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Growing financial strain

State legislators consider more taxes for businesses, ultra-wealthy to replace shrinking federal funds

STATE | Dilpreet Raju

As prices for gas and necessities keep climbing, the Illinois General Assembly is considering closing corporate tax loopholes and taxing offshore accounts or Illinois billionaires' net worths while the state continues to rely on a growing share of personal income tax to fill the state's general revenue fund.

For Illinoisans just trying to get by, increasing financial strain has been beset by an unstable oil economy after the U.S. began striking Iran earlier this year. Meanwhile, Illinois' Democratic supermajority has been deadlocked on major bills as residents continue wincing at the gas pump and checkout lines. Last month, the Illinois House of Representatives balked at a bill that would grant voters a November ballot item on whether to tax millionaires in the state.

For those relying on SNAP benefits to feed themselves, the pressure is even greater, as home care worker Kayla Watson has seen firsthand.

"Since the SNAP cuts, a few of my clients who have been used to receiving \$123 to \$150 a month in Link and SNAP benefits no longer receive that. They got dramatically cut down to maybe \$16 or \$23 a month," Watson told *Illinois Times*.

Watson mentioned a 69-year-old diabetic woman she cares for who relies on food banks to keep herself fed. As food bank supplies her client could eat dwindled, Watson purchased blood sugar-friendly groceries for her.

"I come out of my own pocket – which I receive no benefits at all – to ensure that her dietary needs are met and that she can eat three meals a day," Watson said.

Watson, 38, enjoys caring for others and has been a home care worker in Sangamon County her entire adult life. There have been modest gains in recent years for service employee reimbursement rates set by the state.

Still, inflation and gas pump prices have skyrocketed to levels not seen since 2022 when Russia's invasion of Ukraine destabilized global oil markets. According to AAA's fuel tracker, the average price for diesel gasoline in the Springfield area just reached a record-high this month.

"I struggle. I definitely struggle," Watson said. "I drive about 500 miles Monday through Friday, just for Help at Home and caring for the clients that I have with them in Sangamon and Christian counties. With gas averaging \$4.85 to \$5 a gallon, it takes about \$140 bucks to fill my truck up, and I



Home care worker Kayla Watson, with microphone, participates in a SEIU healthcare workers' lobby day at the Statehouse. PHOTO COURTESY SEIU HEALTHCARE ILLINOIS

have to fill up twice a week."

She and other SEIU healthcare workers are lobbying for a \$2 wage increase for the Community Care Program within the Illinois Department of Aging.

"That would put us right at the baseline with DORS (Department of Rehabilitation Services), which is the other agency that I work for. Starting January of next year, they'll be coming in making \$20.75 an hour as a new hire, and here we are at Help at Home – just made it to \$18.75 an hour," she said.

Watson said she is concerned a growing pay discrepancy may hurt the program's ability to field caregivers. Bills to increase pay for workers were introduced early in the legislative session, Senate Bill 120 and House Bill 1330. Although they have dozens of signatures from Democrats, the bills have been dormant in committees since last spring.

Some Democratic politicians in the Statehouse have attempted to address the massive reductions in federal reimbursements the state typically receives for public services, although the legislature has been beleaguered with weighty bills around regulating data centers and keeping the Chicago Bears in Illinois.

One of the measures proposed by progressives in the legislature includes House Bill 5318, which would require companies who conduct 80% or more of their business in foreign countries to fully report their profits to the state.

"If a related company does 80% of or more

of its business outside the United States, it gets excluded from the corporate tax calculation entirely. That's not a glitch, that is a choice," said lead sponsor Rep. Maurice West, D-Chicago, at a press conference held to in early May to address revenue options. "Large multinational corporations can do business right here in Illinois, make money off of our workers, our infrastructure – our communities, and then legally shift their profits offshore to avoid paying Illinois (corporate) income taxes."

Sen. Robert Martwick, D-Chicago, said the entire country has spent much of the past century catering to businesses in order to court labor and employment for its citizens, so corporations are simply taking advantage of the laws that are on the books.

"What they're doing is perfectly legal. They didn't break any laws," he said. "But over the course of the last 80 years, every tax change that has passed this country – many here in this state – have been to the benefit of the wealthiest people and our businesses, our corporations – and the big ones."

Martwick questioned what should be prioritized by politicians: "We know that there are people that are starving in the streets, do we care for them? Why not? We can't afford it, and yet we give massive tax breaks to people who don't need them, and we ask all of the people who are already suffering and struggling to pay more. I am not anti-business. I want our business community to thrive. I want people to do well."

Sen. Lakesia Collins, D-Chicago, urged her

supermajority to decouple from the federal tax structure that she said benefits corporations over people trying to survive paycheck to paycheck.

"Instead of allowing the states' wealthiest corporations to double dip, raking in both federal and state tax breaks, let's not get left behind by Michigan, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and a growing list of other states who are refusing to conform with automatic handouts to people like Jeff Bezos," Collins said.

Rep. Lindsey LaPointe, D-Chicago, supporting the same cause at the press conference, said she and her peers need to address Illinois' tax structure.

"No doubt, we are at a time where the cost of living (is) choking families across the state. We are at a time when HR 1 is about to blow a hole in state budgets – including ours – across the country," she said. "Let's be really clear and simple about it: Illinois can no longer afford to be the eighth-most regressive tax state in the country. We fix that by passing these bills."

LaPointe also said the common line from the Republican party about spending going up can really be attributed to three causes.

"When you account for inflation, when you account for pension contributions, and when you account for our evidence-based K-12 funding formula, the budget has only increased less than 1.5% since state fiscal year 2020," she said. "We are not overspending in Illinois."

There has also been a push to tax billionaire assets as unrealized gains, treating each asset as though it had been sold for its fair market value on Dec. 31 of the taxable year. Ultra-wealthy people in the U.S. commonly engage in a tax strategy where most money is held in valuable assets that can be borrowed against, rather than receiving a large income that can be taxed.

Senate minority leader John Curran, R-Lemont, said he wanted to hear more about how Illinois could track offshore assets but said the other proposals were nonstarters for his party.

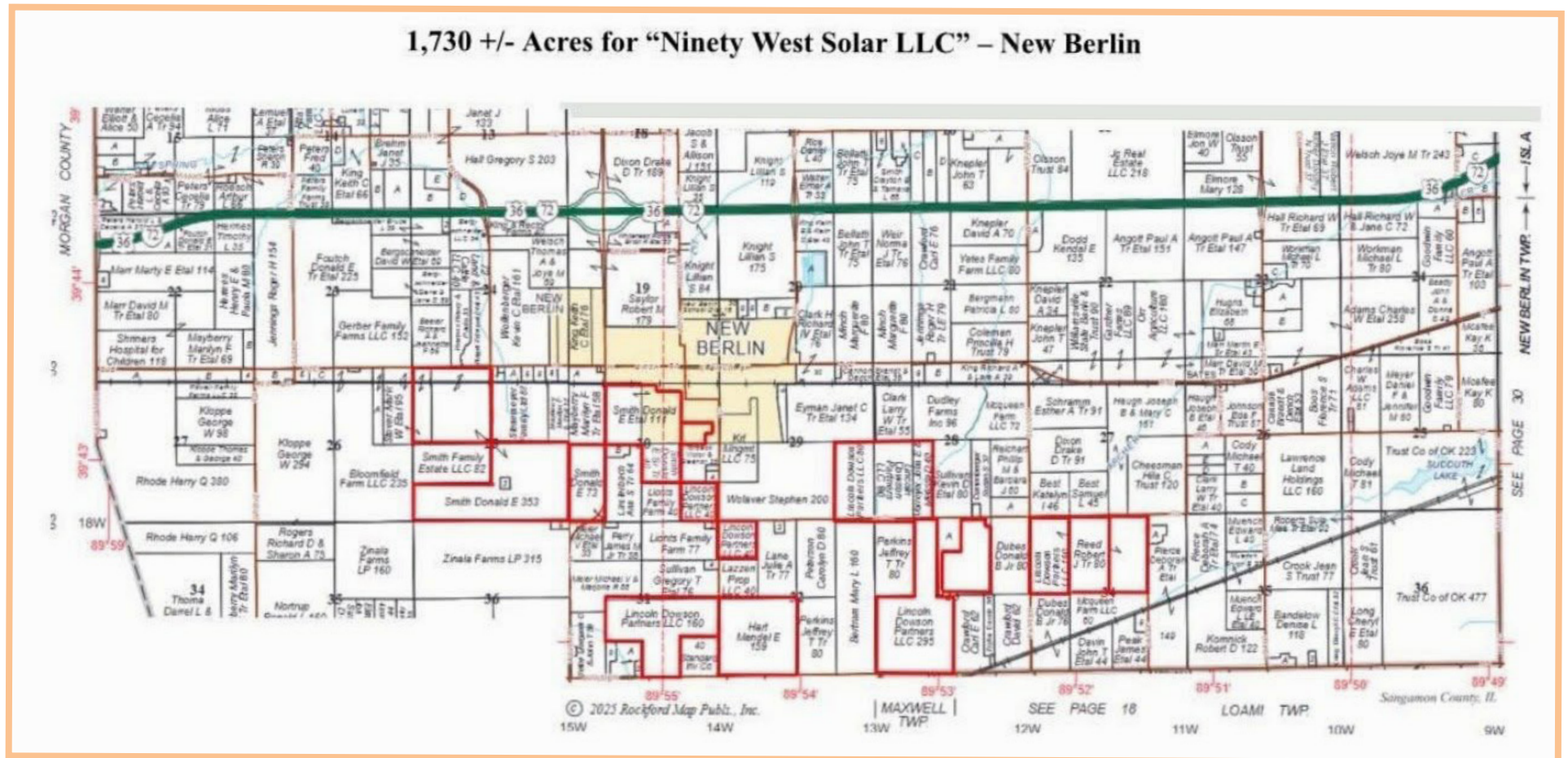
"You're talking about people who are the most mobile in society and it is very easy for them to go to another state," Curran said of trying to tax wealthy residents. "So ultimately, what may sound like a good idea is just going to further drive more capital out of the state."

Various proposals to tax millionaires and billionaires are being considered by legislatures in Democrat-led states across the country. The Illinois General Assembly adjourns on May 31. □

“Electrons instead of ethanol”

Major solar development proposed for farmland near New Berlin

SOLAR | Scott Reeder



A map circulating publicly shows a proposed solar development on roughly 1,730 acres south of New Berlin, although the local developer says the parcels under consideration are “still in flux” and that it remains uncertain whether the project ultimately will be built.

A proposed 1,730-acre solar development south of New Berlin is drawing growing opposition from residents, local officials and business owners who fear the project could permanently alter the rural character of western Sangamon County, even as developers argue the project could provide clean energy, stable tax revenue and economic diversification for farmers.

The project, which residents say largely involves land controlled by the Dowson family, has become one of the most contentious local issues in the New Berlin area in recent months.

“It’s a big project,” said Sangamon County Board member Craig Hall, a Republican whose district includes New Berlin. “There are a lot of people who have concerns with it.”

Hall said residents fear the project could depress nearby property values and discourage residential growth in an area where Springfield’s westward expansion already is reshaping rural

communities.

“You have something adjacent to someone else’s property and it affects their quality of life or the value of property,” Hall said. “Is that good zoning? I don’t think it is.”

The controversy comes as local officials wrestle with how much control county and municipal governments still have over renewable energy projects under Illinois law. Hall is backing a proposal expected to come before the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals in June that would establish up to a 1.5-mile buffer around municipalities, giving villages and towns more authority to weigh in on developments near their borders.

State law requires county boards to approve solar projects if the land is zoned agricultural, which is the case for the New Berlin-area parcels.

“The state of Illinois is wanting to have the only voice when it comes to these kind of

projects,” Hall said. “At least we need to do a mile-and-a-half setback so local communities have a voice.”

But Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter cautioned that county officials are still trying to determine whether such restrictions are even legally permissible.

“The honest answer is, I don’t know,” Van Meter said when asked whether villages should have veto authority over projects within 1.5 miles of their borders.

Van Meter said there are competing proposals being discussed, including granting municipalities veto authority or changing zoning classifications, but he said the implications of either approach remain unclear.

“I do not know if we even have the authority to do those,” Van Meter said. “Nor do I know the process for implementing either of those changes, nor do I know the consequence of

implementing any of those changes.”

Van Meter said any sweeping zoning changes would require extensive legal review and public input.

“That’s the kind of major change that we would typically have a board committee study and make a recommendation working with the professional staff and compared to comparable counties,” he said.

Hall said he expects his proposal to be considered by a committee in June and perhaps be voted on by the County Board in July, although Van Meter questioned whether the proposed timeline for adopting such restrictions is realistic.

“I wouldn’t say it’s impossible to do that on the schedule outlined, but I would say we certainly want to be sure we know all the consequences of what we’re doing before we do it,” he said.

Van Meter also said property rights concerns weigh heavily on him as county officials debate possible restrictions.

"It concerns me quite a lot," he said when asked whether landowners could unfairly lose the ability to use their property as intended. "That's a major issue. We've got to think these things through before we make any changes."

Meanwhile, developers say the New Berlin solar proposal itself remains in the early stages and has not yet formally entered the permitting process.

"We haven't even started working on any permit application or anything like that. We're very early stage. We're just looking at land right now," said Chris Nickell, chief operating officer of Highlander Renewables. His Springfield-based company is serving as a local development partner on the project, which would be operated by Houston-based ConnectGen, a subsidiary of Repsol, a Spanish company.

Nickell said maps circulating publicly showing roughly 1,730 acres under consideration are "still in flux" and that it remains uncertain whether the project ultimately will be built.

"In the development world, there are all kinds of economic and political climate issues and transmission issues," he said. "This is too early stage of a project to put any kind of gamble on."

Van Meter said he was unaware of the proposed New Berlin project until contacted about it by *Illinois Times*.

Supporters of the project argue solar development provides environmental benefits while also strengthening local tax bases.

"Once the panel is built and installed, there are no moving parts and no combustion," Nickell said. "The energy is produced cleanly and they have very low maintenance."

Nickell also argued utility-scale solar keeps energy production local.

"Once a solar project goes up on land here in Illinois, that energy is produced here and used here," he said. "It's a very local product."

Nickell compared solar energy production on farmland to the longstanding use of corn for ethanol production.

"A certain percentage of our corn goes to run our cars anyway," he said. "As we get a slow shift to electric vehicles, installing solar panels on farmland does the same thing. It's still producing a product that's used to power cars. It's just the electrons instead of ethanol."

Nickell said solar developments can dramatically increase property tax revenue in rural areas.

"If you put wind or solar on it, all of a sudden the tax base soars," he said. "As we all know in Illinois, the lion's share of property taxes goes to support schools."

Nickell also said some farmers view solar leases as a form of financial diversification.

"It's a guaranteed revenue stream that's not dependent on the weather," he said. "I think a lot of farmers see the benefit to diversification."

Still, opposition in New Berlin remains intense. New Berlin Mayor Mike Krall said residents packed a recent village board meeting to express concerns.

"When people come to the village board meeting like they did the last time – people you've never seen before at a village board meeting – that are so concerned about what's going to happen, it's alarming," he said. "They came because they're looking for help."

Krall noted New Berlin already faces geographic challenges expanding.

"We need to be able to expand in order to make the village grow," he said. "If you're not growing, you're dying."

Krall said the logical direction for the village's future growth is southward, directly toward the proposed solar project area.

Residents have raised concerns that the development could wall off future residential construction near the village. Springfield attorney Joe Craven said New Berlin already has annexation agreements and utility extensions south of town, making the area a logical path for future growth.

"Putting up a solar farm there prevents the natural expansion of those neighborhoods," Craven said.

Nickell acknowledged the project could limit development directly on the land where panels

are installed, but said he believes concerns about stopping New Berlin's growth are overstated.

"That particular village can grow in more than one direction," Nickell said. "I suppose that does cause a little bit of a roadblock, but only in one direction."

Business owners also worry the project could alter the scenic countryside that draws visitors to the area.

Doug Danenberger, who operates a winery near the proposed development, said the project could hurt tourism and diminish the rural atmosphere customers seek out.

"Who wants to come out and try to enjoy rural America while sipping on a glass of wine and look at close to 2,000 acres of solar panels?" Danenberger said.

Danenberger also questioned claims that the project would create substantial long-term employment.

"All I hear is, 'Look at all the jobs it's going to create,'" he said. "It's not going to create squat. The stuff just sits there."

The issue has also become part of the campaign for the District 7 seat on the Sangamon County Board to replace Hall, who is not seeking reelection.

Democratic candidate Tara Bergschneider, a New Berlin-area nurse seeking the seat, called the proposed development "very consequential" and "very short-sighted."

"People are upset," Bergschneider said.

"They're talking about it, but they don't really know what to do."

Bergschneider said she decided to run for office because she believes rural communities are losing control over major industrial projects reshaping the county.

"District 7 is huge geographically," she said. "We are prime land in this county, and it's got price tags on it."

She argued the solar project could limit future growth opportunities for the New Berlin school district.

"We're having a problem with growing our school district and being able to afford things in our school district, and now we're talking about industrializing all this land around us," she said.

Bergschneider also expressed concern that renewable-energy incentives increasingly benefit large corporations rather than local residents.

"These companies are coming in and industrializing our land for their renewable energy systems and truly leaving the community in the dark," she said.

Some opponents also have tied the solar proposal to broader concerns about data centers and industrial expansion in western Sangamon County. Several residents referenced rumors that a data center could eventually be developed within or near the proposed solar project area, though no formal proposal has been publicly confirmed.

The same landowner, Divernon-based Dowson Family Farms, owns the vast majority of the 4,000 acres in western Sangamon County and eastern Morgan County that make up the Double Black Diamond solar farm. The 4,000-acre project is the largest solar power development east of the Mississippi River. Dowson Family Farms is also the primary landowner for the CyrusOne data center slated to be developed across the road from the Double Black Diamond.

Nickell said his company has no involvement with any proposed data center project.

"We are not a data center company, and we don't currently work with any data center company," he said. "This is just a solar project."

Nickell said he had no knowledge of any plans for a data center near the proposed site.

"I certainly have no knowledge of any such thing being a possibility," he said.

The Dowson family declined to discuss the project with *IT*. A Madrid-based media representative for Repsol did not respond to a request for comment.

Bergschneider said residents remain uneasy because they believe large-scale infrastructure projects are moving faster than local communities can respond.

"People think somebody else is going to take care of it," she said. "But it's us. We are the people who have to show up together and work together." □



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Together Women Rise – A beacon of hope

CEO Beverley Francis-Gibson visits Springfield to meet with local members

PHILANTHROPY | Karen Ackerman Witter



Beverley Francis-Gibson, CEO of Together Women Rise (third from left) with chapter leaders of the five Springfield Together Women Rise chapters. Left to right: Julie Krehbiel, Beth Allen, Denise Church, Vicki Megginson and Laura Carmody. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Together Women Rise is “a beacon of hope,” says CEO Beverley Francis-Gibson. This national nonprofit, formerly called Dining for Women, funds projects that change the lives of women and girls in countries with higher levels of poverty, income inequality, lower life expectancy and harsh living conditions. Collective giving by nearly 5,000 members makes this possible. Francis-Gibson recently visited Springfield to meet with local members.

There are more than 350 chapters across the U.S., and Springfield has five chapters with 130 active members. Vicki Megginson leads a chapter which will soon celebrate its 15th anniversary. She participated in a seminar for chapter leaders where Francis-Gibson expressed interest in connecting with members. The next day, Megginson invited her to Springfield. Approximately 70 women from all five chapters attended a May 15 reception at the Springfield Art Association. Francis-Gibson spoke passionately about the collective impact of TWR and challenged each member to be an ambassador.

Dining for Women began with the concept of women coming together in people’s homes to share a potluck meal and donate what they would have spent to dine out. In 2019 the name changed to Together Women Rise to better reflect the seriousness of what it strives to do. Since it began in 2003, the organization has invested more than \$13.5 million in grants and partnerships in more than 70 countries, impacting more than 106 million people.

At the May 15 reception, 18-year member Mary Caroline Mitchell told the history of TWR in Springfield. Anne Capestrain started the first

chapter in 2006 after seeing an interview with Dining for Women founding director Marsha Wallace on “Good Morning America.” That has led to more than 400 local women engaging with TWR over the past 20 years. Collectively, local members have donated \$663,174 – without any dues or minimum donation required.

“All of the groups and donations are directly or indirectly connected to Anne,” said Mitchell. “Anne represents the power of one.” She heard a message and acted on it.

“The power of community drew me to this organization,” Francis-Gibson told the assembled members. She described TWR as a global sisterhood that has nothing to do with economic status and is open to anyone who wants to be part of a movement larger than oneself. TWR uses collective philanthropy to empower women. A goal is to increase grants by 75% over the next three years. “The world needs us,” she said.

Francis-Gibson grew up in St. Thomas and knew as a little girl that she wanted to help others. She’s done that throughout her career as a national leader working on initiatives addressing mental health, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, poverty, domestic violence and equity and the wellbeing of women and girls.

“What we want for our daughters is what people around the world want for their daughters,” Francis-Gibson told *Illinois Times*.

In April, TWR announced its intent to invest at least \$1 million in grants this year, a 35% increase over 2025.

“Our grantees are experiencing one of the most challenging funding environments ever,

while women’s rights are being rolled back around the world,” said Francis-Gibson as part of this announcement. “When public and private funders step back, people-powered movements must step up — and that’s exactly what we are doing at Together Women Rise.”

Grants range from \$35,000 to \$50,000 for projects that address education, healthcare, economic opportunities, gender-based violence and child marriage.

The number of applications tripled last year. Since May 5, more than 700 applications have been submitted and the deadline is June 5. Previously, TWR typically received 125. The abolishment of USAID and disruption in international funding is having an impact. TWR does not receive government funding, but many of its grantees lost USAID funding.

A survey of TWR grantees revealed that as a result two organizations closed, others reorganized and some lost staff. On the bright side, Francis-Gibson said groups are coming together who hadn’t worked together before.

The need far outweighs funds available. Currently TWR awards 12 grants annually. The review process is highly rigorous. Francis-Gibson is proud of the way they award grants, which she says are “intentional, with grace and compassion, and not transactional.”

Members learn about grantees at meetings through online videos and interviews. One grantee is featured each month. All of the Springfield chapters are spin-offs of the first group. Chapters meet at different times and have different formats. One emphasizes being multi-cultural and multi-generational. Another meets only online.

Many Springfield members also support local organizations that help women and girls, such as the Community Foundation’s Women for Women giving circle, Wooden It Be Lovely and Compass for Kids. TWR is “an opportunity to impact women and girls who have even more barriers,” said Mitchell.

Although local chapters are the foundation of TWR, there are many other ways to be involved. There are online virtual chapters, an online book club and an advocacy group. TWR sponsors international trips to visit grantees and see results first-hand. Both Mitchell and Sandy Bellatti traveled to India with Francis-Gibson, which was very impactful.

Francis-Gibson invites people to “noodle around the website” to see the many ways TWR is making a difference and how to get involved. For more information about joining a chapter or starting a new chapter contact Mary Caroline Mitchell at marycarolinem@gmail.com. □

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FOLLOWING PROCEDURE

I work in state procurement and this is just how it is, unfortunately (ABC loses State Fair contract," May 7). It's whatever is most advantageous to the state. It's a sealed quote; everyone has the same opportunity as everyone else. There isn't a saddest story exemption. In two years, the American Business Club will have another opportunity and now they have more market research and can analyze what they can truly bid while still covering overhead.

Trust me, everyone wouldn't feel the same way if this was for police vehicles. People would be outraged that the state didn't award the contract to the lowest bidder and wasted taxpayer money.

Chaney Ann Lovellette

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

SHOW SUPPORT

As a whole, the American Business Club was extremely disappointed to learn of this. As the article stated, this was a major fundraiser that we used to help support local charities throughout central Illinois. However, we will still do as much as we can to help local charities to the best of our abilities. Please support any ABC fundraisers that you see or hear about, as well as any other charitable fundraisers throughout central Illinois.

Brett Burgess

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NEED RESIDENTS

I agree the downtown core needs a larger base of residents to balance out tourists and office workers ("Invest in residents first," April 23). There's not much open land left for building capacity at a meaningful density. My preference is to convert the Wyndham to all apartments and condos of mixed sizes and prices, to be multi-generational, multi-class. Residents in a walkable neighborhood will spend money in the downtown core 365 days a year.

Parking-wise, I thought it was a big mistake to make the underground parking monthly and deny it to Old State Capitol visitors and events. That's going to hurt businesses on the square and for blocks around and cripple the events. The city should own all the downtown parking and treat it like sales-promoting infrastructure instead of as a disincentivizing, parasitic revenue source. That's 1980s' thinking.

Mark Suszko

Springfield



American Business Club served as grandmarshal for the 2025 Illinois State Fair Twilight parade. The nonprofit, which utilizes volunteers to work the beer tents at the State Fair and donates its share of money earned to area charities, lost the contract for the first time since 1954. PHOTO COURTESY AMERICAN BUSINESS CLUB

ASK PEOPLE

Perhaps Springfield is beyond repair as a cohesive community. However, it is vital that we stop the dysfunction of urban sprawl and reestablish a city center that will attract residents as well as tourists.

I have lost track of how many consultants have been hired to propose plans which have ended up on a shelf gathering dust.

One problem is that professional planners work primarily with maps rather than with people. They plot demographics and resources and ignore the attitudes of people who will work and live in the areas the planner maps out.

For many years, people have told city officials and the hired planners that parking is a problem in the city core. They have been answered with maps that show lots of parking spaces scattered all over the area – but not clustered where convenient to the places the public wants to go. So, what is the city's latest response to the problem? The parking garage under the Old State Capitol is to be turned into monthly rental spaces.

A friend and I went to the Old Capitol Art Fair last year. I suggested we park underground where we could pop up at the entrance to the exhibits. We both have physical disabilities. We walked up the ramp to the elevator only to find a sign that it was out of order. On the surface again, we found no handicap parking was designated in the area.

There are elaborate plans for developing a park-like corridor when the tracks are taken up on Third Street. Who is going to use

it? Have state workers and others in the area been involved in the planning process? The plan I saw included an area to which the Old Capitol Farmers Market can be moved – no thought about parking. One reason that the Adams Street location has worked so well is the Sangamo Club parking lot.

I would suggest hiring a community organizer, preferably a resident in the district. Then follow the extraordinarily successful program developed by the Main Street Project, an offshoot of The National Trust for Historic Preservation. The project turned the planning process inside out by beginning with only a few interested individuals who selected a small-scale, doable project that would be noticeable. Subsequent, more ambitious projects would multiply and so would the number of participants. At the end of two years, the community would be able to put together a master plan for comprehensive development.

Sally Robinson
Springfield

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OPINION

Bills stalled as adjournment nears

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Every year when the legislature arrives at mid-May, it's always tempting to look around, see the absence of real bicameral movement on legislation and conclude that nothing's gonna happen in time for the scheduled May 31 adjournment.

Succumbing to that temptation this year may not be a bad bet, but things can change. Right now, though, evidence of major movement is super-slim.

The artificial intelligence packages in both chambers seem designed only to pass one chamber, and with every day that goes by, there's less time to work out differences. Not coincidentally, lobbyists for the massive AI companies prefer it that way.

An accusation was made last week by a House Democrat that the Senate hadn't kept the House informed about its AI plans, which was seen as more evidence of this year's stark split between the two chambers. But some Senate Democrats later told me they did reach out to people within House leadership.

Could something still happen? I never rule anything out.

But communication may be difficult in the wake of a House Democratic ally and lobbyist posting a leaked internal email from top Senate staff last week on Facebook. Very high-level folks in the Senate and the governor's office were furious about the leak, which was designed to "prove" that the House was acting in concert with the Senate and the governor's office on the megaprojects bill which includes language for a new Bears sports complex in Arlington Heights. The email did no such thing, however, which further exacerbated the situation.

The proliferation of electricity-sucking data centers is a super-hot issue all over the country now.

In Illinois, Gov. JB Pritzker used his State of the State Address in February to call for a two-year moratorium on state tax breaks for data centers. But that prompted trade unions to criticize the governor's idea because it could lead to non-union data center construction jobs in Illinois and, more likely, in other states which have robust tax incentives and no labor protections.

As a poll I shared with you earlier this year showed, opposition to data centers is probably the one thing that unites almost all Illinoisans (and Americans) these days.

But data center regulatory efforts have stalled in the face of opposition, including from local government leaders, who want

those abundant new property taxes without having to expand schools or other local services because completed centers have so few on-site employees.

A narrow bill may emerge dealing with transparency issues and maybe some other items. But it's not lost on some that Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis just signed a significant data center regulation bill into law.

One Illinois lobbyist complained last week that the governor's "lack of engagement" was hindering progress on passing a bill here, according to Capitol News Illinois.

And then there's the governor's housing proposal, which has been met with fierce opposition by local mayors who oppose constraints on their zoning powers.

A lot more appears stalled right now, including an energy bill and a gaming bill, but you get the idea. Sometimes a spark occurs and stuff starts moving again. Sometimes, stuff is set aside until more talks can be held over the summer. Sometimes, stuff just dies.

And unless progressives are successful at taxing wealthy individuals and giant corporations this year, the new state budget looks like it'll basically be what's known as a

"maintenance" spending plan.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability both released revised revenue projections last week. The GOMB also released a spending report for this fiscal year, which is up a little more than initially budgeted.

For the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, GOMB predicts the state will bring in \$55.883 billion, which is \$173 million below its last projection in February and just \$210 million above its revised projected growth for the current fiscal year.

The FY27 forecast by COGFA has the state bringing in \$55.335 billion, which is \$190 million below its own March forecast and a significant \$573 million below its projected revenues for the current fiscal year.

Meeting somewhere in the middle, you're looking at basically a no-growth year next year.

The governor's budget office also released an update on state spending during this fiscal year. Outlays are over budget by \$261 million, which would be covered by the revenue increases projected by both agencies for the current year. □

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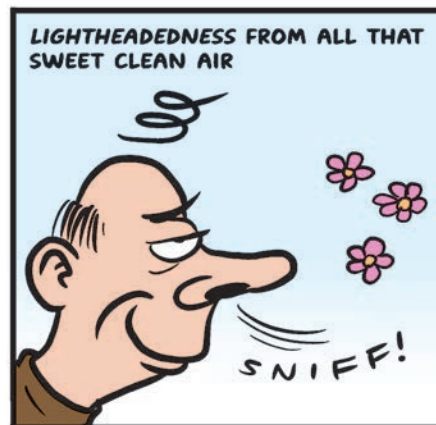
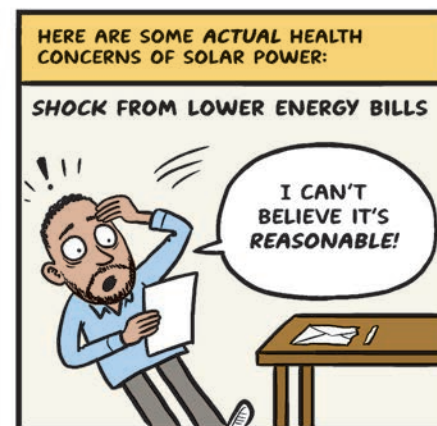
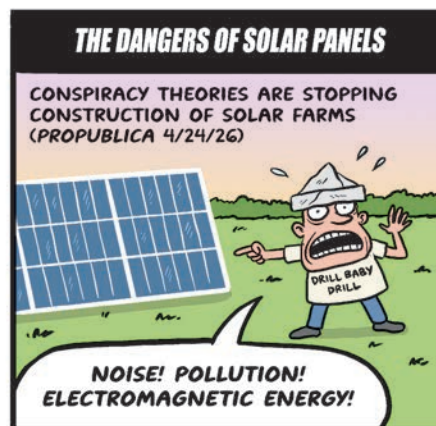
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June 13 - Donuts and Dogs 5K Fun Run/Walk

Registration ends June 11th! There will be no on-site registration. Vendor booths and activities start at 9 am. A pet/owner costume contest at 9:30 am, the 5K race beginning at 10 am and the Fun Run/Walk beginning at 11 am. You can bring your well-behaved dog to run or walk alongside you! All dogs must be at least four months of age and have proof of a rabies vaccine. Enjoy our doggie cooling pools, vendors, games and more! Race prizes include 1st place male and female, 1st canine across the finish line and 1st place 12 and under male and female. Register today at www.runsignup.com/apl5k

June Adoption Events

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Moonlight Market

First Wednesday of every month, 6-9pm. Through Sep. 3. Moonlight Market highlights local crafters, artists and makers from around the Central Illinois area. Event is held on Jackson Street between Sixth and Seventh streets. Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 500 S. Sixth St., 217-522-3123.

History Comes Alive - Ice Cream Socials

Wednesdays through Aug. 6. Every Wednesday this summer, Edwards Place will host Abraham and Mary Lincoln for an outdoor ice cream social. Meet the 16th president and first lady while enjoying a free cup of ice cream provided by the Visit Springfield on the porch of this historic house and museum. The Springfield Municipal Band will keep guests entertained with its repertoire of music starting at 3pm. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Illinois Product Farmers Market

Thursdays, 3:30-7:30pm. 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.

Edwards Place Historic Home Guided Tours

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-2, 2-3pm. Take this guided tour of the 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. edwardsplace.org. \$12 adults/ \$10 SAA members, military and seniors; children younger than 10 free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays.. 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.

Elijah Iles House Tours

Saturdays, 12-4pm. Through Nov. 14. Tour the oldest house in Springfield. Groups wishing to tour Springfield's oldest home at other times can call for an appointment. The house was built in 1837 by Iles, one of the city's earliest settlers. Free. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

Mansion Tours

Saturdays, Sundays, 1:45-2:45, 3-4pm. Illinois Department of Natural Resources trained staff and volunteers lead this tour of the official residence of Gov. JB and first lady MK Pritzker. Tour focuses on the history of the mansion. No self-guided tours are

permitted. Reserve a spot on eventbrite.com. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Springfield Municipal Band

First Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm. Through Aug. 4. At the bandshell. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Comer Cox Park Teen Empowerment Zone

Tuesdays, June 9, 30; July 7, 14, 21 and 28, 5-8pm. Each week experience family activities, games and featured events. No event June 16. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-753-2800 ext. 2003.

The Art of Jazz

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

MAY

Summer Kick-off

Thu., May 28, 4:30-7pm. Children can burn off energy with a bounce house, giant Lego building blocks, dinosaur building, games and more. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

Chloe Kimes, Chaos in Red

Thu., May 28, 6-9:15pm. Chloe Kimes brings her brand of folk and Americana music to Springfield for the first night of the 2026 Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series. Opening act Chaos in Red will play at 6:45pm followed by Kimes at 7:45pm. Event includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, 217-741-1643.

Military Appreciation Night

Fri., May 29, 6-8pm. Honor the brave men and women who have served and are serving our country as well as their families who stand beside them. Includes refreshments, games, guest speakers, children's crafts. freshvisionschurch.com. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Heritage Days Summerfest

Fri., May 29, 5pm, Sat., May 30, 12pm and Sun., May 31, 10am. Annual event featuring food, beer, kids' activities including a carnival, and tons of live music. Sunday features an outdoor Mass at 10:30am. There's a \$25,000 drawing at 4pm. Little Flower School, 900 Stevenson Dr., 217-553-5223.

Almost Elton John

Fri., May 29, 6-9pm. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.



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Memorial Day Service at Camp Butler National Cemetery | 2:00 pm **MON, MAY 25**

Pilot Club International Concert at Jacksonville Community Park | 6:00 pm **SUN, JUNE 7**

Sherman Village Amphitheater, *Special Guests: Menard County Singers* | 5:00 pm **SUN, JUNE 28**

Sing in the Park at Duncan Park, *Special Guests: Sound Celebration Chorus* | 7:00 pm **SAT, JULY 11**



Sherman Village Amphitheater, *Special Guests: TBD* | 5:00 pm **SUN, JULY 26**

Lincoln Stage at the Illinois State Fair | 5:00 pm **SAT, AUG 15**

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Fri., May 29, 7:30pm. Celebrating more than 25 years on the road and more than 4,000 performances worldwide, Satisfaction has earned its reputation as the premier Rolling Stones tribute band. hcftra.org. \$34-\$36. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Mamma Mia!

May 29-May 31, June 3-6. Mamma Mia!, the ABBA hit that debuted in 1999 and hit Broadway in 2001, is set on a Greek island and follows a young-bride-to-be determined to uncover the identity of her birth father. The journey is filled with surprises, laughter and romance. Directed by Morgan Kaplan and Andrew Maynerich. Rated PG-13. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

8K Trail Race and Kids Fun Run

Sat., May 30, 7:30am. Eight kilometers (4.97 miles) of trails will test runners' stamina. Race takes place over the scenic trails and pathways of the historic garden, along the trails next to Lake Springfield and through the Ostermeier Prairie Center grounds. lincolnmemorialgarden.org. \$10-\$32 early or \$37 at gate. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

Dr. Dolittle Day

Sat., May 30, 10am-5pm. Enjoy this day of fun, discovery and animal adventures at the zoo. Activities include a zoo-wide scavenger hunt, family-friendly games, educational stations and biofact boxes, giveaways and live music by Mackville. Free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Springfield Cultural Arts Festival

Sat., May 30, 11am-5pm. This event is an celebration of art, culture and community. Features 20 local artisans displaying their creations, the Wild Rose Artisans tent and the Fae Folk Art Collective tent. Includes food trucks, live music, dancing demonstrations and poetry workshops. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-572-1884.

Clayville Class Car Cruise Inn

Sat., May 30, 12-5pm. All roads for classic cars lead to Clayville. Event includes live music, concessions and bar service. Inn tours start at noon. Free. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Wine & Wonder

Sat., May 30, 12-5:30pm. An outdoor market featuring boutique vendors, live music by OAT, and food. Free. West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 14096 State Highway 97, 217-632-6003.

Capitol Creations at the Old State Capitol

Sat., May 30, 1-3pm. Create, connect and make memories in one of Springfield's most historic spaces. Supplies are included unless otherwise noted. Payment required to reserve a seat. The May 30 project is a barn quilt. \$35-\$120. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp

Sat., May 30, 6:30pm. Memorial Health Night at the ballpark. Arrive early and get a rally towel. Stick around after the game for fireworks. \$11-\$13. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Ozark Mountain Daredevils with Caleb Lee Hutchinson

Sat., May 30, 7pm. \$24.65-\$52.15. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

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Kids Fare Garden Club

Mondays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 10. Kids Fare Garden Club offers hands-on gardening as well as garden-related activities. Registration held on site with a cap of 15 children participating. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Early Childhood Summer Fun Camp

Tue., June 2 and Thu., July 9. For children ages 3-5, this camp offers a fun and engaging environment where creativity, movement and social development take center stage. Each session includes age-appropriate activities that encourage children to explore, learn and grow in a supportive setting. Morning session: 9-11:30am. Afternoon session: 12:45-3:15pm. springfieldparks.org. Washington Park Pavilion, 1400 Williams Blvd., 217-544-1751.

America 250 at the Homestead Quilt Show

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10am-5pm. Through June 30. Quilts displayed throughout the fully-furnished Victorian mansion will be red, white, and/or blue; have patriotic, Colonial Era, or Americana themes. The exhibit will include select examples from the museum collection as well as antique, vintage and contemporary loaned pieces. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-18 and children 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Stella Cole

Wed., June 3, 8pm. Springfield native and rising jazz sensation Stella Cole returns to the capital city for a one-night-only concert blending timeless classics, jazz standards and some surprise musical selections. hcftra.org. \$34-\$37. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Anita Michelle Jackson, Butter

Thu., June 4, 6-9:15pm. Headliner Anita Michelle Jackson brings her brand of jazz for this Levitt Amp Concert Series show. Opening act Butter will play at 6:45pm followed by Jackson at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Bring lawn chairs. Free. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

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HuDost

Fri., June 5, 6-9pm. HuDost plays electric folk music. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

Centennial Route 66 5K

Sat., June 6, 8am. Celebrate 100 Years of America's most iconic highway at this race. The race kicks off at 8am from the Route 66 Experience exhibit near Gate 2. From there, runners head out on a scenic loop through the fairgrounds, soaking in the historic charm and energy of one of Illinois' most iconic venues. The 5K starts and ends at the Route 66 Experience. \$30. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-899-9175.

2026 Art in the Yard - Children's Art Event

Sat., June 6, 10am-12pm. Children can enjoy a variety of hands-on art projects in this event on the Strawn Art Gallery Lawn. All materials provided. Presented by the Art Association of Jacksonville. Free. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show & Swap Meet

Sat., June 6, 11am-2pm. This show provides a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Sponsored by the Route 66 Watch & Clock Club. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

Kiwanis BBQ Braggin' Rights

Sat., June 6, 12-4pm. Enjoy great food and fun at this annual in-person BBQ Braggin Rights competition. Judging starts at 2:30pm. \$10 per person, kids 6-12 are \$5 and 5 and under are free. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

We Are Warped Festival

Sat., June 6, 2-10:30pm. Features seven bands: UNCHAINED, The Warped Kids, Freddy Vs., Atlas on Fire, Los Injectors, LowPhatt and Black Book. Event includes Party for the Pubs Fundraiser. A portion of proceeds goes to Animal Protective League. \$10. The Blue Grouch, 510 W. Maple Ave. S., 217-527-8395.

Cody Parks & The Dirty South, Phantom Lordz

Sat., June 6, 7-10:30pm. Cody Parks & The Dirty South play country metal. Metallica tribute band Phantom Lordz will open at 7pm. Part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity '26 Concert Series. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

An Evening of Magic

Sat., June 6, 7pm. An unforgettable evening celebrating magic, mystery and the remarkable legacy of Eldon Roark. Featuring Losander, Terry Richison, Rob Thompson, Tom Burgoon and Dr. David Eckstein Goldman. Emcees are Jessie James and Rha-Bea. \$25. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Wicked

Sat., June 6, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Movie begins near dusk. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Comic, Toy and Pokemon Show

Sun., June 7, 10am-5pm. Toys, games, comics and cosplay showcase. More than 70 tables. A place to let that geekiness shine. quadcitcon.com. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Land of Lincoln Chorus

Sun., June 7, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Midwest Charity Horse Show

June 9-13, 10:30am-6:30pm. Each year, the proceeds from this premier horse show are donated to a worthy cause. The show features American Saddlebred, Roadster, Morgan and Arabian horses and Hackney ponies. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-494-1215.

ZooLABS

Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15am. Children ages 7-9 will be immersed in the animal world with ZooLABS. With classroom learning, close animal encounters and zoo exploration, students will learn fascinating details about our animal kingdom. Classes are June 10th, 17, and 24. Register at bit.ly/SPD_ZooLabs. Activity #240514. Residents \$30/Nonresidents \$35 per class. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821 ext.1706.

2026 Sangamon County Fair

Wed., June 10, Thu., June 11, Fri., June 12, Sat., June 13 and Sun., June 14. The premier county fair of central Illinois. Entertainment, livestock shows, exhibitors, carnival, rodeo and all the fair food you can imagine. See the website for more information and schedule of events. \$5, children 4 and younger free. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 316 W. Birch St., 2174882685.

Summer Fun & Wellness Fest

Wed., June 10, 4-6pm. The Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Memorial Hospital Mia Ware Foundation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, and Central IL Food Bank invite your business to exhibit at the Summer Fun & Wellness Fest in Community Park. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-245-2174.

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Equal Daughters, Equal Sons

Wed., June 10, 6pm. As part of the many nationwide festivities for America 250, we have invited Springfield Poets and Writers to put on a special one-night performance for the public, featuring poets reading original work about what America means to them. All ages welcome, but please be aware material is politically wide open and might contain complicated and controversial topics. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-525-2631.

Eat A Rainbow! Week I

Thu., June 11, 10-11am. Celebrate the fifth season of Eat A Rainbow during this introductory session. Participants will have the opportunity to sample a variety of fruits and veggies of different colors. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Juneteenth Celebration

June 11-17. Saturday begins with the popular Fitness in the Park at 9am. Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church will lead a revival with music performances and spoken word tributes. Various other musical groups will perform throughout the day. Saturday also includes a car and motorcycle show. Both days will include food from various vendors and information from local organizations. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-572-0234.

The Matchsellers, The Whiskey Killers

Thu., June 11, 6-9:15pm. Headliner The Matchsellers will bring a blend of bluegrass, roots and Americana for this Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series show. Opening act The Whiskey Killers play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

Juneteenth Family Day Celebration

Fri., June 12, 10am-2pm. Enjoy art, explore history, engage Illinois state agency partners and share in the spirit of freedom, unity and identity. This special occasion celebrates the opening of ISM's sixth annual "Noir" art exhibition, which highlights original works by artists of color from Illinois. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-782-5955.

Sweetwater Music Festival

Fri., June 12, 12pm. A day of music featuring Mace Hathaway, Pity They Neighbors, Colt Ball, Pete Jive, Josie Lowder, Jobe Shores, Dracula Johnson, The Green View Band and Jake Rebman. Event includes tai chi by Zach Eymann and vendors. Food will be available. Presented by Middle of Nowhere Music. See Facebook page for how to buy tickets. Admission \$30, \$10 camping. Sweet Water music venue, Greenview, 20178 Sweet Water Ave., 217-891-3268.

Scotty McCreery and Josh Turner

Fri., June 12. Country music star Scotty McCreery, who won the 10th season of American Idol in 2011, will take center stage Friday night at the Sangamon County Fair. Josh Turner will open. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 316 W. Birch St., 217-488-2685.

90's Kids Super Fly Tribute

Fri., June 12, 6-9pm. 90's Kids Super Fly Tribute is a high-energy, six-piece, pop, rock, hip hop and grunge tribute band. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered ...

Fri., June 12, 7:30pm, Sat., June 13, 7:30pm, Sun., June 14, 3pm, Fri., June 19, 7:30pm, Sat., June 20, 7:30pm and Sun., June 21, 3pm. This groundbreaking "choreopoem" is a spellbinding collection of vivid prose and free verse narratives about and performed by Black women. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Downtown Plaza Car Show & Cruise Nite

Sat., June 13, 8am-9pm. Hosted by the The Morton Avenue Misfits, this show features the judge car show around the square (8am-3pm) and cruise along

Morton Avenue (5-9pm). Includes food vendors, music, crafts, swap meet, door prizes and raffles. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-993-8645.

APL Donuts and Dogs 5K & Fun Run

Sat., June 13, 9am-12pm. Enjoy this competitive 5K, Fun Run/Walk, dog-friendly activities, vendors, costume contest, free doughnuts from Mel-O-Cream and more while supporting animals in need. Register by May 22 to receive an event T-shirt. Learn more and register at www.runsignup.com/apl5k. \$15 for children. \$30 for Adults. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-361-6212.

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Summer Meeting

Sat., June 13, 9am-5:30pm. Learn more about bees and beekeeping at this annual event featuring informative hands-on presentations by Illinois beekeepers. Event includes presentations for children, an afternoon workshop on using beeswax to make lip balm, vendors, Q&A session and more. prairie-state-beekeepers.com. Various - see website. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-425-0650.

Henson Robinson Zoo Day

Sat., June 13, 10am-5pm. Celebrate the city's proclamation of "Henson Robinson Zoo Day" with



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Summer Frolic

Sat., June 13, 10am-4pm. Celebrate frontier heritage with period-clothed interpreters demonstrating 19th century daily tasks throughout the historic village. lincolnewsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Monsters & Magic

Sat., June 13, 1, 3pm. Dance Arts Studio's 2025/2026 season recital presents a whimsical journey filled with friendly, huggable monsters, beloved characters and a world of wonder. Show includes playful nods to Monsters, Inc. and Elmo to sparkling fairies, spellbinding creatures, and imaginative adventures. \$6-\$16. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Sangamo Brewing Summer Fest

Sat., June 13, 2-8pm. Sangamo Brewing Summer Fest. Lineup and times: Emily Perkins, 2-2:30pm; Not Petty 3-4pm; Positively 4th Street, 4:30-5:15pm; Zach Fedor, 5:30-6:30pm; and Positively 4th Street, 7-8pm. Free. Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 109 E. Mulberry St., 217-697-8026.

AQUAFEST Summer Celebration

Sat., June 13, 4-10pm. Enjoy AQUAFEST, the annual summer celebration at the Aqua Sports Club on Lake Springfield. Includes food and drink specials with local rock band Menace to Sobriety playing anything from 70s classics to today's hits from 6 to 10pm. Open to public. Open to Public. Aqua Sports Club, 1 Club Area, 217-529-2431.

World War II living history

Sat., June 13, 10am-4pm. Speak to historians and re-enactors about World War II (1939-1945). Then check out the museum. Illinois State Military Museum, 1301 N. MacArthur Blvd., 217-761-3910.

Friends of the Farmers Market Brunch

Sun., June 14, 11:30am-1:30pm. Celebrate local farmers, indulge in a scrumptious brunch spread featuring farm-to-table dishes and mingle with fellow supporters of the community market. \$10.10-\$55.05. Union Square Park, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-544-1723.

America 250 Classic Car Show

Sun., June 14, 12-3pm. Step back in time at this event showcasing a variety of beautifully restored and preserved classic American vehicles. Food will be available. No admission or registration fees. Free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Governor Duncan Summer BBQ

Sun., June 14, 4-7pm. Sizzle this summer with the Governor Duncan BBQ: Bourbon, Bluegrass & BBQ. Enjoy an evening of food, live music and summer fun. \$50. Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 1061 E. Morton Ave., 217-553-7023.

The Peeks and Tom Jones

Sun., June 14, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Somebody's Problem and tributes to Eric Church, Miranda Lambert and Kenny Chesney

Wed., June 17, 6-10:30pm. Somebody's Problem is a central Illinois Morgan Wallen tribute band. The Eric Church, Miranda Lambert and Kenny Chesney tribute acts will open at 6pm. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

The Psycodelics, Paul Bill Jr.

Thu., June 18, 6-9:15pm. Headliner The Psycodelics will bring their blend of high-energy fusion of funk, soul, R&B, and jazz for this Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Paul Bill Jr. will take the stage at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

Juneteenth at Henson Robinson Zoo

Fri., June 19, 10am-5pm. Celebrate Juneteenth with free admission at the zoo. Last admission is 4:30pm. Free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Maurice John Vaughn

Fri., June 19, 6-9pm. Maurice John Vaughn plays boogie blues. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

Pollyanna

June 19-21, June 26-27. Celebrate July Fourth with this delightful, classic tale of the greatest optimist of all time... Pollyanna. But it's much more than that. It's the story how a little girl's faith in her father's promise — that you can find something good about anything that happens — guides her steadfastly through circumstances that most adults would find formidable. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

All Shook Up

Fri., June 19, 8:30pm, Sat., June 20, 8:30pm, Sun., June 21, 8:30pm, Wed., June 24, 8:30pm, Thu., June 25, 8:30pm, Fri., June 26, 8:30pm and Sat., June 27, 8:30pm. Inspired by the music of Elvis Presley, All Shook Up is a rock 'n' roll romantic comedy about following one's heart, breaking the rules and finding love where one least expects it. Directed by Kelly Robertson. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

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2026 Hemmings Great Race

Sat., June 20, 9:30am-1pm. The Hemmings Great Race begins in Springfield this year! The race to California along historic Route 66 can be grueling ... long days, harsh weather, challenging instructions, mechanical troubles, the list goes on and on. See the cars before they leave. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

Walk With a Doc

Sat., June 20, 10am-1pm. This month's walk with Dr. Ria Patel highlights Cataract Awareness Month. Enjoy light physical activity while engaging with a physician in a relaxed, informal setting. Starts at south playground shelter. Preregistration encouraged at <https://walkwithadoc.org/rsvp/?id=208299>. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-528-7541.

Juneteenth Celebration

Sat., June 20, 10:30am-2:30pm. Celebrate Juneteenth, a powerful day of remembrance, resilience and joy. Includes music, dancers, food trucks and more. Sponsored by NAACP Jacksonville and Jacksonville African American History Museum. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-414-5059.

Jazz in Bloom

Sat., June 20, 6-9pm. Experience the Dana-Thomas House as a guest. Registration will open soon. Ticket includes live music, food and cash bar. Hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-788-9452.

Legends Classic V

Sat., June 20, 6:30pm. Watch former Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals battle it out. Includes an optional VIP upgrade to meet the players. Actor Thomas Ian Nicholas, who played Henry Rowengartner in the movie Rookie of the Year, will play for the Chicago side. Nicholas will play for the Chicago side. Nicholas' band will play after the game. The Cardinals roster will include Jason Isringhausen. \$21-\$31. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 561-313-7035.

Capital City Contra Dance

Third Saturday of every month, 7-9pm. Through June 20. Family-friendly traditional barn, group and contra dances to live music, performed by Peaches and Bacon. All dances taught and called. No partner, costume or experience required, casual dress. Dances suitable for ages 9 up. Free admission, donations encouraged. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Resurrection with Bryan Adams, Def Leppard and Bonjovi tributes

Sat., June 20, 7-10:30pm. Headliner Resurrection is a Journey tribute band. Show opens at 7pm with tributes to Bryan Adams, Def Leppard and Bon Jovi. Part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity '26 Concert Series. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Storm in the Heartland Professional Handel's "Israel in Egypt"

Sat., June 20, 7:30-9:30pm. The 2026 Five Cities Baroque Festival presents George Frideric Handel's timeless meditation on oppression, redemption and freedom, "Israel in Egypt." Free. Blessed Sacrament Church, 1725 S. Walnut St., 528-7521.

A Minecraft Movie

Sat., June 20, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Movie begins near dusk. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Beauty and the Beast

Sun., June 21, 1, 3pm. This contemporary ballet inspired by the beloved classic — where enchantment fills the air and even the smallest act of love can change everything — is presented by Dance Arts Youth Company and Dance Arts Studio. \$8-\$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Just Friends

Sun., June 21, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Blarney Bash for Scholarships

Wed., June 24, 5-8pm. Help raise money for scholarships for St. Patrick's School students at this event. Features live music by Suns of Beaches, hors d'oeuvres and libations, silent auction and more. \$40, \$400 for table of 10. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-523-7670.

Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS

June 25-28, 6am. The path to the PGA Tour comes through Springfield. Four competition rounds featuring a field of 156-professional golfers from around the world competing for a total purse of \$1 million. Tickets are free courtesy of Visit Springfield. For more info, visit MemorialHealthChampionship.com. Free. Panther Creek Country Club, 3001 Panther Creek Dr., 217-670-2910.

Ruben Moreno & The Zydeco Re-Evolution, Smokestacks

Thu., June 25, 6-9:15pm. Ruben Moreno & The Zydeco Re-Evolution will headline this Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Smokestacks will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

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Sun., June 28, 6pm. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Comedy on the Mezz

Mon., June 29, 7-8:30pm and Mon., Aug. 24, 7-8:30pm. Clean comedy with some of the best local and regional standup comedians. Located in the store mezzanine. Accessible by elevator. goharvestmarket.com. Free. Harvest Market - Springfield II, 3001 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-793-3601.

July

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Wed., July 1, 7:30pm, Thu., July 2, 7:30pm, Fri., July 3, 7:30pm, Sat., July 4, 2pm and Sun., July 5, 2pm. With music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards and a book by Peter Stone, this Tony-Award-winning show recreates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in a deeply human way. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Independence Day Event

Thu., July 2, 11:15am-12pm. Celebrate 250 years of independence at SSCI at this festive gathering filled with spirited fun and patriotic treats. Test your knowledge with 250 trivia, enjoy patriot-themed door prizes, sip on our freedom fizz punch and indulge in sparkler cupcakes. Sponsored by Springfield Supportive Living. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Shawn Holt & The Teardrops, Devin C. Williams

Thu., July 2, 6-9:15pm. Shawn Holt & The Teardrops will bring their brand of blues to this Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Devin C. Williams will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-753-3519.

Independence Day Celebration

Fri., July 3, 10am-4pm, Sat., July 4, 10am-4pm and Sun., July 5, 10am-4pm. Get your 19th century patriot on. Period demonstrations and the reading of the Declaration of Independence each day celebrating our great nation. newsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Freedom Run

Sat., July 4, 7:30am. Celebrate the Fourth of July with a 10K, 5K or one-mile fun run/walk. See signup details online runsignup.com. \$30. Centennial Park, 1760 W. Centennial Place, 217-553-7695.

Kitten shower

Fri., June 26, 1-3pm. Open house event features games and meeting the stars of the day - the kittens. Learn about the foster program. Donations of cat toys, canned food and more accepted. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Me and My Girl

June 26-28, July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26. The Legacy Theatre describes this play as "part Downton Abbey, part 'My Fair Lady' and totally bonkers." When an unpolished Cockney fellow unexpectedly learns that he is the long-lost heir to a grand English estate, the upper crust won't know what hit them. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Tege Holt & the Lonesome Pines

Fri., June 26, 6-9pm. Country band Tege Holt & the Lonesome Pines hail from Indiana. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

APL Junior Volunteer Car Wash

Sat., June 27, 11am-3pm. Just \$5 for any size vehicle to help raise funds for the Animal Protective League. The Mobile Adoption unit will also be on site and APL merchandise and apparel will be for sale. \$5. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-544-7387.

Paint the Street

Sat., June 27, 11am-7pm. Artists take over Washington Street downtown to create masterpieces in 6-by-6 squares. Each square registration will receive a paint supply bucket (including brushes and the tempera paint participants will be using which is water soluble/washable), one giveaway bag with goodies from sponsors and one Paint the Street T-shirt. Includes music, food vendors and more. \$35 per square, \$45 per pro square. Downtown Springfield, Seventh and Washington streets, 217-523-2631.

Central Illinois Daylily Society Plant Show

Sat., June 27, 12-3pm. Learn from the experts all about these beautiful blooms and see them on display fresh from the gardens of the Central Illinois Daylily Society members. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Too Hype Crew, Pop Quiz Hot Shot

Sat., June 27, 7-10:30pm. Too Hype Crew plays 1900s and 2000s hip hop and pop music while Pop Quiz Hot Shot performs 90s tunes. Part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity '26 Concert Series. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Chapel Tour

Sun., June 28, 12:30-1:30pm. Get an intimate look at this magnificent mid-century modern chapel of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. Free. Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe, 217-787-0481.



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Springfield Lucky Horseshoes 4th of July Fireworks

Sat., July 4, 4pm. Join the Lucky Horseshoes for a home game against the Terre Haute Rex followed by one of the area's largest fireworks displays. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Chatham Freedom Fest

Sat., July 4, 5pm. Music, food, fireworks, live music and fun are on tap. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Presented by the Chatham Jaycees. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 214-676-1063.

Knight's Fireworks Extravaganza

Sat., July 4, 5:30pm. Live music from The 66 Ramblers performing classic hits before the fireworks show. Arrive early to get a good spot. Free. Trade Winds Pub and Eatery, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-546-8881.

Rock the Dock

Sat., July 4, 6-11pm. Central Illinois' largest fireworks display. Live music as well as food and beverages. Free. Lake Springfield Marina, 17 Waters Edge Blvd., 217-483-3625.

Brett Burchard

Sun., July 5, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

2026 Morgan County Fair

July 7-12. Enjoy some of what Morgan County has to offer from thrilling carnival rides and games to livestock shows and agricultural exhibits. Savor delicious fair food, watch exciting events at the grandstand like the demolition derby and tractor pulls. Find more information and a schedule at themorgancountyfair.com. \$5. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Lowdown Brass Band, UNCHAINED

Thu., July 9, 6-9:15pm. Lowdown Brass Band will bring their brand of hip hop and reggae to this Springfield Music Series show. Opening act UNCHAINED will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

Ian Munsick with Corey Kent

Fri., July 10, 7:30-10pm. Friday night entertainment at The Morgan County Fair. Ian Munsick is the headliner Corey Kent opening. For more info and tickets, visit themorgancountyfair.com. \$50. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

Alice By Heart

Fri., July 10, 7:30pm, Sat., July 11, 7:30pm and Sun., July 12, 2pm. Step into a world of imagination with this show by Active and Creative Teen Theatre. Set in the chaos of World War II, it follows a young girl, Alice Spencer, who takes shelter in a London Underground station during the Blitz. As bombs fall above, Alice clings to her cherished copy of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, using its familiar characters and whimsical world as a refuge. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Hands on a Hard Body the Musical

July 10-12, July 17-18. Ten contestants. Four days. One truck. Inspired by true events and infused with a "fresh roots-rock vibe," this tells the story of a hilarious, hard-fought contest where only one winner can drive away with the American dream. Directed by Derry Dalby. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Rated PG. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

The Prince of Egypt

July 10-12, Aug. 5-8. The story of Moses and Ramses comes to life in this musical about brotherhood, faith and freedom. Featuring music by Stephen Schwartz, this show reminds us that love and courage can change the world. Directed by Wes Bridges. themuni.org. Rated G. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

Women's Distance Festival

Sat., July 11, 8am. Race on a beautiful two-mile course through the park. A virtual option is available. Kids can participate in an untimed fun run. Hosted by the Springfield Road Runners Club. <https://www.srrc.net/wdf>. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-544-1751.

2026 Kids Triathlon

Sat., July 11, 8:30am. The 12th annual Springfield Kids Triathlon is presented by In Play Productions Inc. The event is a USAT-sanctioned event for children ages 6 to 15. There are three different races to choose from giving participants of all abilities options to challenge themselves. Registration deadline is July 16. \$30-\$35. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-544-1751.

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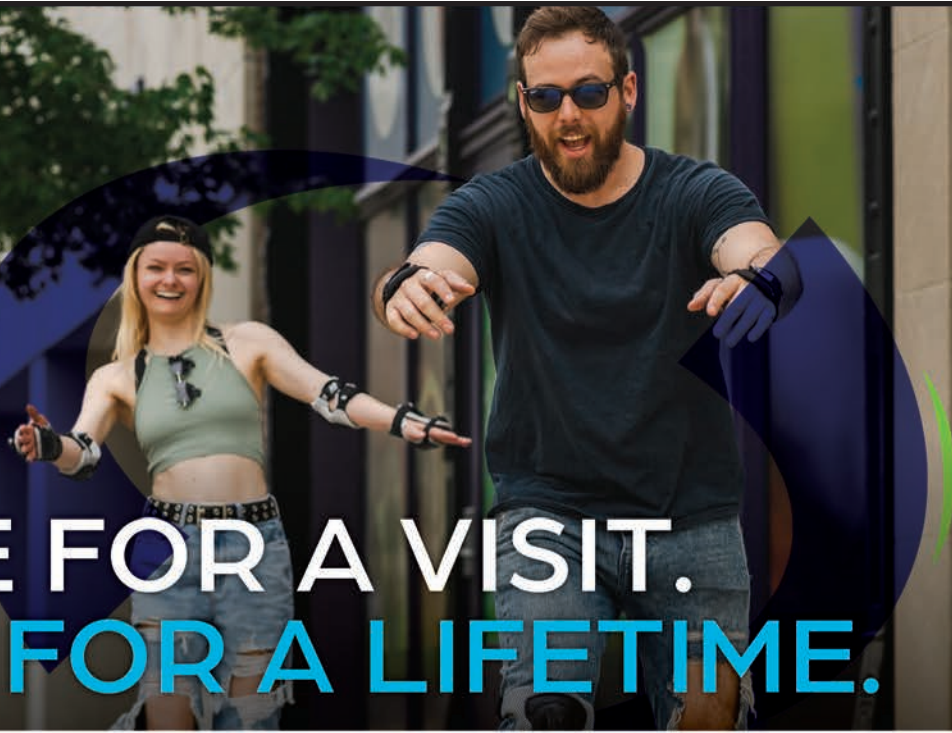

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Hell's Bells, Use Your Illusion

Sat., July 11, 7-10:30pm. Hell's Bells is an AC/DC tribute band while Use Your Illusion is a tribute to Guns N' Roses. Part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity 2026 Concens Series. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Cole Swindell with Sadie Bass

Sat., July 11, 7:30-10pm. Saturday night's entertainment at the Morgan County Fair features country artist Cole Swindell. Sadie Bass will open the show. www.themorgancountyfair.com. \$59.13-\$84.93. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-6800.

The Sandlot

Sat., July 11, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Movie begins near dusk. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Pam and Danny Lovelace

Sun., July 12, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Camp Girls on the Run

July 13-16, 8:15-12:15pm. This is a weeklong, half-day camp created to support incoming third-fifth-grade girls as they grow - physically, socially and emotionally - through joyful, confidence-building experiences. Participants will learn through playful small- and large-group games, movement, interactive workshops and moments for personal reflection. Along the way, they build life skills and form meaningful, positive connections. \$135, financial assistance available. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

St. Louis Cardinals Kids' Camp

Wed., July 15, 12:30-5pm. Children ages 6 to 13 can learn baseball fundamentals from former St. Louis Cardinals players at this exciting one-day camp. Participants will receive a T-shirt, Cardinals hat, two tickets to a future game, an autograph session and other Cardinals-related items. Register at cardinals.com/clinics. \$125. Rotary Park, Iles Avenue and Archer Elevator Road, 217-546-4103 ext.1012.

Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival

Fri., July 17 and Sat., July 18. Live music, food, vendors, children's activities and much more. A big shout out to the local cows' contributions to that perennial favorite, the Illinois Championship Cow Chip Throw. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

Champ Jaxon Band

Fri., July 17, 6-9pm. The Champ Jaxon Band plays rockin' blues. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

APL JV Ice Cream Social, Art Show

Sat., July 18, 11am-3pm. APL and DIM Art House artists unite for this Art Gallery Show combined with an ice cream social fundraiser hosted by the Animal Protective League Junior Volunteers. Artists have selected APL animals as their subjects and created original art in multiple mediums which will be for sale. Proceeds will help APL. Event includes paw print paintings, merchandise, vendors and the APL Mobile Adoption Unit. Free admission. Scoop Du Jour, Chatham, 95 W. Plummer Blvd., 217-544-7387.

Jacksonville Drumline Institute

Sun., July 19, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Carver Commodore, Attic Salt

Thu., July 23, 6-9:15pm. Carver Commodore will bring its alternative rock sound to this Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Attic Salt will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

River Country Quilt Show

Fri., July 24, 10am-5pm and Sat., July 25, 10am-4pm. Dive into a world of creativity and craftsmanship at this show where the vibrant threads of tradition and innovation come together in a spectacular display. \$10. Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, 1211 N. Diamond St., 309-678-7716.

Shagadelics

Fri., July 24, 6-9pm. Shagadelics will bring the disco back to Jacksonville. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

Lake Springfield Triathlon

Sat., July 25, 7am. Presented by MSE Racing, the course for the Lake Springfield Triathlon is beautiful with a lake swim, flat bike course and gently rolling and shady run. For more information visit msracing.com. \$105-\$275. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Dr., 314-477-6906.

Home Alone

Sat., July 25, 8pm. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Rod Nicholson with Aaron and Rick Bargur

Sun., July 26, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Coin Show

Sun., July 26, 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.

Doc Robinson, Gold Maps

Thu., July 30, 6-9:15pm. Doc Robinson will bring its indie pop/soul sound to this Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Gold Maps will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:30pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Free. Y Block, 217-753-3519.

Rumble Fish

July 31-Aug. 2, Aug. 7-8. This stage version of S.E. Hinton's (author of "the Outsiders") classic novel explores the themes of gang culture and the search for identity. It tells the story of two brothers, brought up in social deprivation by their alcoholic father. Directed by Mark Buckholz. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Disney's Frozen

July 31-Aug. 2, Aug. 5-8. A tale of sisterly love and self-discovery. Disney's Frozen melts hearts with its story of courage, compassion and acceptance. Directed by Alyssa and DJ Shultz. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

August

Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show

Sat., Aug. 1, 10am-5pm. Annual car show. Cruise night at 6pm Friday starting at Horace Mann parking lot and traveling to Cherry Hills Church. Event includes car judging in 60-plus classes, trophies, helicopter and vintage aircraft demo and more. Free. Cherry Hills Church, 2125 Woodside Road, 217-553-5271.

New Jerusalem Singers

Sun., Aug. 2, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Rodney Adkins and Joe Nichols

Fri., Aug. 7, 7pm. Rodney Adkins, an Academy of Country Music Award-winning artist, has one of the most recognized and powerful voices in country music. He has six No. 1 radio singles and three albums. Joe Nichols will open. Tickets go on sale 10am March 25. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

Everclear with Drew Cagle & The Reputation

Fri., Aug. 7, 8pm. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Power of Love, Decade of Decadence

Sat., Aug. 8, 7-10:30pm. Power of Love is a Huey Lewis tribute band while show opener Decade of Decadence, from central Illinois, is "the ultimate 80s rock party." \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Illinois State Fair

Aug. 13-22. Massive annual fair features every kind of food imaginable, the sounds of music and concertgoers' cheers at the Grandstand shows, a midway, harness-racing events and tons of agricultural shows and more. The fun begins Aug. 13 with the Twilight Parade. Adults \$5, seniors \$3, children 12 and younger free. Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Dual Piano

Fri., Aug. 14, 7pm, Sat., Aug. 15, 7pm and Sun., Aug. 16, 2pm. Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford will work their magic on your favorite music as only they can. hcfta.org. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908

Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30pm, Sat., Aug. 15, 7:30pm and Sun., Aug. 16, 3pm. This play by local playwright Timothy Crawford is an award-winning drama set against the backdrop of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot that terrorized the Black citizens of Springfield. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Two By Two

Sun., Aug. 16, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

The Lion King Jr.

Aug. 20-Feb. 22, 8:30pm. In this special youth production of Disney's The Lion King Jr., join Simba, Nala and friends on a journey of love, responsibility and the circle of life in this timeless family favorite. Directed by Tiffany Williams. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864. □

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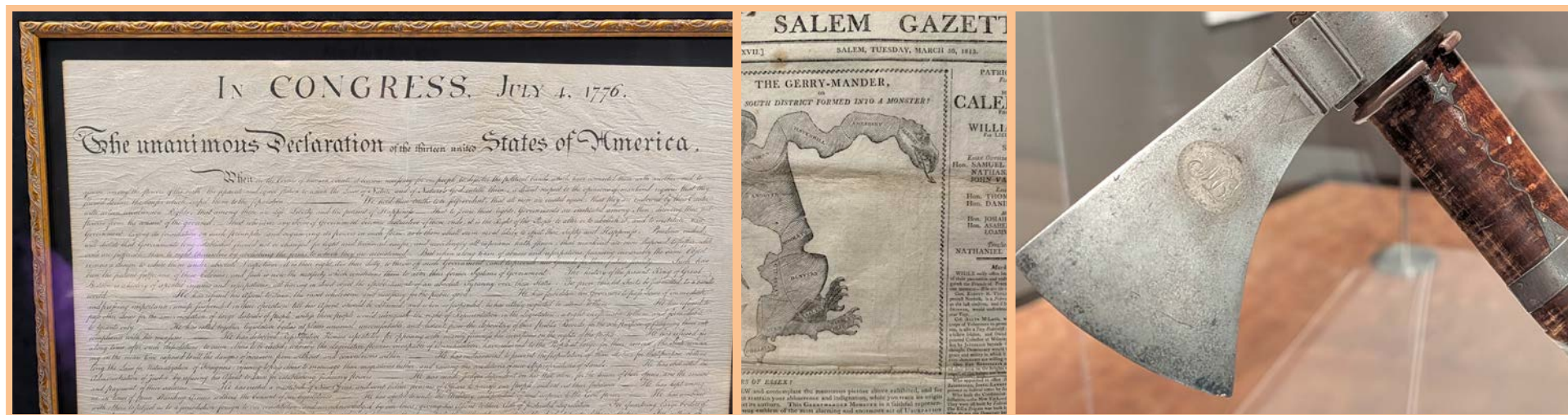
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SUMMER Guide



Peoria's America 250 Exhibition with Ken Burns

SUMMERGUIDE | Tara McClellan McAndrew



From left to right: An 1833 copy of the Declaration of Independence. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM. An 1813 cartoon criticizing political gerrymandering from the Salem Gazette in Salem, Massachusetts. PHOTO BY TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW. Explorer Meriwether Lewis' ceremonial tomahawk. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM.

There are two stories about an exhibit at the Peoria Riverfront Museum (PRM), which honors America's history from before Europeans arrived through the Civil Rights era. One is how a museum in central Illinois got renowned American history filmmaker Ken Burns to be a guest curator – his first time doing so anywhere. The other is the variety of original documents and people it features.

Zac Zetterberg, a PRM curator who worked on the exhibition from its conception, explains the first story. Seth Kaller, “who is arguably the leading documents dealer in the country,” approached the museum about “bringing his collection of the greatest American documents in a show he conceived of years ago called ‘The Promise of Liberty.’” But the PRM wanted someone to help them tell the show's story.

PRM developed a relationship with Burns when it hosted an exhibition of his historic American quilts collection in 2022 and published a book about it. So, staff asked him to help “make sure we do this properly, and Ken said yes,” Zetterberg says. “I was surprised just because he was rolling out his American Revolution (documentary) series and he was on the move, literally every day, but also not surprised.”

Burns served as an offsite adviser. “We

had an initial checklist of objects (for the exhibition) and asked him, ‘What stories are we missing?’” says Zetterberg. Burns told them not to focus solely on America's founders.

“He emphasized focusing on ordinary people,” says Megan Nguyen, an Art Bridges Fellow at PRM who worked on the exhibition. “That was the big thing for us, to include lesser-known figures in history that also really contributed to the early American democratic process.”

“This is not merely a collection of dates, wars, or papers behind glass,” Burns says in a museum press release. “America is a promise – laid out in ideas – and in the work that still lies ahead of us. I'm proud to have been part of this extraordinary, one-of-a-kind exhibition telling the story of *us*.” (Italics are original to the quote.)

Because of Burns, Zetterberg says the exhibition includes artifacts and stories about people like Phillis Wheatley, a formerly enslaved woman from the 1700s whose *Poems* was the first book published by an African American writer. One of her pieces hailed George Washington as a leader and “positioned Wheatley as a moral voice linking the Revolution's principles to the freedom of all people,” according to PRM spokeswoman Melody Konrad.

“The Promise of Liberty” features more than 250 artifacts – documents, photos, artwork and audio recordings – related to well-known figures from American history: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harriet Tubman, and the like. The bulk are original and many of the documents are written by these luminaries.

They tell our history through European settlement, the Revolution, our government's creation, westward expansion, the Civil War, and so on through the Civil Rights era, where visitors hear a recording of Martin Luther King's “I Have a Dream” speech.

Standout artifacts include a 1776 broadside (poster) of the Declaration of Independence, “which was the way official news about it was spread,” Zetterberg says. Others are a tintype photo of Abraham Lincoln taken in Peoria around 1858 and later used in his first presidential campaign, original 13th, 14th, and 15th Constitutional Amendments signed by William Seward, and a 1780 letter from George Washington asking a Virginia politician for money and help.

Visitor favorites, according to PRM staff, are a facsimile of the engrossed Declaration of Independence that John Quincy Adams had

printed in 1833 – the document popularly known as the official Declaration, and a tomahawk owned by the early 1800s explorer Meriwether Lewis, of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Two junior high school girls visiting recently were taken by other items. “I really, really like seeing the old newspaper clippings and documents, I think it's really nice to see the history of the beginning of our country, especially when they were fighting for women's votes,” says 13-year-old Abbie of Peoria, who declined to give her last name.

Her friend, 12-year-old Kiana, exclaimed, “This is amazing,” as she walked through the WWII and Civil Rights displays. “I said that because of seeing all the posters about the colored men going into war and how they were joining the military and stuff like that. And seeing how the women had to fight for their rights and how colored men just got their voting rights. It moved me.” □

“The Promise of Liberty” is on display at the Peoria Riverfront Museum through Jan. 3, 2027.

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SUMMER Guide



“Exquisite Creatures”

On display at the Peoria Riverfront Museum

SUMMERGUIDE | Karen Ackerman Witter

“Exquisite Creatures” is a unique and inspiring exhibition where nature becomes art, now on display at the Peoria Riverfront Museum through Aug. 9. Christopher Marley collects beetles, butterflies, seashells, snakes and other creatures from all over the world. He preserves and assembles them into mesmerizing artistic displays intended to spark curiosity and an appreciation of the natural world.

“It’s a stunning exhibition that invites visitors to take a deeper look at the beauty of nature that surrounds us all,” said Renae Kerrigan, curator of science and planetarium director at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Peoria is the first stop for this traveling exhibition which was recently purchased by Alice Walton’s Art Bridges, a philanthropic organization that provides opportunities for smaller Midwest museums to gain access to American art.

“As a multi-disciplinary museum, there couldn’t be a more perfect exhibition,” said Melody Konrad, assistant director of marketing and communications for the Peoria Riverfront Museum. “*Exquisite Creatures* stands at the cross-section of art and science, with the specimens on display being a tool to teach about the natural world, but also an artistic tool to teach about color, symmetry and natural patterns.”

A backlit display of sea urchins reveals their beauty and intricate structure. Artistically arranged butterflies and beetles dramatically show the vivid range of colors in nature. Some displays are groupings of similar organisms and others showcase the diversity of organisms with the same color spectrum. A sand dollar exhibit demonstrates that absence of color can also be enticing.

Marley is an artist, naturalist, photographer and author who grew up in the Pacific Northwest immersed in nature. His studio is in Salem, Oregon. While traveling the world as a fashion model for a decade, his passion for discovering unfamiliar elements in the natural world became an obsession. Statements by the artist are included throughout the exhibit.

“Visual enjoyment of the natural world is the most effective tool for motivating learning and understanding,” writes Marley. “The more

tantalizing the visual stimulation, the more an individual wants to know about the object of their desire.”

Marley obtains specimens from sources all over the world in an environmentally responsible manner. All of the vertebrates are reclaimed after dying of natural or incidental causes. Marley has a network of zoos, museums, universities and other institutions that sends him organisms which have died of natural causes. Bycatch is a side effect of oceanic fishing, when non-target species are unintentionally killed in fishing nets. Bycatch is typically discarded, but Marley works with individuals and organizations around the world to obtain some of these specimens.

Most of the insects are wild-caught by indigenous people. Conservation is at the heart of how he obtains the specimens. Loss of habitat is the biggest threat to scarab beetles. Marley says that when people are able to make their living by collecting a renewable resource from a healthy forest, the pressure to develop that land is reversed and those who might have been forced into industries that are destructive to habitat become champions of its preservation.

Over the years, Marley has perfected his ability to preserve entire organisms. None are taxidermy. Marley explained his procedure to *Illinois Times*.

“My objective is to remove all moisture from the organism slowly enough that I do not collapse the cells. It can be a very painstaking process, but when completed without any mishaps, I end up with a specimen that has the consistency of balsa wood and is completely intact.”

The next step is to remove any fat deposits which would eventually degrade the specimens.

“Vertebrates and cephalopods can be quite labor-intensive, and a specimen can take up to a year to preserve,” said Marley. “The most vibrant and iridescent specimens are usually largely structurally colored and are naturally very colorfast.”

Marley is pleased to partner with Art Bridges and says Alice Walton is a true philanthropist who believes in the power of art to change lives.



Nature becomes art in a new exhibit at Peoria Riverfront Museum. PHOTO COURTESY PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM

“I hope that visitors come away with a renewed sense of awe and wonder about the natural world,” Marley told *Illinois Times*. “... that they feel a sense of reverence for the once-living organisms they are able to get so close to...that they have a renewed desire to develop or to deepen their relationship with nature in a

very personal and intimate way.”

Studies have shown that immersion in nature enhances human creativity. Perhaps most importantly, said Marley, “I hope “that visitors come away with renewed excitement about their own creative endeavors.” □

Want to go?

The Peoria Riverfront Museum is a multi-disciplinary museum with permanent and changing exhibits related to art, science and history, a planetarium and giant-screen theater. Special exhibits now on display include “Exquisite Creatures” and “The Promise of Liberty” in celebration of America 250.

The Peoria Riverfront Museum is giving free admission this year to Illinois students from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade for all exhibitions. Parents or teachers should mention the museum’s All-Illinois Student Access Pass at the entry desk or show the pass on their phone. To access it, go to <https://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org/plan-your-visit/all-illinois-student-access-pass>.

Location: 222 SW Washington St. in downtown Peoria. Free parking is available inside the covered garage off of Water Street.

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Admission: \$20 (adults), \$18 (students and seniors 60+) and \$16 (youth ages 3-17). Find more info at peoriariverfrontmuseum.org.

“The Promise of Liberty” is on display at the Peoria Riverfront Museum through Jan. 3, 2027.



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New Route 66 exhibits

Illinois State Museum and The Pharmacy Gallery highlight Mother Road centennial

SUMMERGUIDE | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

If you aren't able to literally make the drive to "get your kicks on Route 66," you can still experience the famous road at the Illinois State Museum's exhibit *Miles of Memories: Stories of Route 66*, opening May 23. The exhibit will highlight what it was like to travel, eat, stay and work along the route, called the Mother Road, that linked eight states across 2,400 miles from Illinois to California.

What makes the exhibit unique, according to Erika Holst, ISM's curator of history, "is the opportunity to hear memories of the Mother Road in the voices of the people who lived it."

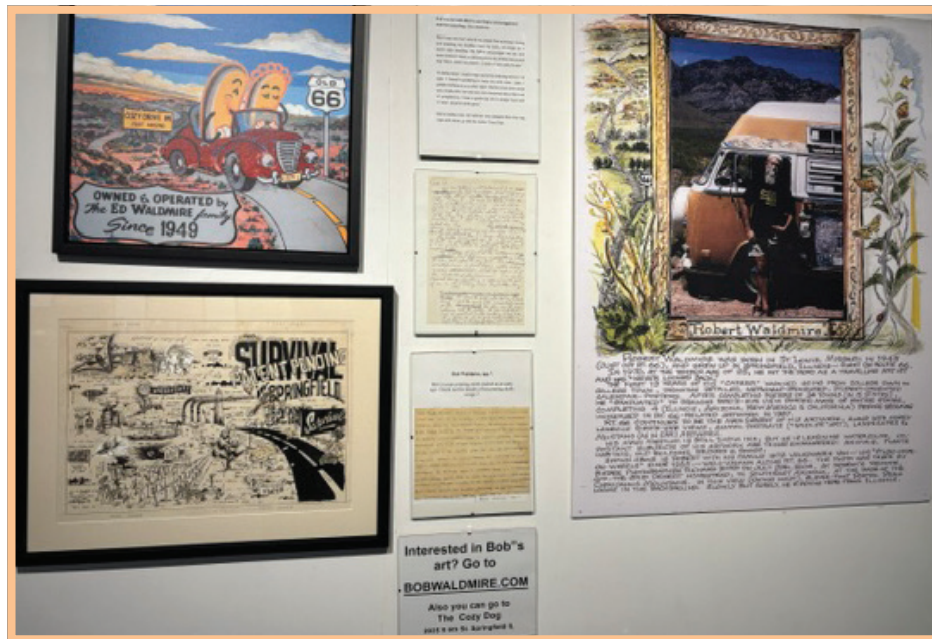
Holst and Amanda Bryden, registrar of history and historic sites at the ISM, conducted interviews of 100 people during 2024 and 2025. The interviews included people from all parts of Illinois who lived, worked and traveled on Route 66 as well as those who are interpreting or preserving the Route. The oldest person interviewed was 92 years old. Ranging from 15 minutes to two hours, the recordings are posted on the ISM website and fill 75 hours of very unique stories. (Access the oral histories at illinoisstatemuseum.org and click on Illinois Route 66 – enter keywords such as gangsters, eating, hitchhiking, mishaps, music, tourism and many more.)

Bryden shared an interview that sticks out in her mind.

"A retired state trooper had patrolled the road at night in Macoupin and Montgomery counties. He remembered some high-speed chases, the way people would stop and help someone who had broken down on the side of the road, and the truck drivers who would assist someone stranded. He became somewhat philosophical in sharing that we now are more serious about enforcing drunk driving laws and the use of seat belts."

The Route 66 exhibit will engage visitors with touch screens that connect to clips of interviews, listening stations and artifacts that explain various aspects of Route 66 – eating or staying along the route, stopping at attractions and sites, the African American experience of using the *Green Book* to travel safely and much more.

Original artifacts include Bob Waldmire's artwork, his shorts and tie-dyed shirt plus the hood of his Ford Mustang that people signed. Waldmire (1945-2009) was known for his many



Bob Waldmire, the nomadic hippie, gifted artist and Route 66 icon, has his life story, artwork and artifacts on display at The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St. PHOTO BY CINDA KLICKNA

travels along Route 66, documenting sites with maps and drawings; small art pieces were filled with pictures and text. Also on display will be neon signs, Burma Shave signs that lined the highway, fiberglass advertising giants, souvenirs and memorabilia.

Recently Bryden and Holst made a trip to Albany, New York, to pick up donations for the exhibit. Holst says, "We loaded up signs and an old gas pump." That pump is six feet tall and will be part of the exhibit.

The Route 66 exhibit will open as part of the ISM overarching theme, *America 250 Land of Stories*.

Illinois State Museum America 250

As part of the celebrations for the nation's 250th anniversary, the Illinois State Museum is showcasing four exhibits with the overarching theme *America 250 Land of Stories*.

In addition to the Route 66 exhibit scheduled first, three other exhibits will open June 27.

This Land is Their Land: Stories of Indigenous Survivance was developed in collaboration with Tribal partners. It will share the resilience and

survival of Tribal Nations who inhabited Turtle Island (the name used for North America) how they were forcibly removed from what is now the state of Illinois, and how they have maintained ties with the land.

Resilient Nature will explore the changing landscape over our history that affects plants and animals and will feature examples of the resilience and recovery of animals, plants, and places across Illinois.

We the People of Illinois will showcase ISM items from its history collection to tell untold stories of Illinoisans. There will be a newly acquired, never-before-seen quilt, items that belonged to Oscar DePriest, the first Black Illinois congressman, and an 1859 wedding dress of a German immigrant domestic servant to Gov. William Bissell, among others.

The exhibit was made possible through support from the Illinois State Museum Society, the Hanson family, Jane and Paul Ford and Loken Family funds at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, in partnership with the Lumpkin Foundation, Stifel and the Cozy Dog Drive In.

Route 66 exhibits at The Pharmacy Gallery

Bob Waldmire, the nomadic hippie, gifted artist and Route 66 icon, has his life story, artwork and artifacts on display until December at The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St. The exhibit includes photos, Waldmire's solar oven he used to make pizza as he traveled the highway and his many maps. These maps show minute details of the towns, sites, mountain ranges and more along Route 66. Small magnifying glasses are nearby to help visitors read the tiny print. The needlepoint pens Waldmire used are on display. Waldmire had once written that he planned to make a four-page map but "it took 16 pages and four years to complete."

Also on display at The Pharmacy until Dec. 26 is photography of Route 66 captured by internationally known photographer David Schwartz. For 20 years, he traveled the Mother Road more than 40 times, capturing pictures of the many iconic sites.

The exhibit includes photos of Springfield-specific items: the Lauterbach giant, Sunrise Donuts sign, Bill Shea and his gas station on Peoria Road and more.

Schwartz's photography is featured on the official U.S. Postal Service Route 66 Centennial stamps.

On the back of The Pharmacy building, a Route 66 mural has been completed by Springfield artists Spenser and Lyndsay Stokes of Traxside Murals. To see it best, drive down Washington Street between Sixth and Seventh streets

"Instead of cars and road signs, we used a more artsy scene since it is on the back of an art gallery," Spenser Stokes said.

The Stokes have been painting murals for over a decade. Many can be seen around town, and they have completed quite a few Route 66-themed murals. One recently completed is the Route 66 mural in Williamsville. Other Route 66 murals can be seen in Chatham at AJ's Corner and in Springfield at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center on South Sixth Street, Jamie's Route 66 Bar at 3351 S. Sixth St. and Jackson's Handlebar at 2001 N. 11th St. □

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“Journey to Freedom: Illinois’ Underground Railroad”

New exhibit highlights area’s history of helping enslaved people seeking freedom

SUMMERGUIDE | Tara McClellan McAndrew

In 1906, when it was no longer dangerous to talk about those who helped enslaved people seek freedom, Jacksonville resident Julia Carter, whose family were local abolitionists, gave a speech about the town’s extensive Underground Railroad (UGRR). This was the network of helpers and “safe houses” freedom seekers used to reach safe locations, such as northern Illinois or Canada. Her talk was printed in the Feb. 4, 1906, *Jacksonville Daily Journal*.

“In 1841, these fugitives from slavery first began to come through Jacksonville and from that time this always has been a station on the Underground Railroad,” she said. Many fugitives came from St. Louis and traveled to Springfield, Farmington, Tremont and farther.

An enslaved man who had a \$1,000 bounty asked former slave Ben Henderson of Jacksonville to help him and a woman flee. It was a big ask. Those found guilty of aiding fleeing slaves could be sued, fined, jailed or killed by slavery supporters.

Henderson put them in his wagon, piled layers of hay and grain containers on top, and drove to Springfield, Carter said. “He went by daylight, drove leisurely, went across the square, stopped to talk by the way as no one suspected that more than \$1,000 worth of human flesh and blood and brains lay hidden beneath his load.”

The Jacksonville Area Museum now has an exhibit about Illinoisans, Black and white, who worked on the UGRR.

“We’re really trying to do diverse stories and we’re really trying to make sure that every person who walks into this museum can see themselves in the stories we tell,” says JAM museum manager Tori Ohl about why the museum is hosting the exhibit. “I think it’s incredibly imperative in times like these to keep intellectual freedom alive. That’s everybody’s feeling at the museum; that’s our mission.”

“Journey to Freedom: Illinois’ Underground Railroad” is a traveling exhibition conceived and created by Looking for Lincoln, a Springfield nonprofit that “coordinates telling and preserving the story and times of Abraham Lincoln in Illinois,” says chief executive officer Sarah Watson. This is one of two UGRR exhibits it has loaned to more than a dozen communities throughout Illinois, from Cairo to Freeport, since 2025.



A new exhibit at the Jacksonville Area Museum highlights Illinoisans of varied ages and races in towns throughout the state who helped enslaved people seek freedom. PHOTO BY TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW

“We’re booking into 2027 now,” she says. “It’s been received very well.”

The nonprofit created the exhibit because “there are so many untold stories in Illinois from Lincoln’s time period.”

It features panels with Illinois UGRR conductors’ photos, stories and motives. A video shows reenactors sharing the perspectives of real freedom seekers. Maps outline their routes through the state. One section explains why enslaved people risked “whipping, deprivation and

humiliation” to escape.

The UGRR conductors include Moses Atwood and Dr. Benjamin Long of the Alton area, who used their insurance company and a fruit growers’ group as covers to transport enslaved people who were escaping.

Susan Richardson, known as “Aunt Sukey,” was another. She fled slavery only to have her children sold back into it and disappear from her life. She helped freedom seekers travel through Galesburg.

The Jacksonville Area Museum added its own touches to the displays. They’re in a dark room, topped by branches holding lighted lanterns, mimicking the night-time escapes many enslaved people made because that was the safest time to travel. African Americans’ songs play in the background.

“We wanted to take this pre-built exhibit to another level,” Ohl said, who helped create its night-time ambiance. The museum researched local people and buildings thought to be with the UGRR and included those it could verify, such as an Illinois College president and his wife, local business owners and a physician.

“It can be very difficult confirming and debunking who was involved, who wasn’t, and what house was involved,” she says. It’s like putting a puzzle together when you’re missing pieces. Because the UGRR was illegal, its operations were secret by necessity, often leaving little documentation.

“The keys to confirming or denying these individuals’ involvement came down to court records, genealogy research, our own archives, the internet, and records at public libraries in Jacksonville and Springfield,” Ohl said. “Sometimes this requires reading between the lines as some activity had to be hidden in codes or simple phrases so they didn’t attract attention.”

Sometimes confirmation came from a single document. Jacksonville resident J.O. King, who helped create Springfield’s public library, was verified because of a receipt from one of his businesses that was used to try another Jacksonville man for UGRR activities. □

The UGRR exhibit will be displayed at JAM through Aug. 1. There are activities related to it this summer, thanks in part to a first-time collaboration among JAM, the Jacksonville African American History Museum and nearby Woodlawn Farm, a UGRR site. On June 19, there will be a panel discussion with UGRR speakers featuring historian Brian Mitchell. More details will be announced soon. On July 11 at 6 p.m. (the rain date is July 18) at Jacksonville’s Diamond Grove Cemetery, historian Chad Boehlke will lead “Walk with Heroes,” a tour of local UGRR conductors’ graves. Boehlke has researched what he calls “unsung UGRR helpers who weren’t officially recognized” over the years and has written a book about them, to be published this year.

2026 Summer Event Calendar*

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June 13

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June 13

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July 7-12

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Morgan County Fairgrounds
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July 23-24

Kiwanis Presents the Robbie McEvers Golf Tournament
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July 24-25

River Country Quilt Show
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September 19

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See, hear, taste, smell, touch

These gateways to wonder offer a lifetime of learning – discoveries in nature, patterns in music, math and art, and even how to calm fears of the unknown through quiet meditation. For children who overwhelm easily, begin in a bedroom or backyard. For children ready for a larger landscape, take a walk in the neighborhood or nature center.

A sensory walk is an ideal moving meditation. Allow your child to linger and direct the activity, to set the pace without rushing. Ensure the time is well spent by preparing a few basics. Make sure no one is hungry or needs a potty stop. Carry water and a small snack. Remember weather-appropriate clothing and gear. Bring a small zip-top bag for a special leaf, acorn or other souvenir. For older children, bring a journal kit.

Start by centering. You and your child sit or stand still. Each of you place one hand on your heart and the other on your stomach. Take three slow, deep breaths. Feel your heart beat. Notice your stomach or chest as it expands and contracts. This small ritual focuses awareness of the internal before beginning to experience external stimuli. This calming life skill can serve all ages in nearly any circumstance.

Gauge by readiness, not age

Rather than sticking to age expectations, consider your children's experience and attention span. Meet them where they are.

The beginner, foundations of noticing: For those new to the practice, the goal is to anchor the mind in a single sensation. This low-stake start builds the muscle of observation. Ask the child to find three or four things that are a specific color, or listen for three or four sounds.

The intermediate, curious observer: Once children can easily complete single-category

tasks, layer the observations. Challenge them to find five things of different colors or five different textures or five bird sounds. Is this rough bark, a smooth stone, damp earth, a prickly pinecone, soft moss? Compare and contrast what they find.

The advanced, naturalist ready for a challenge: Ask them to find a gradient of color, such as pale lime to forest green. Or a nature alphabet – look for letters hidden in natural forms, such as a “Y” in a branch or an “O” in an acorn cap. Is there a line of ants on the sidewalk? Where are they going? What are they doing? Can that stranded worm on the sidewalk be rescued after the rain? Find a place to settle and make a note in the journal. Add a drawing of any skill level.

These ideas work on outdoor walks, but also in the bedroom and the car (“I spy”). Turn off the movie or game set and look around.

On rainy or snowy days, teach your child that preparation makes nature accessible. Enjoy the fun of dressing for the weather and go explore. On days when you can take extra time in the grocery store, let young cart passengers find items by shape or by color. You will jumpstart preschool readiness and build happy bonds.

The shared discovery

One of the deepest values of a sensory walk for all ages resides in the dialogue between adults and children. This is a collaborative investigation, not a lecture. Notice what they notice and ask about the details. In the beginning, feel free to give an example: “How does that moss feel when you touch it? Is it smooth like a feather or squishy like a sponge or something else? What do you think?”

Yes or no questions close conversation while open-ended questions about thoughts, feelings and questions expand concepts and help children learn to make predictions. It teaches them that their observations are valuable and that learning is a constant, shared process.

Digital detox

To truly engage the senses, put away phones and tablets. Devices narrow a child's focus and shorten patience. The only exception is the collector's journal. Rather than physically removing feathers or stones from local ecosystems, which is prohibited in protected areas, let your child use a phone to photograph items for later study.



Sensory walks are appropriate for children of all ages and stages and provide a great opportunity to spark imagination and build a foundation for scientific discovery.

At home, print and paste your child's photos into a physical journal where the child can write or dictate his or her observations. Be sure to note dates and locations as you go. These details that can vanish so quickly truly enrich the opportunity to observe favorite spots through the seasons.

Respect the wild

Exploring nature requires a basic understanding of stewardship. Practice “Leave No Trace.” Take only pictures, leave only footprints. This ensures habitats remain healthy for everyone. In addition, not all flora and fauna are safe to handle.

In Illinois, safe summer walking in woods and tall grasses means being aware of heat and tick exposure. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends wearing light-colored clothing to spot ticks easily and performing a thorough “tick check” immediately after returning home, especially if you've been near tall grass or wooded edges.

A lifetime of memory

Walking, riding or just sitting still, children can notice the patterns and parts around them.

Sensory awareness transports children beyond their routines and their walls and tames the trials within. It is a practice that requires no special equipment, only a willingness to slow down and observe.

By engaging the senses, even in a familiar setting, we spark a child's imagination and build a foundation for scientific inquiry. This deliberate focus also serves as a practical introduction to mindfulness in a world of high-speed digital input.

What senses do your children tend to experience most vividly? If you share these experiences with more than one child at a time, does one tend to lead and one follow? Make sure they each have the space and freedom to have their own experiences. Do they respond eagerly to bird sounds, or are they more visual or tactile?

These experiences are a window into your children's souls. You will learn if they are moved by the thrum of a woodpecker or the sparkle of a mica-flecked stone. Pay attention to what they voluntarily recall later. Support their interests by finding age-appropriate books at your local library or bookstore. □

Leroy G. McDaniels

Aug. 9, 1945 – April 30, 2026

Beloved husband, father, coach, mentor and community leader Leroy G. McDaniels, of Springfield, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his residence at 8:51 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026. He was born Aug. 9, 1945 in Springfield. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillie Mae (McDaniel) Daniels; father, Harry Flake; and brother, Jackie Daniels.

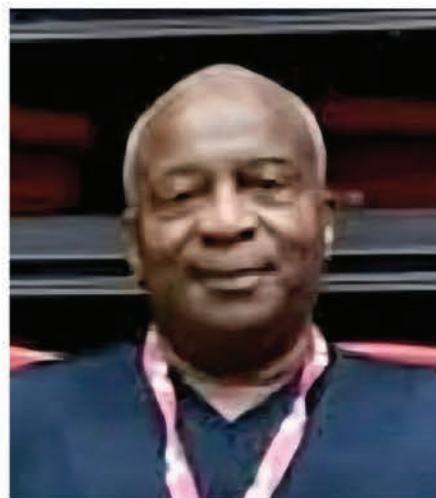
Surviving family includes his wife, Merrill (Robinson), married 59 years; son, Tim Garrison (Florida); siblings Eugene Daniels, Nora Gilmer, Lorraine (Mitchell) Lathan; aunt, Roberta Rhoades; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, as well as great-great nieces and nephews, cousins; proud godfather of Marci Kristoff (Oak Lawn) and Ryanne Glasper (Maryland).

Leroy was a 1964 graduate of Feitshans

High School, where he served as captain of his gymnastics team and it was there that he began his life-long commitment to the sport and young people. Leroy's impact on the Springfield community and beyond is immeasurable. For 10 years he worked for the city of Springfield's Department of Recreation. He developed the city's first and only tumbling team, named Flip Flops.

In 1975, he and Merrill founded L&M Gymnastics, which they operated for 49 years. Through this endeavor, Leroy coached countless state, national and international champions, earning him the distinguished title of "Trainer of Champions" by *the State Journal-Register*.

Over the years he escorted gymnasts through 12 foreign countries. One performance was at The Expo '92



in Seville, Spain, where our U.S. Commander General designated the team as "Goodwill Ambassadors." Additionally, L&M hosted athletes and teams from England and the Philippines, as well as world-class gymnast Kurt Thomas, here in Springfield.

Also worth mentioning, Olympian Dominique Dawes joined L&M on its Illinois State Fair float. This was his way of building bridges across cultures. In

addition, Coach Leroy was a recurring summer coach at University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and University of Illinois Chicago for many years. He also taught physical education at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and was a liaison worker for Springfield District 186.

His dedication and leadership of the sport for youth prompted him to accept an invitation to open a second L&M gym in Pekin, Illinois. Against all odds and in unchartered territory, tumbling was offered to the local youth.

In 1998, Leroy was inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame as a "Friend of Sports." Coach Leroy will be missed by many others who lovingly claimed him as family. Leroy will be honored with a visitation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL, 62703. A funeral service will follow beginning at noon.

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SUMMER Guide



Cruise Route 66 to Pontiac

Town has museums for Route 66, Pontiac automobiles, Livingston County and more

SUMMERGUIDE | Mary Bohlen

Plenty of photo ops, pedestrian attractions and a new plaza make Pontiac a must-see site for anyone celebrating the 100th birthday of Route 66. You will not be alone, if predictions for a record year hold.

Liz Vincent, Pontiac's community enrichment and tourism director, says the town's Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum typically gets 25,000 annual visitors. "We expect that to double this year because we have already blown away the number of monthly visitors," she said.

Pontiac, 105 miles northeast of Springfield, has long capitalized on its Mother Road connection.

"Pontiac was one of the first Illinois communities to embrace their Route 66 heritage as a development tool for tourism and economic development," Vincent said. "Our museum was built in 2004 before others along the road, so we were a little ahead of the curve."

Donations of artifacts, photos, videos, a license plate collection and kiosks of iconic spots along the Illinois portion of Route 66 help fill the museum. Hall of Fame plaques hang in honor of people and businesses important to the road's history. Memorabilia include Route 66 legend and artist Bob Waldmire's 1972 VW van and postmarks from every post office along the route from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, which took the collector three years to obtain.

Waldmire promoted the highway and willed his van and his "Road Yacht" home to the museum. The larger vehicle has been behind the town's museum complex for years and in late June will get a mid-century modern awning for shelter. Also part of the new Centennial Plaza will be a custom-designed neon sign and a drive-up area good for photos in front of the Route 66 shield mural.



The late Route 66 enthusiast Bob Waldmire's VW bus is on display at the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac. PHOTO COURTESY OF VISIT PONTIAC

The Route 66 museum is one of several historic exhibits housed in the town's old fire station. The Livingston County War Museum includes 250 mannequins dressed in local veterans' uniforms, artifacts, flags, photos, hand weapons and ammunition.

The complex also includes displays on the Titanic, music from the Civil War, an exhibit of Waldmire's art and a gift shop chock-full of Route 66 souvenirs.

The Livingston County Courthouse a few blocks away, built in 1875 and on the National Register of Historic Places, presides over the downtown square. During the week, courthouse visitors can see an exhibit on local history with artifacts from pre-historic times, Native American culture and early settlers.

Across the street is the Museum of Gilding Arts, which claims to be the only gilding museum in the U.S. The museum

has original tools, workbenches and floors from a Connecticut factory dedicated to the art of applying gold leaf. You can learn about the craft from information panels and gilded examples.

Vincent said the Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum and Resource Center, near the gilding museum, is always updating its exhibits. Opened in 2011, it is the only all-Pontiac museum in the world and grew out of the founder's visit after attending a Pontiac car show in Chicago. He decided the town was a natural fit for a collection of vintage autos and historic gear from Pontiacs and their predecessor Oaklands.

All of the museums are open every day and admission is either free or with a small charge.

While downtown, take a stroll to view some of the 28 outdoor wall murals telling the history of Pontiac. Walldog artists from

around the world painted 18 of them in 2009, and local artists added the rest. You can view many of them from your car but a walking tour adds more information.

Local artists also added 15 miniature cars statues downtown, including 10 1957 Chevys and three pickup trucks, to help tell Route 66's history. In Dargan Park visitors can see three 25-foot-tall "Seasons of Life" metal sculptures depicting childhood, middle age and old age.

Other outdoor features in town are three pedestrian swinging bridges over the Vermillion River. The first, built in 1898, is 190 feet long. Others were added in 1926 and 1978.

Vincent also recommends a drive-by of the old Illinois State Police Headquarters a mile out of town. Now empty, the Art Deco building is in the shape of a pistol. She said the building is popular with selfie-takers as are Looking

for Lincoln sites, six wayside exhibits on the historic road, and the Log Cabin Restaurant, which also celebrates 100 years this year.

And then there is Wally's gas station and mega-store just off Interstate 55 on the edge of town. Vincent says Pontiac's economic developers are happy that Pontiac is now more likely known for Wally's than for the Illinois state prison in town. But this summer, visitors may focus more on Route 66. □

For more information about Pontiac, go to visitpontiac.org.

Mary Bohlen first wrote about Pontiac for IT in 2018 as part of her monthly Illinois Bicentennial series, featuring interesting places throughout the state. She is a retired journalism professor and a freelance writer specializing in Midwestern destinations.



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Tomasz Sobania on his way through Chicago during his "Run Across the USA" in 2025. PHOTO COURTESY ALEXANDER M. KLYMK

Inspiring people to take action

Man running 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 days to make a stop in Springfield

SUMMERGUIDE | Adrian Dater

Most people train all year to run a marathon. Tomasz Sobania runs one every day.

Since May 10, the Polish endurance runner began a quest to run 26 miles – the official length of a marathon – every day. But wait, there's more: he's doing it in a new state every day.

Sobania started the first of 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 days in San Francisco on Mother's Day. If all goes as planned, Sobania will run his final marathon in New York on June 28.

On June 6, Sobania is slated to start a new 26-mile journey in St. Louis and rest for the night in Springfield before running the next day with a stop in Chicago. He will also make an appearance that day at Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill as part of Springfield's 100th anniversary celebration of Route 66. The event will feature the musician Dagga and Sobania's inspiration as a runner, Dean Karnazes, who has also run 50 marathons in 50 days, along with Urszula Musik, who completed a marathon on all seven continents within a single year.

Sobania has previously run more than 3,300 miles in the U.S., including more than 1,000 miles of Route 66 as part of his 2025 "Run Across the USA." Before he took off for his first marathon run from San Francisco, Sobania took a few minutes to talk with *Illinois Times* about what he learned from

his initial runs through some of the Mother Road, and how he can't wait to see it again.

"I learned that, even though some places may not be so much in use as much as they were, it can still be absolutely wonderful and people should not forget about it," Sobania said. "It shouldn't be like in those old cartoons, where people are just driving by the (scenery) and not really seeing the beauty of it. I got to spend two months running on Route 66, and it was an absolute privilege."

New York filmmaker Alex Klymko, who is making a documentary about Sobania's 50/50/50 run for MarathonsAcrossAmerica, will also be in Springfield on June 6.

"My vision for the film is where it can be a place where people can talk and learn more about running, but even more so, about the idea that everybody's running their own type of marathon – not necessarily in a pair of sneakers," Klymko said. "Metaphorically speaking, everybody's facing their own 26-mile run, with a big wall built in. This isn't about a finish line. It's about recognizing the kind of effort that brings people together across towns, cultures and distance. Route 66 has always carried those stories, and this is one more chapter being lived in real time."

The city of Springfield will host a 5K run as part of the festivities, and participants in that will have exclusive access to the Motorheads event, which is not open to the

general public. The Centennial Route 66 5K begins at 8 a.m. June 6 at the Gate 2 Route 66 Experience exhibit and includes a scenic loop through the fairgrounds plus a one-mile stretch on the Illinois State Fair Grandstand Track.

Sobania, 25, calls himself a "dreamer." What, exactly, though, is the dream of all this? It may sound like a stretch, but he hopes more Americans will discover the country's beauty while truly getting outside, away from their phones, laptops and TV screens.

Officially, he is trying to raise a public awareness campaign as part of his latest journey, with a theme of "You Can Do More Than You Think." He aims to "inspire people to take action despite disabilities, disorders, illnesses and other life challenges."

"Get out there and see what's around you. When you are just there, in the quiet, in the moment, you experience it differently than being in a car," Sobania said. "There is so much beauty in this country."

He has already run through Springfield once, as part of his "Run Across the USA" last year, which encompassed 125 marathons in 139 days.

"It was during Halloween, and I remember seeing lots of Lincoln beards and things like that," Sobania said. "I can't wait to get there again. Please save a Lincoln hat for me!" □

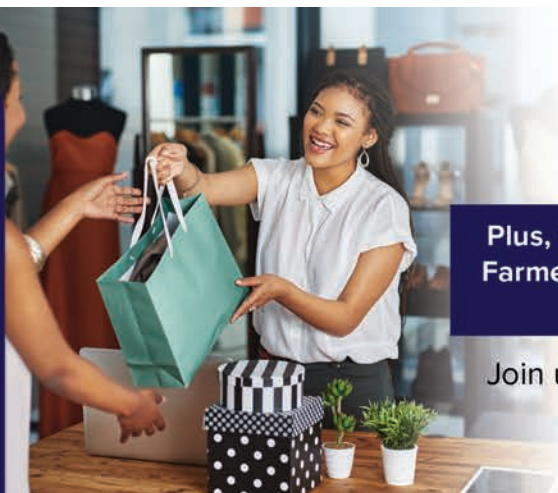
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Theresa Grimaldi Olsen

Aug. 1, 1960-May 13, 2026

Theresa Grimaldi Olsen, 65, of Springfield, Illinois, died unexpectedly on May 13, 2026, at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Chicago on Aug. 1, 1960, to Geraldine (Rudnick) and I. William Grimaldi, and grew up in Hillside and Elmhurst, Ill. She married Dean Olsen in 1985 after they met as journalism students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Survivors include her husband, her mother, three children: Crystal Olsen of Chicago, Kyle (Anna) Olsen of Athens, Ill., and Daniel Olsen of Springfield; and sisters Margaret (Michael) Grimaldi Junker of Sacramento, Calif., and Cynthia (Timothy) Spiegel of Park Ridge, Ill. Theresa also is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Addison and Blake, nephews Alex and George Spiegel, Zachary Erwin and Zachary Olsen and nieces Emily Spiegel, Sarah Erwin, Stephanie Olsen and Kim Olsen Rednour. Preceding her in death were her father, brother Victor, and grandparents Vito and Marge Grimaldi and Mildred and Henry Rudnick.

Theresa graduated in 1978 from Proviso West High School in Hillside, Ill., where she was band president, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she completed a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1982. She earned a master's in public affairs reporting at University of Illinois Springfield and worked as a journalist at newspapers in Chicago Heights, Ill., Lafayette, Ind., and Peoria, Ill. She was a freelance writer and taught journalism at Bradley University and Illinois State University. She also worked as a fundraiser and public-relations professional for Purdue University, The Salvation Army and The Autism Program.

Her life was dedicated to serving others, but she considered her most important job

to be mother. She marveled at the drive of her daughter, Crystal, who graduated from Springfield High School, earned bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from the University of Illinois and now is area vice president of government affairs for Advocate Health Care. Theresa's older son, Kyle, earned associate's and bachelor's degrees in nursing from Lincoln Land Community College and Western Governors University, respectively. Kyle now works as a traveling nurse for Hospital Sisters Health System. Theresa nurtured, homeschooled, tutored and advocated for her youngest child, Daniel, as he completed the Blackburn and Beyond program for students with disabilities at Blackburn College in 2025.

Theresa was a vivacious, passionate, smart and loving person with a great sense of humor who treasured her family and friends. She loved red roses, playing the clarinet, swimming and reading. She used her deep faith in God, warm hugs and easy smile to lift up and encourage everyone around her.

The Olsen family is deeply grateful to the many amazing nurses, nursing technicians, physical and occupational therapists, respiratory therapists and doctors at Springfield Clinic, Springfield Memorial Hospital, Lincoln Memorial Hospital and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine who were so kind and gentle with her.

A funeral service officiated by Pastor Micheal Drake was held May 20 at Butler Funeral Home and Cremation Tribute Center. For those who wish to send flowers, please consider red roses, which were Theresa's favorite. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics Illinois. You can support the family with meals through GoFundMe at <https://tinyurl.com/OlsenMeals>.



Theresa and Dean Olsen with their grandchildren, Blake and Addie.



Theresa Olsen (second from left), with her mother, Geraldine (far left) of Elmhurst, Ill., Cindy Spiegel (far right) of Park Ridge, Ill., and Margie Grimaldi Junker of Sacramento, Calif.



From left, Crystal Olsen, Daniel Olsen, Theresa Grimaldi Olsen, Dean Olsen, Anna (Novy) Olsen and Kyle Olsen.

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Abraham Lincoln as party boss

BOOK REVIEW | Glenna R. Schroeder-Lein

Matthew Pinsker, *Boss Lincoln: The Partisan Life of Abraham Lincoln*. W.W. Norton, 2026; 564 pp., notes, index, illustrations. \$39.99.

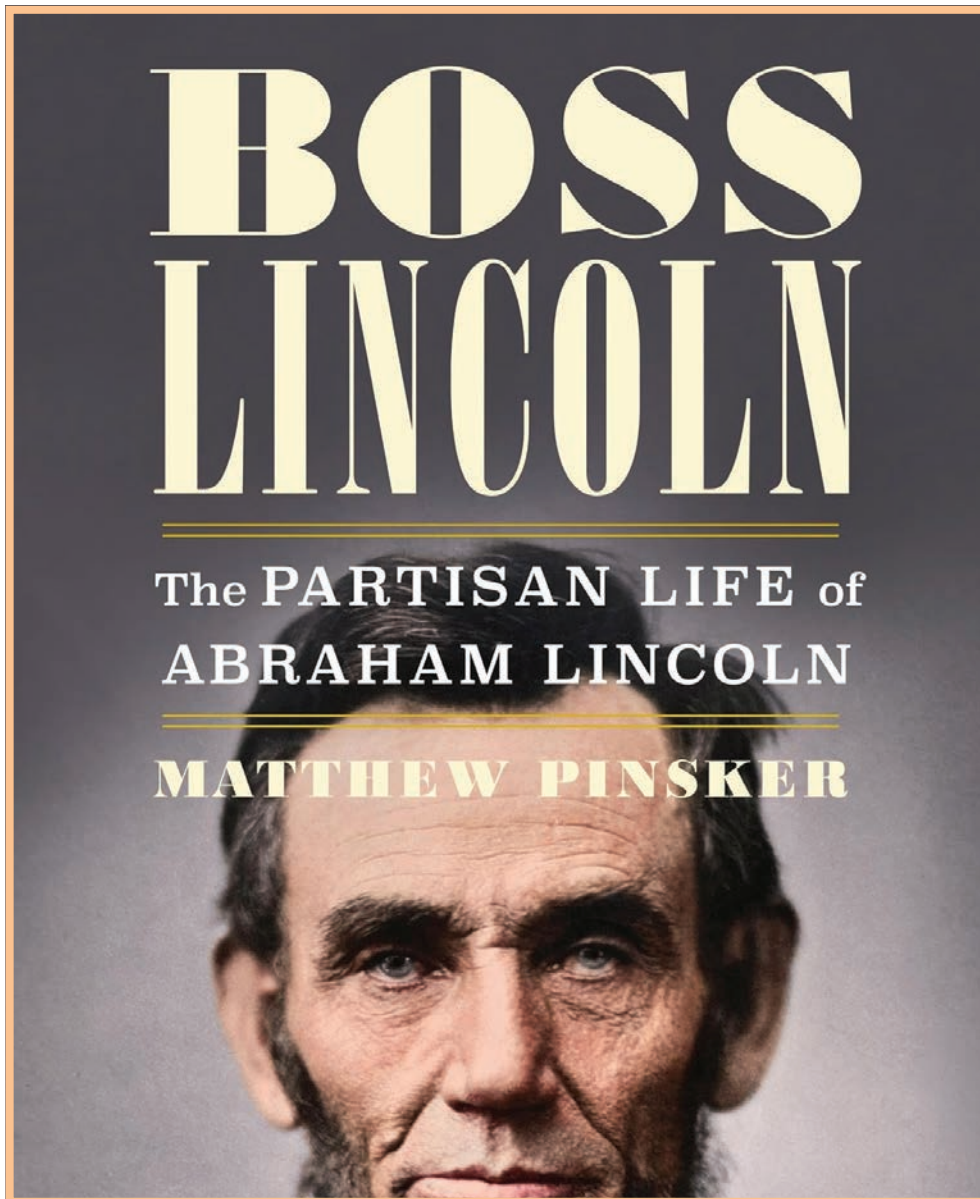
Many of the thousands of books about Abraham Lincoln are specialized to some degree, rather than full biographies. Topics may be very narrow or quite broad, but still are focused on some specific aspect of Lincoln's life and actions.

Matthew Pinsker's new book, *Boss Lincoln: The Partisan Life of Abraham Lincoln*, is one of these topical studies. Most Lincoln books deal with his political career to some extent. But Pinsker has a different angle – Lincoln was not merely a politician but a dedicated partisan organizer. He worked behind the scenes first for the Whigs, then the Republicans, and, finally, for the Union Party.

Pinsker is already known in the Lincoln community for his excellent book *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home* (2003), a study of the cottage on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., where the Lincoln family spent the summers of 1862-1864. Pinsker has spoken in Springfield a number of times. While here, he discussed the topic of *Boss Lincoln* at the Abraham Lincoln Association symposium at the Old State Capitol in February 2019. At that time, he expected the book to be out late that year – which obviously did not happen. Nevertheless, it is a good book, which was worth the wait.

Persons who have already read a good deal about Lincoln's life will notice many familiar incidents in Pinsker's new book. However, the interpretation is different. For example, the book opens with a stagecoach journey made by Lincoln and Robert Smith, a Democrat and Illinois congressman from Alton. They were returning home from the 1847 national River and Harbor Convention in Chicago. Lincoln's attendance at this convention is usually mentioned as a result of his longstanding interest in and boosting of "internal improvements" such as various kinds of transportation, in this case better dredging of waterways. This motivation is certainly true, but the convention itself is usually given short shrift.

Joseph H. Buckingham, a Boston



newspaper reporter and fellow passenger, was not especially impressed by Lincoln, and complained that he was always interacting with locals at the stage stops. As Pinsker explains, there was more to Lincoln's attendance than merely his interest in waterways. In fact, some have wondered why Lincoln went to that convention rather than the state constitutional convention that was meeting in Springfield at the same time. According to Pinsker, Lincoln attended the national rather than the state convention because he was essentially the leader of the

Illinois Whigs, a fairly weak minority party in the state at the time, and he recently had been elected the state's only Whig congressman (out of seven).

While most authors writing about Lincoln and politics concentrate on his election campaigns and address his skills as a writer, debater and orator, Pinsker believes that Lincoln's focus was on more than simply being elected to office himself. He sees Lincoln's "life's work" as being "party organization," to build up party strength more broadly in order to enable the party to elect its candidates.

Evidence of this includes correspondence with many politicians, as well as his calculations of partisan support in various counties for local and state elections, and statewide for national elections. Pinsker also points out how Lincoln, as president and before, used carriage rides as a means to consult with or influence his passenger(s) for partisan purposes.

There were two important perspectives on party building at the time. Those with an "ultra" viewpoint were devoted to cultivating party basics. The "fusionists," however, were willing to ally with persons of other parties to promote a particular principle. This was the case with the formation of the Republicans, a fusion party of anti-slavery Whigs, Democrats and members of minor anti-slavery parties, who allied in opposition to the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the possibility of slavery expansion in the territories.

Lincoln was an advocate of both ultra and fusionist perspectives at various times, as Pinsker illustrates. But when it came to fusion, Lincoln would only go so far. He refused to "fuse" with Stephen A. Douglas in 1858, as Douglas feuded with President James Buchanan (a Democrat like Douglas). Some of the eastern Republicans urged co-opting Douglas into the Republican Party, but Lincoln opposed it as a betrayal of Republicans in Illinois (including himself) whose outlook differed drastically from that of Douglas.

Lincoln's "Team of Rivals" cabinet while president was also an instance of fusion as he sought to include representatives of both the former Whig and former Democrat-Republicans parties. The formation of the Union Party during 1863-1864 was an effort to include War Democrats who would be opposed to voting for candidates labeled Republican, but did not want to vote for Peace Democrats who opposed fighting the Civil War to victory.

Boss Lincoln is a worthwhile read for anyone who is interested in an innovative perspective on Lincoln's political activities. □

Springfield historian Glenna R. Schroeder-Lein, a former manuscripts librarian and documentary editor, is the author of several books, including *Lincoln and Medicine*. She is an occasional book reviewer for Illinois Times.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY
23 Sat Elks Lodge - Blessing of the Boats 1pm
23 Sat TRN Club - Annual Memorial Day Party
24 Sun Prop Club - Lakeside Bash
30 Sat KC Club - Fish Fry

JUNE
6 Sat Anchor Boat Club - The Boat Dock Boat Show
13 Sat Aqua Sports Club - Aquafest
20 Sat Firefighters / Postal Club - Chicken Fry
21 Sun TRN Club - Father's Day Breakfast
27 Sat TRN Club - Chicken Fry

JULY
3 Fri Marina Fireworks - Rock the Dock
11 Sat Prop Club - Mid-Summer Blast
18 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Cardboard Boat Regatta 11-5
18 Sat Lake Press Club - Summerfest
24-26 Anchor/Sangamo - Spooner Softball Tour. (3 days)
25 Sat Ski & Boat Club - Summer Bash

AUGUST
1 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Chicken Fry
5 Wed Firefighters/Postal Rumble Around the Lake 6-9pm (last)
8 Sat KC Lake Club - Chicken Fry
15 Sat Blue Ridge Club - Patio Party
29 Sat Elks Lodge - End of Summer Party
30 Sun Elks Lodge - Sunday Funday 4-7pm (last of year)
30 Sun Firefighters/Postal Club - Labor Day Party

SEPTEMBER
5 Sat Anchor Boat Club - Fall Festival
12 Sat Lake Press Club - Shrimp Boil
26 Sat TRN Club - Fishing Has No Boundaries
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U.S. Air Force
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Ryan Lynn

Army National Guard Specialist
We love and miss you so much. Gone but never forgotten.



J. Alfred "Al" Frederick

World War II, U.S. Army
8th Infantry Division – the Golden Arrow Division.
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Patrick E. Shields

Vietnam Specialist
My dad, Pat Shields, was so very proud of being a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was in the military police, and although he didn't talk much about his time in the war, he was proud to serve his country. We lost him to cancer in 2018. My life is better for having him in my life. I'll see you when I get there!



Silas G. "Ducky" Richards Jr.

U.S. Army, World War II
Private
Co. K, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division.
Trained at Fort Riley, Kan., shipped from San Francisco. Died in action from enemy gunfire on Biak Island, New Guinea, 1944, age 19. Posthumously awarded a presidential citation and Purple Heart.



LaVerne Eliason

Korea
Sergeant, U.S. Army
God bless America!
Thank you to all who defend our flag!



Charles E. Clark, Jr

Vietnam
Sergeant, U.S. Air Force
For our brother, miss you.



John W. "Jack" Stewart

Korean War, U.S. Army 1948-1952, Purple Heart, Battle of Chosin Reservoir
Sergeant
We love and miss you, your family.



Kenneth Rose

World War II
U.S. Navy
Thanks for your service and RIP my dear uncle.



William Rose

World War II
U.S. Navy
Thanks for your service and RIP my dear uncle.



John R. Best

World War II
Tec-5, U.S. Army
Love you, Dad! Miss you dearly.



Alfred M. Best

WW 2
Sergeant, U.S. Army
Thanks for your service and RIP my dear uncle.



Robert W. Best

WW 2
Private, U.S. Army
KIA, Battle of the Bulge. Thanks for your service and RIP dear cousin.



Kevin James Dallavis

Afghanistan
Lance Corporal
To my son, always willing to give of himself for others. A heart of gold.



Duane Hutchens

US Navy
Chief
Thanks for your service and may you RIP my student and friend!



Jack Pierson

U.S. Navy, World War II; U.S. Army, Korea
First lieutenant
KIA. ... always remembered



Henry Burk

World War II, U.S. Army. Enlisted 1939, discharged 1945.
Staff sergeant
Fought with the 61st Coast Artillery and European Theater Infantry. Awarded the American Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal.
Two bronze battle stars, four overseas service bars, Gun Crewman Artillery Medal.



Jacob Christopher Palmatier

Operation Iraqi Freedom
Corporal, U.S. Army
Maj. Gen. Roger Cloutier credited Cpl. Jacob C. Palmatier of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment with teaching him the value of true sacrifice. Cloutier, Palmatier's battalion commander in Iraq in 2005, talked passionately about Palmatier as he remembered the soldier's virtues. "Jacob spoke seven languages, he worked in my S1 (personnel) shop, and he would take notes in Chinese - he was just a great kid," Cloutier said. Cloutier said Palmatier would watch his fellow soldiers go on convoys daily and remarked to his leadership about the unfairness of his predicament, that Palmatier was stuck on the forward operating base as his battle buddies risked their lives outside the wire. Cloutier recounted how Palmatier volunteered to go on the next convoy and wound up manning the grenade launcher in the turret of a truck. Jacob, our only child, was killed on his first combat patrol outside the wire when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle in Muqdadiyah, Iraq. Jake was only 29 years old and married for one year to his college sweetheart.



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Five simple salad dressings

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

We finally enjoyed our first homegrown salad this week. Normally we'd have been feasting on greens much sooner, but an unseasonably hard cold snap decimated our first plantings of lettuce a few weeks back and we had to replant. This cherished first salad was simply dressed with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice, good olive oil and a light shower of salt and coarse pepper. Like most garden goodies, it won't take long for the slow trickle of greens coming from the garden to morph into a deluge. At this time of year, when salad is king of the table, I like to make up several dressings to keep in the fridge for easy access.

Salad dressings generally fall into two categories: creamy dressings and oil-vinegar based dressings. Both are simple to prepare and significantly healthier and cheaper when made from scratch at home. Young, delicate salad greens are often best paired with a light vinaigrette rather than creamy style dressing, which can weigh the leaves down. Most vinaigrettes are a variation on the same proportion: one part vinegar to roughly three parts oil, emulsified with mustard, salt, pepper and minced onion. Emulsification is the process of forcing two immiscible liquids, such as oil and vinegar, into a stable suspension, and in the case of salad dressing is done by slowly drizzling the oil into the acid mixture while whisking vigorously by hand or with the help of a food processor or blender. Mustard is a fabulous natural emulsifier thanks to its high levels of plant-based polysaccharides and proteins in mustard seeds. When the oil is whisked in slowly and vigorously, the emulsifying molecules in the mustard form a coating around the oil droplets that prevents them from coming together and separating from the acid.

Creamy dressings are often emulsifications also, often with raw egg or egg yolk. While we frequently eat raw egg type dressings at home, when I'm catering or serving large groups of people I avoid serving raw egg for safety reasons. This Caesar dressing is adapted



from a recipe by the iconic Italian Chef Lidia Bastianich and uses hardboiled egg yolks, which blend up beautifully into a smooth, practically failproof dressing. And I couldn't talk about dressings without featuring my household's favorite yogurt ranch. I'm not sure what it is about this recipe but kids just can't get enough of it. Thankfully, it's incredibly simple to make and loaded with protein and probiotics. It can be served as a dip with cut veggies or thinned with water to drizzle over a classic crunchy iceberg salad.

Yogurt ranch

Ingredients:

¼ cup good quality mayonnaise such as Duke's or Hellman's
¾ cup Greek-style yogurt
½ teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder
2 tablespoons minced parsley
1 tablespoon minced chives
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the above ingredients and thin with water as needed to achieve the desired consistency.

Cooked egg Caesar dressing

Ingredients:

¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
4-6 cloves garlic
4-6 anchovy fillets
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 hard-boiled egg yolks
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
Ground black pepper, to taste

Combine the lemon juice, garlic, anchovies, mustard, egg yolks, salt, Worcestershire sauce and grated Parmesan in the bowl of a food processor or blender along with a tablespoon of water and blend into a smooth paste. With the motor running, slowly drizzle in the olive oil. Season to taste with black pepper.

Ginger carrot dressing

Delicious on a spinach salad or tossed with soba noodles and chopped veggies.

Ingredients:

1 small carrot, roughly chopped
1 1-inch piece ginger, peeled and roughly chopped
¼ cup neutral oil such as avocado or canola
2 tablespoons seasoned rice wine vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon white miso paste
1 teaspoon granulated sugar
1 teaspoon onion powder
Salt and black pepper, to taste
Combine all the ingredients in a blender along with a tablespoon of cold water. Blend until smooth, then season to taste with salt and pepper.

Rhubarb vinaigrette

Ingredients:

¼ cup rhubarb mostarda (recipe below)
2 tablespoons sherry or cider vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine the mostarda, vinegar, lemon juice and honey in a small mixing bowl or jar. Whisking continuously, slowly drizzle in the olive oil. Season to taste with salt, pepper and additional honey if desired.

Rhubarb mostarda

A must for spring cheeseboards, it can also be used to elevate grilled meat or salad dressing

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
¼ cup minced shallot or onion
2 cups diced rhubarb
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
⅓ cup sugar
2 tablespoons whole grain Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon each salt and black pepper

Heat the butter in a small, non-reactive saucepan over medium heat. Add the shallot or onion and sauté briefly until slightly softened and fragrant, about two minutes. Add the remaining ingredients along with ¼ cup water and bring to a simmer. Cook until the rhubarb is soft and broken down, about 10 minutes. Transfer the mixture to a jar and let it cool to room temperature before refrigerating. This keeps well in the fridge for a couple weeks or can be frozen for longer storage. □

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The Harris Family Band recently received official acknowledgment from the Illinois House of Representatives for 60 years as a sibling musical group.

Memorable Memorial Day weekend music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Mayday, mayday! Look out, folks, it's already Memorial Day weekend with summer time fun just around the corner, over the hill and down the block, with a stop off at Aunt Martha's house to see Cousin Fred first. However you slice or dice it, cut or shut it, it's here so here we go.

From Thursday through Sunday, the Springfield Park District and the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon host the 64th International Carillon Festival on the grounds of our west side bucolic jewel, Washington Park. As it's so easy to take this spectacular event for granted, allow me to remind you that there are less than 200 carillons in North America and very few approach the caliber of ours that sits on the hill in the park. The festival itself is also quite renowned and respected, bringing together carillonists (or carillonneurs, if you prefer) from across the world to perform nightly, plus a fireworks show happens at dusk on Friday. So if you're driving by and hear "them" bells ringing incessantly and melodically, now you know what the heck is happening and why.

While we're discussing spectacular things happening, let's take a moment to observe the recent acknowledgement from the Illinois House of Representatives congratulating the Harris Family Band on their 60th anniversary as the longest running sibling band with original members in the good ol' U.S.A. The kiddos – Allan, Gwen, Max, Shawn, Chris and John who always played a mixture of country, classic rock and soul with many, many updates through the years – did their first gig on July 4, 1966, and haven't stopped since. Known as the Little Big Shots back then and now locally as Bustin' Loose, mark your calendar for the official anniversary show at Firefighters Lake Club on July 26. In the meantime, you can go see half the group as the Harris Trio this

Thursday night at Mother Road Diner, plus I wholly expect the other half to be there, too. Congratulations to the Harris family on this extraordinary accomplishment. Here's to many more years of playing music together while bringing joy and happiness to so many people in so many ways and places.

As we roll into the weekend proper (that's Memorial Day weekend, ya know) the listings are piling up with nearly 40 each on Friday and Saturday, plus a very respectable almost 30 on Sunday, with Monday tripling its usual three with a solid nine on the books. As you may have noticed, especially online, our intrepid calendar person, Daron, continues to stretch our reach with bookings shown in nearby familiar municipalities such as Decatur, Champaign, Illiopolis, Pawnee, Petersburg, Lincoln and Jacksonville, as well as some lesser-known and farther away towns, burgs, villages and hamlets such as Mackinaw, Cuba, Browning, Gibson City, Grafton, Chanderville, Hooterville (maybe not) and Arenzville. Once again, we extend our thanks and gratitude to Mr. Walker and other *Illinois Times* folks for continuing to aid the spread of live music and its makers all across central Illinois.

After all that we, of course, don't have a lot of space to get specific but perhaps, you, our faithful reader, will now take the time and initiative to wander through the listings and click on the photos, leading you to new exciting adventures somewhere, somehow, sometime, possibly with someone or simply something at the very least. With that, let's take a pause for the cause to recall and remember the reasons for and origins of Memorial Day, or as my grandma always called it, Decoration Day.

Enjoy the holiday and see y'all in the unofficial summer time next week. ☐

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COMEDY | Scott Faingold



Springfield comedian Cassandra Simpson has remodeled a trailer into a mobile performance space she calls Rolling Laughs and transports to area events and businesses. PHOTO BY BRYAN TIPPY

Cassandra Simpson has been performing as a stand-up comedian in Springfield for three years. For two of those years, she was the host for The Wakery's open mic, but that gig came to an end when the venue closed its doors in August of 2025. The end of the downtown venue left aspiring local comics with even fewer options to test their material in front of a live audience in a town with already scarce resources in that area.

"I like to renovate my house and use power tools and get into trouble," Simpson said, "and it just came to me: What if I make my own venue for comedy shows?" She decided to remodel a trailer into a one-of-a-kind mobile performance space to hitch onto the back of her car, creating opportunities for comedy, karaoke and other kinds of small-scale live shows anywhere she decides to park the rig. Think of it as a sort of food truck – but for comedy. She calls the project Rolling Laughs, and it made its public debut May 16 when she pulled up at the Enos Park Neighborhood Garden Open House and Resource Fair that Saturday morning.

"I've just been test-driving it around because I'm not familiar with pulling a trailer," said Simpson, who was a finalist for best comedian in *Illinois Times*' "Best of Springfield" in both 2024 and 2025. She is currently working with Lincoln Library, Downtown Springfield, Inc. and other organizations to arrange future events.

The Enos Park event is family-oriented, which means the Rolling Laughs mic was open primarily to children. "Anyone's allowed to come and check it out but we were only going to let kids come up to the mic. And if they don't know any jokes, my daughter, she's 10, will be hosting with me.

I didn't want to open it up to adults, because at open mics, you never know what the material is going to be like," Simpson explained.

The original idea for Rolling Laughs was to work with local bars, restaurants and retail stores to help businesses bring in customers by hosting events. However, businesses have been slow to embrace the concept so far.

"It's been veering off to more public, family-friendly organizations," Simpson said. "I'm offering comedy or an open mic or karaoke. My original vision isn't really happening quite yet."

Upcoming appearances by Rolling Laughs include the "Rock & Rolling Variety Show" July 7 in Lincoln Park, a collaboration with Lincoln Library to launch its summer reading program. The show will include karaoke, lip syncing, jokes and more. Simpson also has a pop-up comedy show scheduled for July 17 at The Shed in Pawnee.

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

OAT
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 5-8pm

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm-2am.

Thursday Night Karaoke
Harry's Adult Day Care, 10pm-1am.

Eclectic Music Consortium
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

JCB Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, Chatham, 6-10pm

Harris Trio
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

Jackson Dean
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Friday May 22

Albert Castiglia
The Alamo, 7pm

Spiker
Alley - Bi Saloon, Lincoln, 7-10pm

After School Special
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

David McEathron Quartet
Boone's, 5:30pm

John Mary Go Round
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Night with Party Time DJ
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

Rich Hogan
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 5-8pm

White Lightnin'
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 6-9pm

John Drake
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7-9pm

The 1985
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke with Hi-Tek Redneck Entertainment
Dockers Tavern, Spaulding, 8:30pm-12:30am.

Joel Honey
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Acid Fog, Psython, Tentacle Grave
Dumb Records, 7pm

Doom Buggy, Master Bastard, Smokestacks
George Rank's, 8pm

Dallas Lee Whittaker
Harry's Adult Day Care, 4pm

Timo Arthur
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and May 23, 7-10pm

Branded
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

The 66 Ramblers
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

DreamCatchers
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

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

Ethan Taylor Stephenson
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Riverton Village Tap, Riverton, 6-10pm

AllNighter
Rocco's, Decatur, 8-11pm

Mississippi Leghound
Sky Lounge, 7-10pm

Thunderstruck with Somebody's X
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-10:30pm

Birds of a Feather
The Bird Tavern, 7-11pm

Deja Voodoo
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

Karaoke Night
The Hangout, Palmer, 8-11pm

Jason McKenzie
The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Brandy Kristin Band
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Kendell Marvel
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

The Get Down
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

MKDZ
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

Saturday May 23

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

The Remedy
AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm

OAT
Boone's, 6-9pm

Ethan Taylor Stephenson
Cafe Amulet, Petersburg, 3-6pm

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

Vicious Circle
Da Burg Bar & Grill, Warrensburg, 8-11pm

Run the World
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Fairweather Friends
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Gary Williams
Friendly Bar & Package, Decatur, 2-5pm

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

Devil's Daughter & The Black Water Band
Knights of Columbus, Riverton, 5-8pm

Soul Experience
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3-6pm

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

Sequoia Drive
Lincoln Trail Family Campground, Tallula, 6pm

Robert Sampson
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 4-6pm

John Mary Go Round
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 6-8pm

The Stone Giants
Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-1am

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

Ptuck
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Branded
Riverton Village Tap, Riverton, 6-10pm

William Marsala Band featuring Robbie Mitchell
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Twilight Tunes Dueling Pianos
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, Southern View, 6-9pm

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

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

Midwest Revival
The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 7pm

The Get Down
The Blue Grouch, 7-10:30pm

Dance Monkey
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Dyllan Martin
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

Sunday May 24

Curt Smith
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2-5pm

Joel Honey
Butternut Hut, 2-5pm

Green Diamond Express
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Jack Daniel
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 12-2pm

Maps of the Midwest, Marble Teeth, OrangeG
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 6pm

Brian Steinhauer
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Frank Powell
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Highway 67
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

David McEathron Trio
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Rick Mari Band
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 4-7pm

Triple Threat
Koo Koo's 2, 5pm

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

Men of Essence
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Hipbone and The Joints
Prop Club, 4-7pm

Jazz Night with B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace
Sky Lounge, 5-8pm

3's Company
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Downstate
The Topsy Toad, 2-5pm

Smokestacks
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Afterthought
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6pm

Tom Irwin and Friends
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

Jason McKenzie
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday May 25

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm and May 26, 10am-1pm

Coldwater Creek
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Rockin' Robin Karaoke
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Music Mondays Open Mic Night
The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm.

Memorial Day Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 2-6pm

Tuesday May 26

Mike Anderson - the Dulcimer Guy
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-1pm

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
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

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

Open Jam with Positively 4th Street
Trading Post Saloon, 6-9pm

Wednesday May 27

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Corpse Dust, LOUM
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-9pm

Open Jam hosted by Kristi White
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Midweek Music Meetup open mic with Tom Irwin
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Dreamers and Doers
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Brandon Elliott
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

Tim Zini
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

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THE CALENDAR



Advancing the calls to action: From community insight to accountability and implementation | Sat., May 30, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | BOS Center

MEETINGS | Organizers plan antiracism workshop

it This workshop is aimed at empowering justice-oriented organizations and individuals interested in understanding systemic racism. According to organizers, it will “focus on the use of antiracism principles and methods in support of the Sonya Massey Commission’s, 26 “calls to action.” The commission has established a clear, research-based, and community-informed framework for change.” The event is sponsored by the Springfield Coalition on Dismantling Racism and Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training. Register online.

Special Music Events
2026 International Carillon Festival

Thu., May 21, 6pm, Fri., May 22, 6pm, Sat., May 23, 6pm and Sun., May 24, 6pm. The festival brings together some of the most accomplished carillonists from across the globe for four days of spectacular performances. This family-friendly event offers a once-a-year chance to hear the powerful sound of the carillon in a scenic outdoor setting, alongside concerts, food trucks, family fun and community celebration. Don’t miss the fireworks at dusk on May 22. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Land of Lincoln Chorus
 Mon., May 25, 2pm. Memorial Day service. Camp Butler National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Rd, Springfield, IL 62707, 217-737-3559.

Springfield Municipal Band
 Thu., May 21, 6pm. Part of the International Carillon Festival. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Books & Authors
ISM Teacher’s Lounge
 Thu., May 21, 6-7pm. The ISM Teacher’s Lounge is commemorating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by exploring George Takei’s graphic novel *They Called Us Enemy*, which chronicles Takei’s experience of being detained with his family in a Japanese American internment camp during World War II. Teachers with a valid Illinois Educator Identification Number will receive 1 CPDU for participating. Free. 217-782-5955.

Theater & Comedy
“I Remember Mama”

Thu., May 21, 7:30pm and Fri., May 22, 7:30pm. This play is a heartwarming study of American family life recounts the daily goings-on of the Hansons, a Norwegian family living on Steiner Street in San Francisco at the beginning of the 20th century. This production is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Children of Eden Jr.
 Fri., May 22, 7pm, Sat., May 23, 2, 7pm and Sun., May 24, 2pm. Adam, Eve, Noah and the “Father” who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. hcfta.org. \$12-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Copenhagen Bandit
 Fri., May 22, 8pm and Sat., May 23, 8pm. The Copenhagen Bandit returns to Riverton for two nights of comedy. \$40. The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 713 N. Seventh St., 217-629-9493.

Art & Architecture
Art Class at Dana-Thomas House

Thu., May 21, 5:30-7:30pm. Monica Zanetti will lead a Mixed Media Collage class in this two-hour workshop. Dive into the world of mixed media as to explore various materials, think papers, fabrics, paints and more to create a unique collage. No prior experience is necessary. \$25. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Capitol Creations at the Old State Capitol

Sat., May 23, 1-3pm. Capitol Creations series events are each Saturday in May inside the Old State Capitol. Each week is a chance to create, connect and make memories in one of Springfield’s most historic spaces. All supplies included. Wear paint clothes. Bring a covered drink or snack. Payment required to reserve a seat. \$35-\$120. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Community Paint
 Sat., May 23, 10-2am. Help paint a new mural at the garden. Supplies and shade provided. No professional experience necessary as this is a mural by the people. All ages welcome. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Food & Drink
Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
 Mon., May 25, 1-4pm. Participants can enjoy delicious sundaes and also Old Fashioned cocktails if 21 and older. To be held on lawn. Adults: \$35 Child: \$15 Members receive \$5 discount. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

History
Game Nights at the Dana-Thomas House
 Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through May 27. Bring that favorite board game and some family and friends for an evening of fun. A table will be provided in one of the historic rooms. Non-alcoholic drinks and/or light snacks are allowed. Reservations required due to limited space. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Harvey MILK and Cookies
Sat., May 23, 1-4pm. Celebrate Harvey Milk Day (normally on May 22). The 2008 film *MILK*, which tells the story of California's first openly gay elected official and pioneering LGBTQ+ rights activist, will be shown. Includes free milk and cookies. Free. Phoenix Center: Out On Second, 120 E. Scarritt St., 217-528-5253.

■ Fundraisers & Galas
"A Night to Remember"
Citywide Senior Prom - 55 and up

Sat., May 23, 5-9pm. This formal, red-carpet experience includes food, music and giveaways for those age 55 and older. Dance, mingle and enjoy great company during this evening designed to bring the community together and make memories. Hosted by Grace United Methodist Church. Free, registration required. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Dr., 314-339-7470.

■ Community Organizing
Food Not Bombs Potluck Meeting

Tue., May 26, 6:30-7:30pm. Discuss and plan upcoming community events while sharing a meal. Bringing a dish is not required for attendance, but it is requested that the food be vegan-friendly. Virtual meeting option

available. E-mail foodnotbombs.spi@proton.me for more info. First Church of the Brethren, 2115 Yale Blvd., 217-523-5212.

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

■ Children's Corner
Kids Fare Garden Club

Mondays, 4-5pm. Through May 25. Kids Fare Garden Club offers hands-on gardening as well as garden-related activities. Registration held on site with a cap of 15 children participating. enosparkgardens.org. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales: Books

Tue., May 26, 9am. For children up to 5 years old. The ALPLM's Education Team will share stories and activities as it explores the wonderful world of books. Advance online registration is required. Two sessions are offered. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Parkway Christian Church Springfest 2026

Sat., May 23, 1-4pm. Springfest features fun experiences for children and their entire families including storytelling/face painting, dessert walk, duck pond game, vendors and more. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

How the Critical Trends Assessment Program has Benefited Illinois and Beyond

Thu., May 21, 6-7pm. Tara Beveroth of the Illinois Natural History Survey will discuss the Critical Trends Assessment Program, which was instituted to monitor the biological condition of Illinois' forests, wetlands and grasslands. state DNR, included surveying 600-plus randomly selected sites on public and private lands. springfieldaudubon.org. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 217-303-1996.

Nature Walks at Lincoln Memorial Garden

Sat., May 23, 1-4pm. Learn about native and invasive species, get the lowdown on nature journaling and enjoy Illinois' natural beauty at the garden. There will be three sessions (rain or shine) at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Presented by the Illinois State Museum.

illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-782-0061.

■ Lectures & Meetings
America 250 - How We Remember, How We Move Forward

Fri., May 22, 8-9am. A panel discussion about national, state and local initiatives to reflect on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and what that means for the future. Hosted by the Citizens Club of Springfield. Karen Witter will moderate a panel with Erin Mast, Judy Wagenblast and Angela Wolfgram. Free coffee and networking at 7:30am. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Trauma Informed: An Approach That Strengthens Communities

Fri., May 22, 9:30-11am. An introductory training on the essential concept of being trauma-informed. This session will provide a clear understanding of trauma and its impact on individuals including the effects of secondary trauma and the role of adverse childhood experiences. Free. 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, 1100 South Grand Ave E, 217-753-3551.

■ Bulletin Board
Blessing of the Boats

Sat., May 23, 12pm. Boats

assemble at noon with parade and blessing ceremony at 1pm. Open to public. Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-494-8792, 217-494-2998.

Community Career Fair

Fri., May 22, 9am, 3pm. Connect with local employers, meet recruiters and explore career opportunities across the Springfield area. Sponsored by The Springfield Urban League Inc. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 908 S. Martin Luther King Dr., 217-789-0830.

Summer Cruise-In

Thu., May 21, 5pm. Features classic cars of all kinds, live music and much more. Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 133 S. Second St., 217-627-3491.

■ Sports

Adaptive Racquet Sports Program with Love Serving Autism

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Through June 25. This adaptive tennis program for individuals with autism - led by coaches and therapists - builds confidence, fine motor skills, communication, and new friendships. For ages 5 to 18. Price is \$90 for six classes. Register at loveservingautism.org/programs/illinois-racquet-sports-programs/. \$90. Velasco Tennis Center, 1501 S. Grand Ave W, 217-546-4103.

Battle of the Badges

Fri., May 22, 6:30pm. Watch members of the Springfield Police and Fire Departments square off. Gates open at 5:30pm. shoesbaseball.com. \$11-\$13. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Capital City Biathlon

Sat., May 23, 7:30am. Various race options. 5K run. Biathlon -5K run and a 15-mile bike. Team biathlon - one person runs the 5K and another bikes the 15 miles. \$30-\$80. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Dinner for the Diamond

Thu., May 21, 6:30-8:30pm. Meet St. Louis Cardinals great Ozzie Smith and have dinner on the field in this event in support of the historic stadium. \$115-\$195. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 561-313-7035.

Lucky Horseshoes home opener

Wed., May 27, 6:30pm. The Springfield Lucky Horseshoes play the Danville Dans in their home opener. For more about the 'Shoes and special events, visit shoesbaseball.com. \$8-\$10. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2022-2 Participation Interest Trust Plaintiff,

vs.
Eliane A. Bekoin; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Isaiah Minor; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Mildred Hill; Jeanette Craddieth; Thelma Crudup; Thomas Larry Minor; Norris Thompson; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Isaiah Minor, deceased; Rodney Wallace; Antonette Cleveland; DeAndre Mayfield; Keauna Minor; Gianna Hill Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000085
1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
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 March 11, 2026, Paula Crouch will on June 23, 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 1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Parcel Number(s): 22-34.0-178-038
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: 25-007425. Michael N. Varak MDK LEGAL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,

-v-
VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2025 FC 000091
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 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 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539
Property Index No. 17-13.0-277-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$164,282.63. 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).

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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 Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-009616.

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E-Mail: andrew.weiss@qpwblaw.com

Attorney File No. IL-009616

Attorney ARDC No. 6284233

Case Number: 2025 FC 000091

TJSC#: 46-1098
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 000091

8051-964872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v-

MARY JO ANTHONY AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK E. ANTHONY et al Defendant

2025FC000228

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 22, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 9, 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 2437 HUNTINGTON RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703

Property Index No. 22-14.0-252-040

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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.

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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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100

BURR RIDGE IL, 60527

630-794-5300

E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com

Attorney File No. 14-25-07378

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2025FC000228

TJSC#: 46-1037

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 # 2025FC000228

I3286618

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

VS.

JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF KARAN F STAPLES, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KARAN F STAPLES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL L STAPLES; DONNA S VONLANKEN, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025FC000137

2316 EAST KEYS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

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 June 23, 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:

TAX NO. 14-23.0-479-005

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2316 East Keys Avenue Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Blue vinyl siding, single family home with detached garage

The Judgment amount was \$34,672.95. 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.mrplc.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# 25-21989IL 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. I3283642

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, vs.

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS AND LINCOLN DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. D/B/A LINCOLN DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-201

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1309 S DOUGLAS AVE. UNIT H SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 22-05.0-226-025 aka 22-05-226-025
Commonly known as: 1309 S Douglas Ave. Unit H, Springfield, IL 62704

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on June 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$77,285.95. The real estate is improved with a residen-

tial condominium.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

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

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-963119

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN MARK SMITH, Deceased. CASE NO. 2026-PR-174 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of John Mark Smith. Letters of Office were issued to Kathryn L. Spain, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1601 W. Iles Ave., Springfield, IL 62704. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 21, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated: May 14, 2026 Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup Roger L. Rutherford 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, Illinois 62705 (217) 544-1144 rlrutherford@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WALTER D. HODDE, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-185 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Walter D. Hodde of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 14, 2026, to Joan Hodde, 21 Wildwood Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 23, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of May, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705

(217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARVEY S. ROTHSCCHILD, Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-181 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of HARVEY S. ROTHSCCHILD, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Brent J. Rothschild, 1880 W. Laurel St., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before November 13, 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 13th day of May, 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: Sherry N. Rump, Deceased Case No. 2026-PR-000163 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Sherry N. Rump. Letters of Administration were issued on May 11, 2026 to Richard L. Rump as Executor, 517 Linden Lane, Williams-ville IL 62693. 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 Nov. 21, 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 Executor 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 PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ROY SQUIBB, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-179 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JOHN ROY SQUIBB. Letters of Office have been issued to BRADLEY TODD SQUIBB, 4635 Hamptons Club Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County

Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 30, 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 12th day of May, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan, III 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 U.S Bank National Association, Plaintiff, Vs. Robert Young, et. al., Defendants.

Re: Estate of Samuel Young, Deceased. No. 2025FC000240 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SAMUEL YOUNG: Notice is given of the death of Samuel Young. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Samuel Young, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 3536 E Hooker St., Springfield, Illinois, 62703. The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. 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 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Samuel Young, deceased. Dan E. Way, #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003 Fax. 217-525-7012 dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JIMMY RENOUD, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-182 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Jimmy Renoud of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Sherry Stout, 53 Greencastle Circle, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before November 19, 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 12th day of May, 2026. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: WILLIAM WOODRUM, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-183 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of William Woodrum of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2026, to Sandra Redshaw, 121 Dante Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 19, 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 12th day of May, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM F. BRETZ, III, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-43 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM F. BRETZ, III. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICK J. SHEEHAN, 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 23, 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 8th day of May, 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 In the Matter of the Estate of: James Michael Berry, Deceased.

No. 2026-PR-175 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of James Michael Berry of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 7, 2026, to Shawn M. Berry, 3961 Guilford

Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Delano Law Offices, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of James Michael Berry of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Shawn M. Berry as the only heir of James Michael Berry.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. 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 Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Executor PO Box 1948 Springfield, Illinois 62705 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL Deceased. DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Case No. 2026-PR-173 NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on February 21, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 7th day of May, A.D., 2026, to TINA THORNHILL, of 1921 Cardinal Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, and NIKKI BAKER, of 1921 Cardinal Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 7th day of May, A.D., 2026. Estate of LYNNA JEAN THORNHILL, Deceased, BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law

611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-8200
Email: peh@scotttscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Georgeann Madison, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000146
Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Georgeann Madison. Letters of Administration were issued on April 20, 2026 to Michael S. Madison Jr. as Executor, 345 W. Quail Roost Court, Sherman, IL 62684. 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 Nov. 14, 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 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
MARK S. MURPHY, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mark S. Murphy, deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-164

Letters of Office were issued on May 4, 2026, to Crystal Cadwell, 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 28th day of November, 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 6th day of May, 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@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of
RICHARD T. BILINSKY, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2026-PR-157
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RICHARD T. BILINSKY, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on April 23, 2026, to ELIZABETH J. BILINSKY, Executor, 4101 W. Iles, # 3101, Springfield, IL 62711, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th Street, Ste. 1000, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with

the representative, or both, on or before November 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 5th day of May, 2026.

Robert A. Stuart, Jr.
ARDC # 2761122
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
Vs.
DAMEAN STICKEL
a/k.a DAMEAN BOON STICKEL, et. al.,
Defendants.
Re: ESTATE OF: SHIRLEY J. STICKEL,
Deceased.
2026-FC-40
NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
SHIRLEY J. STICKEL:
Notice is given of the death of Shirley J. Stickel. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Shirley J. Stickel, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 2412 S. 6th St., Springfield, IL 62703.
The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.
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 e-file.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 www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for
Shirley J. Stickel, deceased
Dan E. Way #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Ph.: 217-525-7003
dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VICTOR M. WURTZLER, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-169
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of VICTOR M. WURTZLER. Letters of Office have been issued to REBECCA E. FRITCHMAN, 38 Wind Cave Drive, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 4th day of May, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARILYN SUE DOZIER, Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00165
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marilyn Sue Dozier, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2026, to J. Garret Dozier, 5521 Chizmar Road, Auburn, IL 62615, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 9th day of November, 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 1st day of May, 2026.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
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Springfield, IL 62703
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DONALD DIGIORGI,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-161
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Donald DiGiorgi of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 28, 2026, to Douglas George, 4300 Lavender Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 4, 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 28th day of April, 2026.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JOHN M. ECKERT, DECEASED
2026PRO00122
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOHN M. ECKERT, Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 16, 2026,

to MARTHA J. ECKERT as Executor, and whose attorney is Russell E. DePew of DePew & Dehn, 201 West Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. Claims may be filed on or before November 14, 2026 which is not less than six months from the first date of publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims must be e-filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Springfield, Illinois. After Claims are e-filed with the Clerk, within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the Claim to the Executor and to her Attorney and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.
Dated: April 28, 2026
Martha J. Eckert, Executor
100 Argenta Drive
Springfield IL 62703
by: Russell E. DePew
Russell E. DePew, Her Attorney
Russell E. DePew
DePew & Dehn
Attorney for Estate
201 West Olive Street
Bloomington IL 61701
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depewlaw@aol.com
ARDC# 6181853

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRUCE HELTON, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-160
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of BRUCE HELTON. Letters of Office have been issued to CHARLES ROBERT HELTON, 1558 N. 1600th East Road, Taylorville, IL 62568, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 12, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 28th day of April, 2026.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Aleigha Jean Pinkley
For change of name to
Aleigha Jean Taft
Case No. 2026-MR-000143
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Aleigha Jean Pinkley to Aleigha Jean Taft pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: May 7, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SANGAMON
COUNTY,
an Illinois not-for-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased,
CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, ALLISON
BRAASCH,
VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW, ILLINOIS,
UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000092
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, Defendant 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 said Defendant is June 22, 2026.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 7, 2026.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation; 2026FC000092.
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Heirs and Legatees of Jacob Edward Martin, deceased
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PART OF LOT 114 IN WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FOUND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE WEST 70.00 FEET OF THE EAST 350.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 114 IN SAID WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
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.

- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 2216 Enterprise Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702
- The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-26.0-252-021
- An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgagor: Jacob Martin
Name of Mortgagee: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County
Date of Mortgage: July 24, 2008
Date of recording: August 1, 2008
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2008R29655
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD

ILLINOIS
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation,
as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2022-2
Participation Interest Trust
Plaintiff,
vs.
Eliane A. Bekoin; Unknown Heirs and
Legatees of Isaiah Minor; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Mildred Hill; Jeanette Craddeith; Thelma Crudup; Thomas Larry Minor; Norris Thompson; Joel Knosher as Special Representative of Isaiah Minor, deceased; Rodney Wallace; Antonette Cleveland; DeAndre Mayfield; Keauna Minor; Gianna Hill
Defendants.

Case No. 2025FC000085
1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
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 March 11, 2026, Paula Crouch will on June 23, 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: Lot 6 and the North 8 feet of Lot 3 of Cheryl Estates, an Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois being part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois August 25, 1977 in Book 23 of Plats, page 14, as Document No. 390392.
Commonly known as 1000 Lori Lane, Springfield, IL 62712
Parcel Number(s): 22-34.0-178-038
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: 25-007425.

Michael N. Varak
MDK LEGAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
One East Wacker, Suite 1250
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Attorney. No.: 6290959
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SANGAMON
COUNTY,
an Illinois not-for-profit corporation,

Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased, CATHERINE ANNE ZIELINSKI, ALLISON BRAASCH, VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW, ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000092
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JACOB EDWARD MARTIN, Deceased, 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 June 18, 2026.
Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 7, 2026.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation; 2026FC000092.
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: Heirs and Legatees of Jacob Edward Martin, deceased
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PART OF LOT 114 IN WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FOUND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
THE WEST 70.00 FEET OF THE EAST 350.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 100 FEET OF LOT 114 IN SAID WANLESS'S NORTH GRAND PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.
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.
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 2216 Enterprise Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702
6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-26.0-252-021
7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of Mortgagor: Jacob Martin
Name of Mortgagee: Habitat for Humanity – Sangamon County
Date of Mortgage: July 24, 2008
Date of recording: August 1, 2008
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document No. 2008R29655
/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
SENECA MORTGAGE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
VICTORIA S ZIGAS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
2025 FC 000091
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 15, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 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:
A TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT EIGHT S (8S) ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF THE STAFF HOUSE AREA, SOUTH, SANGAMON ORDINANCE WORKS, IL-LIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS. PREPARED IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1949 BY WILLIAM E. DAWSON, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR OF ILLINOIS (NO. 578), SAID TRACT BEING SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE QUARTER CORNER ON THE EAST SIDE OF SECTION THIRTEEN (13), TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE 3RD P. M.; THENCE NORTH 0° 42' 00" WEST 987.63 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE 30 FEET WEST TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE WEST 465.8 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE NORTH 0° 25' 00" WEST 99 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPIKE; THENCE EAST 464.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE EAST 30 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SECTION LINE; AND THENCE SOUTH 0° 42' 00" EAST 99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE EAST 200 FEET OF SAID TRACT MEASURING WEST FROM THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY AS NOW LOCATED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF SAID PROPERTY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 2690 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ILLIOPOLIS, IL 62539
Property Index No. 17-13.0-277-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$164,282.63.
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 Andrew Weiss, QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 141 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD SUITE 1575, CHICAGO, IL, 60604 (904) 354-5500. Please refer to file number IL-009616.
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.
Andrew Weiss
QUINTAIROS, PRIETO, WOOD & BOYER, P.A.
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Attorney File No. IL-009616
Attorney ARDC No. 6284233
Case Number: 2025 FC 000091
TJSC#: 46-1098
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 000091
8051-964872

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,
v.
BRUCE BLEDSAW A/K/A BRUCE ALLEN BLEDSAW; SUNSTRONG MANAGEMENT LLC as assignee of SUNNOVA TE MANAGEMENT LLC; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS"; Defendants.
No. 2026FC000089
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
451 4th Street
Illioipolis, Illinois 62539
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to BRUCE BLEDSAW A/K/A BRUCE ALLEN BLEDSAW; SUNSTRONG MANAGEMENT LLC as assignee of SUNNOVA TE MANAGEMENT LLC; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, by Plaintiff, HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, against you and other defendants praying for foreclosure of a Mortgage covering the premises described as follows to wit: LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) IN THE TOWN OF WILSON, NOW VILLAGE OF ILLIOPOLIS. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
COMMON ADDRESS: 451 4TH STREET ILLIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS 62539
PERMANENT INDEX NO: 18-07.0-254-013.
which Mortgage was made by Bruce Allen Bledsaw, as Mortgagor, in favor of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon

County, Illinois, on March 20, 2024, as Document No. 2024R04211.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the above-named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, on or before June 15, 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.
DATED at Chicago, Illinois, this 7th day of May, 2026.
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, By: JACOBS & PINTA
One of Its Attorneys
Tina M. Jacobs, Esq. - ARDC 6190255
Joy Pinta, Esq. - ARDC 6278250
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
MARY JO ANTHONY AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK E. ANTHONY et al
Defendant
2025FC000228
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 22, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 9, 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:
THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT SIX (6) OF CHARLES S. WANLESS' LAKEAWAY, THIRD PLAT.
EXCEPT ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAME, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE AND REMOVE THE SAME; TO EXTEND AND MAINTAIN WAYS AND ENTRIES THEREUNDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINING AND REMOVING COAL FROM OTHER LANDS.
Commonly known as 2437 HUNTINGTON RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
Property Index No. 22-14.0-252-040
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
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.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-25-07378
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Case Number: 2025FC000228
TJSC#: 46-1037
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 # 2025FC000228
I3286618

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JOHN LYDON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF KARAN F STAPLES, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KARAN F STAPLES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL L STAPLES; DONNA S VONLANKEN, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC000137
2316 EAST KEYS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
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 June 23, 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:

THE EAST 40 FEET OF THE WEST 80 FEET OF LOT 91 IN WANLESS' SPRINGFIELD HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 37 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
TAX NO. 14-23.0-479-005
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2316 East Keys Avenue
Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: Blue vinyl siding, single family home with detached garage
The Judgment amount was \$34,672.95.
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# 25-21989IL
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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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS AND LINCOLN DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. D/B/A LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, Defendants.

CASE NO. 25-FC-201
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1309 S DOUGLAS AVE. UNIT H
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
UNIT "H" IN BUILDING 1309 IN LINCOLN-DOUGLAS ESTATES, INC. DBA LINCOLN-DOUGLAS CONDOMINIUMS, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF MODIFIED CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP AND EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS, RECORDED MAY 17, 1965 N THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 967 OF MORTGAGES AT PAGE 544, AS DOCUMENT NO. 462524, AND AMENDED AND RESTATED DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP RECORDED AUGUST 4, 2015 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2015R21953, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL 3; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL, 148.15 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLE TO SAID EAST LINE 118.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID UNIT "H" THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH INTERIOR WALL FOR SAID UNIT, 56.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 11.58 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 5.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 4.41 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 8.90 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 13.45 FEET; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH INTERNAL WALL OF SAID UNIT, 42.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST INTERIOR WALL OF SAID UNIT, 29.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG WITH CARPORT NO. 5 AS ASSIGNED TO SAID UNIT IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED AUGUST 4, 2015 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2015R21953.
Permanent Index Number: 22-05-0-226-025 aka 22-05-226-025
Commonly known as: 1309 S Douglas Ave. Unit H, Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on June 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois.
The Judgment amount is \$77,285.95. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,
Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Sarah M. Stack (#6291347) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law
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The Springfield Historic Sites Commission will meet on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 4:00 pm in the Lincoln Library Multipurpose Room, 326 South 7th Street, to hear the following petition.
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use Pursuant to Section: 155.273 H-3 Historic Zoning District Conditional Permitted Uses, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner operates Vondra Social House, a restaurant with the service of alcohol, located at 724 E Edwards St, presently zoned H-3. The subject property was previously granted, via Docket 2020-041-HIST, a conditional permitted use per section 155.273 permitting a restaurant with the service of alcohol with the following conditions: "1) the restaurant with the service of alcohol is limited to the existing building footprint and/or the existing porch/portico, (2) any live entertainment is non-amplified and inside the restaurant or on the existing porch/portico, (3) hours of operation shall not exceed the city liquor license, and (4) any proposed exterior renovations in conjunction with the proposed service of alcohol shall undergo review by the Historic Sites Com-

mission per code." Petitioner, as per item 6 of the petition, desires to expand on possible service areas related to the fact that services areas are currently limited in space within the historic structure. Tables for service will be added to the drive lane on the West of the building and some limited seats with possible addition of yard games on the East strip of property on the East side of the building. Per item 4 of the petition, petitioner desires to allow restaurant service of alcohol operation for that area of the property of the drive lane area which is located West of the existing building, and the East strip of property, which is located East of the existing building, as illustrated in Exhibit A of the petition. To be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.273, H-3 Historic Zoning District Conditional Permitted Uses, for Restaurant with the service of alcohol, allowing the operation as per points 4 and 6 of the petition.
Improvements (or Structures) located on the subject property a restaurant with the service of alcohol. The subject real estate is currently classified in the H-3 Historic Zoning District, Section 155.272. Legally described as: The West Fifty-Two (52) feet of the East One Hundred and Twelve (112) feet of Lots 15 & 16 in Block Five (5) of Elijah Iles Addition, City of Springfield, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois. Commonly known as 724 E. Edwards Street. Springfield, Illinois, and further identified as PIN: # 14-34.0-186-012.
The property is located at 724 E Edwards Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Vondra, LLC, By Sierra Ferrell, its President, and Eric Ferrell, it's Secretary/Treasurer
Docket No. 2026-021-HIST
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 5:30p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use Pursuant to Section 155.341 (a), (b) & (c), Height and size regulations for off-premises signs, and a variance of Sections: 155.001, Definitions, Lot, 155.340 (c), (d), (e), (h), (i), (j), General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs, 155.321 (a), Non-illuminated signs, 155.322 (b), Illuminated Signs, 155.341, Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Signs, 155.320 (a) & (b), Permitted accessory on-premise signs, and 155.480, Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner currently maintains an existing off-premises advertising sign (i.e. billboard) located at the corner of South Grand A venue East and 7th Street, with a street address of 724 South Grand Avenue East (PIN: 22-03.0-103-016) (the "7th Street Property"). The billboard contains two back to back faces that each measure 10' 6" high x 36' wide. The billboard is illuminated by traditional lamps located along the bottom of the sign faces. The existing billboard is a legal nonconforming use. Petitioner is seeking authorization to relocate the sign to a new location on the west side of MacArthur Boulevard, just south of Westchester Boulevard (PIN 22-16.0-101-040) (the "Subject Real Estate") as demonstrated as sign location on Exhibit B of the petition, to be modified and equipped with an off-premises advertising sign that includes electronic digital display faces. The intended design for the new off-premises advertising sign will result in the same amount of signage square footage as the existing sign (10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face). The height of the sign from grade to the top of the sign faces will be no more than 40 feet.

Petitioner is seeking authorization for the sign faces to be electronic digital displays. The electronic digital display face will display different messages on a set 8 to 10 second cycle. Messages displayed will be static images that do not include moving, scrolling, blinking, flashing, or animated graphics. The electronic digital display faces will utilize technology that limits the brightness of the display at night. This electronic digital display face will reduce the ambient light that emanates from the traditional lighting on the existing billboard face. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests: a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.341 (a) (b) and (c) for approval of an off-premise sign to extend an additional five (5) feet above the ground, for a total height of no more than 40 feet, the estimated height of the sign, in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 35' height limit and applicable variances of Section 155.341 necessary to permit relocation of the existing sign on the 7th Street Property with a new sign and structure on the Subject Real Estate containing two sign faces (one facing generally north and one facing generally south)(each sign face will be 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) and authorization to use electronic digital displays on each sign face; and Variances of Sections: 155.001 (Definition of Lot), 155.340(h) (General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs), and all other applicable Zoning Ordinance sections so as to permit more than one principal use on the Subject Real Estate consisting of the off-premises sign and uses of the Subject Real Estate otherwise permitted by the Zoning Ordinance; 155.321 (a) (Nonilluminated Signs) and 155.322(b) (Illuminated Signs) to permit the relocated sign faces that are part of the new sign on the Subject Real Estate, including the new electronic digital display faces, to maintain the dimensions of the existing traditional face measuring 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage in addition to any ground signage allowed for the businesses located on the property; 155.340(c) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the new sign on the Subject Real Estate to be located within 15 feet of the property line as the relocated sign may potentially be within 15 feet of the property lines created by the unique shape of the parcel resulting from the curvature of MacArthur Boulevard; 155.340(d) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the new sign on the Subject Real estate to be located within 500 feet of a lot zoned residential or on a lot used for residential purposes; 155.340(e) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the two sign faces to be treated as one sign; 155.340 (i) and (j) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the relocation of the existing sign on the 7th Street Property with a new sign and structure on the Subject Real Estate containing two sign faces (one facing generally north and one facing generally south) (each sign face will be 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) and authorization to use electronic digital displays on each sign face, to comply with the requirements of Section 155.340(i)'s aesthetic requirements and other subsection provisions; 155.340(j) (Off-Premises Signs) so as to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the relocation of the existing sign on the 7th Street Property with a new sign and structure on the Subject Real Estate containing two sign faces (one facing generally north and one facing generally south) (each sign face will be 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) and authorization to use electronic digital displays on each sign face, without the surrender of otherwise existing permits on a four for one basis as required by Section 155.340(j); 155.341 (Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Advertising Signs) to permit an off-premises advertis-

ing sign on the Subject Real Estate of a height not to exceed 40 feet above the ground in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 35' height limit and a maximum of 378 square feet of signage per sign face in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance's 175 square feet limit, and authorization to use electronic digital displays on each sign face; 155.320(a) and (b) (Permitted Accessory On-Premises Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate so as to be located within 100 feet from and in addition to all other ground signs located on the Subject Real Estate related to a business use of the Subject Real Estate; 155.480 (Landscape, Screening, and Lighting Regulations) to permit an off-premises advertising sign on the Subject Real Estate: (i) without complying with the Section 155.480 landscaping requirements, (ii) permitting light trespass from the proposed sign onto adjacent or adjoining sites, streets, public, and private property, and (iii) without submitting or complying with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the foot-candle value of light emanating from the sign at all property lines; and for a variance of any other provision of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the relocation of the existing sign on the 7th Street Property with a new sign and structure on the Subject Real Estate containing two sign faces (one facing generally north and one facing generally south) (each sign face will be 10' 6" high x 36' wide, totaling 378 square feet of signage for each sign face) and authorization to use electronic digital displays on each sign face.
Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are none, currently used for agricultural purposes. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: A PART OF THE NORTH HALF (N 1 /2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW ¼) OF SECTION 16, AND A PART OF THE NORTH HALF (N 1/2) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE ¼) OF SECTION 17, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN No.: 22-16.0-101-040.
Common Address: No Common Address, South MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62704. Approximate Acreage 57.55 acres +/-

The property is located at Southwest Corner of S. MacArthur Boulevard/ Westchester Boulevard, PIN: 22-16.0-101-040 (part of), Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is LAMAR OCI NORTH, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company d/b/a Lamar of Decatur IL, as lessee, By Its Attorneys Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel
Docket No. 2026-020
John Harris
Zoning Administrator

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of May, 2026, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
William Shaffer intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
William Shaffer Attorney and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principle place of said business is located at:
1039 Wabash Ave LL#10, Springfield IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In re Marriage of
JASON SMITH,
Petitioner, and
MICHELLE LEE LARA,
Respondent.
Case No. 2026-DN-27
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TAKE NOTICE, MICHELLE LEE LARA, that the requisite Affidavit of Service by Publication having been filed, notice is given to you, MICHELLE LEE LARA, Respondent, that a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois, by Petitioner for Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief; and that action is now pending.
Therefore, unless you, MICHELLE LEE LARA, Respondent, file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before the 29th day of June, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.
Date May 07 2026
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Court
Scott A. Sabin (6209921)
FRAZIER & SABIN, I-LP
1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste 800
Springfield, IL 62701
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
The Plaza Partners, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Zoller LLC and John F. Zoller,
(And any 'unknown occupants')
Defendants.
2026EV000480
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given to you, Zoller LLC and John F. Zoller and any 'unknown occupants' pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-107.5, Defendants in the above-entitled case, that a lawsuit has been commenced in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you, for possession of the real estate located in Sangamon County, Illinois, commonly known as 466 (a/k/a 464) North Main Street, Chatham, a distress for rent warrant for attachment and disposition of certain personal property located therein and/or other relief allowed by law.
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/9-304, unless you, Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance herein, the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Seventh Judicial Circuit, held in the Court-house in the City of Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 8, 2026, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff may be entered in accordance with the prayer in said distress for rent warrant. Dated this 4th day of May, 2026
Prepared By:
Michael M. Durr (Reg. No. 06210512)
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1119 South 6th Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Telephone: (217) 525-3528

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SAN-
GAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a
Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HUGH DAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.
Case No. 26-MR-149
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Hugh Day, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the abovenamed Court on April 29th 2026, and is now pending.
The common address of the structure which is subject to demolition is 1012 S. 23rd Street, Springfield, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as: Lot 12 in Block 3 of Eastgate, a Subdivision of Lots 14, 18, and 19 and part of Lot 22 Key's and Matheny's Subdivision PIN: 14-35.0-407-009
The name(s) of the title holder(s) of record of said real estate is: Hugh Day
NOW THEREFORE, unless Hugh Day, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Complaint for Demolition in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before May 29, 2026, a default judgment may be entered at any time after that day and an Order for Demolition may be entered in accordance with the relief requested in the Complaint for Demolition. /s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by:
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Corporation Counsel
Charles E. Munson, ARDC #6305854
Assistant Corporation Counsel
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, vs.
SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL SERIES, Defendants.
Case No. 25 -MR-207
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL SERIES that a Complaint for Demolition was filed in the above-named Court on April 25, 2025, and is now pending.
The common address of the structure which is subject of the Complaint is 4241 Conestoga Dr, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, and said real estate is legally described as:
Parcel 1
The South 81.98 feet of Lot #6, Lot #5 and the North 0.84 feet of Lot #4, Prairie Crossing, Plat 1, Springfield Illinois, as per recorded plat thereof, recorded as document number 96-11209, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 5 West, of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, and being the same property described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwest corner of the herein described tract, at a set 5/8" rebar with the LS Cap 2999, said point being on the West right of way of Illinois State Route 4, and being 0.84 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 4 of the aforementioned Prairie Crossing; thence along said right of way, and the West line if said Prairie Crossing, North 00 degrees 34 minutes, 13 seconds West, a distance of 215.22 feet (R)(M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999; thence 89 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East, and parallel to the North

line of Lot 6 of Said Prairie Crossing, a distance of 325.00 feet (R)(M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999, on the West right of way of Conestoga Drive; thence along said right of way, South 00 degrees, 34 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 177.88 feet (M)(South 00 degrees 34 minutes 13 seconds East, 177.99 feet (R)), to a found rebar; thence along a curve to the left, with a radius of 400.00 feet, an arc length of 37.53 feet (C) (M), to a set 5/8" rebar with LS Cap 2999; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 47 seconds East, and parallel with the North line of Lot 4 of said Prairie Crossing, a distance of 326.82 feet (C) (M), to the place of beginning; and containing 1.607 acres more or less.
Except that part conveyed by Quit Claim Deed dated September 11, 2000 and recorded October 11, 2000 as Document No. 2000R39968, made by O'Charleys Inc. to Bob Evans Farms, Inc, being the South 13.81 feet of the North 64.33 feet of Lot 6, Prairie Crossing Plat 1, as per plat ther recorded March 22, 1996 as Document No. 96-11209 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Commonly known as 4241 Conestoga Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711
PIN: 22-19-0102-016 (also known as 22-19.0-102-016)
The name(s) of the title holder(s) of record of said real estate is/are: SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL.
NOW THEREFORE, unless SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL file an answer to the Complaint in this cause or otherwise file an appearance therein in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon County Building, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before June 15, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT. /s/ Joe Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County
Prepared by:
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years
No. 2026-GR-93
To: Derli Morena Rivas Medina and Angel Maria Duarte Alcedo and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:
Please be notified that on April 29, 2026 Edwin Francisco Duarte Rueda filed a Petition to Establish Guardianship for a Person Aged 18-21 Years and Request for Judicial Determinations, concerning Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years. You are required to answer said Petition before June 18, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.
Dated: May 14, 2026

That tract of land conveyed by Quit Claim Deed dated August 29, 2000 and recorded October 11, 2000 as Document No. 2000R39969, made by Prairie Crossing Limited Partnership to O'Charleys Inc. being the south 13.81 feet of the North 14.65 feet of Lot #4, Prairie Crossing Plat 1, Springfield, Illinois, as per plat thereof, recorded as Document No. 96-11209, in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Illinois. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 4241 Conestoga Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711
PIN: 22-19-0102-016 (also known as 22-19.0-102-016)
The name(s) of the title holder(s) of record of said real estate is/are: SCARLET OAK, LLC – SWEET BASIL.
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Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years
No. 2026-GR-93
To: Derli Morena Rivas Medina and Angel Maria Duarte Alcedo and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:
Please be notified that on April 29, 2026 Edwin Francisco Duarte Rueda filed a Petition to Establish Guardianship for a Person Aged 18-21 Years and Request for Judicial Determinations, concerning Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years. You are required to answer said Petition before June 18, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.
Dated: May 14, 2026

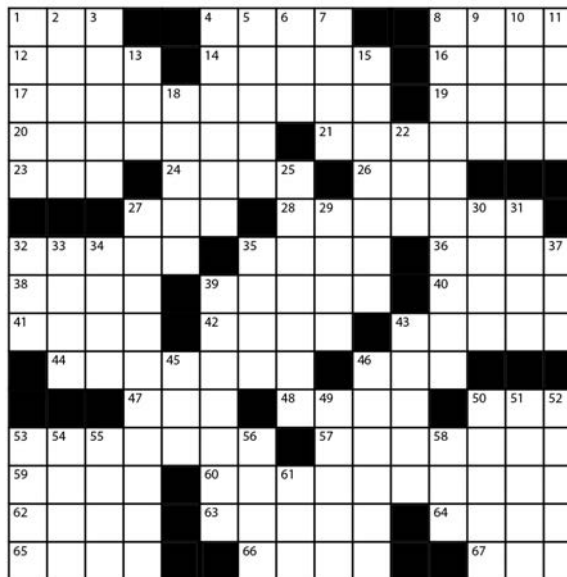
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Across

1. PC linkup
4. Legis. meeting
8. Breakfast staple
12. "This is not ___" (warning label)
14. Figure of speech
16. Italia's capital
17. *** Traveling-light luggage
19. Two fives for ___
20. Pencil ends
21. Wrestling holds
23. Bro's sib
24. Jared of "American Psycho"
26. NNW's opposite
27. Stats for Jeter and Tejada
28. Not man-made
32. Barely beats
35. Kitchen suffix
36. Managed care gps.

38. ___ of Sandwich
39. Oohed and ___
40. Counting-out word
41. Make a sweater
42. "Amazing Grace" ending
43. Bison features
44. Had the lead
46. "Holy cow!"
47. Ear or eye ending
48. Pirate's take
50. Fed. fiscal agency
53. Like Shriners
57. Mozart's homeland
59. Sonny's partner
60. *** What Woodie Guthrie played
62. Course after trig
63. "It's ___ for"
64. Attention-getting cry

65. Bermuda, e.g.
66. Downhill racer
67. Word that precedes the last word of each starred answer



11. Without: Fr.
13. Jr. and sr.
15. Expelled
18. Kennel cries
22. Shaq's alma mater
25. Injured, in baseball lingo
27. *** 1986 Chuck Norris film
29. Suit to ___
30. "I'll second that"
31. "The ___ Ranger"
32. Comics cry
33. Rather and Reeves
34. Willingness to get dirty
35. Simplicity
37. Part of TBS: Abbr.
39. Emergency helicopter delivery, say
43. Taiwanese island
45. Seek office
46. Overcharged
49. Jack of "The Great Dictator"
50. "Coffee ___?"
51. Dolphins' home
52. Showing more skin
53. 1201, to Tiberius
54. Cries of discovery
55. Unload, as stock
56. Whispers sweet nothings
58. Tiny ___
61. "Bad" cholesterol, for short

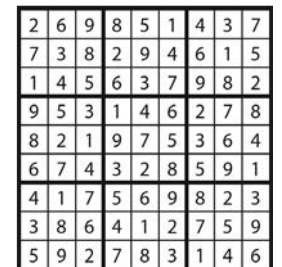
Down

1. Shoestrings
2. Electronic game pioneer
3. Dunn and Ephron
4. Mall units
5. German painter
6. Have a bawl
7. Attention ___
8. *** 1978 cult film by David Lynch
9. Attend
10. "The X-Files" extras

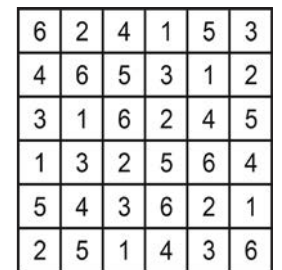
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Crossword answers from #945



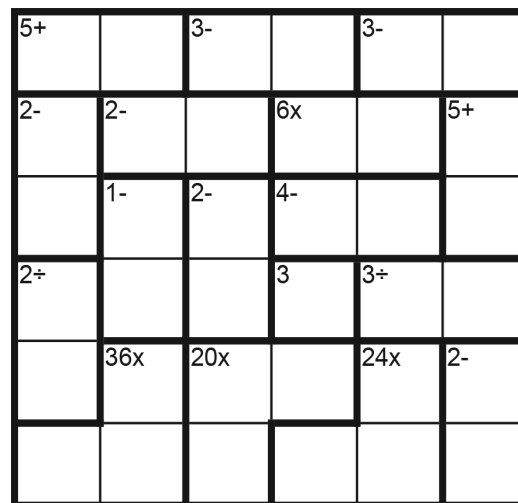
Sudoku answers from #945



JoshJosh answers from #945

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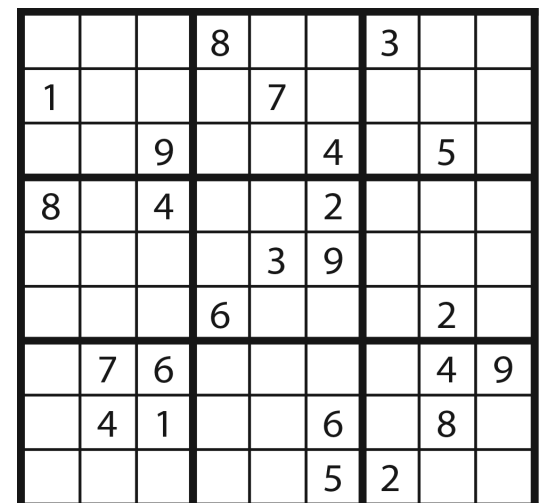
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

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



Difficulty medium

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