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Limited environmental assessment of data center

CyrusOne says its 400 backup diesel generators will meet required standards, but there aren't many

ENVIRONMENT | Dilpreet Raju

After months of hearings and discussions, the Sangamon County Board seems poised to approve plans for the county's first data center on March 23 despite consistent pushback from constituents. CyrusOne plans to build a data center campus on 280 acres of farmland, which would have more wattage than any other data center the company currently operates.

CyrusOne already has two other such centers in Illinois, in Aurora and Lombard, but they're considerably smaller than what's being proposed in Sangamon County, which would be classified as a hyperscale data center with a 634-megawatt capacity once fully constructed. Although it has dozens of data centers operating across the U.S. and Europe, the largest operational data center that the private equity-backed CyrusOne has built possesses a capacity under 170 megawatts, according to its website.

The Aurora data center is one-fourth the size of the Sangamon plan and has a capacity of 109 megawatts, while the one located in Lombard is comparably miniscule with a capacity of a dozen megawatts.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, a federal agency created in 1975 to address nuclear energy safety, cites how one megawatt "equates to about the same amount of electricity consumed by 400 to 900 homes in a year."

That means 634 megawatts of electricity could provide enough power for anywhere between 250,000 and 570,000 homes

annually; Sangamon County has fewer than 100,000 housing units.

County officials have said the project won't affect consumers' electric rates and the Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, which operates the grid the data center would pull electricity from, also claims such a project would not lead to an increase in electricity rates.

"It's the opposite! Because these operations bring in extra revenue, they help cover system costs, which supports rate stability for all members," the utility company states in an online FAQ.

However, larger utility companies, such as PJM, have voiced concerns over data centers impacting ratepayers.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has a program that exempts certain taxes for data center projects that meet particular requirements. Gov. JB Pritzker, in his upcoming budget plan, wants to pause that program for two years to better assess the impact of data centers. The Data Center Investment Program has already given CyrusOne \$132.5 million in tax breaks for its Aurora site, roughly \$35 million more than what the company would pay in property taxes to Sangamon County over a 20-year period.

Senate Bill 4016, introduced last month as the POWER (Protect Our Water, Energy and Ratepayers) Act by Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, would require full environmental assessments for hyperscale data centers. It would also require data

center operators to pay fees proportionate to the peak power demand of the center.

Under the current laws, the Sangamon County project's only environmental hurdles were in the form of a potential ecological compliance assessment by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which was not conducted because there were no identifiable natural resources or endangered species within the proposed area, and a State Historic Preservation office review, which notes the property is not a historical or local landmark.

'That's still going to have the potential to cause a lot of impact'

Part of the plans for the data center include more than 400 diesel-powered backup generators that are "tested for 10-15 hours per year for maintenance purposes" and to be used in case of emergencies.

Max Zhang, a professor at Cornell University who researches air pollutants produced by diesel-powered generators, said the plan for 420 diesel-powered backup generators "is the largest number I've heard of" for a data center.

Springfield Memorial Hospital, the largest hospital in the county, utilizes just six backup generators for its main hospital in case of an outage. Those generators are necessary to power lifesaving medical equipment and technology in case of grid failure, while the hundreds of generators planned for the data center will be used to power racks of computer chips.

"For many states, there's really no regulation on those generators largely because they are meant for emergency purposes," Zhang said. "Which means they could deploy diesel generators without stringent emission controls."

While there are some federal rules for emergency use of large-scale generators, there are no such rules for smaller-scale generators. Meanwhile, the Trump administration has repealed environmental regulations at a full sprint and, as has become common, faces lawsuits.

"Given the number of generators, even only (running) 15 hours per year, that's still going to have the potential to cause a lot of impact," Zhang said. His research "found that the typical emission factors from diesel backup generators are at the level of the most-polluted combustion turbines, which means they tend to be highly polluting."

Electricity generated by combustion is responsible for more than 1,500 tons of pollutants and accounts for nearly 60% of emissions in Sangamon County, according to EPA emissions data from 2020.

CyrusOne, in a January letter to the county, wrote that the center will "include air pollution controls on emergency generators, secondary containment on fuel storage tanks," but Zhang said exhaust stacks that are used for generators to vent the combusted diesel also have few regulations.

"There are really no regulations on the (exhaust) stacks," Zhang said. "The reason for the absence of regulation is because they are they are meant for emergency purposes, but at the same time for the case we're talking about, there's a high probability they will be run when the grid is stressed, I presume."

Zhang said emissions produced by diesel-powered generators can drift with the wind and, in general, "meteorological conditions can affect the emission impact a lot."

County Board members will conduct a final vote during a March 23 meeting that begins at 6 p.m. at the BOS Center. The meeting was relocated from the County Board chambers to accommodate what is anticipated to be a large public turnout. □

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Editor's note

It's good that the community mental health board referendum won approval on its first attempt, shortening the time when public funds will help to repair a broken system. Many helped to win passage for the ballot measure, but it was the Massey Commission, formed in September 2024, in the wake of Sonya Massey's killing in July, that first brought the possibility of a taxpayer-funded mental health board to public attention. "The deaths of Sonya Massey and Earl Moore, Jr., and the harm done to Gregory Small, Jr., at times in which they sought help from public entities, has shaken Sangamon County to its moral core," the commission reported. The group's first resolution, Nov. 18, 2024, just two months after its year-long work began, called for establishing a 708 Mental Health Board, linking the issue directly to Massey: "This brutal murder began as a cry for help and is a reminder of the inadequacy of mental health infrastructure within law enforcement and the broader need for mental health training and supports in our community." There are many mental health gaps that need to be considered by the new board when it is formed, but none more important than the interface between law enforcement and those who, like Sonya Massey when she called 911, suffer from mental illness. — *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

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A roundup of county election results

Paula Crouch defeats challenger, Miguel Valente upsets Sam Cahnman in March 17 primary

ELECTION | Dean Olsen

Appointed Sangamon County Sheriff Paula Crouch won the Republican primary for sheriff on March 17, fending off an enthusiastic challenge from retired deputy David Timm, while incumbent County Board member Sam Cahnman was defeated in the Democratic primary by political newcomer Miguel Valente.

Paula Crouch, 52, a retired former Springfield Police Department lieutenant, credited the support of the Sangamon County Republican Party and the credibility that comes with incumbency for her 8.4-percentage-point win over Timm, 51.

Crouch received 9,256 votes, or 54.2%, to Timm's 7,829 votes, or 45.8%, in unofficial results.

"I was confident going into tonight that we would prevail," Crouch told *Illinois Times* about 10:45 p.m. March 17 as election returns indicated her likely victory.

Crouch said campaign contributions she received from the local GOP, as well as endorsements from many local Republican officeholders and former GOP sheriffs Jack Campbell and Neil Williamson, appeared to help her prevail in the primary.

Crouch, who is seeking elected office for the first time, wrote on her campaign's Facebook page: "Running for public office is not a solo effort. I am grateful to my family and the many supporters who stood with me throughout this campaign. So many people across our community stepped forward because they believe in the work we are doing and know they can trust me to lead the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office."

Valente, 25, a budget analyst in Gov. JB Pritzker's Office of Management and Budget, beat out Cahnman, 71, a private attorney, in the Democratic primary for the District 18 seat on the GOP-controlled County Board.

Valente received 271 votes, or 62.6%, to Cahnman's 162 votes, or 37.4%, in unofficial vote totals. There was no candidate for the seat in the Republican primary.

District 18 covers parts of Springfield's downtown, north side and east side.

Valente, a former Illinois Army National Guard member, said he was "very humbled and very thankful" for his victory.

"I'm a self-made candidate," he said. "I put myself on the ballot. Nobody asked me to run."

Valente told the newspaper he considers himself a fiscally minded candidate forced on affordability, transparency and government efficiency. He said he wants to advocate for the needs of a district with high poverty rates and



Paula Crouch, center, gathered with a few family members and close friends to await primary election results March 17. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

aging housing stock, and he supports making Sangamon County a home rule county, which would require voter approval.

Cahnman was first elected to the County Board in 2002 and later served on the Springfield City Council as the Ward 5 alderperson from 2007 to 2015 before being defeated by Republican Andrew Proctor for a spot on the officially nonpartisan City Council.

Cahnman returned to the County Board in 2022. He had no Republican challenger in the general election and defeated Democratic incumbent Rose Ruzic in the 2022 primary.

In regard to his March 17 primary loss, Cahnman said in an email that Valente "is a very nice young man, and I wish him well. If I can help him in any way on the County Board, I gladly will. It has been an honor to represent the good people of District 18 in my two terms on the County Board. I will now concentrate on getting the remaining signatures needed to put the binding referendum on Recall for our county sheriff and other county elected officials on the November ballot."

In the only other contested County Board primary contest, incumbent Republican District 3 representative David Mendenhall easily defeated challenger Samantha Auby. Mendenhall received 708 votes, or 76%, to Auby's 224 votes, or 24%, in unofficial totals.

District 3 is a largely rural district in the eastern part of the county. There is no Democratic candidate.

Timm, 51, said he was disappointed by the results in the GOP primary for sheriff. He attributed Crouch's victory to a well-organized and well-financed Republican "machine" in Sangamon County and a torrent of campaign ads attacking his character and 25½-year career at the sheriff's office.

"I wasn't doing this for me," he said. "I was doing it for the employees and the people of the county, and I feel like I let them down. We gave it a shot, but the machine still won."

Crouch was appointed in September 2024 to serve the remainder of Republican Campbell's four-year term when Campbell retired amid criticism of his hiring of former deputy Sean Grayson. Grayson was convicted of murder last year in the July 2024 fatal shooting of Sonya Massey in her Woodside Township home.

So far, Crouch doesn't have a Democratic opponent for the Nov. 3 general election. Democratic candidate Marc Bell, a retired Illinois State Police master sergeant, announced Feb. 9 that he was withdrawing from the race because of a lack of financial support from the Democratic Party.

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, Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray said.

Timm's campaign focused on restoring trust in the department in the wake of Grayson's hiring and Massey's death, as well as beefing up officer training and the number of deputies on the street.

Timm was endorsed by several police unions, including the Fraternal Order of Police lodge representing deputies, correctional officers and court security personnel.

Crouch portrayed herself as an outsider not beholden to the unions and with more education and a bigger range of experience than Timm. Crouch said she is working to improve training, outreach to the community and operations at the county jail in the wake of several deaths of inmates in recent years. □

Voters narrowly approve mental health board

ELECTION | Dilpreet Raju

Primary voters approved a referendum March 17 that will levy a 0.5% limited sales tax for a mental health board to distribute an estimated \$14.7 million annually to service providers and programs.

Nearly 53% of Sangamon County primary voters supported the referendum, which received 17,300 votes. Only about 24% of registered voters, roughly 33,500 people, in Sangamon County cast ballots during the primary election.

Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter recently told *Illinois Times* that the county expects to nominate members to the mental health board within a month or so, if the referendum passed. He also said he expected the board to end up closer to nine individuals rather than seven.

Ryan Croke, president of the Mid-Illinois Medical District, sent a statement to *Illinois Times* celebrating the vote.

"Tonight, more than 17,000 voters across Sangamon County delivered an extraordinary, history-making victory – and with it, a solemn responsibility to strengthen the local systems that support families facing mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities," Croke wrote. "This win puts us on a path to make our neighborhoods safer and healthier."

Tiara Standage, founder of harm reduction nonprofit Intricate Minds, responded to an inquiry from *Illinois Times* through text message that she's "so proud of our community" for voting to pass the referendum. She referenced how mental health professionals, rather than police, could aid people in crisis.

"This is a huge step forward – and a step toward justice for Sonya Massey. If trained mental health professionals had responded that night instead of Sean Grayson, Sonya would still be here," Standage wrote. "This vote represents one of the many changes that must happen within a system that has failed, and cost lives. We will keep pushing for accountability, for care over force, and for a future where our people are truly protected."

A wide range of community leaders, along with both hospitals and every health care organization in Sangamon County, supported the referendum that would use revenue from a limited sales tax to distribute millions of tax dollars to social service and mental health care providers through a dedicated mental health board. Local taxes as a funding mechanism for mental health services is something two-thirds of counties in Illinois have already approved, although most utilize property taxes. □



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BUSINESS | Adrian Dater

When BUNN, in business in Springfield since 1840, announced on March 11 that it had been sold to food service conglomerate Ali Group, the new owner said in its own press release that it would be “business as usual” for its latest acquisition. For BUNN’s roughly 850 Springfield employees, hearing such words was no doubt a relief.

That doesn’t mean there still isn’t some worry for BUNN workers, but for now, things seem calm at the manufacturing facility at 1400 Adlai Stevenson Drive. In the last few days, *Illinois Times* talked with five BUNN employees from that site, who requested anonymity, and one person’s response echoed the other four.

“As far as we’ve been told, there won’t be any disruptions ahead,” the employee said.

Ali Group is headquartered in Vernon Hills, just outside of Chicago, so another BUNN Springfield employee said with the company having a major footprint already in Illinois, “Maybe that’s good for us.”

BUNN also owns a 101,000-square-foot office building at 5020 Ash Grove Road that up until recently served as the company’s international headquarters. BUNN purchased the west-side property in 2014, not long after AT&T closed its call center there.

A memo sent to employees the day of the sale touted Ali Group as a good fit for BUNN.

“With the help of our senior management team, I feel that we have found in the Ali Group the best possible fit for BUNN, the employees, and my family,” the unsigned memo reads. “I am so very proud of the values-based culture we have built and supported over the years with stakeholders around the world,



Bunn's manufacturing facility at 1400 Stevenson Dr. in Springfield. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

and I especially thank my BUNN teammates, from the factory floor to the furthest international markets, who have embraced our culture and made our success happen.”

Other than company press releases, though, BUNN employees haven’t heard a whole lot from the leadership.

“We have no additional comments at this time,” BUNN chief financial officer John Voss said, when asked by *Illinois Times* about any potential changes under Ali Group.

Ali Group’s website says it employs more than 17,000 people, has 117 brands under its control, and distributes its products to 180 countries. Started in 1963 in Milan, Italy (Ali is short for *Apparecchiature Lavaggio Industriale*), the company expanded into the U.S. in 1980. It has continued to broaden its global footprint in the manufacture and sales of foodservice equipment, ranging from ice machines to dishwashers to, now, a leader in

the coffee and beverage dispensing business, with the acquisition of BUNN.

BUNN will be absorbed into its Welbilt brand – another top player in the foodservice equipment business that was acquired by Ali Group in 2022. Welbilt was previously a publicly traded company, but is now private under Ali Group. In contrast, BUNN has always been a private company, with Arthur “Hy” Bunn, 70, the last of five generations of Bunn’s to own it.

It is unknown why the Bunn’s finally sold, after 126 years of family control in Springfield. Phone calls and text messages to Arthur Bunn and other members of the Bunn family went unanswered. Some published estimates have put BUNN’s annual revenues in the range of \$500 million, while others estimate it to be less, but the company does not have to make its financial statements public.

While the bulk of the BUNN business

is now in the hands of Ali Group, several offshoots remain in the Bunn family’s control. Desiree Lodgson, a longtime BUNN employee who formerly served as senior vice president prior to the sale, said she’ll continue to be involved in the operations of Pease’s and Pease’s at BUNN Gourmet.

“The family is pleased to continue the Pease’s and Pease’s at BUNN Gourmet operations, and I will be assisting them in those endeavors,” Lodgson told *Illinois Times*.

Illinois Times reached out to Ali Group, and vice president of communications Ryan Blackman provided a statement:

“While BUNN’s ownership structure has changed, its priorities and strategic objectives remain unchanged, reflecting strong alignment with Ali Group and Welbilt. For our customers, there will be no changes to existing relationships with BUNN; they can expect the same support, service and engagement from our team. BUNN remains committed to serving its customers and working collaboratively with its partners, ensuring the highest quality products and best-in-class service. BUNN will work closely with Ali Group and Welbilt throughout the integration process and remains focused on advancing growth and delivering value for customers, employees and partners. In short, it remains business as usual at BUNN.”

The Ali Group owns and operates manufacturing plants for its various brands in places such as Denver and Vernon Hills in the U.S., along with other countries such as Italy, Australia, Germany, China, France, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. □



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PEOPLE OVER PROFITS

The proposed CyrusOne data center appears set to receive the Sangamon County Board's blessing on March 23, as promised tax receipts and jobs seem to outweigh any concerns about energy use, pollution – including noise pollution – loss of farmland and more. The farmers and rural neighbors who will lose their quality of life are hardly a blip on the screen.

We still don't know which wealthy client the data center will serve, or if that client could easily address the community's concerns before getting permission to proceed. One Zoning Board of Appeals member noted that there is no commitment to fund the incredibly expensive firefighting equipment needed to service this mega-facility. Notably, an astounding amount of diesel fuel will be housed there for its noisy, pollution-belching backup generators. CyrusOne's representative committed to "having a conversation" about firefighting equipment sometime.

The same representative acknowledged there is no plan to address decommissioning of the plant once it inevitably stops being of service and the county is left with a 280-acre concrete campus which has destroyed prime farmland. While concerns about sticking the community with costs and unfavorable environmental effects are being raised throughout the state and country, and legislation is being introduced on these same issues in Illinois, our County Board seems ready to approve it, while most of us are trying to grasp what is going on.

Overall, the County Board is not asking the hard questions (except for Marc Ayers, and maybe a few others) and leaving the fight to the opponents. If this is a done deal, at least the county should be fighting for every single concession, protection and iron-clad written obligation to protect us, not just relying on



The Sangamon County Board will vote March 23 on a zoning variance that would allow CyrusOne to construct a data center on 280 acres of farmland. See p. 3 and p. 12 for more on this proposed project.

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the vague promises of CyrusOne.

Yes, AI is here, but why do we foot the bill for ultra-wealthy, secretive clients? For more information, check out the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future group on Facebook. And contact your county board member with questions, if not complete opposition, to this project.

*Denise Church
Springfield*

Psychology

My sister gave violin lessons Her studio was her home near our dairy. When her own daughter had a scheduled lesson she had to put on hat, coat, and boots, go out the back door, come around and knock on the front door, and be let in for her lesson – just like all the other students she had!

2026 Jacqueline Jackson

NEED A MORATORIUM

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed CyrusOne data center. At the very least, I ask the Sangamon County Board to approve a moratorium to allow time for the state legislation that would provide guardrails and protection for the counties where data centers are built.

Personally, my family has been in the area for over 150 years, with great-great grandpa born on his farm in 1872. What do we want for our children and their children? I know I want clean air and water, the protection of our natural spaces and wildlife and protection of their health. Increasing dependence on fossil fuels is driving climate change, an increase in extreme temperatures and weather events.

We are now experiencing a drought in Illinois. Yes, we need progress and business, but not at the cost of our environment.

Data centers are tied to extreme noise, pollution and health problems for those living near them. Residents near a CyrusOne data center in Aurora now dealing with broken promises and intolerable conditions. One resident stated it sounded like a helicopter landing on his roof, day and night, that he can feel the vibrations in his home.

I understand the allure of promised jobs. I attended the public informational meeting in December. I have numerous friends in construction and those that are union members. I was sorry to see that most left before information was shared that most of the data centers CyrusOne installs are pre-fabricated. The one in Aurora was assembled in three months. There are no guarantees the handful of long-term positions will be filled with local residents.

The cost is too high for short-term benefits. We must take the cost to our environment and health into consideration, as well as the beauty and value of the adjoining properties. I don't know how you could responsibly move this forward without a reasonable moratorium.

*Andrea Walters
Sangamon County resident*

BE PROACTIVE

I am a longtime Sangamon County resident and someone with a 31-year career in technical sales and global enterprise roles with Hitachi, where I worked extensively with data-driven environments and some of the world's largest companies. Because of that background, I fully understand the role data centers play in the modern digital economy, and I strongly support responsible growth in this sector. I welcome the opportunities this type of development can bring to our region.

That said, I also understand the long-term electrical and economic impacts associated with large, constant-load customers. While I have personally reduced my exposure to rising utility costs through residential solar, many of my neighbors and fellow residents cannot. For them, electricity is already a significant monthly expense, and even modest increases can create real hardship.

Even when a data center pays for its direct interconnection and substation needs, its presence affects the broader grid. Large new loads can influence capacity markets, wholesale pricing and long-term transmission planning – costs that ultimately flow to everyday Ameren and co-op customers. If future demand projections change or the facility ever scales back, cooperatives in particular may face stranded infrastructure that must be absorbed by remaining members.

I am not raising these points in opposition to the project. Rather, I want to ensure that foreseeable risks are addressed proactively, and that long-term protections for ratepayers are included in the planning process. Transparency around power-supply agreements, minimum-demand obligations, and ratepayer safeguards is essential so that both the benefits and the risks of this project are understood and responsibly managed.

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Independent campaign expenditures rise

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Independent campaign expenditures have skyrocketed this year in state legislative races.

All of these numbers were current as of 4:20 p.m. Friday, March 13, when I finished writing this column. Independent expenditure committees are not allowed to coordinate their spending with candidates, ergo the “independent” label. As with the federal level, they are also not limited in how much they can spend on any state or local races.

Total spending, including the race for the open state comptroller position, was at \$5.5 million for the calendar year.

Two years ago, independent expenditures in legislative primaries totaled a bit over \$500,000, and half of that was because the Illinois Education Association was almost fully funding a couple of Republicans running against far-right Illinois Freedom Caucus members. We had no statewide races here in 2022.

During the first primary season after the decennial redistricting four years ago, the IE’s totaled about \$2 million in legislative races, when tons of open seats existed. The spending back then was dominated by INCS Action, a pro-charter schools IE committee with large contributions from the founding family of Walmart. An additional \$500,000 or so was spent by a Ken Griffin-backed IE committee on two down-ballot statewide Republican primary races (attorney general and secretary of state) – and the beneficiaries of that spending both lost (Steve Kim and John Milhiser).

In other words, the current spending is without precedent.

The DraftKings-funded American Future committee has alone reported spending \$2.6 million on 10 state legislative races. Often, legislative campaign mail programs switch to all-positive during the final week of the campaign. But the online sports betting company was still churning out negative mail as I wrote this.

None of the independent expenditure committees that we tracked had yet to attack an incumbent as of this writing. They were either defending those already in office or using positive messaging and also some negative messaging to try and pick someone who is running for a vacant seat.

The online sports betting company doesn’t care for Illinois’ high taxes, so they apparently decided to do something about it, spending \$577,000 to boost Sen. Emil Jones III (D-Chicago) and attack his Democratic opponent, Ahmed Karrar. It

has reported spending \$468,000 backing its former Statehouse lobbyist Adam Braun in the 13th House District and whacking one of his well-funded challengers, James O’Brien.

The gaming company’s committee has also spent \$364,000 supporting Rep. Jaime Andrade (D-Chicago) and opposing his progressive opponent, Miguel Alvelo Rivera. It has plunked down \$308,000 to support Shantel Franklin in an open seat House contest on the city’s West Side; \$291,000 supporting Aja Kearney in the 34th House district race; and \$252,000 supporting Saba Haider and attacking Jared Ploger in the 84th House District.

The Common Ground Collective independent expenditure committee is fronted by Chicago billionaire Michael Sacks. It had \$1.7 million, of which \$1.35 million went to Rep. Margaret Croke, who is running for state comptroller against three other Democrats. Incumbent Susana Mendoza isn’t running again.

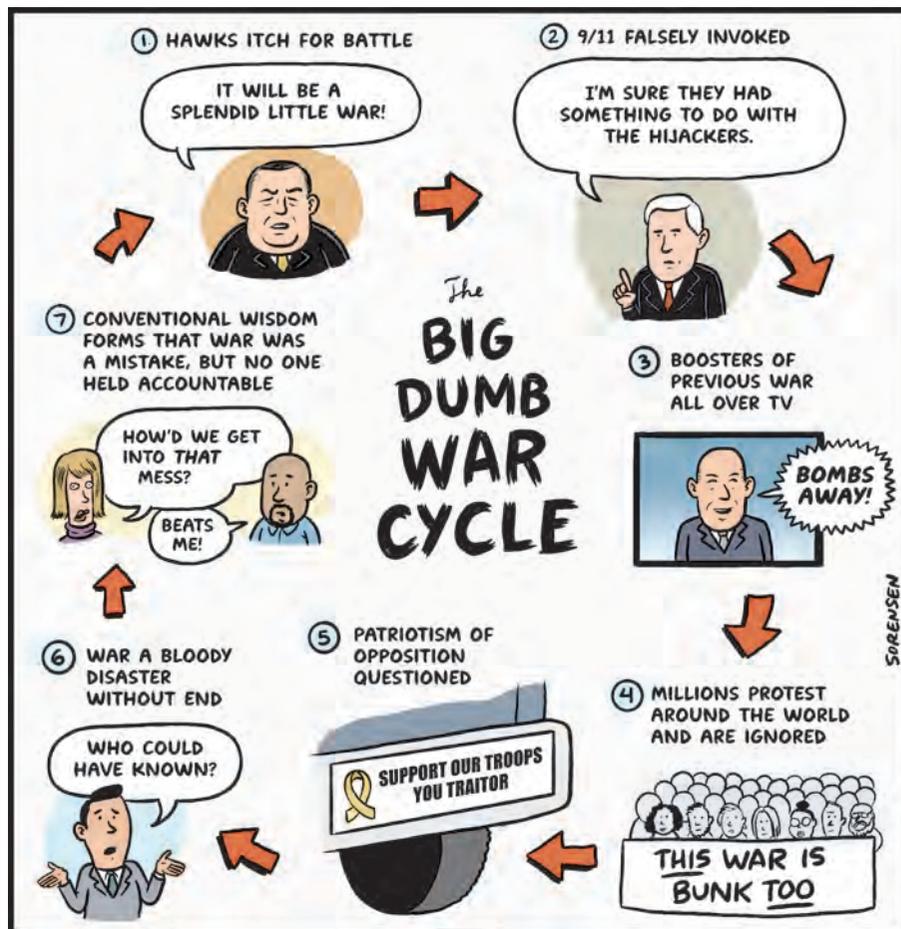
The IE committee’s legislative focus is almost entirely on Rep. Andrade’s Northwest Side race. It had spent \$346,000 supporting

Andrade and opposing Miguel Alvelo Rivera, mainly over his failure to vote in a couple of elections and for criticizing the Democratic Party.

Facebook’s parent company, Meta, has a committee named Making Our Tomorrow which had spent \$561,000, mostly on two races. The above-mentioned Adam Braun has benefited from \$172,000 in Meta spending and Paul Kendrick in the crowded 12th House District race received \$230,000 in independent expenditures.

Some wonder whether this primary race spending is just a test, and whether gigantic companies such as DraftKings and Meta will eventually unleash on incumbents during future contests. Meta has pledged to stay positive. But that could change.

It’s just too early to tell what sort of impact this legislative campaign spending will have on the Statehouse. We won’t really know until after the votes are counted. But legislators generally loathe having to deal with primary opponents. Add in the possibility that some rando is adopted by a billionaire or a special interest, and that loathing could turn to fear. □



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OPINION



The Sangamon County Board is scheduled to take a final vote March 23 on whether to approve a zoning variance that would allow CyrusOne to construct a \$500 million data center complex in southwest Sangamon County. In a non-binding 5-0 vote, the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals voted Feb. 19 to recommend approval.

RENDERING BY CYRUSONE

This is what opportunity looks like

GUESTWORK | Ryan McCrady

It's not every day that a \$500 million private investment comes along – especially one with the potential to reshape the economic future of Sangamon County.

The proposed CyrusOne data center campus represents exactly that kind of opportunity: hundreds of jobs, a strengthened tax base and long-term benefits for families across our region.

Economic development can sometimes feel abstract. Part of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance's role is helping connect opportunities like this to meaningful progress for our community. We recognize that decisions like these affect many people, and we support this project because we believe it will contribute to the long-term economic prosperity of Sangamon County.

Among the many advantages this project brings, the most important is its impact on our tax base. Today, the proposed site where the CyrusOne Data Center would be built generates a very small amount of property tax revenue. Once developed, it is projected to contribute millions each year, funding schools, strengthening public safety and supporting the infrastructure our community relies on.

A broader tax base has a meaningful impact on a community and the services its residents rely on. When more businesses and employers contribute to the local tax base, communities are better positioned to keep up with rising costs without placing additional strain on residents and small businesses. In many ways, it works like sharing the cost of household expenses among more people – the

overall responsibility is spread more evenly. A larger tax base helps support essential services such as schools, public safety and emergency response, while also contributing to greater long-term financial stability for the community.

A \$500 million investment in our community not only means a stronger tax base, it also means more jobs. From the skilled construction trades that will build this data center to the technical professionals who will operate it, these are careers rooted locally. They are jobs that support families, create opportunity and remain tied to this community.

Major investments also create ripple effects throughout the regional economy. Local contractors, suppliers, small businesses and service providers all benefit when development takes root. That economic activity strengthens the entire community and encourages other businesses to come here.

It's also important to consider that communities across Illinois are competing aggressively for responsible, long-term investment that strengthens local economies. As demand for modern infrastructure and emerging technologies continues to grow, investments like this are becoming an increasingly important part of economic development. Sangamon County's ability to attract a project of this magnitude speaks to the strengths of our community. If it isn't built here, it will be built somewhere else. By welcoming this growth, we ensure that our community secures the jobs, investment, tax

revenue and economic benefits that come with it.

Over the past several months, CyrusOne has engaged directly with local leaders, residents, emergency responders and infrastructure partners. They have listened. They have adjusted plans. They have demonstrated a willingness to be a responsible and collaborative community partner, which is essential for successful projects.

Throughout my 20 years working in economic development, I can tell you opportunities of this magnitude are rare. When they arise, they deserve careful, fact-based evaluation focused on long-term public benefit. That is precisely what has occurred. Independent electric grid operators, industry experts, and local utility providers have reviewed the project, and the Sangamon County Board has devoted significant time and diligence to ensure every question is addressed.

I've also learned one essential truth as it relates to economic development: when growth is approached thoughtfully, it strengthens a community's future. It supports jobs. It stabilizes public finances. It expands opportunities for the next generation for everyone who lives here.

For these reasons, the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance urges the Sangamon County Board to approve this important investment in our community's future. □

Ryan McCrady is president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance.

Pick of the litter

Springfield's gonna get beautified – again

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

“Company’s coming!” Caseworker, health inspector, church lady – whoever is coming, it means get the pizza boxes off the coffee table and pick up your dirty socks.

For the City of Springfield, the company is out-of-town visitors. Mayor Misty Buscher says that 2026 might be a record-breaking tourism year for Springfield thanks to celebrants of the American semiquincentennial, Route 66 worshippers performing their hajj and softballers flocking to Scheels eager to experience what Jonah felt like in the belly of the whale, all piling into town from places even duller than Springfield.

Sadly, the gateways to the city look more like alley entrances, lined as they are with roadside trash. Janitorial services are among the most basic of municipal functions but city hall can’t afford to keep the place nice. Ever resourceful, the new mayor has revived the late Mayor Davlin’s dormant Springfield Green beautification program, which will see citizen work gangs of volunteer adopt-a-streeters do for Springfield at least three times a year what your mom did for you when you were a toddler. It’s a new definition of public service, meaning it’s the public that must perform it.

Mayor B. is right to think that an already trashy street encourages visitors to misbehave. (“If they don’t care, why should I?” actually is a thing in the psychology of the litterer.) But messy streets are not just a problem in Springfield, they are a tradition. The town that Lincoln moved to 189 years ago did not impress most visitors because “absence of civic pride,” as one not very proud citizen would put it, “made [the streets] the dumping ground of the community rubbish.” That rubbish was still there a century later when Percy “Buster” Darling, described by local



journalists as a “burly ex-policeman, ex-actor, boxing second and carnival factotum,” complained that “the mountains of ashes in our alleys look like the pyramids of Egypt.” Darling got himself elected streets commissioner in 1939 by promising housewives that the streets and alleys would be cleaned up “if I have to do it myself” and indeed, in office Darling occasionally put in a shift with a downtown street-cleaning crew.

Sadly for the city, Darling died after one term and his inspiring example died with him. Henceforth, if Springfield’s litter was going to be picked, it was Springfieldians who would have to pick it. In the 1950s the ladies (their word, not mine) of the Springfield Civic Garden Club declared war on what they called “rubbish-spreaders.” Their campaign found an eager ally in V. Y. Dallman, the famously fastidious editor of the old *Illinois*

State Register. In his front-page column Dallman boosted the cause with some poetic propaganda in the form of “An Ode to the Litter Bug.”

You are a pest, persistent, mean;
Your filthy mind needs scrubbing.
It you don’t help keep our town clean
You’ll get a Garden Clubbing!

I grew up in that era. I’ve been called a lot of names but the only one that stings is “litterbug.”

The irony in cleaning up a city to impress tourists is that tourists are themselves famously untidy. In the 1960s Mayor Nelson Howarth, who also fretted about the impression Springfield made on tourists, worked to improve the Lincoln home area with water fountains and decorative gas

streetlamps; he also worked to change the impression tourists made on Springfield by installing trash containers.

Unfortunately for houseproud mayors, it is easier to pick up a discarded cigarette butt than it is to stop some bum from tossing it out of his car window on his way out of town. If you ask social scientists who litters and why, they will point their fingers at younger people (especially young males); people who are lazy (make being neat easy by putting out lots of trash cans and people will use them); people driving cars (keeping somebody else’s street clean means keeping your car messy); and people whose weak civic identification means they don’t see the streets and sidewalks as “theirs.”

Not every visitor this summer will be a garden club lady, in short, and relying on volunteer adopt-a-streeters means that not every street will be adopted. You can thus be sure that the parts of town that need beautifying the most will get it the least. Happily, even if it doesn’t solve the litter problem, the new Springfield Green offers compensating rewards. Said the mayor, “Litter pick up is a very easy way to show the pride we have in taking care of our community . . . and it’s a great way to get outdoors and have fellowship with friends, coworkers and neighbors.” She’s right. There’s no fun like virtue-signaling if the day is nice, and as a fellowship opportunity litter picking ranks right up there with tornado cleanup.

See you there! □

When Mr. Krohe is not sticking his nose into other people’s affairs he writes books such as Corn Kings & One-horse Thieves, a very good history of mid-Illinois with a very poor title.

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Explore Route 66 close to home

SPRING GUIDE | Mary Bohlen

You may not be planning to join the crowd driving Route 66 as it turns 100 this year, but you can kick off your own celebration by tooling down the road to Litchfield. The town of 6,500 is less than an hour south of Springfield and chock-full of spots for a day or weekend trip.

Learn about the famous road and other local history at the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center. Snap some photos at iconic route markers. Have lunch in historic Ariston Café or pastry-filled Jubelt's. Splash and build in the sand at Lake Lou Yeager. Top off your day with a movie under the stars at the Sky View Drive-in, and you can proudly declare you have joined the centennial celebration.

"When you consider the outdoor recreation areas, Route 66, the drive-in theater and the historic restaurants, Litchfield makes a really cool family vacation," says Stacie Peecher, Litchfield tourism coordinator. The Route 66 anniversary adds more interest this year, and the town will join others on the highway's last 100 miles in Illinois with special activities October 10-11.

The town expects extra visitors all year as Route 66 devotees stop by. "We are a worldwide destination," Peecher says, with visitors from Germany, Japan and England especially drawn to the historic road. The town hosts two alignments of the road, one in use from 1930-1940 and the other from 1940-1977.

Anne Jackson, secretary of the Litchfield Museum, says its guestbook confirms the road is popular with international visitors. This year every sixth visitor to the museum will win a door prize while every visitor will get a centennial sticker, part of the museum's efforts to enhance its Route 66 offerings.

Hot off the press is a new publication about Route 66's history in Montgomery County. Also for sale are centennial T-shirts. "We're gearing up," Jackson says.

The museum opened in 2013 with the financial and organizational backing of Jackson's stepmother, Martha Jackson. Community members donated almost everything, including one woman's collection of license plates from 1921 until the state switched to issuing annual stickers instead of new plates.

Jackson says most plates on display are metal but during World War II, when metal was needed for the war effort, a switch to soy became necessary. "The story was you didn't want to park too close to a field or animals would eat the plates," she explains.

Other popular exhibits include an original Route 66 road sign, an 1883 fire wagon, photos of every class graduating from Litchfield High School starting in 1926 and a display about Bob Waldmire, whose drawings of Route 66 spots are part of the highway's history. The museum's veterans' room also is a huge draw, Jackson says.

In addition to the museum, several other Route 66 spots draw devotees. "Route 66 people love photo opportunities," Peecher says, pointing to the old

Belvidere Hotel as one. The hotel, one-room gas station and restaurant building still stand although they are no longer open. Nonetheless, visitors take pictures there as they do in front of a 12-foot-tall monument, one of several along the last 100 miles of Route 66 in Illinois.

This spring Litchfield will add a black and white iconic Route 66 shield on the pavement at the intersection of Historic 66 and Kirkland Street, near the museum and two popular restaurants.

One of those is the Ariston, thought to be the oldest continuously open restaurant along the entire famous highway. It is in the Route 66 Hall of Fame and on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Founded in nearby Carlinville in 1924, the restaurant moved to Litchfield in 1929 and its current location six years later. It serves such staples as fried chicken, pork chops, prime rib, shrimp, pasta, sandwiches, salads and desserts along with a full bar.

Another Route 66 eatery is Jubelt's Bakery and Restaurant, in operation in the area since 1922 and along the route in Litchfield since 1982. You can grab a sandwich, soup and salad but save room for the tempting bakery selections.

To work off those goodies, visit Lake Lou Yeager on the outskirts of Litchfield. The 1,357-acre lake is a big attraction for people within a 50-mile radius and hosts the swim portion of two triathlons a year, according to Peecher. The lake features the sandy Milnot Beach, a special area for toddlers and parents, inflatables, campgrounds, cabins, an equestrian campsite and trails, fishing and boating.

Nearby is the Shoal Creek Nature Conservation Area, home to hundreds of plants species, butterflies, birds and trails. Peecher says the area owes its existence to naturalist Henry Eilers, whose lifelong passion for native plants and botany helped with preserving the site.

For a more sedentary pastime, you can end the day at the Sky View Drive-in, which opened in 1950 and is in the Route 66 Hall of Fame. Peecher says it is the oldest continuously operating drive-in movie theater on the Illinois section of Route 66. The theater shows first-run and older movies on weekends from April through mid-October. In addition, visitors often snap photos of the drive-in's vintage sign, she says.

Other Litchfield attractions include Niehaus Cycle Sales, which is popular with motorcyclists cruising the historic highways, several explanatory exhibits telling the story of Route 66 in the community and the downtown Litchfield Pickers Market. The market runs May through October on the second Sunday of the month and features a juried antique sale, artisan wares, a farmers' market, live music and food.

For more information about Litchfield, go to www.VisitLitchfield.com. □

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The Ariston Cafe in Litchfield is thought to be the oldest continuously operating restaurant along Route 66. PHOTO COURTESY OF LITCHFIELD TOURISM OFFICE



Lake Lou Yeager is on the outskirts of Litchfield and offers a sand beach, inflatables, boating, fishing and camping. PHOTO COURTESY OF LITCHFIELD TOURISM OFFICE

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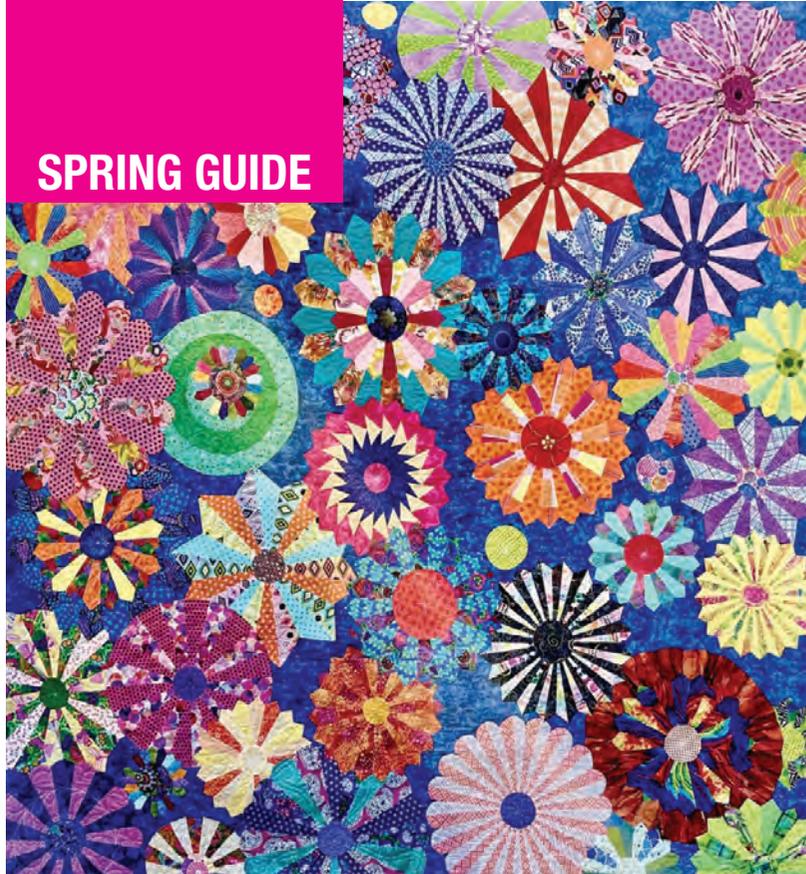
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2026 raffle quilt



Karen Barr, this year's featured quilter, made an intricate quilt with a wedding ring pattern and log cabin block design as a wedding gift for her daughter. PHOTO COURTESY KAREN BARR

“Seam to Shining Seam” Quilt Show

More than 400 quilts on display in Orr Building at State Fairgrounds March 20 and 21

SPRING GUIDE | Karen Ackerman Witter

More than 400 colorful quilts, along with other quilt-related items, will fill the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on March 20 and 21. The 2026 “Seam to Shining Seam” show features quilts made by Springfield-area quilters who are part of Q.U.I.L.T.S – Quilters United in Learning, Teaching and Self-Improvement. Now held every two years, this is the 24th Quilt Show. This one will celebrate both America 250 and the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

There are 87 members of this local quilt guild, which was formed in 1984. Guild members can enter as many quilts as they wish. Quilts will be grouped into several categories and themes – Americana; Route 66; Red, White and Blue; In Memoriam, featuring quilts made in memory of past quilt guild members; and Challenge Quilts. The challenge this year was to create a quilt based on one word that describes the quilter, with the word visible on the quilt.

Multiple Quilts of Valor will be presented to veterans on both days, based on a nomination process. A charity booth will feature handmade items for sale with all of the proceeds going to Springfield Cares-Soldier Mailing, which mails packages to U.S. soldiers serving overseas.

Approximately 30 vendors will also be on hand, selling both quilt-related and non-quilt items. Fabrics, baskets, crochet and knitted

items, a variety of crafts, illustrations of local landmarks and jewelry made from old silverware are examples. Some of the vendors will also provide demonstrations. There will be bed turning demonstrations where a stack of antique quilts will be interpreted one-by-one as they are folded back, then revealing the next quilt underneath.

Guests can purchase raffle tickets to win a colorful queen-sized quilt called *Dancing Dresdens* based on a pattern by Candyce Grisham, made by Q.U.I.L.T.S. members and quilted by 2 Guyz Quilting. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held March 21, and the winner need not be present to win. Turasky will have lunch items available for purchase.

Karen Lindley is cochair of this year's show with Teresa Kirk. Lindley believes quilters and non-quilters will enjoy the diversity of the quilts, which range from simple to intricate. She hopes people will see the variety in the art and have an appreciation of the craft of quilting.

Featured quilter – Karen Barr

Karen Barr is this year's featured quilter and winner of the Marian Brockschmidt Award. The award is given to a guild member who is not only an accomplished quilter, but who has made contributions to the local guild. Guild

members nominate quilters for the award, and a committee of board members selects the winner. Marian Brockschmidt co-founded Q.U.I.L.T.S. She entered items in the Illinois State Fair for 70 years and was well-known and well-loved by the quilting community.

About a dozen of Barr's spectacular quilts will be featured in a special display, and additional quilts will be included in the Americana area of the show. “Karen is a longtime member and amazing quilter,” said Lindley, who has known Barr for more than 20 years. “She is always available if anyone has a question or needs help.” Barr ran the consignment booth for guild members for several shows and organizes the hospitality area.

Barr always sewed, but took her first quilting class in 1978. She started slowly marking on fabric with cardboard templates, hand-stitching fabric pieces together and hand quilting. She started making each of her four sisters a quilt and entered the “On My Own Time” art show in 1993 at Memorial Medical Center where she was working at the time. She's come a long way since then. Barr made a quilt for every baby born into her family and extended family and to date has made 58. In total, she estimates she's made more than 200 quilts.

Some of her quilts are intricate reproductions of antique quilts. Others are

more modern and unique. She's exhibited her quilts regionally and had quilts accepted into the prestigious juried American Quilters Society shows in Des Moines, Iowa, and Paducah, Kentucky. As a wedding gift for her daughter, Barr made an intricate quilt with a wedding ring pattern and log cabin block design, consisting of 7,600 pieces of fabric, machine-pieced and hand-quilted. One of her spectacular quilts which will be on display is “Florrie's Garden Extraordinaire!” consisting of 192 appliquéd posey blocks and 221 nine-patch blocks.

Barr says it has been very rewarding to be accepted into AQS shows and to make special quilts for family and friends. “I was very surprised and honored to receive this special Marian Brockschmidt Award,” Barr said. “She was an amazing quilter, and I'm so pleased to have known her.”

Want to go?

The 24th Quilt Show, “Seam to Shining Seam,” will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 20, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds (enter at Gate 9). Free parking is available. Admission is \$10 at the door and second day admission is \$5 with Friday attendance. For more information, visit springfieldquilts.com. □

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Enjoy spring flowers sooner

Tips for pruning trees and shrubs to encourage early blooming

SPRING GUIDE | Ashley Meyer

March weather is reliably unpredictable. A day of blissful sunshine can turn cold and icy overnight, quashing dreams of cheerful blooms and lazy afternoons sprawled out on a picnic blanket. No matter what the weather's mood, hopeful gardeners can bring a bit of spring into their homes by forcing certain spring flowering shrubs and trees to bloom early.

Late winter and early spring are an ideal time to prune many trees and shrubs, especially those that bloom in spring and set next year's flower buds in the coming summer. While it's often recommended to prune shrubs that bloom on old wood (the previous year's growth) after they've finished blooming in order to fully enjoy their splendor, there's no harm in pruning them before they've bloomed as long as they've experienced at least six weeks of winter dormancy in consistently cold temperatures.

Ideal candidates for forcing into early bloom include flowering quince, viburnums, pussywillows, magnolias, forsythia, redbud and dogwoods, as well as branches from fruit trees such as apple, peach, plum and cherry. Cut branches on a day when the temperatures are above freezing, because the buds and branches will be less brittle and will better withstand the transition from the frigid outdoors to a temperate indoor climate. Look for branches that are heavily laden with flower buds, which are plumper and rounder than the more pointy shaped leaf buds. If you're unsure, cut into the bud with a sharp knife—the inside of flower buds will reveal tiny flower parts.

Cut sections of branches that are less than 1/2-inch in diameter and are anywhere from 10 to 18 inches long; however, be mindful to maintain the plant's shape and avoid spoiling its forthcoming floral display. Use sharp, clean pruning shears or loppers to

cut the branch at a 45-degree angle. Select branches from dense areas in the shrub, removing them evenly to maintain its shape. Avoid cutting lots of branches from one tight area as it can spoil the plant's display when it eventually blooms.

Once back inside, place the branches in a bucket of cool water. Holding the stem underwater, make a fresh cut one inch from the bottom to prevent air from coming up into the stem from the cut end and preventing water uptake. Strip any buds or leaves off of the stem that will be below the water line. When arranging the branches, try to keep the height of the branches in proportion to the height of the container, no more than one and a half times the height of the vase.

If desired, you can fill the vase with homemade flower preservative for longer-lasting blooms. To make flower preservative, combine one quart of water with one teaspoon of sugar, one teaspoon of household bleach and two teaspoons of lemon or lime juice. Place the vase in a cool, 60-to-70-degree location away from direct sunlight and change out the water every three to four days to prevent bacterial buildup.

Depending on the type of flower that you're encouraging to bloom and its degree of growth when cut, it can take anywhere from one to five weeks for the flowers to begin to open. The closer they are cut to their natural blooming time, the sooner they will bloom indoors.

After flowering, some types of branches, especially pussywillows, may develop roots, at which point they can be potted up and eventually transplanted outside. □

Ashley Meyer is a freelance writer in Springfield who is ready for spring.



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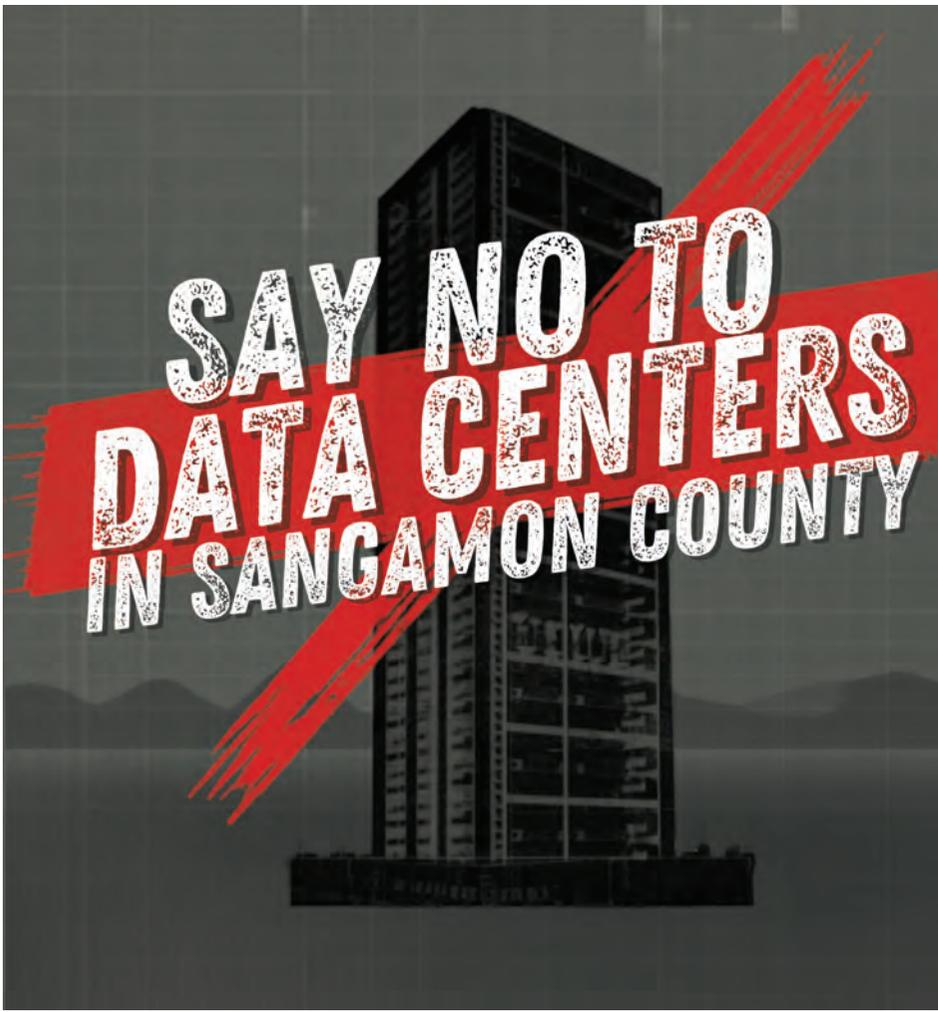
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Where to find spring flowers

Day and weekend trips to see nature on display

SPRING GUIDE | Pamela Savage

While April showers traditionally have been said to bring May flowers, there are plenty of spring blooms on display beginning much before May. Whether it's wildflowers or blossoming trees your tired winter eyes crave, there are a surprising number of opportunities to take in nature's pretty spring flowers within easy driving distance of Springfield. For a day trip or a weekend adventure, read on for tons of opportunities to see spring flowers on display in the Midwest.

Allerton Park and Retreat Center (1 hour and 2 minutes from Springfield)

At the time of this printing, snow trillium is already popping up along the Schroth Trail at Allerton Park. But if you miss the snow trillium, that's OK, because Allerton Park is asking visitors to challenge themselves to explore new trails along the park with the Hike ALLerton program. Register by April 15 to make the commitment to hike all nine trails at Allerton by the end of the year and earn a limited-edition T-shirt, plus bragging rights! After registering, you will be provided with a digital map, program specifics and a list of the locations to take a "Proof of Hike" selfie. Registered hikers will pick up their 2026 Hike ALLerton packets and T-shirts during the Allerton Park Bluebell Festival during the first weekend in May.

Pere Marquette State Park (1 hour and 46 minutes from Springfield)

Located in Grafton, Pere Marquette State Park is a great spot for hiking, biking, trail running, horseback riding and scenic drives. It is also an ideal spot for seeing some of spring's first wildflowers. In March and April, you'll find bloodroot and hepatica, among others, and by late April, the park's dogwood and redbud trees should begin to blossom. The park contains 8,000 acres and 12 miles of wooded trails, as well as a lodge, conference center, restaurant and a giant chess set.

Homer Lake Forest Preserve (1 hour and 37 minutes from Springfield)

The Homer Lake Forest Preserve features fishing, hiking, picnicking, and when the weather warms up, even boating and kayaking with kayak rentals on site. Located south of the main preserve, the 0.6-mile loop Bluebell Trail at Hidden Acres is aptly named for the carpets of Virginia bluebells that you'll find in mid-



Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. CREDIT: WWW.RIVERSANDROUTES.COM

April. Follow the Champaign County Forest Preserve's social media for information about guided wildflower walks this spring.

Missouri Botanical Garden (1 hour and 37 minutes from Springfield)

The Missouri Botanical Garden covers 79 acres of horticultural displays. Founded in 1859, it is one of the oldest botanical gardens in the U.S. and a National Historic Landmark. Highlights of the garden property include a children's garden and a tram tour, both of which reopen at the end of March. Beyond the primary St. Louis garden, the institution manages two larger natural areas outside city limits. The **Shaw Nature Reserve**, located in Gray Summit, Missouri, covers 2,400 acres and was originally established to protect plant collections from city pollution. The **Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House**, situated in Chesterfield's Faust Park, features an 8,000-square-foot glass conservatory.

The Dogwood Azalea Festival (3 hours and 49 minutes from Springfield)

If you are looking for a bloom-filled getaway, Charleston, Missouri, will host its 58th Annual Dogwood-Azalea Festival from April 16-19. The festival is built around a six-mile trail, which features dogwoods and azaleas in full bloom. While the flowers are the highlight, the festival promises events, an arts and crafts bazaar, and a candlelight walk through the blooms.

Zoo Blooms at the Cincinnati Zoo (4 hours and 56 minutes from Springfield)

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is home to the world's only arboretum within a zoo,

and this is put on display each April during Zoo Blooms. Dubbed Tulip Mania, the event transforms the grounds into one of the largest tulip displays in the Midwest, featuring more than 100,000 tulips and 1 million other spring bulbs including daffodils and hyacinths. All of this, plus a zoo, make for a family-friendly flowery road trip option.

Holland Tulip Time Festival, Michigan (5 hours and 15 minutes from Springfield)

Another idea for a springtime weekend jaunt is heading to Holland, Michigan, for the annual Tulip Time Festival. It spans 10 days from April 27 until May 10, with events and activities held in and around downtown Holland. More than 5 million tulips are spread throughout the city, filling parks and lining streets to create a festive atmosphere.

Mackinac Island Lilac Festival (Between 8-9 hours from Springfield)

A longer trip takes you up the third coast and across on a ferry to Mackinac Island, Michigan. From June 5-14, stop and smell the lilacs at the Mackinac Island Lilac Festival. It is the largest and most historic festival on Mackinac Island, celebrating the lilacs and their uniqueness and history to the area. Events include the Lilac Queen coronation, official poster reveal, 10K run/walk, lilac walking tours, lilac planting seminars, bounce houses, Michigan cornhole tournament, live music, the Grand Parade and more. □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer living in Springfield. She has a newfound love for botanical gardens.

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Voices of America Festival

Springfield Choral Society explores 250 years of American sound

SPRING GUIDE | Jim Kontio

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, communities across the nation are reflecting on the many stories that have shaped who we are. Some of those stories are written in textbooks. Others live in monuments and historic buildings. But many of the most enduring are carried in something less tangible and more deeply human: music.

This April, the Springfield Choral Society invites audiences to experience those stories through its Voices of America Festival, a two-concert series exploring 250 years of American choral music. To be presented April 24 and 25, the festival offers not just performances, but an opportunity to listen – to the past, to the present, and to the voices that continue to shape our shared cultural identity.

American music has never been defined by a single sound. It is a tapestry woven from many traditions, cultures and perspectives. From the early hymns of William Billings, often called the father of American choral music, to the richly expressive works of Amy Beach, one of the nation's first prominent female composers, American composers have long sought to give voice to the country's evolving identity.

That voice has often been grounded in hope. When Illinois minister Rev. Josiah Kelley Alwood penned *The Unclouded Day* in the late 19th century, he offered more than a hymn – he offered a vision. Its promise of a place “where no storms ever darken the skies” became a musical expression of perseverance and faith, carried across generations and traditions. That sense of hope – of looking beyond present struggles toward a brighter horizon – remains deeply embedded in the American musical spirit.

Later generations expanded that voice even further. Antonín Dvořák, though born in Bohemia, helped Americans hear their own musical potential by embracing spirituals and folk traditions as the foundation of a distinctly American sound. In the 20th century, composers like Leonard Bernstein captured both the restless energy and profound humanity of American life, while artists such as Woody Guthrie and Dolly Parton reminded us that some of the nation's most powerful musical expressions arise from its people and its landscapes.

That tradition continues today in new and vital ways. Contemporary composers including Chen Yi and Malcolm Dalglish expand the American sound by drawing from



The Springfield Choral Society holds an annual performance of Handel's Messiah each December. The current season will also include a presentation of Mozart's Coronation Mass, together with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, as well as Voices of America, a festival celebrating the panoramic sweep of singing in America.

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global influences and folk traditions, reflecting the complexity and richness of modern America. And in works like Lin-Manuel Miranda's *In the Heights*, we hear a powerful affirmation of collective identity – music that celebrates neighborhood, belonging and the shared dreams that bind communities together. Miranda's work reminds us that America's story is not only about where we have been, but about the communities we build and sustain together.

“This music tells the story of who we are,” says Jacobsen Woollen, music director of the Springfield Choral Society. “It reminds us that America's voice has always been shaped by many voices – sometimes in harmony, sometimes in tension, but always moving forward.”

The festival's first performance, *I, Too, Sing America*, will be presented April 24 in the Old Senate Chambers of the Old State Capitol. The historic setting provides a powerful backdrop for an intimate small-ensemble concert exploring themes of identity, belonging and the ongoing search for the

American voice. In the very room where civic debates once helped shape Illinois's future, music will once again give voice to the American experience.

The second concert, *This Land is Your Land*, takes place April 25 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Springfield and features the full Springfield Choral Society chorus alongside a select ensemble. The program draws its title from Woody Guthrie's iconic song, a reminder of the shared inheritance that binds Americans across generations.

Through music spanning centuries – from Billings and Beach to Miranda and Dalglish – the performances reflect both the nation's diversity and unity.

For the singers themselves, the experience is deeply personal.

When you stand in the chorus, you're not just performing notes on a page. You become part of something larger. You feel connected – to the composers, to the audience, and to each other. In those moments, you understand that music is not just something we listen to. It's something we share.

That spirit of connection lies at the heart of the Springfield Choral Society's mission, “Community Through Harmony.” Founded to enrich the cultural life of central Illinois, the organization has become known not only for its performances but also for its commitment to building community through shared musical experiences.

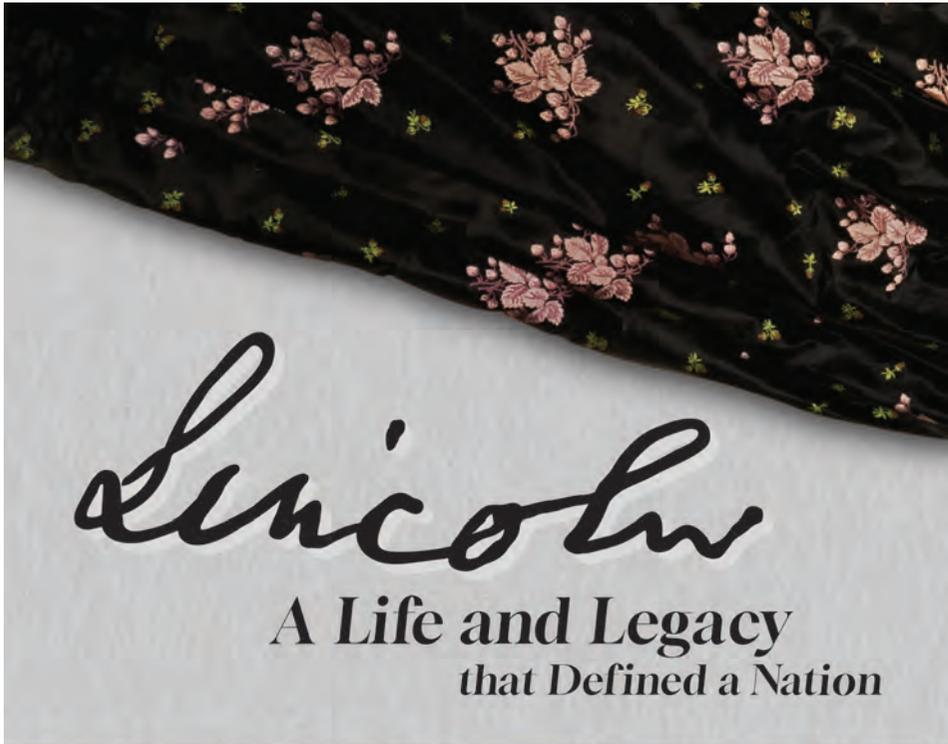
As the nation prepares to mark its 250th anniversary, *Voices of America* offers a timely reminder that America's story is still being written – and still being sung.

It is heard in Billings' call for a new nation. In Alwood's vision of hope beyond the clouds. In Guthrie's anthem of shared land. In Miranda's celebration of community.

In every generation, new voices join the chorus. New stories are told. New harmonies emerge.

And in listening, we discover not only where we have been – but who we may yet become. □

Jim Kontio is president of the Springfield Choral Society.



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Lilacs and Letters

Through April 8. The play is set at the Armory Square Military Hospital in Washington, D.C., in 1865. Poet Walt Whitman, a hospital volunteer, sits among the sleeping wounded as he reflects on national grief and puts the finishing touches on poetry eulogizing President Abraham Lincoln. Free with museum admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Washington Park Botanical Garden Spring Floral Show

Through April 12. Step into a world of beauty at the Spring Floral Show and experience the breathtaking display of Easter lilies and lush tropical foliage in the Exhibit Hall and Conservatory. Call for more information. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

"Underfoot" Art Exhibit

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm. Through April 10. "Underfoot" features artwork by Illinois-based painter Kevin Veara. Open for viewing weekdays at the Trutter Museum and Murray Gallery from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum and gallery are located on the upper level of Menard Hall. www.ilcc.edu/trutter-murray. LLCC Trutter Center, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

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. Register at bit.ly/Funshop_KidsClub1. Activity #140910. \$30 residents, \$35 non-residents for 1 day only. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

Old Capitol Winter Farmers Market

Sat., March 28, and April 25, 8am-12pm. Stock up on baked goods, meat, produce, crafts, housewares and more at this

event presented by HSHS St. John's. downtownspringfield.org. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

Bob Waldmire Art Exhibition

Fridays, 12-6pm and Saturdays, 12-6pm. Through Dec. 19. Bob Waldmire was the iconic hippy artist of Route 66. See displays of his life story and original art work. Free, donations accepted. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Make & Mingle

Third and First Wednesday of every month, 5:30-8:30pm. An open studio experience in the Condell Studio. Bring a project and make new friends, discuss ideas, tackle project challenges and mingle with other art-minded individuals. No instruction or materials provided. No reservations needed. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays. May 13 through Oct. 31. Springfield's longest-running and most popular Farmers Market in downtown Springfield. Largest producer-only market in Illinois outside of Chicago. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

Illinois Product Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3:30-7:30pm. May 14 through Sep. 24. Local meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, honey and jams, craft beers, woodworking, jewelry and more. Note: There are no farmers markets on Aug. 13, 20 or 27. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-524-9129.

The Art of Jazz

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

Weekend Play & Stay

Saturdays, March 28 through



Old Capitol Farmers Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 13 through Oct. 31.

April 25. At Weekend Play & Stay, little ones and their caregivers can dive into two hours of playful discovery. From building block towers to creative play and interactive storytime, every week brings new ways to spark imagination. For children ages 16 months to 5 years. No class Feb. 14. \$10 per child when registered online, \$10 per child day-of when bringing a friend, or \$20 per child for drop-ins. Lincoln Park Funshop, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-6234.

"Earth Song"

See "Earth Song," The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space's first quarterly exhibit of the year which runs through April 25. Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-523-0653.

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Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 26

Thu., March 26, 12:30-3:30pm. Family-friendly programs. No reservations required. March 26: 19th Century Toy Making Workshop, 12:30-1:15pm; Lincoln Live - Gettysburg Address, 1:30-2pm; Live Music: Peaches & Bacon, 2-2:30pm.

Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Get Your Kicks Gala

Thu., March 26, 6:30-9pm. Join Downtown Springfield, Inc. and the Springfield community in celebrating downtown with a dinner and awards. \$100, VIP \$125, \$1,000 table, \$1,800 VIP table. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams, 217-544-1723.

"The Road to Adventure: Exploring Route 66"

Wednesdays-Sundays, 9am-4pm. Through Dec. 31. This vibrant, hands-on exhibit brings the magic of the historic Mother Road to life - and it's fun for the whole family. kidzeum.org. \$5-\$12. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

Edwards Place Historic Home Guided Tours

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-2, 2-3pm. Take this guided tour through the newly-restored first and second floors. The home, interpreted to 1857, is furnished with examples of Victorian furniture including many pieces that belonged to the Edwards family. \$12 adults; \$10 SAA members, military and seniors; children younger

than 10 free. edwardsplace.org. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 27

Fri., March 27, 11am-3:30pm. Family-friendly programs. No reservations required. March 27: Lincoln's Love for Animals (Pet a Therapy Mini Horse), 11am-noon; Soldiers Aid Society, 1-4pm; Meet Mary Ann Bickerdyke: Heroic Civil War Nurse, 3-3:30pm. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Victorian Game Night

Fri., March 27, 7pm. Learn the card and dice games of the past. Enjoy "gambling" at the tables. The top performers will receive prizes. Games included are vingt-et-un, whist, hazard, poker and SNAP. Includes hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine. For those 21 and older. SAA members \$40, nonmembers \$40. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

The Aristocats, Kids!

Fri., March 27, 7pm, Sat., March 28, 2, 7pm and Sun., March 29, 2pm. Based on the beloved animated film, and featuring a

jazzy, upbeat score, Disney's The Aristocats KIDS is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun, complete with unbelievable twists and turns showcasing talented third- and fourth-graders. Show by the Hoogland Performing Arts Education Explorers. \$16. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

2026 Capital City Visitor Guide reveal, David Schwartz Gallery Exhibit opening

Fri., March 27, 3-6pm. Be the first to see the 2026 Capital City Visitor Guide. After a ribbon cutting ceremony, check out international photographer David Schwartz' iconic Route 66 photography. His work will be on display through December. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-523-0653.

The Ritz

Sat., March 28, 5:30-11pm. "Sharing the Vision." A three-course dinner, evening of dancing, and a celebration of the progress made by the LGBT community during the years. Presented by the Coalition of Rainbow Alliances. \$75. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-741-4603.

Spring Lawn and Garden Sale

Sat., March 28, 8am-5pm and Sun., March 29, 9am-3pm. Local vendors selling plants, flowers, garden art, supplies, grills, mowers, decks, landscaping and more. Free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-629-7077.

Lake Fork Community Auction

Sat., March 28, 9:30am. Farm machinery, antiques, animals and much more. Breakfast served 7am to 2pm. Proceeds benefit the communities of Lake Fork Community Center. Lake Fork Community Center, Lake Fork, 208 Logan St., 217-792-5793.

Forest Therapy

Sat., March 28, 9:30am and Sat., April 25, 9:30am. Cassandra Claman will guide the session, a 1.5-2-hour walk through the garden designed to deepen a sense of connection



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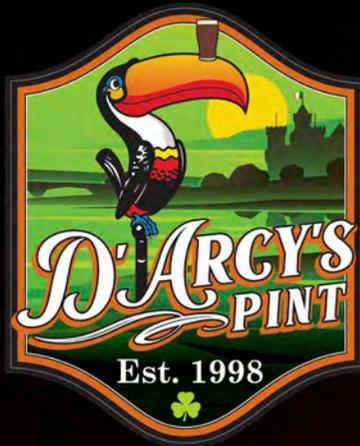
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Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., March 28, 10am. Celebrate the season with community, laughter and a lot of hidden treasures at this event. There's a spot for everyone. Grab an Easter basket and those running shoes. Free. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church, Chatham, 1022 New City Road, 217-483-2270.

Freedom in Holiness Mission Easter basket distribution

Sat., March 28, 10am-1pm. Drinks at the Cross/Robes to Fit. Fifty Easter baskets filled with assorted drinks and house robes for men, women and children will be distributed. Robe donations are needed as well as volunteers for the event. Volunteers should arrive before the event. Free. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

Re-enactors Swap Meet

Sat., March 28, 10am-4pm. An opportunity for those interested in becoming military history re-enactors or living historians to meet others and begin collecting necessary items. Space also provided for re-enactors to buy and sell extra items. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Easter Eggstravaganza 2026

Sat., March 28, 11am-1pm. This family-friendly event will feature 300 Easter baskets, 30 bikes, games, community resources and fun. Free. Kumler United Methodist Church, 600 N. Fifth St., 217-523-2046.

Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 28

Sat., March 28, 11am-7:30pm. Family-friendly programs. No reservations required. March 28: Summit Hill Junior High School Band, 10am; 19th Century Toy Making Workshop, 12:30-1:15pm; Lincoln Live - House Divided Speech, 1:30-2pm; Historical Crafts with Springfield Art Association, 2-4pm; Live music with Peaches & Bacon, 2-2:30pm; History Nights presentations at 5, 5:45 and 6:30pm. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Old State Capitol Canvas Family Paint Series

Sat., March 28, 1-3pm. History and creativity meet at this ongoing family paint experience where each month features a new seasonal or Springfield-inspired design. Supplies included. Step-by-step instruction. allpaintshop.com. \$35-120. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 2177855030.

Parkway Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., March 28, 1pm. Join the fun. There will be lots of eggs filled with goodies and prizes. There will be two age groups: 5 years old and younger and 6-12 years old. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Spotlight on Ice

Sat., March 28, 1, 6pm and Sun., March 29, 1pm. The Springfield Figure Skating Club presents "Hits and Heroes." Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Sat., March 28, 2pm. Easter egg hunt and more for those ages 2-18. Includes bike raffle, candy, games and more. The event is rain or shine. Free. Faith Temple AME, 901 S. 23rd St., 217-789-9335.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat., March 28, 3-5pm. A family-oriented afternoon and Easter egg hunt. Includes games, activities and the Easter bunny on hand for photos. Sign up for spots at springfielddymca.org. \$5 per child. YMCA Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, Chatham, 6602 Iron Bridge Road, 217-544-9846.

Veterans' Memorial Cup II

Sat., March 28, 6:30pm. Pro Wrestling Now stars battle it out in a one-night tournament for the Veterans Memorial Cup. Profits from the show benefit military veterans. Tickets available at door. \$10-\$15. Petersburg Firehouse, Petersburg, 302 E. Taylor St., 217-632-2349.

Nightmare at Camp Killamanbimbo

Sun., March 29, 3pm. Nightmare at Camp Killamanbimbo is a 1980s-themed, murder-mystery comedy, written and directed by Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland

Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Village of Jerome Vendor Market

Sun., March 29, 12-4pm. Shop and support local artisan vendors at this first Village Vendor Market of 2026. Inside Jerome Civic Center. villageofjerome.com. Free. Jerome Civic Center, 2901 Leonard St., 217-546-2203.

Bridal Showcase

Sun., March 29, 1-4pm. Meet talented local vendors ready to help bring a wedding vision to life. Includes giveaways, helpful tips, inspiration and fun connections. Enjoy tastings from some of the vendors. Free admission. The Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. 5th St., 217-361-5555.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Dinos, Dragons, and Monsters ... Oh My!

Tue., March 31, 9-10:30am. Join the ALPLM's Education Team as it share stories and activities about dinosaurs, dragons and monsters. Requires advance registration. Two sessions available. Select a session online. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 31

Tue., March 31, 12:30-3pm. Family-friendly programs open to the public, no reservations required. March 31: 19th Century Toy Making Workshop, 12:30-1:15pm; Lincoln Live - House Divided Speech, 1:30-2pm. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Spring Migration Bird Hikes

Tuesdays, 8-9am. Through May 12. Join Illinois Audubon Society's assistant director, Matt Hayes, on weekly hikes through Adams Wildlife Sanctuary. Enjoy the benefits of Hayes' expertise as you search for migratory birds and resident species. springfielddaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

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Brown Bag Concert

Wed., April 1, 12:15-12:45pm. This week features the music of Rebetiko Roots Ensemble. Brown bag lunch available for purchase or bring your own lunch to enjoy. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Greek Folk Music Concert

Wed., April 1, 12:15-1pm. This show will feature Dimitris Glaros, Trenton Perry, Joe Sandy and Tona Stamatis. uis.edu/music/. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-206-6240.

Photos With the Easter Bunny

Thu., April 2, 5-7pm, Fri., April 3, 5-7pm and Sat., April 4, 12-3pm. Bring a phone or camera and capture a fun springtime photo with everyone's favorite bunny. Free admission. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-753-2800.

Abe Lincoln Trail Trek 5K/10K

Sat., April 4, 9am. Lace up those running shoes and experience the beauty of one of Springfield's beloved parks, Carpenter Park. Event by FastScore Productions & Race Timing. \$30. Carpenter Park Nature Preserve Pavilion, Sherman, Cabin Smoke Trail off North Business Route 55 (Peoria Road), 217-553-7695.

Beekeeping 101

Sat., April 4, 9am-4pm, Wed., April 8, 7pm and Sat., April 11, 9am-4pm. Beginner course. Make check payable to Lincoln Land Beekeepers (care of Honey Creek Farm) with application mailed to 101 Trillium Lane, Springfield IL 62702, or by email to tressa.hoffman@yahoo.com. \$95. Sangamon County Farm Bureau Building, 2631 Beechler Ct., 217-652-6517.

April Nature Walks

Sat., April 4, 10am, 2pm, Sat.,

April 11, 10am, 2pm, Sat., April 18, 10am, 2pm and Sat., April 25, 10am, 2pm. Nature lovers can enjoy guided wildflower and bird walks on historic Elkhart Hill, enjoying the beauty of blooming flowers and the songs of returning birds. Lunch options available. Walks leave from The Country Bumpkin. To reserve a spot, call or visit elkharthistoricalsociety.org. Adults \$15, children \$10. The Country Bumpkin, Elkhart, 103 Gov. Oglesby St., 217-947-2238.

Ben Bedford – Ink & Watercolor on Paper opening reception

Sat., April 4, 6-8pm. Opening reception for Ben Bedford's exhibit with the artist's "Gallery Talk" at 6:30pm. Exhibit runs through April 26. Gallery hours April 4-26: Sundays 1-3pm. Tuesday-Saturday 4-6pm. Free. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

Fashionetta Debutante Cotillion

Sat., April 4, 6-10pm. An evening celebrating the confidence, growth and brilliance of young ladies in the community. Includes meal. Presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Springfield Alumnae Chapter. Adults \$75, children \$50. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Springfield Civic Garden Club

Mon., April 6, 9:30am. After the regular business meeting, Guy Sternberg will present a program titled "Starhill Forest – the Making of an Arboretum." Sternberg will explain how the most comprehensive oak reference collection in North America began along with the history of the arboretum's growth and development. After the program, interested individuals are invited to follow Sternberg to Menard County for a tour of the arboretum. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., 217-899-3283.

UIS Chancellor's Thinkers Series - A Call to Think: Authentic Leadership

Tue., April 7, 5:30-7:15pm. Chancellor Janet Gooch and former U.S. Rep. Cheri Callahan Bustos will explore what it means to lead with authenticity, purpose and integrity. The evening includes a moderated

discussion and audience Q&A. RSVP is encouraged. uis.edu. Free. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-4782.

Trading Hands Spring/Summer Sale

Wed., April 8, 2:30pm, Thu., April 9, 9am-7pm and Fri., April 10, 9am-7pm. Shop this huge multi-family garage sale with items from 425 families. Features thousands of items for kids from birth to tweens. Wednesday pre-sale \$7-\$10 unless new parents, first responders or veterans. Other days free entry. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-725-8047.

Central Illinois STEM Fair

Wed., April 8, 5:30-8pm. See the best in STEM programs, activities and curriculum with more than 80 exhibits from area schools and organizations. At the Rochester High School Athletic Complex. Free. Rochester High School, Rochester, 3 Rocket Dr., 217-498-9761.

Rent Romus

Fri., April 10, 7pm. Part of the Get Free Music Series. Free, donations accepted. UIS Field Station at Lake Springfield, 9 Club Area, Clubhouse Dr., 217-206-6240.

Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon

Sat., April 11, 7:30am. This course immerses runners in Lincoln history unlike any other race! The race starts and finishes at the Old State Capitol where Lincoln gave his House Divided speech and near his former law office. Hosted by Springfield Road Runners Club. www.srrc.net. \$40 for volunteers, \$85 for runners. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-492-5823.

Spring Market

Sat., April 11, 9am-3pm. Shop the expanded market at the mansion and Becker Library. More than 40 local vendors will be on hand offering handmade goods, art, jewelry and more. Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-361-5555.

Junior Historians - Citizen Sleuths: Flatboat Trips and Transportation in the 19th Century

Sat., April 11, 10-10:30am. Dive into the exciting story of young Abraham Lincoln's flatboat



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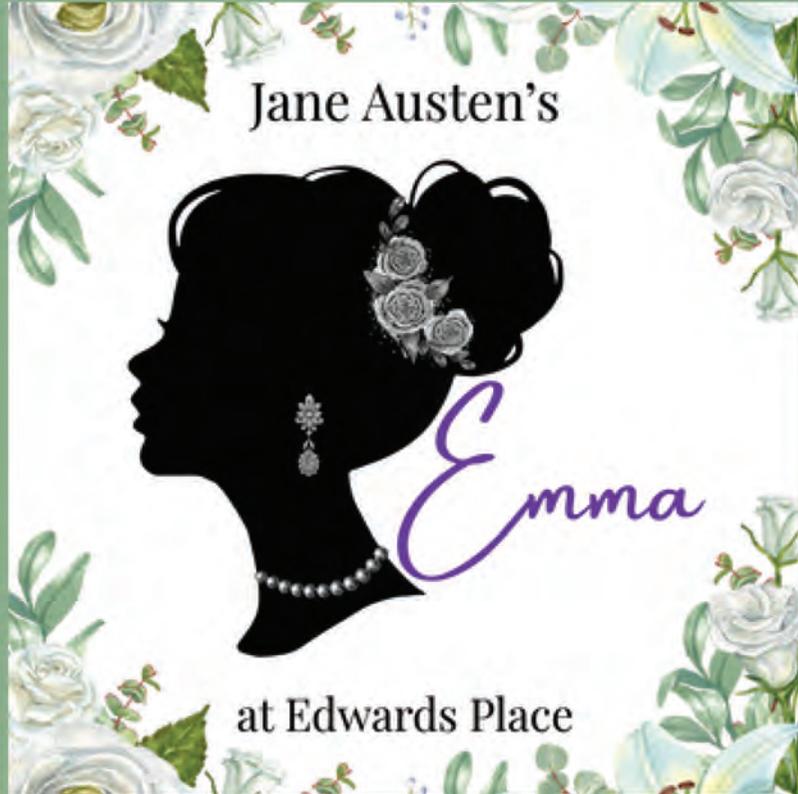
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adventure and discover how it helped shape his journey toward leadership. This program is for third- through fifth-graders. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony
Sat., April 11, 10am. Event will commemorate the 161st anniversary of Lincoln's death. Music will be provided by the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band. suvcw.org. Free. Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 847-910-0164.

Henson Robinson Zoo Opening Weekend
Sat., April 11, 10am and Sun., April 12, 10am. Bring the whole family for a day full of fun, excitement and animal encounters. The animals have missed you. Adults: \$7.50, seniors age 62 up/Kids 3-12: \$5.50, 2 and younger free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Junior Historians - Lasting Leaders: Growing Through Civil Discourse
Sat., April 11, 1:30-3pm. This program, for high school freshmen through seniors, is an interactive session focused on learning about what civil discourse is and building effective communication skills. Advance registration is required. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Michael Hall
Sat., April 11, 3pm. Michael Hall, viola, will perform. Presented by New Music Springfield in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. uis.edu/music/. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-206-6240.

Jeff Dunham
Sat., April 11, 5pm. Get ready, Springfield, comedian Jeff Dunham is coming to town as part of the Artificial Intelligence Tour. \$77. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 7th & Adams- outdoor, 217-788-8800.

Diamond Ball
Sat., April 11, 6-10pm. The Springfield Area Arts Council presents the Diamond Ball in honor of its 50th anniversary. Wear Regency-inspired attire for an evening of music, dancing, tarot readings, and

more. Proceeds support the Springfield Area Arts Council. springfieldartsco.org. \$50. Pasfield House, 525 S. Pasfield St., 217-753-3519.

Team Lincoln Trivia Night 2026
Sat., April 11, 6-10pm. Proceeds from this event will benefit the ALPLM Public Trust Fund. Teams will be quizzed on a variety of topics and questions - from the Lincoln legacy and Civil War to pop culture and more. Tables \$150. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

UIS Community Concert
Sun., April 12, 6pm. Featuring winners of the UIS Solo Competition and UIS Jazz Ensemble, UIS Flute Choir, UIS Community Music School and UIS String Academy students. uis.edu/music/. UIS Student Union Ballroom, 2251 Richard Wright Dr., 217-206-6240.

"Why Foreign Assistance Matters: American Leadership in a Changing World"
Tue., April 14. Chris Milligan, a retired senior foreign service officer with USAID, will give the program. Reception at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:15pm and program at 7pm. Cost for dinner is \$45 for WACCI members and \$55 for non-members. The program alone is free to attend. Presented by World Affairs Council of Central Illinois (WACCI). wacci.org. Illini Country Club, 1601 Illini Road.

Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House
Fri., April 17, 6pm. Dinner and meeting will feature a multimedia presentation by Kim Bixler about living in her family's Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house in Rochester, New York, from 1977 to 1994. Tickets include appetizers, wine, four-course dinner and cash bar. dana-thomas.org. Members \$90, non-members \$100. The Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel, 835 S. Second St., 217-788-9452.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Fri., April 17, 7:30pm, Sat., April 18, 7:30pm, Sun., April 19, 2pm, Fri., April 24, 7:30pm, Sat., April 25, 7:30pm and Sun., April 26, 2pm. An eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. Presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. \$20-22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St.,

217-523-2787.

The Art of Photographing Trees Botanical Class
Sat., April 18, 9am-12pm. Pick up expert tips, hear fascinating stories from the field and get inspired by the vibrant beauty of trees from renowned arborist, author and photographer Guy Sternberg. No registration required. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Photography Workshop
Sat., April 18, 9-11am, 1-3pm. Learn how to capture great images on a camera or cell phone using proven professional methods. Members \$20, nonmembers \$25. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 Lake Shore Drive, 217-529-1111.

Civil War living history
Sat., April 18, 10am-4pm. Speak to historians and re-enactors of the Civil War. Then check out the museum. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Run for the Rose 5K
Sat., April 18, 10am. This scenic 5K run/walk takes place at the historic New Salem State Park, starting and finishing at West of Wise Winery. Registration includes chip-timed 5K run/walk, wine tasting tickets and wine glass. westofwise.com. \$35. West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 14096 State Highway 97, 217-632-6003.

Midwest Toy and Comic Fest: Springfield Comic-Con 2
April 18-19, 10am-4pm. Springfield Comic-Con is back and bringing out Joey Fatone from NSync, Austin St. John from Power Rangers, Rob and Maurice, the voices of Pinky and the Brain, A Traveling movie prop. Museum, tribute cars from Route 66, a petting zoo, over 130 vendors and much more. Family Day is Sunday, children 12 and younger are free. \$10. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-622-5448.

Hippy Run
Sat., April 18, 11am. Poker Run for the Vietnam Veterans Vigil. Signup at 11am. Kick stands up at 12:30pm. Ends at Northenders VFW Post 10302 with after party, live music, food and auction. VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-416-9680, 217-415-8877, 217-638-2013.

The Wizard of Oz Ballet

Sat., April 18, 2, 6pm and Sun., April 19, 2pm. Presented by the Springfield Youth Performance Group. SYPG's production of *The Wizard of Oz* will emphasize one of the novel's main points: that everyone has somewhere they truly belong, and good always triumphs over evil. Check website for ticket information. syppfoundation.org. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 787-1595.

Relay for Life of Springfield

Sun., April 19, 12-3pm. This event supports and recognizes those affected by cancer whether it be survivors, their caretakers, those in the midst of their battle or the loved ones we have lost. Includes track walking, speeches from survivors, food trucks, luminaria ceremony, bags tournament, face painting and more. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 800-227-2345.

Make Me a Song

Sun., April 19, 3pm. Make Me a Song: The Music of William Finn is a celebration showcasing the work of one of the most acclaimed composer-lyricists in musical theater. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

UIS Orchestra Concert

Sun., April 19, 7pm. Features the UIS Orchestra, Illinois Symphony Youth Orchestra and UIS String Academy. uis.edu/music/. Springfield Southeast High School, 2350 E. Ash St., 217-206-6240.

Health and Wellness Fair

Tue., April 21, 1-3pm. This UIS event brings together campus and local businesses to promote physical, mental and overall well-being. Includes free health screenings, chair massages, interactive demos and activities, a chance to learn about local health, fitness, mental health and wellness resources and more. No registration required. uis.edu. Free. University of Illinois at Springfield, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6658.

Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage

Fri., April 24, 3pm, Sat., April 25, 3pm and Sun., April 26, 3pm. A weekend of activities and remembrance as Scouts gather to honor Abraham Lincoln. Activities include a 20-mile hike to Springfield, visits to more than 15 Abraham Lincoln-

related museums, the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln and much more. alincolnbsa.org/. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-529-2727.

Annual Spring Gala

Fri., April 24, 6-8pm. Annual Faith Coalition for the Common Good event. \$60, students \$35, tables of 8 \$480. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

The Session R&B Jam

Sneaker Ball
Fri., April 24, 6-10:30pm. A night of live R&B, soul and vibe. Lineup includes DJ Captain, J'Lyn Hope's one-woman show and headliner The Session R&B Jam. Pair those sneakers with a formal or fashion-forward outfit for a sneaker chic vibe. eventbrite.com. \$33.85. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-993-4998.

UIS Flute Choir and Jazz Cafe

Fri., April 24, 7pm. The Flute Choir and Jazz Ensemble team up for this show. Polly Roesch Music Room, Visual and Performing Arts Building, UIS, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6240.

Jane Austen's Emma

Fri., April 24, 7pm, Sat., April 25, 7pm and Sun., April 26, 2pm. This is a classic adaptation from Jane Austen's original novel. While Austen is often thought of as a romance writer, *Emma* is an excellent example of her witty humor and social commentary. The play follows Emma as she blunders her way through matchmaking among the landed gentry in early 19th century England. \$10 SAA members, \$15 non-members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Voices of America - I, Too, Sing America

Fri., April 24, 7:30pm. First night of the two performance Voices of America Festival featuring the Springfield Choral Society. The society will celebrate America's 250th birthday with a journey across the landscape of American singing. \$22.46. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

APL Annual Upscale Collectible Sale

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Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk

Sat., April 25, 9am. Celebrate color, culture, community and the Earth with this run/walk. Inspired by the spirit of Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors. Run and dance to Bollywood beats and play with colors. Proceeds benefit the Motherland Community Project. \$35. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

Orchid Basics and Repotting Workshop

Sat., April 25, 10am-2pm. Stop by and have a plant repotted at a nominal cost (based on the size of the plant) and learn how to care for an orchid, diseases and pests common with orchids and helpful orchid growing tips. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Springfield Catholic Charities Annual Fundraiser

Sat., April 25. "Get Your Groove On." A groovy throwback to the 1970s. Includes 50/50 raffle, silent and live auctions, '70s trivia, costume contest, hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soft drinks. \$50, \$350 for table of 8. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-523-4551.

Red Shoe Gala

Sat., April 25, 5:30pm. Join Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois in celebrating 40 years of service to families with children receiving medical care. \$150, table of 10 \$1,500. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-3314.

UIS Solo Concert

Sat., April 25, 7pm. UIS music students will perform. uis.edu/music/. Polly Roesch Music Room, Visual and Performing Arts Building, UIS, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6240.

Voices of America - This Land is Your Land

Sat., April 25, 7:30pm. Second night of the two-performance Voices of America Festival featuring the Springfield Choral Society. The society will celebrate America's 250th

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Hammer-Inn & Chuckwagon

Sat., May 2, 9am-4pm and Sun., May 3, 9am-4pm. The blacksmiths will be working and all of the buildings will be open for this popular annual event. Also enjoy a taste of history this year. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Wizard of Oz Tea

Sat., May 2, 1pm. Learn about popular tea customs in a themed tea all about *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. Visitors will learn about the etiquette and history of teas, while enjoying a program which includes interactive elements about this classic story. springfieldart.org. \$45 for SAA members, \$50 for non-members. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Rob O'Neill

Sat., May 2, 6:30pm. Rob O'Neill, former Navy SEAL known for firing the shots that killed Osama bin Laden, will be the keynote speaker for the first event in the "Heroes at Home Plate" speaker series. \$40-\$55, VIP meet and greet \$150. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

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Sat., May 2, 7pm. Hear the UIS Band in action. uis.edu/music/. Free. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-206-6240.

Spring Bird Fair

Sun., May 3, 9am-3pm. Get all you need for those birds. From seed and toys to cages and more, the fair has a wide selection. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 625 E. St. Joseph St., 217-529-6626.

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Rock for Mental Health Awareness Month Concert

Sun., May 3, 5-9pm. Live music with UNCHAINED, Park and Dead Sugar. Merchandise available, 50/50 drawing and more supporting nonprofit Rock for Mental Health. Partial proceeds will go to providing free counseling sessions to uninsured and to those in need. \$10. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Pkwy.

Ice Cream Social with Abe and Mary

Wed., May 6, 5pm. Meet the 16th president and first lady while enjoying a free cup of ice cream. The Springfield Municipal Band will keep guests entertained. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Fat Ass 5K & Street Party for Charity

Fri., May 8, 4-9pm and Sat., May 9, 7:30am-3pm. The Fat Ass 5K & Street Party runs through downtown Springfield. The race, on Saturday, includes beer, corn dog, doughnut and ice cream stops along with live music and entertainment throughout the route. The 5K at 10am is followed by a street party (11am-3pm) that includes cold Pepsi, Coors beer, barbecue and more live music. All profits go to charity with a total over \$2.2 million dollars to date. \$40-\$80. Downtown Springfield, Downtown.

Iron Chef Gala

Fri., May 8, 6pm. Sample the culinary delights of Springfield's finest chefs as they battle it out with their tasty creations. Event includes live music by Kapital Sound, auction and more. Monies raised benefit the students of the Ball-Chatham School District. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

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Central Illinois Senior Celebration

Wed., May 20, 9am. This annual event is dedicated to uplifting and empowering older adults through connection, engagement and meaningful activities. Features more than 100 exhibitors and on-site health screenings. Concessions will be available. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-503-4643.

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An ancient food preservation method for today

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Confit and rillettes are two traditional methods of food preservation. Dating back to ancient civilizations, these methods originated as a preservation practice before the advent of refrigeration. They both involve slowly cooking meat in its own rendered fat. By submerging the food under a layer of fat, an anaerobic environment was created, effectively preventing spoilage and allowing people to store food during leaner times. Today, these techniques are still used to create dishes with exceptional tenderness, rich flavor and a naturally extended shelf life.

The technique of confit evolved into a classic French method of preserving meat, typically duck or goose, by slow-cooking seasoned pieces in their own rendered fat until tender. I recently encountered this method firsthand at a market in Gascony, a region in southwest France, where I bought vacuum-packed duck leg-thigh confit. A quick pan-sear yielded incredibly tender meat with wonderfully crispy skin. Potato wedges, cooked in the same fat, made for an exceptional meal with minimal effort.

Rillettes (pronounced “ree-yet” with a silent “s”) is a similar meat preparation that dates back to the 14th century. The technique involved slow-cooking meat, usually pork or duck, and then shredding it, adding some seasonings and then packing it under a sealing layer of fat. The result was a rustic, coarse and spreadable paste. It became known as “brown poor man’s jam” or “pig jam.”

My first taste of rillettes de porc was in 1998, and I still have a clear memory of sitting at a sidewalk table outside Café de Flore in Paris. I ordered a glass of wine and rilette while reading the *International Herald Tribune* about a scandal unfolding back in the States involving Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. The small stoneware crock of rillettes that arrived at my table, covered in a layer of pork fat, was a perfect accompaniment to the unfolding drama.

Though originally made from fatty meats such as pork, duck or goose, the method has since been adapted for seafood, especially salmon. Instead of cooking fat, seafood rillettes rely on binders like crème fraîche, mayonnaise or softened butter, resulting in a lighter, more delicate spread. Salmon rillettes are traditionally served slightly chilled, with crusty bread, cornichons (small pickled cucumbers) and whole-grain mustard as an appetizer.

Every month, I receive a delivery of high-quality frozen fish from Sitka Seafood Shares, a community-supported fishery. With a freezer stocked with sockeye and smoked



Salmon rillettes with garnishes and chips. PHOTO BY GARRON SANCHEZ

salmon portions, I had all the key ingredients for preparing a batch of salmon rillettes. This recipe, adapted from one of Chef Thomas Keller’s, calls for two things you might not have hanging around in your fridge: crème fraîche and clarified butter.

You can often find crème fraîche in the dairy aisle, but making it at home is simple, requiring only two ingredients: one cup of pasteurized (not ultra-pasteurized) heavy cream and two tablespoons of cultured buttermilk. To begin, pour the heavy cream into a glass jar. Add the buttermilk, then cover the jar tightly and shake well to thoroughly combine the ingredients. Next, cover the jar loosely with a slightly damp paper towel and let it sit on your kitchen counter overnight. Once the mixture has thickened, seal the jar with a lid and refrigerate. The homemade crème fraîche will keep for up to two weeks.

Keller offers a nifty hack for making clarified butter: place a stick of butter in a resealable bag. Suspend the bag in a pot of simmering water, making sure it doesn’t touch the bottom. After the butter has melted, move the bag to the refrigerator and let it hang over the edge of a shelf. Once the butter is solid, remove the bag from the fridge, hold it over a bowl, and snip off a bottom corner to drain the milk solids. Finally, rinse the block of

solidified clarified butter briefly under a faucet, then dry it to remove any residual milk solids

Salmon rillettes

Serves 6-10 as an appetizer

Ingredients:

- 1 pound center-cut salmon fillet, skin and pin bones removed
- 2 tablespoons Pernod or other anise-flavored liquor
- Salt
- Freshly ground white pepper
- 1 stick of unsalted butter, at room temperature, divided
- 1 stick of unsalted butter, clarified as described above
- ½ cup minced shallots
- 1 tablespoon crème fraîche
- 8 ounces unsliced smoked salmon, chilled, skin and dark layer removed if necessary, cut into 1/4 -inch dice and brought to room temperature
- 2 ½ tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 egg yolks, lightly beaten

Serving suggestions:

- Toasted baguette slices or potato chips
- Caviar

- Minced shallot
- Chopped hard-boiled egg
- Capers
- Lemon wedges

Preparation:

Discard any dark sections of flesh from the salmon fillet. Season the fish on both sides with 1 ½ teaspoons of salt and ¼ teaspoon of white pepper. Transfer to a resealable plastic bag, sprinkle with Pernod and refrigerate for 30 to 60 minutes, flipping it over midway through the marination.

Remove the salmon from the bag, transfer it to a steamer over simmering water, and cover. Steam gently for five to eight minutes, lowering the heat if too much steam escapes. To check for doneness, insert a knife tip into the flesh. The center should be medium-rare. Once cooked, remove the salmon from the steamer.

In a medium sauté pan, melt one tablespoon of butter over low heat. Add the shallots and cook for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Continue cooking for three to four minutes until the shallots are soft but not browned. Remove the pan from the heat.

In a small bowl, using a fork, beat seven tablespoons of butter until smooth and mayonnaise-like. Then stir in the crème fraîche and set aside.

In a large bowl, break the cooked salmon into large chunks, taking care not to over-shred the fish. Add the smoked salmon, shallots, lemon juice, olive oil, and egg yolks. Season with 1/4 teaspoon of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of white pepper. Finally, fold in the butter mixture.

Transfer the rillettes into sterilized four-ounce jelly jars or similar containers, leaving at least 1/2 inch of space at the top. Smooth the top of the rillettes and wipe the inside rims clean. Refrigerate for about one hour until cold.

Melt the clarified butter and pour a ¼-inch-thick layer over the rillettes.

Cover the jars with their lids and store them in the refrigerator for up to a week. To serve, break through the butter layer and remove it. Serve the rillettes with toast points, crackers, or potato chips. □

After retiring from a 40-year career in dentistry at age 66, Dr. Peter Glatz embraced his lifelong dream of becoming a professional chef. His transition from the exacting world of dentistry to the inventive world of culinary arts is a testament to the possibility of self-reinvention at any age.



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Disaster!: A jukebox musical

Campy romp pokes fun at 70s entertainment

THEATER | Mary Young

Most people of a certain age can probably say they've at least heard of, if not watched many popular disaster films of the 1970s such as *Airport*, *The Towering Inferno*, *Earthquake* and *The Poseidon Adventure*.

Personally, I couldn't get enough when I was a kid. They were epic. These films boasted major special effects for their time and enormous star power including the likes of Shelly Winters, Paul Newman, Steve McQueen, Fred Astaire, Gene Hackman and Helen Hayes. I also assume many people of a different age have no idea who most of those iconic actors are, but they were a big deal, and so was the fact that they made these movies.

Underscoring this heyday of disaster films was a soundtrack of disco, pop and easy listening hits that no doubt conjures up memories and emotions for anyone who had those songs imprinted on them. I recall sleepovers at my best friend's house where we would record ourselves singing popular songs into a cassette player. One of my favorites was the soft rock hit by Morris Albert, "Feelings." Our adolescent brains wondered why "(Dime)" was in the songbook next to the title. Every time I would belt out "FEEEEEL-IIIINGS," Pam would quietly say, "Dime" in the background, causing me to hit pause, rewind and start over. To this day, if I hear the song "Feelings," I will smile and say to myself, "Dime." Suffice it to say, I smiled a few times watching this show.

The elements of both the disaster film era and popular 70s music have been fused into a jukebox musical spoof that will leave audiences laughing, as long as they're willing to climb on board this absurd cruise.

In its regional premier, the Hoogland Center for the Arts presents *Disaster!* (book by Seth Rudetsky and Jack Plotnick), codirected by the dynamic duo of Joe-Michael Jackson and Ginny



Ryle Frey, center, plays an unscrupulous casino owner, complete with smarmy mannerisms and 1970s style. PHOTO CREDIT CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Racette.

It's 1979, and several big stars, a disaster expert, an intrepid reporter, a nun (because there's always a nun in disaster films) and many more, find themselves on a floating casino of doom. The show sets up early on the pending disasters to come as we learn that weather warnings have been ignored, safety checks skipped and the ship's

owner is a typical sleazebag who only cares about himself and making money.

There are several other 70s disasters that make an appearance – polyester, poodle perms, unfortunate facial hair and a reference to that infamous black hole known as shag carpet. There's plenty of boogying down as everyone awaits the fate of this colorful cast of characters.

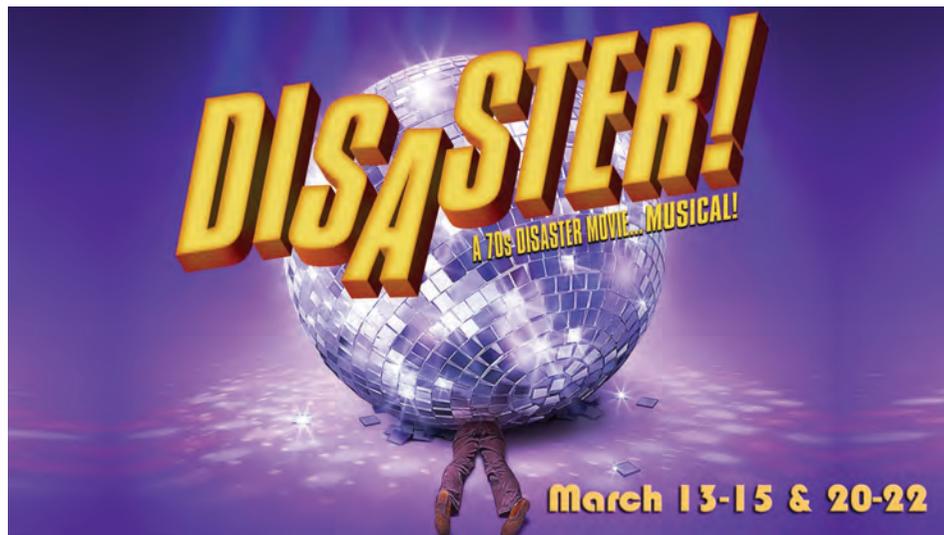
Following in the footsteps of those popular films, this production is packed with local star power. Many performers who are often seen in leading roles shine in the ensemble and support a superb cast. If you attend theater often, you will be wowed once again by the talent onstage. Everyone is all-in on the silliness while showcasing their remarkable vocals and comedic chops.

The show was written to include lots of big and small moments for everyone, and they deliver, but there are a few standouts. Ryle Frey is perfect as the unscrupulous casino owner, Tony DelVecchio. His smarmy mannerisms and 70s style were like watching Chuck Barris play a villain. Sarah Reisch as the croaky-voiced Sister Mary Downy is a treat as she strums an off-tune guitar while trying to suppress two secrets: one, her gambling addiction, and two, her true vocals. And I can't say

enough about Genevieve Kent playing sardonic siblings Ben/Lisa. There are a couple of show stoppers in *Disaster!* and she's in one of them. "When Will I Be Loved" in Act Two with Kent and the fabulous Brittney McLaughlin as her lounge singer mother, Jackie Noelle, is worth the price of admission alone. Lastly, Cynda Wrightsman's pelvis-thrusting and scarf chomping will live large in my mind for some time to come.

Spoofing a slew of disaster films in a live production requires cleverness, creativity and solid timing. Props, sets, lights and sound effects by the team of Craig Steenerson, Melody Sheehan, Matt Albrecht and Seth Hood are vibrant and effective. Special nod to state manager Jeremy Tackett for managing it all. Even if some of the gags are predictable or groan-inducing, it's still a treat to watch them unfold. Era-perfect costumes by Rene Blank and wigs by Jessica Kent are additional highlights. □

Disaster! provides some much-needed levity these days and it continues Friday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available by calling 217-523-2787 or online at bcfta.org.





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As we leave behind the recent blast of uninvited, somewhat unexpected and definitely unwanted wintry weather and head into the first day of spring (March 20 at 9:46 a.m. for 2026, astronomically speaking), it won't be long until we're full on into our outdoor shows. As we impatiently wait for the summer season, let's see what trouble we can get into for now.

I say we jump toward a few fun, diverse shows set for Saturday and see what happens. Traveling alphabetically by venue, the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation goes first when Friends of the Sangamon Valley have singers and songwriters Ben Bedford (Springfield) and Vanessa Lively (Austin, Texas) host a fundraiser for the local environmental organization. Both artists have several acclaimed albums to their credit, and Ben joined Vanessa on her most recent recordings. I'm guessing you will hear a little from all that music and more.

Arlington's is up next with an Elderbeard Musicwrx production featuring Old Shoe, Sunshine Daydream and Mace Hathaway. Old Shoe hits Springfield for the first time in more than 10 years as the Chicago-based quintet has been rocking the Midwest for decades with their particular blend of Americana jams. Sunshine, of course, brings Grateful Dead, JGB and Phish songs front and center, while Mace, who will play downstairs in the lower lounge before the show upstairs, delivers originals and cool covers in his distinctive singer-songwriter style.

Next in order is Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, better known as Casey's Pub in the K of C Hall on Meadowbrook, where Side Ballad, 3's Company and The Collective all play for a Friends of the Curve Inn fundraiser party. Staff members from the Curve will serve as celebrity bartenders as our community continues to help the popular place recover and rebuild from the recent fire.

Then, First Presbyterian Church (a music venue many times through the years) and Capital City Contra present an Old-Time Community Dance where y'all are invited to experience old-time-style contra, barn, square and circle dances called by Keith Tuxhorn, plus a few waltzes for good measure. Music this month features the longtime duo of Patt & Possum!, otherwise known as Charlie Walden (who was recently inducted in the prestigious North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame) and Patt Plunkett, with area musicians



Grant Barnett brings it all to Boone's this Saturday night.

joining in. No experience is necessary or expected (but it's OK) for you to attend and dance your fool head off.

More Saturday shows include Waterhouse at Stella Coffee & Tea and Mike "The Dulcimer Guy" Anderson at Abe's Presidential Museum receiving the "early bird gets the worm" award with 10 a.m. start times.

Then at 6 p.m. we go wild and crazy with Blues Deacons blues-rocking the Harvest Market, JackAsh pop-rocking Brewski's Pub, Grant Barnett bearing down at Boone's and Robert Sampson cleaning up at Mother Road Diner.

From 7 o'clock on, you're on your own, my friends, with another 20 some live music shows in the area to ponder and consider.

Sunday comes with a cornucopia of afternoon gigs at our regular spots along with a special concert at Bullard Country Chapel in Buffalo. The former church, resurrected as a venue, presents a Christian music show this week with Young Oceans and Ivan Theva. Area musicians open the concert and the public is invited to participate in the praise worship. Young Oceans began in Brooklyn as a Christian "art rock" recording project by Eric Marshall in 2012 and Ivan says, "My songs are prayers in my own journey with God," which will all sound delightfully wonderful in the welcoming space of the BCC.

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Thursday Mar 19

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Karaoke Night with DJ Nattie Beats

Benderz, Auburn, 8pm

Open mic with Bob the Brewer

Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6:30-10pm

Karaoke Night

Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

Curt Smith

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

Open mic with Silas Tockey

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

Kortney and friends open mic

The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke

The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Mar 20

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Josh Holland with Josh Tobias

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Stefan Huffman

Boone's, 5:30pm

Devin C. Williams

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Decade of Decadence

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin,

Harris Trio

Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 5-7:30pm

Karaoke

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

Karaoke with Jeremy from Starlight Jams Karaoke

The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7-11pm.

Niko Boeker

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

OAT

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

David Leatherwood

Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

Hippies of the Heartland

Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

After School Special

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

Saturday Mar 21

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Ben Bedford and Vanessa Lively

Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 3:30pm

Double H Karaoke

American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

Old Shoe, Sunshine Daydream, Mace Hathaway

Arlington's, 6-11pm

Hollerhead

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Karaoke with IGY6 Entertainment

BB's BFE, Latham, 7-11pm

Grant Barnett

Boone's, 6-9pm

JackAsh

Brewski's Pub, 6-9pm

Hat Trick

BREWzrz Pub, Thayer, 5-9pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

John Drake

Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-5pm

TimeWalkers

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

Side Ballad, 3's Company, The Collective

Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 4-10pm

Jim & Tommy

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 7-9pm

SOLD OUT Fool House

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Jim Hollis

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Sushi Roll

Hamilton's, Jacksonville, 7pm

MKZ

Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg, 7-9pm

The Blues Deacons

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

No One Special

JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8-11pm

Satellite

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7-10pm

Rod Grant

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Michael Burnett

Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 5-7pm

Robert Sampson

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

Renegade Karaoke

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

Peaches & Bacon

Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 2-2:30pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

Ruf Edgz

Pier 55 Lounge, 8-11pm

99 Proof

Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Silas Tockey

The Railyard, 9am-12pm

Me, Myself & Schy

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

Revel in Red

Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 7pm

Karaoke

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

Waterhouse

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

Karaoke

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

Keith Dunlap

The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Madd Hoss Jackson Band

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

Branded

The Wagon, Decatur, 7-10pm

Broken Stone

Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 8pm

Sunday Mar 22

Tim Hart

American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville, 3-6pm

Nick Park

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Young Oceans with Ivan Theva

Bullard Country Chapel, Buffalo, 5:30pm

Ace Estranged

Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 12-2pm

Celtic Whistle

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-6pm

Robert Sampson

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

Chris Camp and John Drake

It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Harris Trio

Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

Dirty Red and The Soul Shakers

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Jazz Night with B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

Larry Watson

The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Sly Dog

The Thirsty Barrel, Mason City, 4-7pm

Tom Irwin

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Monday Mar 23

Bluesmattic

The Alamo, 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 Mar 24

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood

Fluid Lounge, 7pm

Allan Harris

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam with Smokestacks

George Rank's, 8-11pm

Open Mic Night with Billy Malone

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm.

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7-11pm

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

Wednesday Mar 25

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Butter Jam Wednesday

Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

Open jam with Kristi White

Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Dallas Whittaker

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

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Proposed CyrusOne Data Center Staff Report

County Board Meeting: March 23rd 6:00PM
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The community has been engaged in an ongoing discussion regarding the proposed data center development on approximately 280 acres in the southwest corner of Sangamon County. In response to questions raised by residents and stakeholders, the county's Zoning and Planning staff prepared a memo summarizing the issues that have been discussed and the information gathered during the review process. Below is a summary of several of the most frequently raised questions.

The full report is available at sangamonil.gov/proposed-cyrusone-data-center

Has the consideration of zoning approvals for data centers moved too quickly for the community to provide meaningful input?

No. The county's Zoning and Planning staff began researching issues related to data center development in the spring of 2024 after discussions about large solar installations suggested that similar large-scale infrastructure projects could follow. Staff conducted research and presented proposed zoning recommendations to the County Board's Zoning Committee at a public meeting on March 20, 2025. After discussion and input, the committee requested modifications, and revised regulations were later reviewed and approved at another public meeting on May 15, 2025. The recommendations were then considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a public meeting on June 19, 2025, before the final regulations were adopted by the County Board during a public meeting on July 8, 2025. Cyrus One, first contacted the zoning office on October 10th, 2025. It's zoning application was scheduled for an initial hearing on November 20, 2025. Since that time, the county board has conducted 10 public hearings, board and committee meetings over five months taking public comment.

What impact could data center development have on agricultural land in the county?

The proposed data center will sit on 280 acres out of Sangamon County's 453,036 total tillable acres this is the equivalent of one drop of water in a 16 oz bottle of water.

Are there concerns that data centers could become obsolete in the future and leave behind redevelopment or cleanup challenges?

It is true that when a business starts no one knows how long it will survive. And all buildings have a useful life. Sangamo Electric, Reisch Brewery, Weaver Manufacturing were all once thriving businesses in our community. Their buildings eventually found other uses. This development, essentially 4 large warehouses, are likely to be adaptable to other uses. Some members of the public have suggested that the county should require all new buildings to post a bond for their ultimate demolition. The county consulted with a legal land use expert on this who informed us that such a regulation is unprecedented and would impose additional costs for every business owner and homeowner.

Why was this site selected?

This site was chosen because it has access to significant existing electrical transmission infrastructure needed to support a large data center campus. According to project materials, proximity to major transmission lines and available grid capacity were key factors in identifying the location for the proposed facility.

Could the presence of a data center affect local electricity rates for residents and businesses?

Electricity usage and electric rates are not really a zoning matter. Zoning seeks to maintain compatible uses for property in an area. But since many members of the public have raised this concern we hired a nationally recognized expert to provide an analysis. His conclusion was that while the cumulative effect of data center electrical demand nationwide effects the marginal price of electric power, this data center could be located in Sangamon or any adjacent county and would not have any direct effect on local electric rates. In addition, the management of the local rural electric cooperative testified that because this data center has agreed to pay for many improvements to the local cooperative network, this data center will actually be paying for improvements that the other rate payers would, otherwise, have to pay for.

Why doesn't the county adopt a Moratorium on Data Centers?

Our legal counsel informs us that we have no authority to adopt moratoriums on zoning issues. We can adopt changes to our zoning rules at any time and the process of considering those changes may act like a moratorium in that developers might pause to await any changes. As a practical matter, a moratorium - if we could adopt one - probably couldn't have lasted much longer than the five months this matter has been under consideration.

How will data centers fit within rural landscapes, and what steps can be taken to ensure compatibility with surrounding areas?

When constructed the data center complex will not be that much larger than a grain elevator complex and built lower to the ground. The county's zoning ordinance restricts the noise and the lighting to levels comparable to an elevator. The county's ordinance is carefully structured so that any future use of the property must be compatible with zoning in agricultural areas. Some members of the public have suggested that these data centers should be required to have even more of a setback or buffer zone than the county requirement of 150 feet from the property line and 1,800 feet from residential structures. Staff notes that our ordinance already requires 19 times greater setback than for most developments; even greater setbacks would offer no additional benefit and have the effect of expanding to more farm ground.

How much noise do data centers typically generate, and what measures are used to manage or reduce noise levels?

The county ordinance regulates permissible noise. The issue of noise has focused on the back-up generators these data centers require. Under normal conditions, each diesel generator is tested on 1 day a month for 30 minutes. Our building code requires that the noise be baffled. Data Centers must operate within state EPA regulations.

How much water will a data center use, and could it affect local water availability or water rates?

Zoning regulates a landowner's use of his/her property to maintain compatibility with the area. Water usage is not, strictly speaking, a zoning matter. But since many members of the public have raised this issue, we have researched and can provide the following information: The proposed development will use a "closed loop" cooling system. In simple terms this means the development will make a large initial draw of water to fill its cooling system and then recycle this water. In daily use, the facilities will require a water supply similar to large warehouses. The rural water cooperative reports that as part of the development it will pay for millions of dollars in improvements including building a backup connection to the Otter Lake water system. These improvements will benefit all users of the Local Water System with no cost to them.

What taxes and fees will data centers pay, and how will they contribute to the local tax base?

Zoning approval is about regulating land useage so that it is compatible with the area. It has nothing to do with taxes. But since many members of the public have raised this issue, we put this question to our local assessor. He estimates that this data center will pay \$98 Million to local taxing bodies over 20 years. To double check these numbers the assessor paid for a second opinion from a national expert who confirmed these numbers. The local school district has provided the county with a letter indicating that this stream of income would be transformational. The assessor did some further research on the reputation of this developer and found that this developer has a long history of paying its properly assessed property taxes. Sangamon County has a long history of trying to be fair but firm in collecting all taxes owed.

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THE CALENDAR



**History Comes Alive
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Afternoons, March 21,
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it Starting Saturday, history will come alive downtown at the Old State Capitol for spring break with a variety of family-friendly activities and presentations. On Saturday, participants can learn about toy making and crafts in the 19th century, hear the Gettysburg Address, enjoy live music by duo Peaches & Bacon and more. Different activities will be added next week including “Tales as Tall as Lincoln” with Brian “Fox” Ellis, a recital of Lincoln’s House Divided speech and a visit by heroic Civil War nurse Mary Ann Bickerdyke. All programs are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Presented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more info, email DNR.historicspringfield@illinois.gov or call 217-524-3971. A full schedule can be found on dnr.illinois.gov.

■ Special Music Events

Academy of Lifelong Learning at LLCC Arts Performance

Thu., March 19, 3:30-5pm. This event, presented by the Academy of Lifelong Learning at the Trutter Center, will feature various performances from community members involving music, comedy, singing and more. llcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2432.

Brown Bag Concert

Wed., March 25, 12:15-12:45pm. This week features vocalist Tiffany Williams. Brown bag lunch available for purchase or bring your own lunch to enjoy. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Books & Authors

Poetry Micro-Workshop and Book Signing

Fri., March 20, 12-2pm. LLCC will host award-winning poet brittney ray crowell for a micro-workshop, reading and book signing in the lower level of The Learning Center. As part of her visit, she will read works from *Cord Swell*, her first full-length poetry collection that contains

poems and stories through the lives of three generations of Black women. edu.lincolnlandcommunitycollege.edu. 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ Theater & Comedy

Disaster! A 70's Disaster Movie... Musical

Fri., March 20, 7:30pm, Sat., March 21, 7:30pm and Sun., March 22, 2pm. It's 1979 and New York's hottest A-listers are on a floating casino and discotheque. What begins as a night of boogie fever changes to panic as the ship succumbs to multiple hysterical disasters. As the night turns into day, everyone struggles to survive and, possibly, repair the love that they've lost. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Nightmare at Camp Killamanbimbo

Fri., March 20, 7:30pm, Sat., March 21, 7:30pm, Sun., March 22, 3pm, Mon., March 23, 7:30pm and Tue., March 24, 7:30pm. *Nightmare at Camp Killamanbimbo* is a 1980s-themed, murder-mystery comedy, written and directed by Courtney Wick. Presented

by Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

■ Dance

Old-Time Community Barn Dance

Sat., March 21, 7pm. Folk dances such as contra dances, square dances, circle dances, waltzes and two-steps to live music on the fiddle and banjo performed by special musical guests Charlie Walden, Patt Plunkett, and friends. No experience is necessary. All dances will be taught. No partner needed. Free and family-friendly. By Capital City Contra. Donations accepted. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Art & Architecture

6x6 Art Raffle Closing Reception

Thu., March 19, 5:30-7:30pm. The final evening of the 6x6 Art Raffle. This is the last opportunity to view the exhibit and purchase raffle tickets for the 6x6 artworks created by local youth and adult artists. Refreshments will be served,

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Illinois Prairie Pastel Society Annual Exhibition

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through March 28. Members of the IPPS will have over 70 works on display in this annual exhibition. springfieldart.org. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society reception

Through March 28, 5:30-7:30pm. The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society will present its annual exhibit of members' artwork. ipps-il.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Introduction to Domes: Origin, Evolution, & Structure

Wed., March 25, 10:30-11:45am. Architect David L. Finnigan will give a broad overview of domes and cupolas: origin, meaning, application, structural evolution, forces and failure modes. The

presentation is oriented to architects, but is accessible to all. Free registration. The Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel, 835 S. Second St., 217-522-2309.

History

Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 24

Tue., March 24, 12:30-3pm. Family-friendly programs, no reservations required. Events: 19th Century Toy Making Workshop, 12:30-1:15pm; Lincoln Live-House Divided Speech, 1:30-2pm. illinois.gov. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Spring Break History Comes Alive events, March 25

Wed., March 25, 12:30-4pm. Family-friendly programs. No reservations required. March 25: Tales as Tall as Lincoln with Brian Fox Ellis, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30pm; 19th Century Toy Making Workshop, 12:30-1:15pm; Cotton & the Civil War: The Plant that Changed Everything, 3pm. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Vachel Lindsay's Muses

Fri., March 20, 12-1:30pm. Learn about the brilliant women who inspired Vachel Lindsay's career. See a presentation and view artifacts relating to Octavia Roberts the local journalist, Sara Teasdale the awarding winning poet and Elizabeth Mann Wills the aspiring educator. In the Multipurpose Room. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Holiday Happenings

Adult Easter Egg Dash

Sat., March 21, 3pm. Get out those running shoes, do a couple stretches and get ready for Chatham-Auburn VFW's annual adult Easter egg dash. Registration starts at 3pm with the dash at 4pm. Must be 21 to participate. There will be prizes to win. \$10. Chatham-Auburn Memorial VFW Post 4763, Chatham, 214 W. Chestnut St., 217-483-4613.

Fairs & Festivals

Capitol City Volunteer Expo

Thu., March 19, 10am-2pm, Fri., March 20, 5-7pm and Sat.,

March 21, 1-4pm. Learn about volunteering opportunities in Springfield and have fun in the process at this multi-day inaugural event. For more info, contact Lauren at lauren. Gleason@illinois.gov or 217-720-7509. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Fundraisers and Galas

Community Women's Club Salad Luncheon and Vendor Fair

Sat., March 21, 10am-2pm, 11am-1pm. Doors open at 10am to 2pm for shopping with vendors. Salad luncheon available from 11 am to 1pm. Children prices available. Funds raised will be used to support community needs. Hosted by the New Berlin Area Community Women's Club. \$13 donation per person, \$25 for two people. New Berlin Knights of Columbus Hall, New Berlin, 715 E. Illinois, 217-652-8879.

Springfield Zoological Society Trivia Night

Fri., March 20, 7pm. Doors open at 6pm with trivia at 7pm. Proceeds benefit the zoological society. Event includes prizes,

silent auction, cash bar. Snacks allowed. Register at springfield-zoo-society.org. \$100 for table of 10. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-816-5801.

Community Organizing

De-Escalation Training for Rally/Protest Ushers and Medics

Sat., March 21, 12-2pm and Wed., March 25, 5:30-7:30pm. Have you wanted to serve as an usher or medic for a local rally? Do you want to learn de-escalation skills or practice roleplaying them? This de-escalation training is open to the public. The March 21 event is in the Bicentennial Room and the March 25 event is in the Carnegie Room. RSVPs required at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DA9AC2CA3FDC07-60515182-deescalation#. This training, created by 50501 Springfield IL and Capital City Illinois Indivisible, is required for all ushers for Springfield's No Kings 3 rally. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Good Trouble Alliance Meeting

Sat., March 21, 12-1pm. The

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

Children's Corner

Ice Jamz: Shamrock Skate Fri., March 20. Celebrate with a festive skate full of music, activities and great memories. Includes Pot O' Golf Selfie Station, complimentary drinks (while supplies last), music and tons of fun activities. \$9, \$10 with skate rental. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

Bulletin Board

Coin Show

Sun., March 22, 9am-4pm. U.S. coins and paper money, gold and silver bullion, ancient and modern coins. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. \$1. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 217-528-7634.



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Alfred Brown Sr. born July 13, 1967, departed this life on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at his residence.

Funeral Service will be held Friday March 20, 2026. Visitation: 9:00am-10:00am Service: 10:00am-11:00am at Union Baptist Church, 1405 East Monroe Street Springfield, Illinois 62703

Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD J. GARRETT; VINCENT FLAMMINI A/K/A VINCE FLAMMINI; THOMAS C. KELLY A/K/A TOM C. KELLY A/K/A TOM KELLY; IRENE KELLY-PASLEY A/K/A IRENE E. KELLY; GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RONALD J. GARRETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000144
Property Address: 2921 Sutherland Rd Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 14, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on April 21, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

Commonly known as: 2921 Sutherland Rd , Springfield, IL 62702

P.I.N.: 14-24.0-178-035

1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$103,513.77

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale may be entitled at most only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the court appointed selling officer.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestleadings@dallegal.com 8051-962907

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD

ILLINOIS
MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.

Nora I. Parrish; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000124
2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2025, Paula Crouch will on April 21, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-11.0-403-033
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

IF 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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-015034.

Michael N. Varak

MDK LEGAL

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney. No.: 6290959

Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com

8051-962894

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff,

vs.
MIKAYLA OBERREITER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No.: 2025-FC-136

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

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

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

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

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

2845 Hoover Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703

(C) Tax ID Number: 22-10-430-028

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

Approximately 720 square foot, single story 4 room residence with a detached one car garage, 2 bedrooms, and 1 bathroom.

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

(F) The time and place of the sale are:
Time: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Place: Sangamon County Courthouse

200 South Ninth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

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

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

trigby@hswnet.com

aprillaman@hswnet.com

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.
8051-962845

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

REGINA S BOSIE A/K/A REGINA SUE BOSIE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000169

1828 SOUTH 2ND STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2025, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-04.0-279-002

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1828 South 2nd Street

Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: White vinyl, single family home

The Judgment amount was \$48,994.56.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.

NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF 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: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-22587IL

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3278845

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,

-v.-

KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, KEITH EUGENE LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), LAURIE ANN LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WARREN STISKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2025 FC 000094

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 6, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following

described real estate:

Commonly known as 517 S. 4TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701

Property Index No. 14-34.0-156-023

The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

The judgment amount was \$182,828.92. Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1353-455-3.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN
33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150
Chicago IL, 60602
312-431-1455

E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com
Attorney File No. 1353-455-3
Case Number: 2025 FC 000094

TJSC#: 46-473

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

Case # 2025 FC 000094
8051-962648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

SEAN TYUS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING
EDWARD TYUS; SHEENA TYUS; QUANITA
TYUS; MARCUS TYUS; SEAN TYUS, NEXT
FRIEND OF N.T., A MINOR; SEAN TYUS,
NEXT FRIEND OF B.T., A MINOR; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KING E TYUS
A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000093

2109 SOUTH DOUGLAS AVENUE SPRING-
FIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDG-
MENT OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-
SURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered by the Court in the above
entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on
April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Build-
ing, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room
223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell
at public auction and sale to the highest
bidder for cash, all and singular, the
following described real estate mentioned
in said Judgment, situated in the County
of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much
thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said
Judgment:

TAX NO. 22-05.0-430-016

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2109 South
Douglas Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: Brown brick,
single family home with attached two car
garage

The Judgment amount was \$122,276.34.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for
"CASH". The successful bidder must
deposit 10% down by certified funds; bal-
ance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.
NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general
real estate taxes, special assessments
or special taxes levied against said real
estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for
sale without any representation as to qual-
ity or quantity of title and without recourse
to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to
confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount,
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 inspec-
tion. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all
information.

The successful purchaser has the sole
responsibility/expense of evicting any
tenants or other individuals presently in
possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit,
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the
assessments and the legal fees required
by The Condominium Property Act, 765
ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), 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 FORECLO-
SURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla
Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's At-
torneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820,
Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312)
346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-210951L
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S

ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT
A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to
provide additional information other than
that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3283638

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

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The
United States of America, Secretary of
Housing and Urban Development; City of
Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC;
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants; Note Tracker
Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000050

1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL
62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered in the above entitled cause
on January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will
on April 28, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM
at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office,
in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor
Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell
to the highest bidder for cash, the follow-
ing described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd
Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023

The real estate is improved with a Single
Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the
time of sale, a cashier's or certified check
for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be
paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The
subject property is offered for sale without
any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and
in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further
subject to confirmation by the Court. The
property will NOT be open for inspection.
If this property is a condominium unit, the
purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale, other than the mortgagee shall
pay the assessments and the legal fees
required by the Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), 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 FORECLO-
SURE LAW.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney,
MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite
1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number:
312-651-6700. Attorney file number:
25-004880.

Michael N. Varak

MDK LEGAL

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One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney. No.: 6290959

Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com

8051-963053

PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

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

ESTATE OF:

JAMES KEVIN PATTON, Deceased

CASE NO. 2026PR73

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James
Kevin Patton, Letters of Office were
issued on March 2, 2026 to James Ryan
Patton, 3824 Bergamot, Springfield, IL as
Independent Executive whose attorney
is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street,
Springfield, IL, 62702.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield,
Illinois 62701, or with the Representa-
tive, or both, within 6 months from the
date of the first Publication of this Notice.
Any Claim not filed within that period is
barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the
Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed
or delivered to the Representative and to
the attorney within 10 days after it has
been filed.

/s/ Donald M. Craven

Donald M. Craven (#6180492)

Joseph A. Craven (#6340231)

Attorney for Independent Executor

Craven & Craven, P.C.

1005 North Seventh Street

Springfield, IL 62702

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

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES P.

WALSH, Deceased.

IN PROBATE

No. 2026-PR-99

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate
of JAMES P. WALSH, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on March 12,
2026, to Ann M. Moore, as Independent
Executor, whose attorney is Maureen M.
Faller, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205
South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield,
IL 62701. Claims against the estate may
be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the
Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex,
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois
62701, or with the representative, or both,
on or before the 21st day of September,
2026, or three months from the date
the representative mailed or delivered a
Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any
claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must
be mailed or delivered to the representa-
tive and to the attorney within 10 days
after it has been filed.
Dated this 12th day of March, 2026.

BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Maureen M. Faller

(Registration No. 6308975)

205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000

P.O. Box 2459

Springfield, IL 62705-2459

(217) 544-8491

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

ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL L. SLATER SR.,
Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-087
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate
of MICHAEL L. SLATER, SR., Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on March 11,
2026, to Janice Slater, 1524 W. Jackson,
Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent
Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B.
Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Rein-
bold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield,
IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may
be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the
Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex,
200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701,
or with the Representative, or both, on
or before September 12, 2026 or six (6)
months from the date the Representative
mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor,
whichever is later. Any claim not filed
within that period is barred. Copies of a
claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed
or delivered to the Representative and to
the attorney within 10 days after it has
been filed.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2026.

Alex B. Rabin

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold,
LLP

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200

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

Estate of:

KAREN SHANLE,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-95

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Karen
Shanle of Rochester, Sangamon County,
Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on
March 11, 2026, to Erin Shanle, 8050
Little Eagle Drive, Springfield, Illinois
62712, as Independent Administrator,
whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III,
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 September 18, 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 11th day of March, 2026.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP

P.O. Box 79

Springfield, IL 62705-0079

(217) 544-4868

bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

Estate of:

JAMES M. BERGEN,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-91

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James
M. Bergen of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued on March
9, 2026, to Michael R. Hudspeth, 3112
E. Carpenter, Springfield, Illinois 62702,
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 September 16, 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 10th day of March, 2026.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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

Estate of:

JAMES M. BERGEN,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-91

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

To: Robert Bergen and Marygrace P.

Secuya, whose address is unknown:

Notice is given to the above who is an
heir or legatee in the above proceeding to
probate a will and whose name or address
is not stated in the petition to admit the
will to probate, that an order was entered
by the Court on the 9th day of March,
2026, admitting the will to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of
the original order of admission any heir or
legatee may file a petition with the Court
to require proof of the will by testimony of
the witnesses to the will in open court or
other evidence, as provided in 755 ILCS
5/6-21 of the Probate Act. You also have
the right under 755 ILCS
5/8-1 of the Probate Act to contest the
validity of the will by filing a petition with
the court within six months after admission
of the will to probate.

Michael R. Hudspeth

Independent Representative

Filings are to be made with:

Sangamon County Circuit Clerk

Sangamon County Courthouse

200 S 9th Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:

Harold Lee Payne,

deceased.

NO. 2026PR000090

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Harold Lee
Payne. Letters of office were issued on
March 9, 2026, to Chad R. Payne, 3501
Old Waterworks Road, Springfield, IL
62702, as Independent Executor, whose
attorney is Steven C. Mills, P.O. Box 382,
Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against
the estate may be filed in the office of
the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County
Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield,
IL 62701, or with the representative, or
both, within 6 months from the date of the
first publication of this notice. Any claim
not filed within that period is barred. Cop-
ies 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.

Steven C. Mills #3123500

Clark R. Mills #6299521

Attorneys for Executor

P.O. Box 382

Springfield, IL 62705

(217) 753-2444

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

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ARLENE E. FLURY, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-84

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ARLENE E.
FLURY. Letters of Office have been issued
to LANCE A. FLURY, 168 Lakeview Drive,
Williamsville, IL 62693, 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, Spring-
field, IL 62701, or with the Independent
Executor, or both, on or before September
21, 2026, and any claim not filed on or be-
fore 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 5th day of March, 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

MARGARET N. TATAREK, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-88

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARGARET
N. TATAREK. Letters of Office have been
issued to KIMBERLY A. ECK, 3913 Bran-
donshire Drive, Springfield, IL 62704, as
Independent Executor, whose attorney is
Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215
South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed
in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate
Division, Room 405, Sangamon County
Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Spring-
field, IL 62701, or with the Independent
Executor, or both, on or before September
21, 2026, and any claim not filed on or be-
fore 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 5th day of March, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

VERGINIA M. KEYES, DECEASED.

NO. 2026-PR-82

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of VERGINIA M.
KEYES, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of
Office were issued on March 4, 2026, to
KIMBERLY D. HERGETT of 2909 Biscayne
Drive, Springfield, IL 62707, whose at-
torney is DeGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O.
Box 52; Springfield, IL 62705

Claims against the Estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S.
9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the
representative, or both, within 6 months

from the 12th day of March, 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.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> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated March 4, 2026. KIMBERLY D. HERGETT, Independent Executor of the Estate of VIRGINIA M. KEYES, Deceased
BY: DeGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DeGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DeGiorno, Attorney
IARDC No. 6277358
DeGIORNO 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 WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-85
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on March 4, 2026, to Kathleen A. Heyworth of 2044 North 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702, whose attorney is DeGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, Illinois 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 St, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of March, 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.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> 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 4th day of March, 2026. KATHLEEN A. HEYWORTH, Independent Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM A. HEYWORTH, Deceased
BY: DeGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DeGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J. DeGiorno, Attorney
IARDC No. 6277358
DeGIORNO 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN L. NAJIM, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-83
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of VIVIAN L. NAJIM. Letters of Office have been issued to SUANNE MARIE TUTTLE, 1701 S. Park Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 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 3rd day of March, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD E. BEYERS, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2026-PR-79
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DONALD E. BEYERS, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2026, to KATHRYN L. KIRCHER and JANE M. MCMILLEN, Co-Administrators With Will Annexed, 147 N. 2200 East Road, Pana, Illinois, 62557, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 3rd day of March, 2026. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. (ARDC 2761122)
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP
205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Leland L. Legg Sr., Deceased
Case No. 2025-PR-000473
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Leland L. Legg Sr. Letters of Office were issued on Dec. 4, 2025 to Elizabeth Schwartzkopf, 921 N. Hill St., Springfield, IL 62702, and Bonnie Pipkin, 18 Skyview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, as co-executors. 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 co-executors, on or before Sept. 12, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARL R. REED, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-18
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CARL R. REED of Taylorville, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2026 to Rusty Ray Reed as Independent Executor whose attorney is Monroe D. McWard of McWard Law Office, 107 South Washington Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Christian County Courthouse, 101 South Main Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 24, 2026, which date is not less than six 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 days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026 Rusty Ray Reed, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Carl R. Reed, Deceased.
By: /s/ Monroe D. McWard
Monroe D. McWard, His Attorney
Monroe D. McWard
McWARD LAW OFFICE
107 South Washington Street
Taylorville, IL 62568
mdmward@mcwardlaw.com
(217) 824-2900
Reg. No. 06190799

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. DIRKSEN, DECEASED.
2026PRO00066
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH A. DIRKSEN, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 24, 2026, to JILL A. SCOTT, 1257 North 7th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 12th day of March 2026,

being the date of 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 10 days after it is filed. 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. 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 2nd day of March, 2026. JILL A. SCOTT, Independent Executor of the Estate of JOSEPH A. DIRKSEN, Deceased, BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.
By: Jenna L. Tucker, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.
Jenna L. Tucker #6325907
232 W. State Street, P.O. Box 550
Jacksonville, IL 62650
Telephone: (217) 245-6177
Communications: jtucker@rblawyers.net

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JUDITH A. ARMES, DECEASED
No. 2026 PR 69
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Judith A. Armes. Notice is given to all heirs and creditors of Judith A. Armes, that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Judith A. Armes, Deceased, were issued on March 2, 2026, to Gary Spencer, 1809 South Pasfield Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, appointing him as Executor of this Estate. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, 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 Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026. Kevin N. McDermott
Attorney for the Estate of Judith A. Armes
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 the Matter of the Estate of ROSE E. CESSNA, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-72
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Rose E. Cessna, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2026, to John H. Cessna, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701,

or with the representative, or both, on or before the 19th day of September, 2026, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 27th day of February, 2026. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
Registration No. 6329553
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
bclark@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN E. JONES SR., Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00067
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JOHN E. JONES SR., Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 26th, 2026, to Stacy Griffin, 2533 Portsmouth Cir, Springfield, IL 62703 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of September, 2026 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of February 2026. Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA SWINEY, Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00074
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DONNA SWINEY, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on February 26th, 2026, to Karen Redenbaugh, 822 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of September, 2026 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 26th day of February 2026. Alex B. Rabin
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: NANCY HELEN BATES, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-75
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Nancy Helen Bates of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2026, to Susan Marie Anders, 917 N. 6th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561, 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 September 2, 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 26th day of February, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
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bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: ELAINE E. BIRTCH, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-68
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Elaine E. Birtch of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2026, to Eric Birtch, 7921 S. Madison Street, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527, 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 September 2, 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 26th day of February, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
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Springfield, IL 62705
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Claudia Marie Kieffer, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000049
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Claudia Marie Kieffer. Letters of Administration were issued on Feb. 14, 2026 to Claudia Marie Kirby as Executor, 3961 Mill Stone Drive, Springfield IL 62711. 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 Sept. 5, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Cop-

ies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN P. ROMER, Deceased

Case No. 2025-PR-112 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of STEPHEN P. ROMER on October 9, 2024. Letter of office were issued on July 29, 2025 to RICHARD F. ROMER, as Independent Administrator of the STEPHEN P. ROMER Estate, whose attorney is James Alexander Pappas, 915 S. Second Street, Springfield, IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both within six 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. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider.

Dated Jan. 29, 2026

Independent Administrator

Richard F. Romer

2119 Briarcliff Drive

Springfield, IL 62704

James Alexander Pappas

Attorney at Law

915 S. Second Street

Springfield, IL 62704

japlaw@comcast.net

Dated: January 30, 2026

Respectfully Submitted:

ESTATE OF STEPHEN P. ROMER

Deceased

By: James Alexander Pappas

Attorney at Law

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

In Re the Estate of:

RHONDA KAY SKAGGS,

Deceased.

Case No.: 2026PRO000026

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 (75 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 Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 7, 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 25th 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

Name Change

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jason Wayne Winburn

For change of name to Jason Wayne Sebens

Case No. 2026-MR-000053

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jason Wayne Winburn to Jason Wayne Sebens pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 19, 2026

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

In the matter of the Petition of Bennett Archer Ealey

For change of name to Bennett Archer DeSalle

Case No. 2026-MR-000040

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Bennett Archer Ealey to Bennett Archer DeSalle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 12, 2026

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

In the matter of the Petition of Mikylee Jo Willett

For change of name to Mikylee Jo DeSalle

Case No. 2026-MR-000039

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Mikylee Jo Willett to Mikylee Jo DeSalle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 12, 2026

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

In the matter of the Petition of Shy Denim Edmonson-Boswell

For change of name to Shy Denim Edmonson

Case No. 2026-MR-000042

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Shy Denim Edmonson-Boswell to Shy Denim Edmonson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: March 12, 2026

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

In the matter of the Petition of Jayara Cheri Green

For change of name to Jayara Cheri Hickman

Case No. 2026-MR-000061

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jayara Cheri Green to Jayara Cheri Hickman pursuant to the statute in such case made and

provided.

Dated: March 12, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

-SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RONALD J. GARRETT; VINCENT FLAMMINI A/K/A VINCE FLAMMINI; THOMAS C. KELLY A/K/A TOM C. KELLY A/K/A TOM KELLY; IRENE KELLY-PASLEY A/K/A IRENE E. KELLY; GERALD NORDGREN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RONALD J. GARRETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000144

Property Address: 2921 Sutherland Rd

Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 14, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on April 21, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:

LOT 1059 OF RESURVEY OF LOTS 1009, 1028 THRU 1032, 1049 THRU 1053, AND 1057 THRU 1092 OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' NORTHGATE ADDITION, 15TH PLAT, AS PER PLAT RECORDED DECEMBER 13, 1988 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 88-24977. 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: 2921 Sutherland Rd

, Springfield, IL 62702

P.I.N.: 14-24.0-178-035

1st Lien Position; Single Family Residence;

Judgment Amount \$103,513.77

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1),

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale may be entitled at most only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the court appointed selling officer.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is:

Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC

1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120

Naperville, IL 60563

(630) 453-6960

midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

8051-962907

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

MidFirst Bank

Plaintiff,

vs.

Nora I. Parrish; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000124

2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Adam Giganti

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 12, 2025, Paula Crouch will on April 21, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

The East 32.50 feet of the West 65 feet of Lot 8 of JAMES F. BROOK'S SUBDIVISION. Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 2316 Richards Lane, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-11.0-403-033

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.

The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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 call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-015034.

Michael N. Varak

MDK LEGAL

Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250

Chicago, IL 60601

Telephone: 312-651-6700

Fax: 614-220-5613

Attorney. No.: 6290959

Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com

8051-962894

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,

ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Robert Young; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young; Repair Masters' Construction Springfield Company; Ernie Young a/k/a Ernest Young; Tami Jean Young; Paul E. Young; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young (deceased)

DEFENDANTS

No. 2025FC000240

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

3536 E Hooker St

Springfield, IL 62703

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Samuel J. Young a/k/a Samuel Joseph Young

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee,

as nominee for Diamond Residential

Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee, and

recorded in the Office of the Recorder of

Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as

Document No. 2015R25440 re-recorded

as 2016R31849; 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 April 13, 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. 14-25-07158

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national

banking association,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIKAYLA OBERREITER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No.: 2025-FC-136

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

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

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

Timothy J. Rigby

Hart, Southworth & Witsman

Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol

Plaza

Springfield, Illinois 62701

Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

2845 Hoover Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703

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

The North 60 feet of Lot 6, Block 5 in Belmont Park Gardens Subdivision, Sangamon County, Illinois.

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. Tax ID Number: 22-10-430-028

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

Approximately 720 square foot, single story 4 room residence with a detached

one car garage, 2 bedrooms, and 1 bathroom.

(E) No times have been specified in the

judgment of foreclosure for inspection of

the real estate prior to sale.

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

Time: 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April

21, 2026.

Place: Sangamon County Court-

house

200 South Ninth Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at

time of sale and balance within twenty-

four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any

liens or encumbrances prior to the mort-

gage of INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, all

general real estate taxes, special assess-

ments if any, easements and restrictions of

record, and all encroachments, if any.

INB, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national

banking association,

Plaintiff

Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)

Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)

gular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN SHAUGHNESSY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 22-04.0-279-002
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1828 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: White vinyl, single family home

The Judgment amount was \$48,994.56. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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: Visit our website at <http://iiforeclosuresales.mrplic.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-22587L

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13278845

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
Plaintiff,

vs.
REBECCA J BURKE, MATTHEW M UTINSKE, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ILLINOIS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).

Case Number: 2025FC000245
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Matthew M Utinske Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that this case has been commenced in this Court, against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT SEVEN IN BLOCK TWO OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE WEST HALF TO THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN IN TOWNSHIP THIRTEEN NORTH, RAGE FOUR WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE VILLAGE OF PAWNEE, AS PER PLAT FILED IN THE SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, IN ILLINOIS, ON NOVEMBER 11, 1868 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 34 OF DEEDS, PAGE 614, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THE EAST EIGHTY FEET THEREOF.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 312 WASHINGTON ST, PAWNEE, IL 62558

And which said Mortgage was made by: Rebecca J Burke, Matthew M Utinske, the Mortgagor, to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document No. 2007R23894; 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,
Sangamon County Circuit Clerk
200 S. 9th Street
#405
Springfield, IL 62701

On or before April 13, 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.
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1512
Westchester, IL 60154

Telephone: (312) 940-8580
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
DONALD ANDERSON A/K/A DONALD W. ANDERSON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHRISTINA MARIE ANDERSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).

Case No. 26 FC 21
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: CHRISTINA MARIE ANDERSON, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOTS 88, 89 AND 90 IN SPAULDING'S SECOND ILLINOIS WATCH FACTORY

ADDITION EXCEPT THE SOUTH 67 FEET THEREOF. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LANDS, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 14-23.0-377-001
commonly known as 2002 KEYS AVE SPRINGFIELD IL 62702; and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by DONALD ANDERSON A/K/A DONALD W. ANDERSON, and recorded in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder as Document Number 2014R06567 UNDER LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENTS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBERS 2022R21414 AND 2024R01493; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, located at 200 SOUTH NINTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, on or before April 13, 2026, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808
Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172
Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847
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175 North Franklin St. Suite 201
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
GREENSTATE CREDIT UNION, a state chartered credit union,
Plaintiff,

v.
SCOTTSDALE MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR PROPERTY GROUP, LTD, n/k/a PATCH PLACE MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, BRITTANY COURT MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, TOPPOS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NEIL CARMICHAEL BENDER, II, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000044

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below. Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 13, 2026.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 2, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: GreenState Credit Union, an Iowa state chartered credit union; 2026FC000044.

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holders of record are: SCOTTSDALE MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR PROPERTY GROUP, LTD, n/k/a PATCH PLACE MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company,

BRITTANY COURT MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Parcel I:

Lot 1, except the East 40 feet thereof, in Strother G. Jones' Subdivision of Lands of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 16 North Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Parcel II:

Tract I:

Lot 8 of Harvard Park, Third Plat, EXCEPT the South 380 feet and the North 10 feet thereof; Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 203.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING the North 10 feet thereof;

The South 40 feet of that part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 9; running thence South 243.63 feet to an iron stake; running thence East parallel with the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point which is 30 feet East of the dividing line between said Lots 9 and 10; running thence North parallel with the said dividing line to the South line of the Illinois Traction Railroad; and running thence Northwesterly along said right-of-way line to the place of beginning, EXCEPTING AND RESERVING the North 10 feet thereof;

Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the West-line of said Lot 9, 303.63 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 149.53 feet; more or less, to the Southwest corner of said Lot 9; thence East 380 feet along the South line of said Lots 9 and 10 to a point 20 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Lot 10; thence North parallel with the East line of said Lot 10, 149.53 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning;

and Part of Lots 9 and 10 in Harvard Park, Third Plat, bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 243.63 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 9, running thence South 60 feet; thence East 380 feet; thence North 60 feet; thence West 380 feet to the place of beginning.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Tract II:

A part of Lot 19 of Harvard Park Third Plat to the City of Springfield, Illinois, Described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of Harvard Park Third Plat; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 15 seconds East along the South line of Lot 9 and Lot 10 of Harvard Park Third Plat, a distance of 380.05 feet to an iron pin on the existing West right of way line of Fourteenth Street; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the existing West right of way line of Fourteenth Street, a distance of 10.13 feet to a railroad spike; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 380.04 feet to an iron pin set on the Southerly extension of the West line of said Lot 9; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along the Southerly extension of the West line of said Lot 9, a distance of 8.85 feet to the point

of beginning, containing 3607 square feet; more or less.

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.

Parcel III:

The East 100 feet of the North 150 feet of Lot 84 in Wanless' Capital Heights Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, except the West 50 feet of the North 120.50 feet of the East 100 feet thereof.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: Parcel I: 720 Forrest Ave., Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel II: 2735 S. 14th St., Springfield, IL 62703

Parcel III: 3206 E. Elm St., Springfield, IL 62702

6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows:

Parcel I: 14-26.0-477-001

Parcel II: 22-10.0-253-021

Parcel III: 14-25.0-252-007

7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of Mortgagors: Brittany Court MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company,

Scottsdale MHP, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company, MR Property Group,

LTD, n/k/a Patch Place MHC, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, and Toppos LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company
Name of Mortgagee: GreenState Credit Union

Date of Mortgage: May 19, 2021
Date of recording: May 25, 2021

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R14294

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP

Emmet A. Fairfield, Registration No.

6180505

Maureen M. Faller, Registration No.

6308975

205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000

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Springfield, Illinois 62705

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8051-962712

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,

-v.-

KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, KEITH EUGENE LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), LAURIE ANN LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR), ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, WARREN STISKA, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant

2025 FC 000094

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 25, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on April 6, 2026, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at public in-person sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT FOUR (4) OF CHARLES S. RIDGELY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. ALSO, THE NORTH 35 FEET OF THE EAST

184.90 FEET OF LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55) OF ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33 AND PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 517 S. 4TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701

Property Index No. 14-34.0-156-023

The real estate is improved with a commercial property.

The judgment amount was \$182,828.92.

Sale terms: If sold to anyone other than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.

No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-(1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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

For information, contact NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 431-1455. Please refer to file number 1353-455-3.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Chicago IL, 60602

312-431-1455

E-Mail: intake@noonanandlieberman.com

Attorney File No. 1353-455-3

Case Number: 2025 FC 000094

TJSC#: 46-473

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

Case # 2025 FC 000094

8051-962648

Notice by Publication

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.

MICHAEL R. SNEED, DISCOVER BANK, and UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 2026-FC-19

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/15 1218 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is April 19, 2026.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on January 30, 2026.

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2026-FC-19.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record: Michael R. Sneed.

(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows: Lot Five (5) of Canfield's Subdivision of the South part of the West Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-three (33), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Five (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
Common address or location of mortgaged premises:

326 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, IL 62704
Parcel Number:
14-33.0-107-008

(v) Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Michael R. Sneed
Name of mortgagee: Bank of Springfield
Date of mortgage: November 16, 2017 (mortgage) / April 11, 2022 (modification) / February 25, 2025 (modification)
Date of recording: October 24, 2012 (mortgage) / December 23, 2014 (modification) / August 27, 2025 (modification)
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2017R29730 (mortgage) / Document No. 2022R08451 (modification) / Document No. 2025R15031 (modification)
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SORLING NORTHRUP

Stephen A. Tagge, of Counsel - Reg. #2793369

Brian D. Jones, of Counsel - Reg. #6286510

1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200
P. O. Box 5131
Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: (217) 544 1144
E-Mail: satagge@sorlinglaw.com
bdjones@sorlinglaw.com

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, for the purpose of election of officers, as established in Article III, By-Laws of the Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission. The Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West.
Docket No. 2026-017
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition pursuant to Section 155.212, General provisions-Variations, and Section 155.214, Applications for amendments and variances, for a Variance of Section 155.031 (b) , Permitted Uses in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, to allow B-2, General Business Service District, Section 155.034, uses, for the assembly and testing of commercial equipment, in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Subject property is currently leased to the Springfield Clinic for use as a warehouse and distribution center. Previously, the property was occupied by a flooring and tile retail and wholesale establishment with 8,000 square feet of warehouse space. The Petitioner desires to lease the subject property to Simplex, Inc., a high technology company that designs and assembles fuel supply systems and other products for the standby power generation industry. The uses (as per paragraph 6 in the petition) will, if permitted, include the following: Simplex will hand-assemble products from its Fuel Supply Systems (FSS) line; All fabricated parts (i.e. tanks, control cabinets, doors, infrastructure parts, sub-panels, etc.) will be designed, fabricated and painted in its main facility at 5300 Rising Moon Road, or by other sub-contracted suppliers, then transferred to the Westgate facility for assembly; Purchased parts needed for equipment assembly will be stocked indoors at the Westgate facility and either incorporated into its equipment (i.e. plumbing parts, valves, fittings, PCL controllers, filters, etc.) or be shipped/sold directly to its customers; Completed equipment will be thoroughly inspected and tested (if applicable) at the Westgate facility. Testing will be limited to closed loop systems and conducted within a containment basin; Finished equipment and loose parts will be packed for shipping and shipped to customers via commercial shipping companies (i.e. UPS, FedEx, etc.) from the Westgate facility; Customer types are both wholesale (re-sellers) and retail (end-users). Shipments are typically made to the end-user locations. Customers will also occasionally pick up their finished equipment or part orders directly from the facility; The Company's typical workdays run from 7 am to 5 pm, 5 days a week, with occasional Saturday morning hours (depending on workload); This facility will be hand-assembling equipment for customer purchase orders; No welding, steel fabrication or painting will be conducted at the Westgate facility; There will be no outside storage on the Subject Property.

To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner, pursuant to 155.212 & 155.214 respectfully requests a variance of 155.031 (b) to allow a use variance for the assembly of fuel supply systems and indoor storage attendant thereto on the subject property, to permit, in the existing S-2 classification, the uses described in paragraph 6 of the petition.
Improvements (or structures) located on said property is a warehouse building of

approximately 10,000 square feet with a loading dock. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031, and a variance granted by docket # 2003-089, a variance of Section 155.031 (b) (4) of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance to allow 8,000 square feet of accessory storage.
Legally described as: Lots 14 and 15 of Cobblestone Estates, 4th Addition, Tax ID No's: 21-11-453-002, & 21-11-453-001; and 4300 - 4400 Westgate.

The property is commonly known as 4300 & 4400 Westgate Drive, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Joyner Real Estate LLC, By Its Attorneys Gates Wise Schlosser & Goebel, Gordon W. Gates of Counsel.
Docket No. 2026-016
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.

A petition to vary Section 155.056, Minimum Required Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners desire to convert the existing 400 square-foot real estate office located in the existing structure into a one-bedroom residential dwelling unit. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioners respectfully request a variance of 155.056 to allow for use of a duplex on a lot containing 5,252 square feet of lot area instead of the 6,000 square feet required per code.

Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are an owner occupied Single Family Residence, a one person Real Estate office, 2.5 car garage, and a 3 car parking lot. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-2, Single Family and Duplex Residence District Section 155.017, with relief granted by docket 2000-076 for a use variance for a one person Real Estate office limited to a maximum of 400 square feet and a variance of 155.057, Additional Lot Area for Mixed Buildings, to allow two uses on a lot that is 5,252 Square feet of lot area.

Legally described as: Lot Sixty-four (64) "Spaulding's Whittier Place Addition" to the City of Springfield, Situated in the West part of the South West Quarter (1/4) of the North East fractional Quarter (1/4) and the East part of the South East Quarter (1/4) of the North West fractional Quarter (1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) West of the Third Principal Meridian. Commonly known as 1701 S. College Street, Springfield, Illinois, and further identified as Index #22-04.0-252-034.

The subject property is commonly known as 1701 S. College Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioners are Theodore C. Christian, Jr. and Beverly J. Christian
Docket No. 2026-015
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

ADOPTION NOTICE – STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Sangamon County. In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Parker Cray Rice, a male child. No. 2026-AD-23 To: Darren Buege, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, for the adoption of minor child named Parker Cray Rice. Now, therefore, unless you Darren Buege, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court

of Sangamon County, Room 405, in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 13th day of April, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

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/serviceproviders.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> /s/Joseph Roesch, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk

Dan E. Way, Attorney for Petitioners
1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 30th day of March, 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 Kaylee Mcguire 67. Lindsay Twyford 642. Weimack Eskew 343. Danielle Barkley 335. Madilyn Petty 617/596. Fuoad Siddique 798. Mackenzia Jackson 391. Tori Cisco 715. Andy Hale 197/186. Ann Phelps 309/296. HEATHER Worful Smith 339/340/341. Natika Stevenson 533. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. Moad Altareb 771. Dustin Lewis 620/593. Shannon Griffin 248. George Seagle 46; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Mary Kavanagh B202. Tierra Long P48. Sharon Hall A79. Jarod Fagan P31; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Cassie Smith E292/E327. Sandra Nicole 38. Christina Gray 221. Dean Williams E268. Nancy Alexander 139. Ashlyn Roof 227. Kenneth Williams E298. Julia F Storage Warehouse 1. Monay Jones 249. Randall Welch 220. April Rush 194. Rachel Rowden 212. Stephfon groves 211. Sarah Watson E321. Tyler Lester 36. Ryan Kulp 189. Willie Lucas E290. Kelly Ruddy 65; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Erica Moore 203D. Dale Abeln 22A. Brian White 28A. MIRANDA MILLER 234E. Georgeanne Adelman 245E. Timothy Beckham 63B. Joe Bart 105B

Capitol Storage LLC
818 S Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62703
217-522-0300
Sale 03-28-26
Location 3012 Great Northern Drive, Springfield IL
#504, 509 & 519 Tim Perugini
Location 818 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield IL
#30, Carolyn Guthrie
#161, Don Johnson
Location 2720 N. Peoria Road
#24 Ashley Bonnett
#38 Christy Barber
314 W. Cross, Winchester IL
#79 Jake Lofland
To pay past due rent and fees call 1-217-522-0300. Private Sale will be March 28, 2026 at 9AM. The sale will begin at 818 S. Dirksen Parkway Location.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
Amanda L. Furrell, Minor Child
No. 2026-GR-000011

To: Keyra Grover and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:

Please be notified that Victoria Schrock has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Amanda L. Furrell a minor child.

You are required to answer said Petition before April 5, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.
Dated: March 12, 2026

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
SANDRA RAE SENKUS, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-86

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of SANDRA RAE SENKUS, of Mableton, Cobb County, Georgia. Letters of Office were issued on March 4, 2026, to JEAN KORNELUK of 8425 Adagio Circle, Wake Forest, NC 27587 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703 to administer the ancillary estate for asset situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th St., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 19th day of March, 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/serviceproviders.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 13th day of March, 2026.

JEAN KORNELUK, Executor of the Estate of SANDRA RAE SENKUS, Deceased
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J DelGiorno, Attorney
Attorneys for Estate:
Anthony J DelGiorno (IRDC 6277358)
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel: (217) 773-5337
Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

SEAN TYUS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; SHEENA TYUS; QUANITA TYUS; MARCUS TYUS; SEAN TYUS, NEXT FRIEND OF N.T., A MINOR; SEAN TYUS, NEXT

FRIEND OF B.T., A MINOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KING E TYUS A/K/A KING EDWARD TYUS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000093
2109 SOUTH DOUGLAS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on April 28, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT 2 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. THE SOUTH TEN (10) FEET OF LOT 1 OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDITION, PART OF THE EAST HALF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE OUTSIDE: THE NORTH HALF (5 FEET) OF THE SOUTH (10 FEET) OF JOLEN'S CHERRY HILLS ADDN LOT ONE (1), SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 6, RANGE 5.

TAX NO. 22-05.0-430-016
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2109 South Douglas Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704

Description of Improvements: Brown brick, single family home with attached two car garage

The Judgment amount was \$122,276.34. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820,

Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-210951L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF NASHVILLE, a chartered bank, Plaintiff, vs. Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker Defendants.
 Case No. 2025FC000050
 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
 Judge Adam Giganti
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch on April 28, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 The South 49 feet and 8-3/4 inches of Lot Nineteen (19) of Rafter's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of the Assessors Subdivision of part of the West Half of Section 27 and part of the East Half of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
 Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
 Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023
 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
 Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.
 The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
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 For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 25-004880.
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 8051-963053

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF NASHVILLE, a chartered bank, Plaintiff, vs. Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker Defendants.
 Case No. 2026FC000058
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 24, 2026.
 Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 13, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville, a chartered bank; 2026FC000058.
 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: C.A. Jones, Inc.
 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
 Lot 30 in Spartan Estates, First Addition, as per plat thereof recorded November 16, 2016 as Document No. 2016R32008. 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.
 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1916 Athens Court, Chatham, Illinois 62629
 6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 29-05.0-201-035
 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 Name of Mortgagor: C.A. Jones, Inc.
 Name of Mortgagee: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville
 Date of Mortgage: May 3, 2024
 Date of recording: May 7, 2024
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2024R07159
 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
 Emmet A. Fairfield
 Registration No. 6180505
 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
 P.O. Box 2459

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 8051-963046

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS Bank of America, N.A. Plaintiff, vs.

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 Case No. 2026FC000058
 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is April 24, 2026.
 Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on March 13, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville, a chartered bank; 2026FC000058.
 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: C.A. Jones, Inc.
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 Lot 30 in Spartan Estates, First Addition, as per plat thereof recorded November 16, 2016 as Document No. 2016R32008. 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.
 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1916 Athens Court, Chatham, Illinois 62629
 6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 29-05.0-201-035
 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 Name of Mortgagor: C.A. Jones, Inc.
 Name of Mortgagee: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville
 Date of Mortgage: May 3, 2024
 Date of recording: May 7, 2024
 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
 Recording document identification: Document No. 2024R07159
 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch
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 Case No. 2025FC000050
 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
 Judge Adam Giganti
 NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch on April 28, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
 The South 49 feet and 8-3/4 inches of Lot Nineteen (19) of Rafter's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of the Assessors Subdivision of part of the West Half of Section 27 and part of the East Half of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
 Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
 Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023
 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
 Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount.
 The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds.
 The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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.
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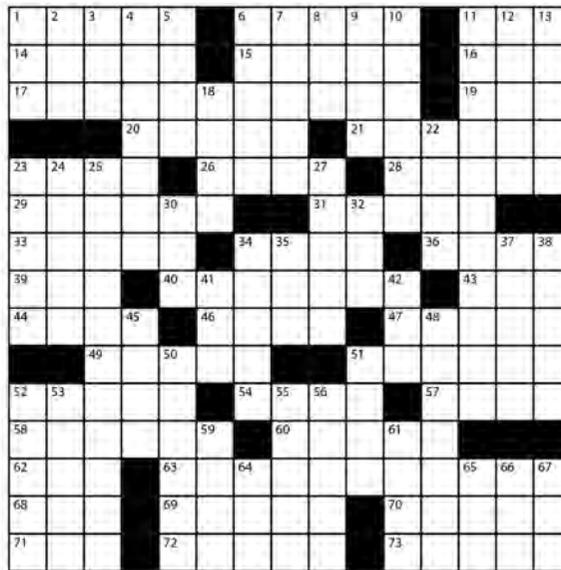
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Across

1. Selects
6. Orchestra section
11. Plum's center
14. Honda division
15. Midday meal
16. Ending on a campus e-mail address
17. Rolling Stones hit of 1967
19. Everything
20. Actor Sean and family
21. Mystery and romance
23. Red vegetable
26. Altar exchange
28. Chip dip
29. Not quite
31. Like craft shows
33. Dictation taker
34. Spanish water
36. End-of-week cry
39. Divided Asian nat.
40. Strikes out
43. Singer DiFranco
44. Minor setback
46. Margarita garnish
47. "Cómo ___?"
49. Andean animal
51. Magnitude
52. Helped out
54. Dish cooked in a pot
57. Takes advantage of
58. "Let's be honest"
60. Cost ___ and a leg
62. "More than I need to know." in modern lingo



63. Arizona baseball player
68. Ballpark fig.
69. Disney mermaid
70. Suspect's story
71. Mr. Rogers
72. ___ message
73. ___ good example
9. Heroin, slangily
10. Most bashful
11. Heavenly entrance
12. Runs in neutral
13. Oklahoma city
18. Condo, e.g.
22. Conde ___
23. Catches some rays
24. Rock's ___ John
25. Wizard's home
27. Cook in a wok, perhaps
30. Groundskeeper's supply
32. "Norma ___"
34. Assumed name
35. The start of 17-, 63-across or 11-, 25-down, for example
37. Absurd
38. Senseless
41. Freddy Krueger's street
42. "___ in the City"
45. Elation
48. Trip
50. Nike competitor
51. Actor McGregor
52. Following
53. "You are not!" reply
55. Like circus elephants
56. ___ Gay (W.W. II plane)
59. Lose steam
61. Vitamin amts.
64. Department of eastern France
65. River islet
66. Letterman's network
67. Sportage maker

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #936

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

Sudoku answers from #936

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

JoshJosh answers from #936

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 937

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.

2÷	14+	13+			1
		3÷		24x	2÷
		2÷			
2÷	2÷	3-		5-	
		3-		5	2-
11+			1-		

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 937

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

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

Difficulty hard

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