations accepted for St. John's Breadline.

Once again, the small towns around our area lead the way on Sunday with Not Petty at 1905 Brewing in Assumption, After School Special at Buckhart Tavern and Todd & friends at Vixen Hill in Palmyra, plus Antone DeRocchi and Jaigh Lowder with special guest Brandon Elliott at Lucky's on the Square in Petersburg to name a few.

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

Melanie Dennison and Steve Clark
Curve Inn, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Boots on the Line
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7pm

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

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

Me, Myself and Schy
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

The Art of Jazz - Ocean State Quartet
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 7-9pm

Thursday Night Live
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

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

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

Karaoke
The Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Feb 13

Joel Honey
The Alamo, 5:30-8:30pm

Ashley Riley
Bar Bella, 7-9pm

Silas Tockey
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Gary Williams
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Night with DJ Jeff
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm

Menace to Sobriety
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

The Back Porch Trio
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6:30-9pm

Boots, Hats and Pearl Snaps Band
El Campesino Mexican Restaurant, Girard, 5:30-7:30pm

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

it Gianna Hines
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and Feb. 14, 7-10:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Meetup 6
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7pm

Fairweather Friends
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

Molly Seaton
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Johnnie Owens
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

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

Morgan Peterson
The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 8-10pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10302, 6-9pm

Saturday Feb 14

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

Devil's Daughter & The Black Water Band
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 5-8pm



The Fairweather Friends play Obed & Isaac's The Cidery on Friday.

Tim Duggan
Boone's, 6pm

Brushville
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Mace Hathaway
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

TyJon Charlie
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

The 4 County Band
Connor's Corner Pub, Tallula, 7-11pm

Bell & Field
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Best Kept Secret Live Show
Curve Inn, 6pm

it LowPhatt
George Rank's, 8-11pm

The Speakeasy Trio
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

The Guilty Boys
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

Exit 52
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

The Ivory Bros Dueling Pianos
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7-10pm

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

Thomas J Beverly
Mulvaney's Pub, Stonington, 3-6pm

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

After School Special
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 5:30-8:30pm

OAT
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
The Rustic Venues by Fat Albert's BBQ, Girard, 7-10pm

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

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

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

Karaoke with CJ the DJ
The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 8pm

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

Grand Theft Audio
The Wagon, Decatur, 7-10pm

Karaoke with DJ WayZee
Whiskey Jack's Sports Bar, 9am-1pm

Sunday Feb 15

Joel Honey
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 1-4pm

After School Special
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3pm

3rd Street Strays
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Curt Smith
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

Thomas J Beverly
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Antone DeRocchi and Jaigh Lowder with special guest Brandon Elliott
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 2pm

Nigel Mack
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Open blues jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Sky Lounge, Third Sunday of every month, 5-8pm

Exit 52
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Monday Feb 16

Paul Bonn
The Alamo, 7pm

Subversion, Selfish Act, Depressionista, Burning Limbs, Hard Looks
Dumb Records, 7pm

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 17

Robert Sampson
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

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

Smokestacks
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Wednesday Feb 18

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

Karaoke
Cliques, 9pm-1am

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

Music at the Cidery - The Speakeasy Trio
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

3rd Wednesday Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7am-10pm

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THE CALENDAR



Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum Open House
Fri., Feb. 13, 1-5 p.m.
200 S. Main St., Athens

HISTORY | Building site of historic banquet with Lincoln

it Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 217th birthday and his enduring legacy by attending this open house at the Abraham Lincoln Long Nine Museum. The museum is located inside the historic Col. Matthew Rogers Building. It's where Lincoln and his fellow "Long Nine" state legislators were honored in a banquet on Aug. 3, 1837, after helping pass a bill to move the state capital from Vandalia to Springfield. Exhibits include dioramas depicting Lincoln's association with Rogers' family and other county residents, a biography room with information about each of the "Long Nine" legislators and re-created banquet area. The museum will open June 2 for tours from 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays through Aug. 30.

Special Music Events

The Art of Jazz

Second Thursday of every month, 7-9pm. Through Dec. 17. Spend a Thursday evening at the Pharmacy Gallery's Art of Jazz monthly concerts. Light snacks and refreshments available. Donation at the door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-523-0653.

Love Notes, Illinois Symphony Orchestra

Sat., Feb. 14, 7:30pm. Dance into Valentine's Day with this concert, an irresistible blend of energy, passion and musical flirtation. It opens with Bernstein's playful and spirited Three Dance Episodes from On the Town. Then sparks fly as dynamic saxophone duo Valentin Kovalev and Aiwen Zhang make their debut in Carr's sultry Concerto for Two Saxophones. It closes with the sweeping emotion of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. ilsymphony.org. \$30-65. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-206-6160.

Theater & Comedy

The Addams Family

Fri., Feb. 13, 7:30pm, Sat., Feb. 14, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 15, 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 open mic hosted by SKC

Wed., Feb. 18, 8pm. Comedians sign up at 7:30pm. Must be 21 or older. Goodfellas Pub, 518 N. Bruns Lane, 217-679-2119.

Frank Roche and Joe Degand

Sat., Feb. 14, 6pm. Valentine's dinner 6-7pm followed by comedy show at 8pm. Mature audiences only. Call or email for tickets. \$99 per couple. Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 600 Toronto Road, 217-528-1590.

Lynne Koplitz

Fri., Feb. 13, 8pm and Sat., Feb. 14, 7:30pm. Stand-up comedian and actress Lynne Koplitz, brings her show to Donnie B's Comedy Club. donniebs.com. \$28-\$30. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-891-4858.

The Trojan Women

Thu., Feb. 12, 7:30pm, Fri., Feb. 13, 7:30pm, Sat., Feb. 14, 2, 7:30pm and Sun., Feb. 15, 7:30pm. A tragedy by Euripides, *The Trojan Women* is considered the greatest anti-war play written. Presented by the Spencer Theatre Company. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Spoken Word

Open Mic Poetry +

Sat., Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30pm. Poets and writers this is for you. Have your written words spoken and heard on this Valentine is evening. Participants sign in when they enter. Names will be drawn at random and participants have up to seven minutes in front of the mic to read or recite what they have.

\$5 suggested donation at door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-544-3611.

Poetry Out Loud Central Illinois Regional Contest

Thu., Feb. 12, 4pm. In Poetry Out Loud, teens select, analyze and commit to memory classic and contemporary poems for recitation. This year's event features 155 students and 21 teachers from six area high schools. Winners will advance to one of seven regional competitions in Illinois; then to the state tournament (also held in Springfield, 10am March 2); and ultimately to the national finals in Washington, D.C., in late April. Presented by the Springfield Area Arts Council and Illinois Arts Council. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-753-3519.

Art & Architecture

"The Four Elements" Art Exhibit
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through Feb. 28. 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. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 2175442787.

Building With Brick: The Art of Lego Exhibit

Wednesdays, 10am-4pm, Saturdays, 10am-4pm and Sundays, 1-4pm. Through Feb. 28. This fourth-annual exhibit features more than 120 original and LEGO kit creations from all ages. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St., 217-408-1197.

Underfoot - works of Amy Denny and Kevin Veara

Sundays, 1-3pm and Tuesdays-Saturdays, 4-6pm. Through Feb. 22. See the paintings of Denny and Veara through Feb. 22. Free. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

Film & Television

How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies

Sun., Feb. 15, 1-3, 4-6pm and Tue., Feb. 17, 7-9pm. In this movie, part of the annual Molly Schlich International and Independent Film Series, a man driven by his desire for a multi-million dollar inheritance begins to care for his terminally ill grandmother. However, winning her favor will not be an easy task and he is not the only one with an eye on the money. Rated PG. Adults \$10, students \$5. AMC Classic Springfield 12, 3141 Mercantile Dr., 217-544-2787.

Food & Drink

Lake Council Chili Challenge East Regional

Sun., Feb. 15, 12pm. 17th annual event. Doors open at noon with tasting starting at 2pm. Proceeds will be donated to Springfield Zoological Society. Chili Challenge finals set March 1 at Prop Club. Anchor Boat Club, 407 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1174.

Valentine's Day Community Meal

Sat., Feb. 14, 11am-1pm. Enjoy a delicious meal. No signups, no requirements. All are welcome. Use ramp on Carpenter Street side to enter. Free. Kumler United Methodist Church, 600 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2046.

A Taste of Baklava

Thu., Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy baklava and other Greek dishes including Greek lamb stew, chicken kikinisto and more. Eat in or carry out. Prices vary. See Facebook page for more details. St. Anthony the Great Greek Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood, 217-522-7010.

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 for details on featured topics. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Lincoln Birthday Bash

Sat., Feb. 14, 9am-4pm and Sun., Feb. 15, 9am-4pm. A free, all-day public celebration marking the 217th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Event features family-friendly crafts and activities including a button making station, a chance to design a birthday card for Abraham Lincoln and a photo booth with Lincoln Home and National Park Service props. On Feb. 14, the bookstore will host book signings with Marla Harms Judge and Jan Jacobi and provide cake to commemorate Lincoln's birthday. Free, no cost. Lincoln Home National Home Site Visitor Center, 426 S. 7th St., 217-391-3254.

Lincoln Lecture: "Mr. Lincoln On the Road - Traveling the Original Route 66"

Thu., Feb. 12, 9am. Tim Good, recently retired superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, will talk about Abraham Lincoln's journeys north to Chicago for judicial duties and political engagements that helped shape his early career. Annual Lincoln Lecture presented by LLCC in the Trutter Center. Presentation also will be available via Teams. llc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Lincoln's Birthday at ALPLM

Thu., Feb. 12, 9am-5pm. Celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 217th birthday with free admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Sangamon County Historical Society

Tue., Feb. 17, 5:30-7pm. Karen Conn will talk about preserving history through hospitality. She will discuss her family's long tradition of melding history and hospitality by rehabilitating neglected buildings, breathing new life into them and creating places that continue to serve people today and into the future. sancohis.org. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-525-1961.

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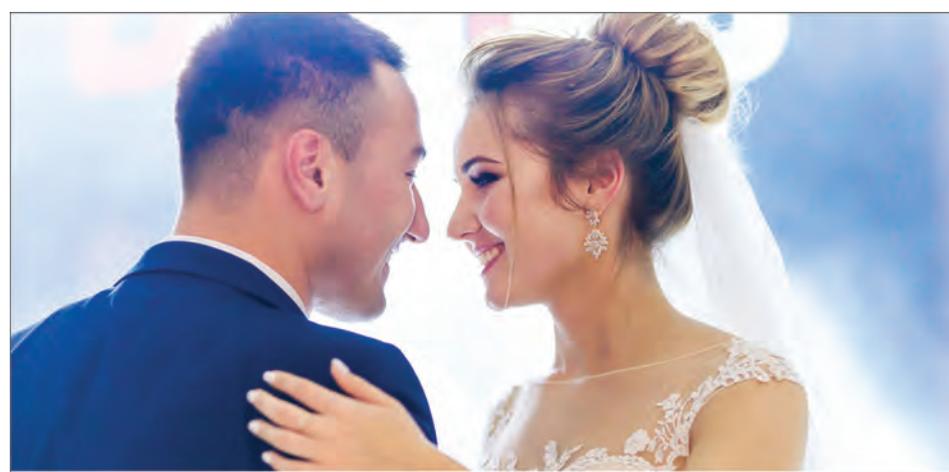
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Winter Date Nights

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Through March 26. Each week, couples can experience a special evening program at the Dana-Thomas House featuring a different program topic or theme. This program is recommended for adults and older teens interested in sharing a unique Dana-Thomas House experience with their partner or friend. Reservations required. See Eventbrite for program listings and to make reservations. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-785-5030.

Wreath Laying Ceremony of the 92nd Annual National American Legion Pilgrimage to the Lincoln Tomb

Thu., Feb. 12, 10am-12pm. Started by World War I veterans and members of The American Legion in 1935, the Legion's annual pilgrimage to the Lincoln Tomb is in its 92nd year. The wreath-laying ceremony that is part of this long-standing tradition will be held at the Lincoln Tomb in honor of President Lincoln's 217th birthday. Reservations not required. Free. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

History For Lunch: "The Thomas Publishing Part of the Dana-Thomas House Story"

Thu., Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy lunch and then a presentation by Lee-Ann Burgener of the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. Lunch will be at 11:30am followed by presentation at 12:30pm. \$35. Pre-registration required by Feb. 16. Organized by the Illinois State Historical Society and Downtown Springfield Inc. illinoisimestix.com. Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering, 222 S. Sixth St., 217-544-1723.

Holiday Happenings

Valentine's Day Soiree

Fri., Feb. 13, 5:30pm. Enjoy music, food and the soft glow of lights among the art glass, creating a romantic ambience in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright-built house. Ticket includes souvenir Dana-Thomas House charcuterie board. Purchase tickets in advance. Event by Dana-Thomas House Foundation. dana-thomas.org. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-788-9452.

Fundraisers and Galas

Abe Lincoln Route 66 Chili Cook-off

Sat., Feb. 14, 11am-5pm. Cook-off with sampling from cooks far and wide. Proceeds benefit the

Shriners Hospital for Children and Springfield Dyslexic Center. Competitors must be members of the International Chili Society. Judging begins at 3pm. Includes cash bar, silent auction. \$10. VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-341-1782.

Joe DeFrates Memorial Regional Chili Cook-off

Sun., Feb. 15, 11am. Ansar Shrine Arab Patrol and Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite presents 22nd Annual "Mister Chilli Man" Joe DeFrates Memorial Regional Chili Cook-Off. Judging begins at 3 p.m. Includes all you can eat chili, silent auction, raffles. \$10. VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-341-1782.

Community Organizing

Free Valentine's Day Meal

Sat., Feb. 14, 4-6pm. Food Not Bombs SPI is providing a free vegan meal for Valentine's Day, no questions asked. Gloves, socks, warm hats and hand warmers will also be available for free to anyone who wants them. Bring to-go containers and travel mugs to help reduce waste. Email foodnotbombs.spi@proton.me with questions. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

Children's Corner

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. 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.

Parents Night Out | Kidz Night In

Fri., Feb. 13, 5-8pm. Looking for a Valentine's Day date night plan that everyone will love? Drop the kids off and enjoy a worry-free evening out while they enjoy a fun-filled night made just for them. Open to children ages 4 and up. Must be potty-trained. Pizza dinner included for kids. Drop-off starts at 5pm with pickup at 8pm. kidzeum.org. \$35. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-671-2123.

Nature, Science & Environment

Prairie State Orchid Society

Winter Show and Sale

Sat., Feb. 14, 11am-3pm and Sun., Feb. 15, 11am-3pm. See a stunning display of orchids from the members of the Prairie State Orchid Society showcased in a juried competition. Meet experts who will be on hand to answer questions, share knowledge and offer a selection of orchids for sale. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-816-1515.

Lectures & Meetings

Illinois 13th District Candidate Forum

Tue., Feb. 17, 7-8:30pm. This is a virtual event in which participants will receive the Zoom link upon registration. Questions will be posed by a moderator, and audience members will have the opportunity to submit questions. <https://indivisible.org/events/il-13-virtual-candidates-forum/>. Free. Online, community engagement, 217-741-8453.

Lunch and Learn: A

Conversation With Tim Crawford

Tue., Feb. 17, 11:30am-1pm. Local director and playwright Tim Crawford will share his experience writing and producing his play *Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908* about the local race riots that made national headlines. Part of African-American History Month events at LLCC. llcc.edu. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Macoupin County Civil War Round Table meeting

Sun., Feb. 15, 1:30pm. Sameer Somal will present a program titled "Laughing Through the Darkness: Lincoln's Humor in the Civil War." Somal will show how Lincoln used humor to lighten heavy situations, steady himself and deliver difficult truths. The meeting will start with a meet and greet at 1:30pm followed by the talk at 2pm. Includes refreshments. Girard Community Center, Girard, P.O. Box 26, 217-965-5443.

Mental Health Panel and Lunch | Caring for the Mind + Spirit

Mon., Feb. 16, 12-2pm. Local professionals and community voices will talk about the winter blues, mental health challenges, available resources and the role of the church in supporting healing and hope. A complimentary lunch begins at noon with a panel discussion following at 1pm. Child care will be provided. rochestermethodist.org. Free. Rochester United Methodist Church, Rochester, 555 S. Walnut St., 217-498-7179.

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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
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:
Sale Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com
(847) 291-1717
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, As Trustee Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE1 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)
Michael N. Burke (6291435)
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)
Thomas Belczak (6193705)
Debra Miller (6205477)
Amy Aronson (6206512)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-961599

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 information regarding the real estate is:
West Central Bank, Attn: Kris Krone, 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



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(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. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield Registration No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efafield@bhsllaw.com 8051-961454

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ANDEATTE R. SANDERS,
Defendant.
CASE NO. 25-FC-23
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
408 GOLF RD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 22-06-0-354-006 aka 22-06-0-354-006
Commonly known as: 408 Golf Rd, Springfield, IL 62704
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on March 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$304,650.17. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,

the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law
601 East William Street
Decatur, IL 62523
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-961039

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Fifth Third Bank N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
Shenandoah Rush; et. al.
Defendants.
2025FC000080

1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/3/2025, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject

to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

Property Index No. 14-23.0-476-018

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$42,838.66 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1617 N WOLFE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-02645. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-02645 Case Number: 2025FC000080

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
I3281777

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
Jennifer Schaller; et. al.
Defendants.
2025FC000186

1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/14/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject

to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

Commonly known as 1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

Property Index No. 22-04.0-106-017

The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$86,410.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1417 S. STATE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-05946. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-05946 Case Number: 2025FC000186

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COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ERNEST EUGENE HEATON,
DECEASED

No. 2026 PR 20
CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Ernest Eugene Heaton. Letters of Office were issued on February 5, 2026, to Vicki Bault, 2516 Sherborn Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.
Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Ernest Eugene Heaton
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
Kevin@KevinNMCDermott.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
SANDRA L. HEINRICH,
Deceased.

Case No.: 2026-PR-34
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of SANDRA L. HEINRICH of Rochester, Illinois, and that Letters of Independent Administration were issued on February 4, 2026, to GARY CASPER, 118 Longleaf Lane, Madison, AL 35758, and Kimberly Huttmacher, PO Box 464, Illinois, IL 62539, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. 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, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. GARY CASPER and KIMBERLY HUTTMACHER, Administrators of the Estate of SANDRA L. HEINRICH, Deceased

Attorneys' Address:
Duane D. Young
Registration No.: 3091457
YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South Eighth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 544-8500
Facsimile: (217) 544-6200
8051-961918

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GEORGE B. HERMES, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-35
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of GEORGE B. HERMES. Letters of Office have been

issued to NANCY J. HERMES, 5012 Pec Road, 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 August 18, 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 4th day of February, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JEFFREY L. KRUSHALL, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-39
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JEFFREY L. KRUSHALL. Letters of Office have been issued to DEMETRIUS EUGENE KRUSHALL, 7474 Tennessee Drive, Apt. 207, Willowbrook, IL 60527, 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 18, 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 4th day of February, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA MARIE BAKER,
Deceased.

No. 2026-PR-36
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Patricia Marie Baker. Letters Testamentary were issued on February 3, 2026, to Robert Strocher Jr. of 109 Oakwood Ln., Williamsville, IL 62693, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 12, 2026, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, 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.

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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 3rd day of February 2026 Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF: DONALD BRUCE STARKWEATHER, Deceased. No. 2025-PR-430 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONALD BRUCE STARKWEATHER of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on January 30, 2026, to RONALD STARKWEATHER, whose address is 4705 Bellevue Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 as Administrator, and whose attorney is GORDON W. GATES of 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 Circuit 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 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 2nd day of February 2026. Gordon W. Gates (#6192861) GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: gordon@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: RHONDA KAY SKAGGS, Deceased. Case No.: 2026PR000026 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Rhonda Kay Skaggs, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2026, to Kash A. Skaggs, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Morgan County Courthouse, 300 W State St, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 10, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026 Kash A. Skaggs Independent Executor Barry O. Hines - 01220918 Attorney at Law 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 698-8444 Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS In Re the Estate of: PAULA L. BUSSMANN, A/K/A PAULA L. BALAKAS, Deceased. Case No.: 2026PR000006 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Rhonda Kay Skaggs, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 2, 2026, to Kash A. Skaggs, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Morgan County Courthouse, 300 W State St, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 10, 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026 Kristin Bussmann Independent Executor Barry O. Hines - 01220918 Attorney at Law 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 698-8444 Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

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. Dated this 29th day of January, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS 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 RAICHLER, 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 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 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 Tamarack 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 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 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. Gordon W. Gates GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 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 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, Illi-
nois. Letters of Office were issued on Janu-
ary 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 repre-
sentative, 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](https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers).
html 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](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
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Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
PLAINTIFF,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
SHEVITA JACKSON, DECEASED; CHADRICK
J. JACKSON; CHIVA JACKSON; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
DEFENDANTS.
CASE NO.: 2025FC000111
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
65 GLEN AIRE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having
been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
SHEVITA JACKSON, DECEASED;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS
that Plaintiff commenced this case in the
Circuit Court of Sangamon County against
you and other defendants, for foreclosure
of a certain mortgage lien recorded against
the real estate described as follows:
LOT SIXTEEN (16) OF GLEN AIRE ADDITION,
A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST
HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF
SECTION ELEVEN (11), TOWNSHIP FIFTEEN
(15) NORTH, RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN
ON PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16,
PAGE 71.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL,
GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING
THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETO-
FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR
CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND
EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF
SAID COAL, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINER-
ALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 65 GLEN AIRE SPRING-
FIELD, IL 62703
PIN: 22-11.0-477-008

Said mortgage was executed by SHEVITA
JACKSON, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR
GUARANTEED RATE, INC., as mortgagee, on
12/7/2023 and recorded in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County,
Illinois as Document Number 2023R22653.
You have been sued. Read all documents
attached to this Summons. To participate
in the case, you MUST file an official docu-
ment with the court within the time stated
on this Summons called an "Appearance"

and a document called an "Answer/
Response". The Answer/Response is not
required in small claims or eviction cases
unless ordered by the court. If you do not
file an Appearance and Answer/Response
on time, the court may decide the case
without hearing from you, and you could be
held in default and lose the case.
After you fill out the necessary documents,
you need to electronically file (e-file) them
with the court. To e-file, you must create an
account with an e-filing service provider.
For more information, go to ilcourts.info/
efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an
exemption that allows you to file in-person
or by mail.

You may be charged filing fees,
but if you cannot pay them, you can file an
Application for Waiver of Court Fees.

It is possible that the court will
allow you to attend the first court date in
this case in-person or remotely by video
or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's
office or visit the Court's website to find
out whether this is possible and, if so, how
to do this.

Need help? Call or text Illinois
Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to
ilcourthelp.gov for information about going
to court, including how to fill out and file
documents. You can also get free legal
information and legal referrals at [illinoisle-
galaid.org](http://illinoisle-
galaid.org). All documents referred to in this
Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/
forms. Other documents may be available
from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office
or website.

¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe
un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help
al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov
para obtener información sobre los casos de
la corte y cómo completar y presentar
formularios.

Unless you file your Appearance and
Answer/Response in this case in the office
of the clerk of this court by 3/16/2026 A
JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE
BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST
YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE
PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.
Chad Lewis
6306439
Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane &
Partners, PLLC
6400 Shafer Court Suite 325
Rosemont, IL 60018
Phone: (561) 241-6901
E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com
File: 25-278218
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
Service may be made via e-mail at [ILmail@
raslg.com](mailto:ILmail@raslg.com).
8051-961949

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
MIDFIRST BANK
PLAINTIFF,
-vs
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Arthur E.
Wilson a/k/a Arthur Eugene Wilson; Tammy
Wilson; Adair Wilson, as Independent Ad-
ministrator of the Estate of Arthur E. Wilson,
Deceased; Adair Wilson; Amber Wilson;
Joshua Wilson; Arzellus Wilson; United
States of America; Michael Diaz, as Special
Representative of Arthur E. Wilson a/k/a
Arthur Eugene Wilson, Deceased; Unknown
Owners And Non-Record Claimants
DEFENDANTS
NO. 25 FC 122
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having
been filed, notice is hereby given you
Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Arthur
E. Wilson a/k/a Arthur Eugene Wilson, De-
ceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants.

Defendants in the above entitled suit,

that the said suit has commenced in the
Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by
the said Plaintiff against you and other
defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a
certain Mortgage conveying the premises
described as follows, to wit: A PART OF
LOTS 103 AND 104 IN FRED W WANLESS'
EAST VIEW ADDITION, THIRD PLAT, MORE
PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY
LINE OF LOT 103 A DISTANCE OF 79.40
FEET NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHEAST
CORNER OF LOT 103, THENCE NORTHEAST
69. 62 FEET ON THE EASTERLY LINE
OF SAID LOTS 103 AND 104, THENCE
NORTHWESTERLY RADIALY TO THE CURVE
OF EAST VIEW DRIVE 123. 23 FEET, THENCE
SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHEAST
STREET LINE OF EAST VIEW DRIVE A
CHORD DISTANCE OF 49.15 FEET, THENCE
SOUTHEASTERLY 118.55 FEET TO THE
POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY INTER-
EST 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.
Commonly known as 2316 Eastview Drive,
Springfield, IL 62702
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-203-005
and which said Mortgage was made by
Arthur E. Wilson, a married person Mort-
gagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as mortgagor, as nominee
for Village Capital & Investment, LLC as
Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the
Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County,
Illinois, Document No. 2019R28498.
And for other relief, that summons was duly
issued out of the said Court against you as
provided by law, and that the suit is now
pending. Now therefore, unless you, the
said above named defendants, e-file your
answer to the Complaint in the said suit or
otherwise make your appearance therein,
on or before the 30th day after the first
publication of this notice which is MARCH
16, 2026. Default may be entered against
you at any time after that day and a judg-
ment entered in accordance with the prayer
of said Complaint.

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 [https://efile.
illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](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](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).

LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT
AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE AD-
VISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY
FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED
BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY
AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM
STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO
FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAIN-
ING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN
ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED
PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-961917

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GOODMAN FENCE, INC., an Illinois corpora-
tion,
Plaintiff,
v.
KARA L. MEYER, HEARTLAND CREDIT

UNION,
OTHER OWNERS AND LIENHOLDERS
UNKNOWN,
UNKNOWN NECESSARY PARTIES, and NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000020
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to OTHER OWNERS
AND LIENHOLDERS UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
NECESSARY PARTIES and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS of the real estate described
below, Defendants in the above-entitled
case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections
2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code
of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled
foreclosure suit is now pending in said court
and the day on or after which a default may
be entered against Defendants is March
16, 2026.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding
said foreclosure action filed on January
30, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case
Number are as follows: GOODMAN FENCE,
INC., an Illinois corporation; 2026FC000020.
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 holder of record is:
Kara L. Meyer
4. A legal description of the real estate
sufficient to identify it with reasonable
certainty is as follows:

Parcel 1:
Lot 160 of Quail Meadows Estates, Fifth
Addition according to the Plat thereof
recorded January 24, 1980 as Document
Number 846409, being part of Sections 1 &
12, Township 14 North, Range 6 West of the
Third Principal Meridian
Parcel 2:
Part of TOT Lot 5 in Quail Meadows
Fifth Addition to the Village of Chatham,
Sangamon County, Illinois, being part of
Sections 1 & 12, Township 14 North, Range
6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more
particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot
160 in said Quail Meadows Fifth Addition;
thence Northeasterly along the East side
of said Lot 160, 107.43 feet to an iron pin;
thence Easterly 137.33 feet to an iron pin
on the South side of TOT 5, said iron pin
being 116.88 feet East of the Southwest
corner of said TOT 5; thence Northeasterly
to the point of beginning.

All 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.
Subject to easements, covenants, restric-
tions, reservations and assessments of
record, if any.
All situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the
location of the real estate is as follows: 130
Redwing Court, Chatham, IL 62629
6. The Tax Identification Number for the real
estate is as follows: 28-12.0-204-036
7. An identification of the judgment lien
sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Lien Debtor: Kara L. Meyer
Name of Lien Creditor: Goodman Fence,
Inc.
Date of recording: November 3, 2025
County where recorded: Sangamon County,
Illinois

Recording document identification: Docu-
ment No. 2025R19595
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Connor W. Fitch, ARDC # 6345852
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
Telephone: (217) 544-8491
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8051-961892

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 de-
scribed 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 Mortgagee, 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.
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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, WAR-
REN 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 Mortgagee: 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
Prepared By:
Creighton R. Castle, ARDC #6215856
crastle@gwcbllaw.com
Samantha A. Bobor, ARDC #6320557
sbobor@gwcbllaw.com
Giffin, WINNING, COHEN & BODEWES, P.C.
efile@gwcbllaw.com
900 Community Drive
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 525-1571
8051-961625

24-101831
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, 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 - DE-
PARTMENT OF REVENUE, ATTN: C/O ATTOR-
NEY 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:
Sale Clerk
LOGS Legal Group LLP
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com
(847) 291-1717
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, As Trustee Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE1 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney for Plaintiff
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)
Michael N. Burke (6291435)
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)
Thomas Belczak (6193705)
Debra Miller (6205477)
Amy Aronson (6206512)
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.
8051-961599

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 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) 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. Situated 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 confirmation 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 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.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Emmet A. Fairfield
Registration No. 6180505
205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
efairfield@bhsllaw.com
8051-961454

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDEATTE R. SANDERS,
Defendant.
CASE NO. 25-FC-23
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
408 GOLF RD
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lot 179 of Colony Park Estates Third Addition, according to the plat thereof recorded June 25, 1987, as Document #70818.
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 22-06.0-354-006 aka 22-06-0-354-006
Commonly known as: 408 Golf Rd, Springfield, IL 62704
will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on March 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$304,650.17. The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner

during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
Plaintiff,
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
Karen C. Mitch (#6291822)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
601 East William Street
Decatur, IL 62523
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-961039

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified Contractors to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for LLCC Master Plan Implementation – Phase A3 – Sangamon Library & Classroom Upgrades which includes the following:
Project consists of renovations of the existing Sangamon Hall Library. The construction area consists of approximately 19,905 sf of main level interior construction. The project will complete enabling work prior to asbestos removals by the Owner direct and following abatement/demolition, new work will be put in place.
Master Plan Implementation – Phase A3 – Sangamon Library & Classroom Renovations
LLCC Project Number 77931-A3
Sealed bids for the project must be delivered to the attention of Mr. Tim Ervin, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening. All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/).
All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type.
All contractors bidding as prime bidders for

this project will become subcontractors of O'Shea Builders as Construction Manager at Risk.
Lincoln Land Community College encourages the award of construction-project contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and disabled persons-owned businesses. For this Project, there is a goal of awarding, in the aggregate, subcontracts and/or purchase orders in the amount representing at least five percent (5%) of the contracts, subcontracts and/or purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and/or disabled person-owned businesses.
All contractor questions regarding any matter concerning this Advertisement for Bid must be submitted in writing to O'Shea Builders by Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Submittals of questions may be emailed to questions@osheabuilders.com, please put "LLCC Master Plan Implementation – Phase A3 – Sangamon Library & Classroom Renovations" in the subject line. No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.
Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Logan Hall, Room 1132 on the LLCC Springfield Main Campus. Failure to be present when the meeting begins, may result in the bidder being disqualified. Contractors should have any sub-contractors present at the pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this advertisement for bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.
Bidding Documents for the Project may be downloaded or viewed electronically by contacting Tara Cox at O'Shea Builders: tarac@osheabuilders.com, 217-522-2826 x 1126.
The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.
All LLCC Campuses are SMOKE FREE.
The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.
LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

State of Illinois, Circuit Court, County of Sangamon
In re the Matter of: Osman Adonis Figueroa Rodriguez.
Case Number: 2025GR000272
To:
Elodia Rodriguez Madrid
Rey Lidio Figueroa Madrid.
A court case for guardianship of a minor child has been filed. A court date is scheduled on:

03/30/2026 at 09:00 a.m.
at 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701
You may be able to attend court remotely
by phone or video. To find out more about
options for attending court:
Phone: (217) 753-6674
Website: www.sangamoncountycircuitclerk.
org
If you do not attend the court date, a default
judgment may be entered against you on or
after that date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday,
March 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City
Council Chambers, third floor, Municipal
Center West, 300 S. Seventh Street,
Springfield, Illinois, a public hearing will
be held to consider an annexation and
annexation agreement for the property
located at 3245 & 3313 Old Macarthur
Blvd., at parcel 22-08.0-427-031, and 22-
08-0-427-032. The annexation consists of
territory legally described as follows: Part of
the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter
of Section 8, Township 15 North, Range
4 West of the Third Principal Meridian,
Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more
particularly described as follows: Lot 11 and
12 of Pierik Place Subdivision, recorded in
Book 9 Page 68 in the Sangamon County
Recorder's Office, containing 87,008.203
square feet (1.99 acres) more or less.

Assumed Name Publication Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to "An
Act in relation to the use of an Assumed
Name in the conduct or transaction of
business in this State," as amended, that a
Certificate of Assumed Name was filed with
the County Clerk of Sangamon County, File
Number 7305-134-7, on January 2, 2026,
under the assumed name Frank Winston
Crum, with the place of business located at
100 S. Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.
The true and real full name of the person(s)
conducting or transacting the business is
as follows: FrankCrum General Agency, Inc.,
100 S. Missouri Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-
Service Storage Facility Act, the below stor-
age 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. Brandon Vaughn 537A. Kimberly
Cluney 714. Joshua Sutherland 817/818. Rod-
eric 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 Stor-
age, 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 Rus-
sell 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

BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS
Section 00 1100 – Advertisement for Bid
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC)
invites qualified MECHANICAL Contractors,
to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor
& material to complete requirements of
bidding for CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
MECHANICAL UPGRADES PROJECT.
Sealed bids must be delivered to the
attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Con-
struction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community
College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason
Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield,
IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the
LLCC Main Campus), on or before TUESDAY,
MARCH 4, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central
Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids
will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-
mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors
are responsible for ensuring that bids are
received by the above office prior to the
deadline. Bids received after the deadline
will not be considered. Contractors who
have submitted a bid are invited, but not
required, to attend the bid opening.
All Contracts for the Construction of Public
Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing
Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug
Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All
contractors and subcontractors shall dem-
onstrate experience on projects of similar
size and type. While this project is not
administered by the Capital Development
Board all contractors and subcontractors
must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a
minimum of 45 days.
All contractor contact and questions regard-
ing any matter concerning this Invitation
to Bid must be submitted in writing to
MR. DAVE MIRABILE, BERNERS-SCHOBER
ASSOCIATES, INC., 1 NORTH OLD STATE
CAPITAL PLAZA, SUITE 310, SPRINGFIELD,
IL 62701, by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26,
2026. Submittals of questions may be
emailed to DMIRABILE@BSAGB.COM,
please put "CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
MECHANICAL UPGRADES" in the subject
line.) No questions will be addressed after
3:00 PM (CST), on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY
26, 2026.

Other questions regarding the bid docu-
ments will be addressed at a mandatory
pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors,
which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM,
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026, at
MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM, on the
LLCC main campus. Failure to be present
when the meeting begins, may result in
the bidder being disqualified. Contractors
should have any sub-contractors present at
the mandatory pre-bid meeting who may
wish to view the site. Further informa-
tion concerning the specifications of this
invitation to bid resulting from questions
submitted, either in writing or resulting
from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be
communicated in the form of an addendum.
E-mail or verbal responses to questions are
not a part of the bid documents and only
formal addendum will govern.
Bid Documents will be available to qualified
contractors from the offices of BERNERS-
SCHOBER ASSOCIATES, INC. on or after
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026. Qualified
contractors may obtain documents by de-
positing \$50 per set, refundable upon return
of documents in good condition within one
week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois
Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for
request of documents will be accepted on
this project, as well.

The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in
the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the
form of a certified check, cashier's check,
or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land

Community College.
The Lincoln Land Community College, in
accordance with the provisions of Title VI of
the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252,
42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-4) and the
Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that
it will affirmatively ensure that any contract
entered into pursuant to this advertise-
ment, all contractors will be afforded full
opportunity to submit bids in response to
this invitation and will not be discriminated
against on the grounds of the owner's race,
color, national origin, sex, age, disability,
income-level, or LEP in consideration for
an award.
LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all
bids, to waive any informalities in the bids
received, or to permit timely correction of
minor deficiencies in bids whenever such
rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC
and to accept the bid or bids being most
favorable to LLCC after all bids have been
examined and evaluated.
END SECTION 00 1100

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL
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 pursu-
ant 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 num-
ber of the person to contact for information
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 Calvin
Lewis' Estate in the City of Springfield.
Situated 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 assessments, if any,
and easements and restrictions of record,
and existing leases, if any, applicable
zoning laws; property is sold "AS IS, WHERE
IS, and with no warranties", 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
SORLING NORTHRUP
Brian D. Jones, of Counsel – ARDC
#6286510
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P. O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: 217-544-1144
Fax: 217-522-3173
E-Mail: bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MARGARET STUBER and TODD A. MONICAL,
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. 2025-CH-000071
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION TO
QUIET TITLE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO 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 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 SCHROEDER
(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 Springfield, 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
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 522.9010

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 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 ARDC #6309668
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
Kateah.McMasters@springfield.il.us

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-
ERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No. 25-MR-516
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, ABSOLUTE PERFEC-
TION 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 SEC-
TION 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, IN 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 Claim-
ants 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
Shalk 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Fifth Third Bank N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
Shenandoah Rush; et. al.
Defendants.
2025FC000808
1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above
cause on 12/3/2025, an agent of Auction.
com, LLC will conduct the Online Only
auction at www.auction.com, with the
bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at
10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11,
2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and
will be sold to public sale to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following described
real estate.
THE NORTH 45 FEET OF THE SOUTH 195
FEET OF LOT 77 AND THE EAST 40 FEET OF
THE NORTH 45 FEET OF THE SOUTH 195
FEET OF LOT 78 IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD
HEIGHTS ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY INTER-
EST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER
MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH
HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR
RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND
ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF
THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND
OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY SITUATED IN
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

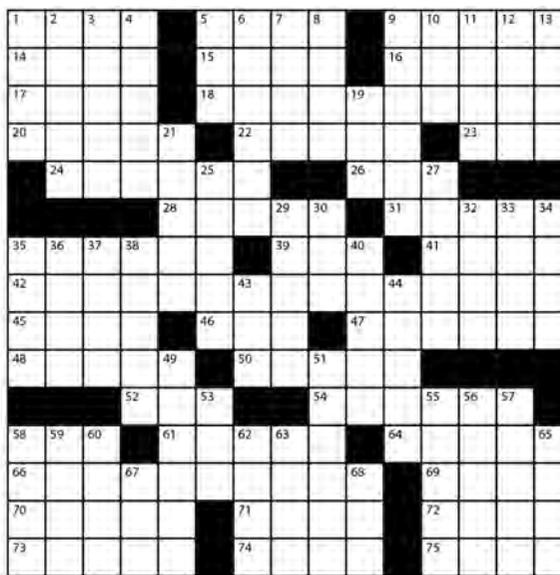
Commonly known as 1617 N WOLFE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
 Property Index No. 14-23-0-476-018
 The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$42,838.66 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1617 N WOLFE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-02645. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-02645 Case Number: 2025FC000080 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3281777

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff, -v- Jennifer Schaller, et. al. Defendants. 2025FC000186 1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/14/2026, an agent of Auction.com, LLC will conduct the Online Only auction at www.auction.com, with the bidding window opening on 3/9/2026 at 10:00 AM CDT and closing on March 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM subject to extension, and will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate. LOT 20 IN BLOCK 5 OF GEHLMAN & TURNER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE

COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 1417 S. STATE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 Property Index No. 22-04-0-106-017 The real estate is improved with a Residential Property. The judgment amount was \$86,410.03 Sale Terms: Full Sale Terms are available on the property page at www.auction.com by entering 1417 S. STATE ST into the search bar. If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, the winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within twenty-four (24) hours of the auction's end. All payments must be certified funds. No third-party checks will be accepted. All bidders will need to register at www.auction.com prior to placing a bid. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a certificate of sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property, prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g)(l) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES PC (630) 794-5300 please refer to file number 14-25-05946. Auction.com, LLC 100 N LaSalle St., Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60602 - 872-225-4985 You can also visit www.auction.com. Attorney File No. 14-25-05946 Case Number: 2025FC000186 NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I3281774

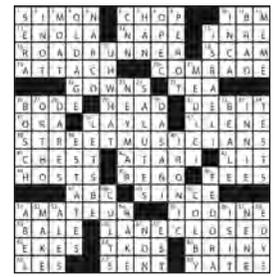
Principal puzzle? Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 932

- Across**
 1. Word that precedes the start of each starred answer
 5. Stanley Gardner
 9. Places a call on an old phone
 14. Charity
 15. Cut the crop
 16. Dairy spokesperson
 17. ___-bitty
 18. *** Make more efficient
 20. Mars has two
 22. Beethoven's "___ Joy"
 23. The "p" in r.p.m.
 24. Goal-oriented activity
 26. Abbr. in a business letter
 28. Have dinner at home
 31. SeaWorld whale
 35. Gets smart
 39. Head, slangily
 41. Yard sale tag
 42. *** They're often tipped on sidewalks
 45. Clearasil target
 46. Call for help
 47. Carpenter's need
 48. Grand ___
 50. Notes
 52. Declare
 54. Monkey business
 58. Gear tooth
 61. Navigational aid
 64. Foul moods
 66. *** After an unspecified time
 69. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit

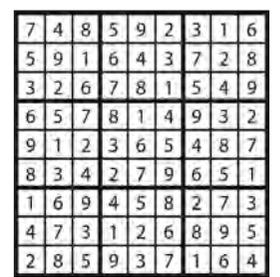


70. Actress Zellweger
 71. Slog (through)
 72. Kid's ball material
 73. Calculus calculations
 74. Breaks a commandment
 75. Gaelic tongue
- Down**
 1. Disable
 2. Choir voices
 3. "___ old for this!"
 4. Justin Timberlake's former group
 5. Hosp. areas
 6. Comeback
 7. Fat
 8. Fencer's blade
 9. Personal problems
10. Down with the flu
 11. Take ___ (try some)
 12. Field of work
 13. Nostradamus, for one
 19. Chowd down
 21. Part of an act
 25. Bridge positions
 27. Item of neckwear
 29. Occupied, as a lavatory
 30. Discouraging words
 32. "___ tale's best for winter": Shak.
 33. Coal site
 34. "Back in the ___"
 35. Future atty.'s exam
 36. Carve in stone
 37. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 38. Snorkeling sites
 40. Range rover
43. May honoree
 44. Flings
 49. Bitter and sweet
 51. Actor Brando
 53. Who's solving this puzzle
 55. Absurd
 56. Hot or cold drink
 57. Mixes up
 58. Michael of "Juno"
 59. Partner of "done with"
 60. Heredity unit
 62. Snoozes
 63. Sheryl Crow's "___ Wanna Do"
 65. Out of harm's way
 67. Grant-giving grp.
 68. Football gains: Abbr.

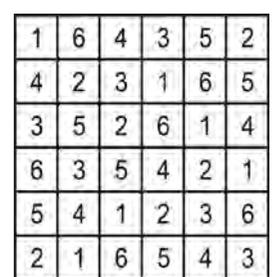
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #931



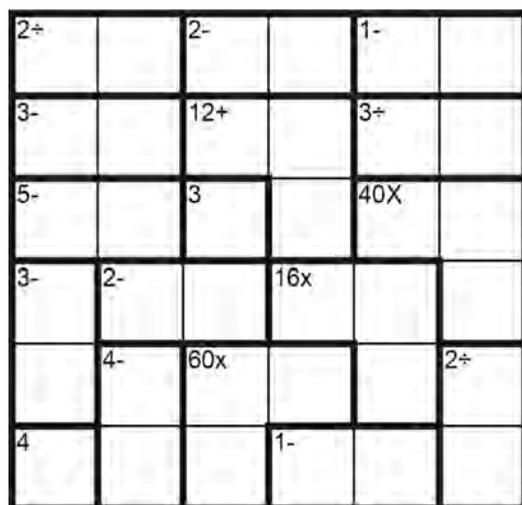
Sudoku answers from #931



JoshJosh answers from #931

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 932

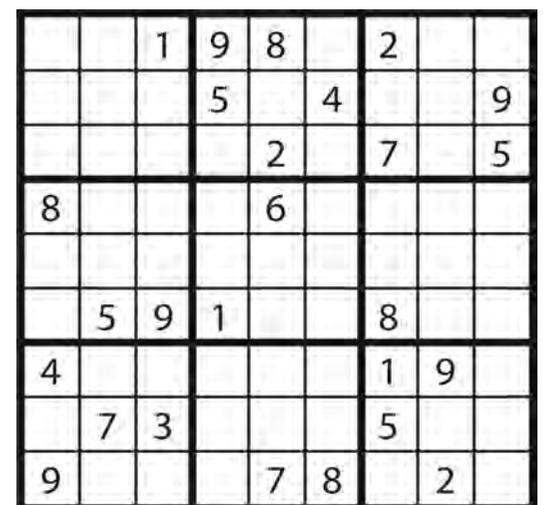
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 932

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



Difficulty medium



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