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#MeToo at the Muni

New sexual harassment complaints surface amid complaints about organization's response

MUNI | Dean Olsen

Springfield Municipal Opera is facing criticism, resignations of cast members from several of the season's musicals and a boycott of concessions sold at performances over its response to sexual harassment allegations by females against a fellow volunteer actor.

"I will not stand by while people are being harmed," Nate King told *Illinois Times* on May 30 after the first meeting of a group called "Safety for Arts" that is calling for reforms at the Muni.

King, 38, is part of a core group of volunteer actors involved with the nonprofit theater organization who constructed the reform group in the wake of allegations against Marc Wilson.

No criminal charges have been filed against Wilson, a man in his 30s, and no instances of unwanted touching have been alleged. Complaints stemming from the alleged conduct focused on alleged comments made by Wilson to females, the Muni's investigation into some but apparently not all of the allegations, and the organization's decision not to reveal an internal probe's findings but also not to remove Wilson from the show in which he was cast.

Wilson, however, has resigned from the production of *Disney's Frozen*, which is scheduled for performances in July and August.

The Muni's critics also have cited what they view as the organization's complicated and unnecessarily bureaucratic Code of Conduct, lack of communication among board members in evaluating complaints, dismissive and hurtful comments by Muni officials, a lack of diversity among board members and a structure that can act as a barrier for change.

Wilson has lashed out at his critics online, telling one in a Facebook post: "You think I'm afraid of a few little girls lies and exaggerations cause their 'feelings' were hurt. Made you uncomfortable I had to pry you duckers off me!"

Wilson responded to an interview request from *Illinois Times* with a text message June 2 that said: "I deeply regret that anyone was made to feel uncomfortable by my actions. I have voluntarily withdrawn from participation in the Muni in hopes of repairing some of that damage. But in recent days, I have been falsely accused of a wide range of misconduct, and those allegations are patently false."

Wilson added: "In my frustration over those false allegations, I have made statements advocating for myself that did not reflect well



Left to right: Robert Glatz, Nate King, William Acton, Michelle French and Kaiyah Bubniak are some of the Muni volunteers speaking out over the organization's response to sexual harassment allegations by females against a fellow volunteer actor. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

on me or on the gravity of the situation, and for that, I am sorry. I want to make it clear that at no time did I pose a danger to anyone, and would never intentionally do anything to put anyone in a harmful situation."

Volunteers from the Muni have criticized a culture in which the concerns of girls and women often aren't believed or treated seriously. They said the organization apparently hasn't learned enough after controversies involving former Muni volunteers Adam Power and Bill Bauser Jr.

"There are entirely too many victims," said Jasmine French, 33, a public school teacher and Muni actor. "This is a culture, and it's bigger than one person and bigger than one show."

French said she recently resigned from her role as Nefertari in the upcoming Mini production of *Prince of Egypt*.

Amid announcements of the cast resignations on June 2, Kevin Burke III, president of the Muni Board of Managers, said he didn't have time for an interview but issued a statement saying the Muni's response to community concerns has been inadequate, and Muni officials pledged to do better.

William Acton of Springfield resigned from

this year's scheduled performances of *All Shook Up* in protest for the Muni's handling of the situation and circumstances in the past. Acton said Burke's statement is "talking the talk, but they need to walk the walk before I feel safe returning."

Acton, 29, said he resigned because the Muni "has unfortunately shown that they'd rather promote the pattern of protecting predators and belittling the narratives of victims. While I initially believed that I could make changes from the inside, I can no longer say in good conscience that I stand against the Muni's actions while singing and dancing for them on stage."

Illinois Times interviewed two people, a woman and a 16-year-old girl, who said they were the focus of unwanted attention from Wilson last year.

The woman, who requested anonymity, said she received "weird" Snapchat messages from Wilson that dealt with appearance and sexuality.

The woman said she passed on the messages to the Muni, had a Zoom meeting with Muni officials a few weeks later, then received an email a few days ago that the Muni decided Wilson didn't violate the Code of Conduct.

The woman said she has filed an appeal to ask for reconsideration of the decision.

Kaiyah Bubniak, 16, of Springfield said Wilson told her she was "cute" and made attempts to spend time alone with her while they painted sets for the show *Something Rotten* in 2025. She was 15 at the time. She said Wilson, a history buff, also rambled into conversation topics she considered questionable, such as "sexual scandals in history."

Bubniak said she told the show's director and another adult running the show about Wilson's behavior before the show's run was over.

"They seemed to be aware of the situation," Bubniak said. "They said they would talk to the board and do what they could. ... They said there had been previous complaints about him at that show and previous shows."

Bubniak, who is in the cast of *Prince of Egypt*, said she never heard back from the Muni and was surprised to see Wilson cast in one of this year's shows.

"I had expected him to receive at least a one-year suspension from Muni shows," Bubniak said. "I had just assumed it had been taken care of."

Bubniak and other Muni volunteers were upset to learn that John Baker, a *Frozen* producer and Muni Trustees member, said at a *Frozen* cast meeting a few days ago that the Muni had received "zero" complaints about Wilson prior to auditions in February and March.

In comments that someone recorded and distributed, Baker said there was no evidence minors were harmed by Wilson and that people were making inaccurate statements online about the situation. Several Muni volunteers said they felt like a Muni representative was telling them everyone was lying.

Bubniak's mother, Michelle French, 43, said, "My concern is the board ignoring dozens of concerns that have been voiced because they didn't go through their official and overly convoluted reporting process."

Robert Glatz, 45, a mental health therapist and Muni volunteer who is spearheading Safety for Arts, said the group can be contacted at safetyforarts@gmail.com. The group is formulating demands before approaching Muni officials, he said.

"We want to get our voices heard as soon as possible," he said. □

Jury awards \$38 million

HSHS employee injured in 2022 by defective operating room equipment

COURTS | Dilpreet Raju

A Sangamon County jury awarded \$38.4 million to a former HSHS St. John's Hospital employee who was injured when a defective operating room boom collapsed on her, finding the medical equipment manufacturer to be liable.

The several-hundred-pound boom, used for docking medical equipment on a swivel arm, injured Stacey Brown to the point of requiring two shoulder surgeries. She can't use her right hand and requires the use of a cane. She said her neck and right ankle still have issues.

The jury returned the verdict in early May, almost two and a half years after Brown first filed the case against the manufacturer, claiming defective equipment, in December 2023. The jury awarded \$33.8 million in punitive damages to Brown along with \$4.6 million in compensatory damages to Brown and her husband, Roger.

Brown, a Macoupin County resident and former surgical technologist, was alone in an operating room at St. John's a little before 9 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2022. She was preparing for an early morning surgery when the overhead medical boom collapsed on her, its metal extension pinning her right foot to the floor.

Brown told *Illinois Times* it was initially like any other night. She had done countless preps of operating rooms by herself without any issue.

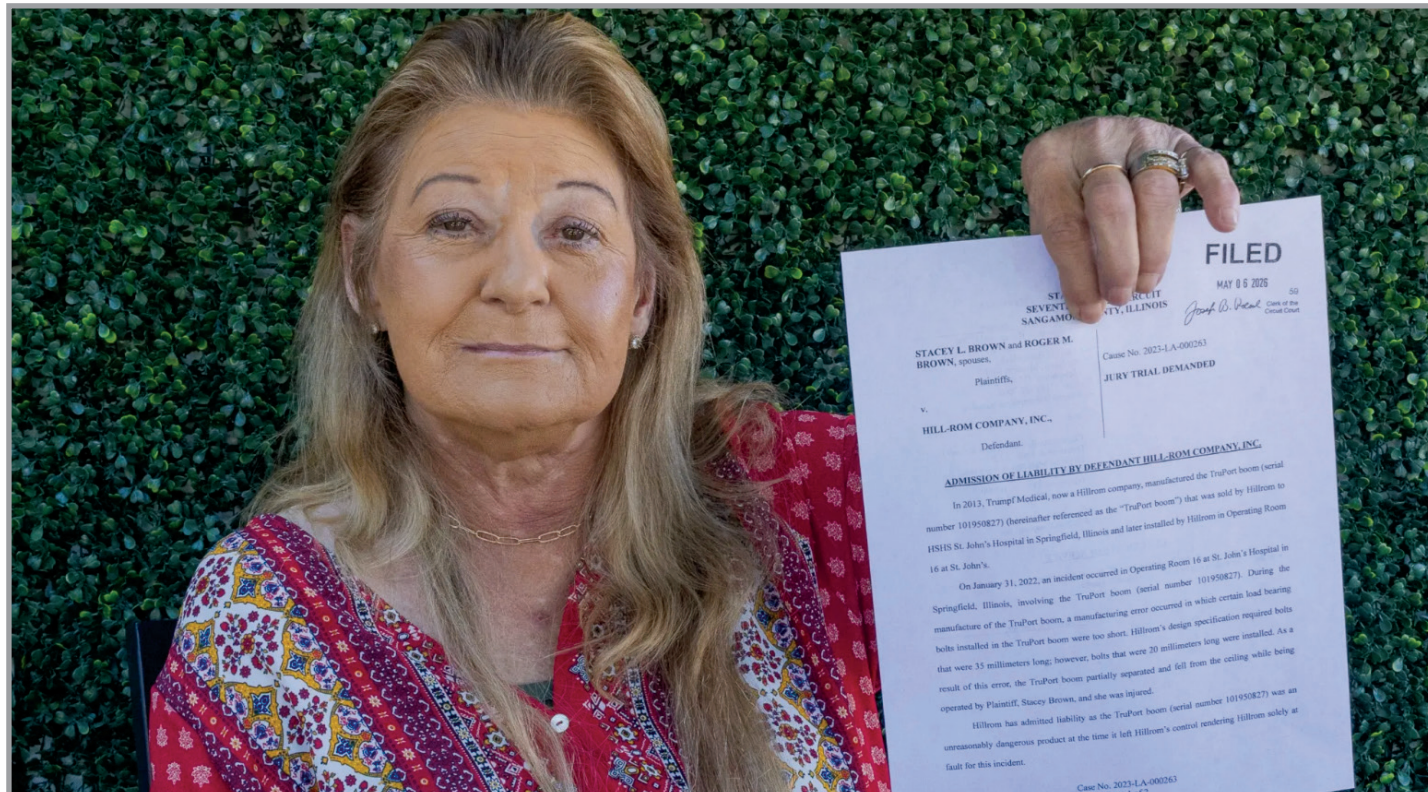
"Wherever the bed is in the (operating room), you have to make sure that the boom is positioned right for the cords, because your equipment and the cords are not very long," Brown said. "I didn't even move that boom a half inch and... that was all. It hit me so hard and fast, I was in shock. I was in pain and I couldn't get up."

Years later, she still can't make a fist with her right hand or use it much.

"See, my hand is just frozen," Brown showed a reporter. "I've been a nurse since 1979... I loved what I did. I love taking care of people, and that's what's kind of hard for me now. I can't do that anymore. So, I just don't know what I'm going to do except for driving my family crazy."

Erica Slater of Missouri-based law firm Gunn-Slater, which represented Brown, told *Illinois Times* the defect that injured Brown stemmed from Hill-Rom, the medical boom company, installing the equipment with bolts that were much shorter than the length required by design.

"Twenty millimeters is what they were



A Sangamon County jury awarded \$38.4 million to Stacey Brown, a former HSHS St. John's Hospital employee who was injured when a defective operating room boom collapsed on her. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

installed with and 35 millimeters is what the design called for, so it's a pretty sizable difference," Slater said. "Once Stacey's accident happened, they then inspected all the other booms that were at St. John's."

Slater said of the 31 booms installed at the hospital, five had the defect. She said the fix was simple and recalls were sent out.

"The fix is basically disassembling the load-bearing connection and changing the bolts, and then they're fine," she said. "At St. John's they quickly changed out those bolt sizes, so the ones that are hanging at St. John's should (now) be correct. Then after Stacey's accident, (the manufacturer) initiated a worldwide retrofit, but like any recall or retrofit, it's only as good as the number of people that responded."

Hill-Rom, for its part, admitted legal liability in a May 6 court filing.

"During the manufacture of the TruPort boom, a manufacturing error occurred in which certain load bearing bolts installed in the TruPort boom were too short," the filing reads. "As a result of this error, the TruPort boom partially separated and fell from the

ceiling while being operated by plaintiff, Stacey Brown, and she was injured. Hill-Rom has admitted liability as the TruPort Boom was an unreasonably dangerous product at the time it left Hill-Rom's control, rendering Hill-Rom solely at fault for this incident."

Slater said the admission was a legal move to potentially separate the case into two stages of compensatory damages and punitive damages.

"It was very clear to us that (the defendants) were using that admission of liability to gain an advantage at trial and allow the jury to give the compensatory amount without being poisoned, if you will, by the punitive evidence," Slater said. "(The defense was) very hesitant to finally make that admission that their product was unreasonably dangerous, but they had to... it's a legal admission and it's a pretty serious one."

Brown said it's distressing to think about how the consequences of the defect could have been much more severe.

"It upset me because it might have happened to me, but what if it happened to a patient or a doctor or something? It

could have killed somebody, (if) they were unconscious and then boom. That's the most upsetting," she said.


Baxter International, which owns Hill-Rom, is based in suburban Deerfield, north of Chicago. The healthcare equipment company wrote to *Illinois Times* that it intends to appeal the decision.

"We strongly disagree with the verdict and many of the statements in the press release issued by the plaintiff's attorney and intend to vigorously appeal. This case concerns an injury resulting from a product installed in 2013 and was an isolated incident. Patient and caregiver safety is our priority. In line with our robust safety processes, we took immediate action to resolve the issue after learning of the incident involving the plaintiff in January 2022," the entire statement reads.

In 2021, two publicly traded Midwest medical equipment companies merged when Baxter International bought Hill-Rom. The deal closed in December 2021, a month before Brown was injured. In the years since the merger, Baxter International's Nasdaq Stock Market value has cratered. □




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A deflated event

No hot air balloons for this year's Balloons Over 66 Weekend in Lincoln

COMMUNITY | Tamara Browning

The hot air balloon portion of Balloons Over 66 Weekend in Lincoln, a festival that has been one of the biggest annual attractions in Logan County, has been canceled for 2026.

However, Lincoln Mayor Tracy Welch offered hope that hot air balloons will be seen during the Aug. 28-29 event in some fashion.

Seth Goodman, a major supporter of the event, posted on Facebook June 1 that the hot air balloon portion has been canceled for this year, citing "lack of funding, liability, etc." He said other activities planned for the weekend will continue.

Roughly 35 hot air balloons participated at last year's Balloons Over 66 Weekend, Goodman said in a text message to *Illinois Times*.

When contacted for comment, Goodman told *Illinois Times*, "Everything I am willing to say is posted on my social media post."

"A little background – myself and a small group of other individuals started Balloons Over 66 after the local Chamber of Commerce closed and the event ceased," Goodman's post said. "However, I have personally funded (with the help of a few other small local businesses – THANK YOU!) the balloon portion to a tune of over \$100,000 of personal savings over the past several years to ensure that it continued on for the community."

Goodman clarified to *IT*: "I brought the balloon portion back on my own and have ran/funded it for 6-7 years with little to no city/county help. I am no longer willing to do that," Goodman said in the text message. "Hopefully the city/county will step up and take it over. As mentioned in the post, the rest of the happenings that weekend are still slated to take place."

Lincoln Mayor Tracy Welch, a hot air balloon owner and pilot-in-training, hinted that some type of activity involving hot air balloons could



The hot air balloon portion of Balloons Over 66 Weekend in Lincoln, a festival that has been one of the biggest annual attractions in Logan County, has been canceled. PHOTO COURTESY OF RON ROLLET

still happen at the event.

"Because our community is fortunate to have several local balloon pilots who fly regularly throughout the year, I believe there is a very good chance that residents and visitors will still see hot air balloons in the skies during this year's event – weather permitting, of course," Welch posted on the evening of June 2 on his Facebook page. "Stay tuned!"

Scott McCoy, Lincoln's director of tourism, said he was surprised by Goodman's Facebook post announcing the cancellation.

"I was personally not consulted about it or asked to take it over or anything on behalf of the city through the Office of Tourism," McCoy said. "There's obviously a bunch of us talking now to see what can happen. We would love

to keep it. ... A lot of people were completely caught off guard."

Cancellation of the hot air balloons could impact tourism during the event weekend, McCoy said, noting that Goodman has done a lot for the community through the event.

"There have been a lot of entities that have put a lot of effort and money into the event, including the city," McCoy said. "Seth's post is not necessarily complete, but it does make it sound like others are not contributing, and that's just not true."

The typical annual cost is about \$30,000 for a balloon event of the size hosted in Lincoln, Welch said.

"Since joining the city council in 2016, I have known that the city of Lincoln has

traditionally budgeted funding for this event. The amount has varied over the years but was typically around \$2,000," Welch said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Welch asked the Lincoln City Council to increase the funding to \$15,000 annually for three years.

"It is also important to note that similar support was provided to other components of this event, as well as the Railsplitter Festival," Welch said.

"I want to remind everyone that Balloons Over 66 is much more than just balloons," Welch said. "Numerous organizations and dedicated volunteers work year-round to plan and organize their parts of this event."

Lincoln hosted its first annual balloon festival in 1988 as an addition to a summer art show. The balloon festival split from the art show in 2015 and became a three-day weekend event, according to Destination Logan County Illinois.

The balloon festival was funded by the Lincoln-Logan Chamber of Commerce, which was \$88,000 in arrears and closed in 2018.

By 2019, the new event Balloons Over Route 66 took place, planned by the Lincoln mayor and Goodman, a balloon pilot.

Welch thanked Goodman for keeping the balloon portion of Balloons Over Route 66 "alive for as long as he has."

"I know it came with significant personal sacrifice, and I want him to know that those efforts have not gone unnoticed," Welch said. "Hopefully, this year he will finally have the opportunity to enjoy the event and simply fly without the weight of those responsibilities on his shoulders." □

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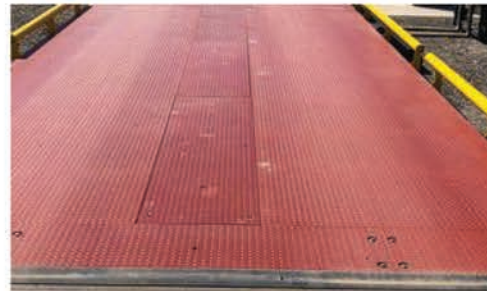
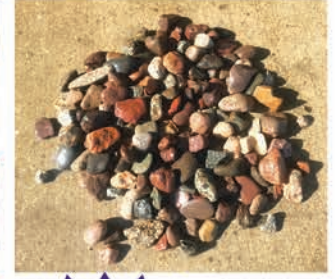
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New Mental Health Board convenes

Will be responsible for distributing nearly \$15 million annually to social service providers

MENTAL HEALTH | Dilpreet Raju

Retired judge Steve Nardulli was elected chair of the Sangamon County Mental Health Board at its first meeting May 27 and said the board will need to invite more public input. Overall, administrative duties and the Open Meetings Act took center stage at the inaugural meeting as the board appointed officers and considered hiring an executive director.

A job description for a Mental Health Board executive director is expected to be discussed at the June 24 meeting.

Lawyer and lobbyist Brian Wojcicki was elected vice chair, while re-entry coordinator Jennifer Douglas was named secretary.

Other members of the inaugural Mental Health Board are Janice Gambach, former CEO of Memorial Behavioral Health; William Moredock, president of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School; Margaret Seymour, a psychiatric clinician; and Leigh Steiner, former CEO of then-Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center.

The board also approved a motion to add two additional members: Michael Gaines, corrections coordinator for the Illinois Department of Public Health, and David Racine, former executive director of the Center for State Policy and Leadership at University of Illinois Springfield. That will bring the board to a maximum of nine members.

The board decided to hold meetings at 3 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month. The meetings, which will take place in room 223 of the county building, are open to the public.

The board also adopted initial bylaws and acknowledged that the coming months will be dedicated to organization since funds from the 0.5% sales tax levy that begins July 1 won't be available for distribution by the board until

October, at the earliest.

County administrator Brian McFadden told the board that there will be a consistent stream of funding for the board to disburse money to social service programs of their choosing. His office estimated the sales tax levy would bring in \$14.7 million annually.

"It's just an amazing opportunity, not just because of the amount of funding. It's definitely a significant amount of funding that we think can go to help resolve many issues, but it's also sustainable," McFadden said. "It's sales tax revenue; it's going to be there year in, year out. It may dip during tough times, but it will be there, unlike grants that show up and go away and those kinds of things. So that should give you comfort in that you can do some long-term planning because the rug's not going to be pulled out from underneath you."

Nardulli, who was a central Illinois judge until 2016, said the board will need to solicit input from the community regarding the funding priorities.

"I know that the projection of \$15 million a year is a lot of money," he said. "Simultaneously, it is not nearly enough money to address all of the things that I'm sure are going to have to be addressed by this board. It is extremely important that we involve the community to the greatest extent possible.

"The Massey Commission and the Mental Health Commission have provided us with a road map. However, the fact that they listened to the community does not excuse us from our responsibility to continue to listen and to adapt. We must understand our community if we want to develop a plan for services that meets the needs of the community," Nardulli said.

He emphasized the importance of valuing mental health for the entire county, regardless of



Brian McFadden informs the inaugural Mental Health Board of key dates to consider. From left to right, back row: Jennifer Douglas, Steve Nardulli, Sara Wojcicki-Jimenez, David Racine. Front row: Leigh Steiner, William Moredock, Janice Gambach and Brian Wojcicki. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

background or ethnicity.

"In my experience in juvenile court, the only difference between the problems of adolescent males in the Black community and adolescent males in the rural communities is pigmentation. They all have the same alienation problems; they all have the same substance abuse problems," he said.

The board was also instructed to sign up for various trainings regarding the Open Meetings Act and how to submit a Statement of Economic Interest to the county.

Nearly 53% of Sangamon County primary

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

The Mental Health Commission's final report mentions sharing space with the county's Department of Public Health to save on costs. It also recommends addressing some gaps in care such as expanding emergency co-response teams, increasing housing opportunities and creating more capacity to care for psychiatric patients. □

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Downtown bill fails to come to fruition

Andy Van Meter says he'll work with all parties to get Turner's legislation passed

DOWNTOWN | Dilpreet Raju

In the waning hours of legislative session, the Illinois General Assembly got close, but failed, to pass a bill that would create multiple government boards to promote redevelopment of downtown Springfield. Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter said he expects elected officials to keep working on the proposal.

The Senate approved an amended House Bill 4496 around 10:30 p.m. May 31 but the House never called the bill for a floor vote to concur with the gut-and-replace amendments that Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, filed earlier that day. Turner argued the bill, which rolled together three separate bills she had previously introduced, would foster more tourism for Springfield's downtown through the Capital City Downtown Medical District Commission and the Capital Area Tourism Authority.

"This is good public policy that will benefit the capital city for generations to come. Expanding the Bank of Springfield Center and bringing a headquarter hotel to downtown will create jobs, boost the local economy and breathe new life into this once-buzzing central hub," Turner said before the Senate approved the bill, 38 to 19. "This is a great project; it's going to mean a lot for the city."

Speaking to the press on June 1 after adjournment, Speaker of the House Emmanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, urged patience as he said the House didn't have the votes for a bill to help support a new stadium for the Chicago Bears or reinvestment for Springfield proper.

"I hate to sound like a broken record, but some of these issues take time – the votes weren't there to pass a bill for the Bears... A vote just about Springfield wasn't there," Welch said. "I didn't ask the members their specific issues. I asked where they were, yes or no, in the final hours of the of the session."

He added that more conversations about what legislators' holdups are will happen and that they want to see the Springfield economy succeed.

Turner had previously called her separate Senate bills the "downtown reinvestment package." The core language of all three was added into a House Bill that passed in April which would have provided a framework for the Chicago Bears to build a stadium in suburban Arlington Heights before support for the bill collapsed in the Senate.



Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter speaks at a March 31 press conference to announce support for state legislation that would help expand the BOS Center and construct a new hotel in downtown Springfield. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

The controversial Capital Area Tourism Authority faced pushback from some members of the Springfield City Council, who felt the Authority would dilute the council's power since it would be an unelected, County-led board. Meanwhile, Republicans in the state legislature argued in line with the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, which said the bill would actually hurt Springfield's tourism; hoteliers long opposed the use of a hotel tax mechanism.

Turner, responding to questions from Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said an expanded BOS Center would have multiple event spaces, making it more attractive to convention planners.

"The problem is with booking and not being able to have more than one event happening at the same time, which really creates some problems when you are looking at bringing in large conventions," Turner said.

Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Vandalia, argued the funding of a new hotel through hotel taxes would steer conventions to other parts of the state, including his own.

"Frankly, I should maybe be in favor of this because it's going to drive conventions to the Metro East – I do care about Springfield, though, because while I don't represent this

area, it's all of our capital," he said. "I just don't understand why my constituents should have to pay such an exorbitant hotel tax because they want to come visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum. This is going to cost Springfield business... we're going to dump more rooms on a market that doesn't need more rooms."

Sen. Jill Tracy, R-Quincy, who represents Jacksonville, also said the idea of raising hotel taxes would drive conventions to consider other markets.

"The idea of having hotels tax their customers within a county and make their customers pay a higher tax to finance a competitor's hotel just doesn't sound right," Tracy said.

The Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association issued a statement opposing the legislation a few days prior to the bill's passage.

"This proposal raises serious concerns about transparency and fairness, while making ambitious assumptions about economic activity and performance that may leave taxpayers on the hook for borrowing for decades to come," said Keenan Irish, vice president of government relations for the IHLA, in a May 27 press release. "We urge lawmakers to push pause on this legislation and work with Springfield's hotel industry to craft a more balanced plan that will

grow tourism, attract investment and revitalize downtown without picking winners and losers."

Rep. Wayne Rosenthal, R-Springfield, was the only other House sponsor on the bill, though there was little time for members to consider all the bills that were progressing through the General Assembly late Sunday night.

Van Meter said every setback with the project in recent years has brought about better ideas.

"We've been working on this project for four years and every disappointment has led to a better solution," Van Meter wrote to *Illinois Times*. "I've talked to Sen. Turner, Rep. Coffey and the mayor today, and everyone agreed we would roll up our sleeves and get back to work."

Other parts of the bill

The existing Mid-Illinois Medical District would double in size to become the Capital City Downtown Medical District, which would extend its southern boundary from Madison

Street down to South Grand Avenue. The other boundaries would remain the same, North Grand Avenue to the north, Walnut Street to the west and 11th Street to the east.

The original language envisioned a nine-person Medical District Commission consisting of four gubernatorial appointees, four mayoral appointees and one appointee from the Sangamon County Board Chair.

The latest version of the bill, which was one step short of reaching Gov. JB Pritzker's desk, grew the commission to 11 members: five gubernatorial appointees, three mayoral appointees and three appointees from the Sangamon County Board Chair.

Additionally, the bill would create a series of tax credits for construction-related jobs within the new Medical District to incentivize redevelopment.

As it stands, the Mid-Illinois Medical District will be receiving a \$250,000 grant, reappropriated from the Build Illinois Bond Fund, "for costs associated with staff housing," according to the state budget.

Right now, there are no plans for a special session this summer, meaning the next time lawmakers are expected to return to Springfield will be the fall veto session. □

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OPINION



Left to right: Associate Judge Karen Tharp, Associate Judge Sierra Senor-Moore, Sangamon County State's Attorney John Milhiser and The Outlet executive director Michael Phelon took part in a May 5 graduation ceremony for the first group of young people who completed a new youth mentoring and diversion program. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICHS

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GOOD WORK

I always knew that The Outlet under Michael Phelon's leadership would be a success, and this shows that "the proof is in the pudding" ("Early intervention, May 14). Congratulations to the graduates and their mentors.

Kathryn Harris
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

DON'T NEED LAND

I can think of 1,000 different public buildings that could have solar panels installed on their roofs before they need to use any new land.

Will Garecht
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes.com

BETTER THAN DATA CENTERS

I'd rather see 1,000 solar farms than a single data center.

Rich McCarty
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Rooftop solar panels would not put money in the pockets of these developers and the landowners who sell to them. This isn't about "for the good of the community," it's about money.

Julie Helm
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

LITTLE IMPACT

Solar takes up about 0.15% of farm land. From some of these comments, one would think they blanket the entirety of arable land in the U.S.

Isaac Moore
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

A WORTHY GOAL

I think rooftop solar is also a great idea. However, half our population is against renewable energy (at least, according to their voting record), so convincing the various public entities with those 1,000 rooftops to put solar installations into their budgets is going to be a tough sell.

It's easy to convince a farmer who already has land available to install solar panels on it, since it provides guaranteed income at an even better rate than what the government is paying to keep some land idle. It is hard to get local units of government on board to stretch already-thin budgets, especially if they are already deferring other mechanical maintenance.

I'm not saying it isn't possible; it's just going to take many years of political organizing to get people convinced of the need and that the revenue should be raised by reversing "supply side" tax policies.

Denise Solon
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

USE THE ROADS

There are a lot of fairly large chunks of land where on and off ramps connect to the interstate highways. The land is owned by the state already and could hold solar and/or wind power. Every time I'm on the highways I think of these wasted parcels of land that could be so useful to the state and its residents.

Tammy Robuck
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

Romance Poem

I grew up during WW2 when gas and tires were rationed. A couple times when an in-town boyfriend wanted me to come over, his folks being out, I'd ride my horse downtown. But how could we pitch a little woo with a horse tied up in the driveway whistling through his nose while stamping impatiently to get back to the barn and his cozy stall? I quickly abandoned woo pitching and rode my horse home – actually, the horse galloped.

2026 Jacqueline Jackson

Pappas' "study" not her best work

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas released a "study" last week about the state megaprojects proposal including a new Bears stadium complex that was mostly uncritically received by local news media. But it's not her best work, to say the least.

OK, before we go any further I should say I find corporate tax breaks distasteful and even sometimes counterproductive. I have no official or personal position on a deal to move the Chicago Bears to Arlington Heights (except for my personal hatred of Indiana). It's just that "studies" like this make me cringe.

The report mainly focuses on the big bucks the Bears will save on their property tax bills if they move to the suburbs, which is pretty much the whole point of corporate subsidies.

Rep. Kam Buckner (D-Chicago) had the most obvious critique of the Pappas study. "You can't count full tax revenue from a project that doesn't exist, may never get financed, may get tied up in court, or may go to another state," the lead House megaprojects sponsor wrote on social media. "The real choice is not 'full taxes versus reduced taxes.' The real choice is a negotiated payment on a real project, or full taxes on an empty lot."

But that part of the Pappas report is just the usual critique of corporate subsidies and while it's not necessarily wrong, it simply refuses to accept the validity of corporate subsidies and goes for the "wow" factor to grab headlines, like this one from WTTW: "Megaprojects' Bill Would Mean a \$39M Annual Property Tax Break for Bears."

Or, as Buckner said during a radio interview, "The report largely compares the bill against a fantasy baseline, where every project magically gets built and pays full taxes forever."

To me, though, a big problem with Pappas' report is it conveniently ignores or breezes past a few very important things:

1. From the Pappas report about studies done on stadiums across the country: "Sports venues' positive economic spillovers typically were confined to a relatively small area around the venue."

But Pappas' report fails to point out that the vast majority of the 326 acres of currently vacant Arlington Heights land will be developed into a year-round entertainment district, with hotels and other stuff. None of that land will be included in the megaproject district, so whatever is built will be assessed like any other property. And those additional property taxes could be a boon to the area.

As Pappas reports, Wrigley Field's 2024 property tax bill was \$3.9 million. But more than \$10 million in property taxes were paid by "the team's various other buildings around Wrigleyville." I'm not saying the exact same thing will happen in Arlington Heights (the Pappas study estimates about \$14 million a year in payments for the Bears stadium alone), I'm just saying it could be a lot of new money and that Pappas didn't even bother to acknowledge it, even though the local governments are quite excited by this possible additional revenue stream.

2. The Pappas report asks: "Should the Illinois bill become law, one key question will remain: would the amount of property taxes the team and any other megaproject developers end up paying be enough to cover the increased costs of education and other local services made necessary by their projects?"

But the report also very briefly mentions that all local governments including school districts would have weighted votes on approving the "payment in lieu of taxes" terms and amounts. Arlington Heights schools will have half the weighted vote based on taxes

received. In most areas, school districts will have 60 percent of the weighted vote. More importantly, the legislation protects school district budgets from unforeseen expenses.

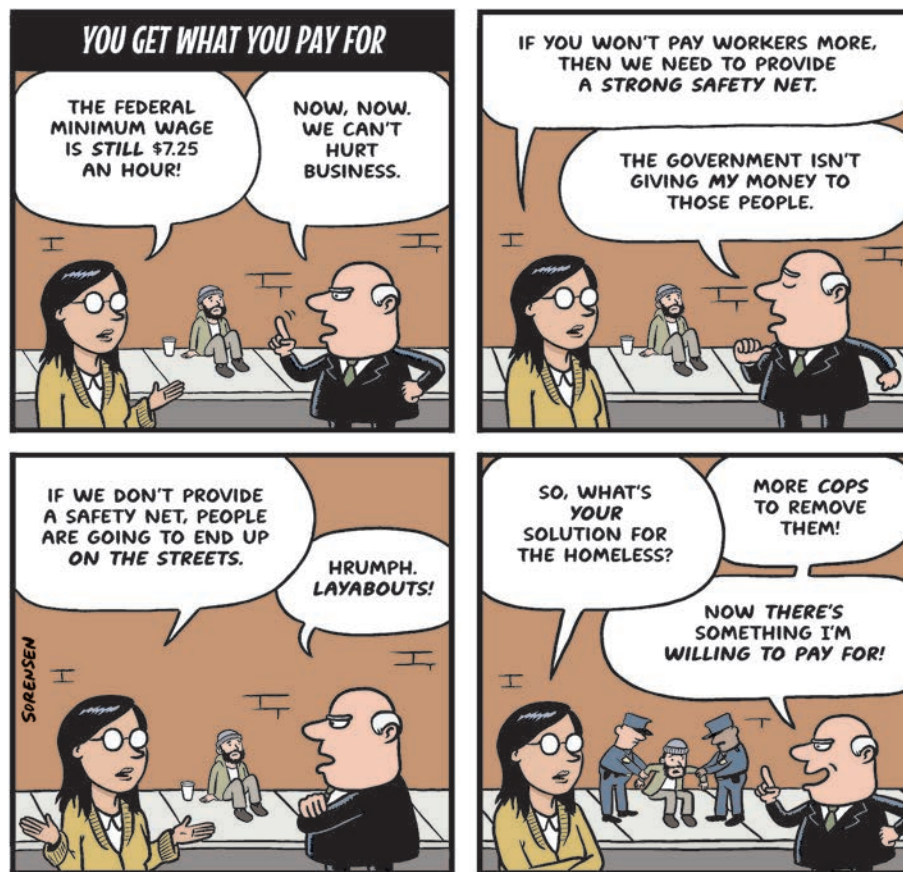
The state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is also involved in the approval process, and all the other legal hoops that companies must clear probably lessens the likelihood of a "Monorail!" scam.

3. The report basically advocates for letting Indiana build the new stadium complex. Hammond is closer to Soldier Field than Arlington Heights, the study points out. That's apples to oranges because one could argue that the team's season-ticket holders live closer to Arlington Heights than Hammond.

The Indiana deal is obviously bad for their taxpayers, so Pappas suggests letting them pay for it if they're gonna be so gullible.

But that seems more like advocacy than an actual study. And it ignores what a huge national spotlight on a very prominent Illinois entity moving across the border could trigger. If the Bears can do it, why not others?

Again, I rarely go to Bears games so I really don't care where they play. But I don't claim my personal opinion is data. □



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National parks crisis hits home

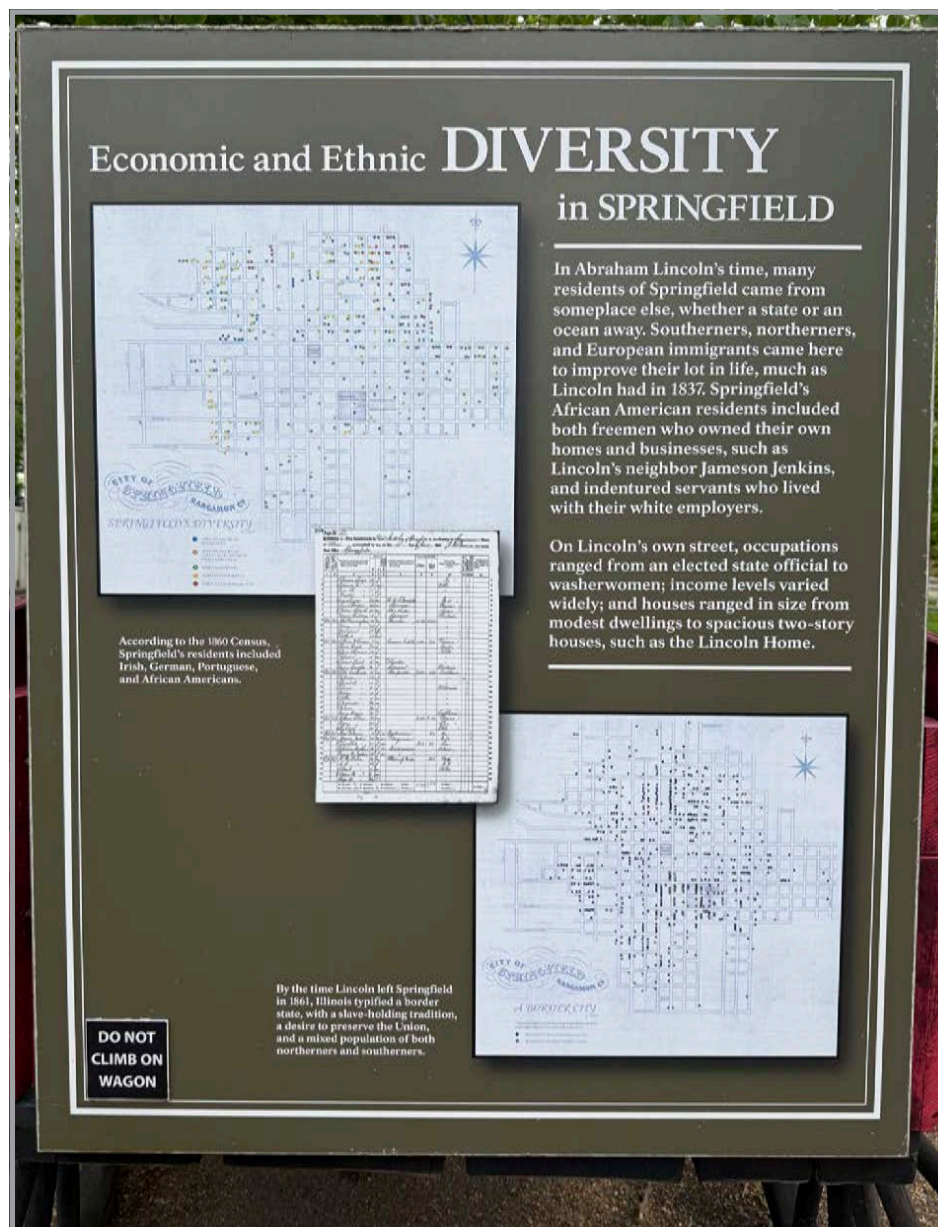
NATIONAL PARKS | Tara McClellan McAndrew

National parks are facing a triple whammy – underfunding, reduced staffing, and what some call unprecedented federal oversight. Central Illinois is home to three National Park Service (NPS) sites, including the Lincoln Home, and they've been affected, too. While effects vary by park, across the nation they include altered history, fearful staff, reduced hours and park safety and upkeep challenges. The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks and the National Park Conservation Association (NPCA) call the situation a "crisis."

In 2025, parks had 323 million visits. Twenty-six set "new visitation records," according to the NPS website. If you're visiting parks this summer, "be prepared for traffic, crowds and unpredictability," says the NPCA. Call ahead to check the situation and see if the park still has a reservations system, advises Emily Thompson, executive director of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks. Overcrowding at Yosemite National Park Memorial Day weekend was "like Disneyland" with "insane" waits for shuttle service, reported Fox News on May 26.

Since January 2025, "employee terminations, forced retirements, resignations and buyouts" as well as budget cuts have decreased NPS staff by 25%, says Thompson. Her organization is an advocacy group of 5,000 former, current and retired NPS workers and volunteers. While the parks were underfunded and understaffed before, she says, the situation has worsened. "There are less employees for visitors to talk to, less tours and less staff to work the front gate." Employees tell her they're concerned about having enough staff for "search and rescue" missions and that overcrowding will "impact the ability of emergency vehicles to get where they need to go."

Central Illinois' NPS sites are: the Lincoln Home and two new sites being developed – the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument near Ninth and Madison streets and the New Philadelphia National Historic Site, east of Barry. (The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is not an NPS site.) Tourists visited the Lincoln Home nearly 123,500 times last year, according to



This "Diversity" sign on a wagon in the Lincoln Home neighborhood has been flagged for federal review, according to a watchdog website keeping track of the effects of new federal oversight on national parks. TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW

nps.gov.

Once fully established as parks, which can normally take 10 years, the two new sites could increase tourism here. But there's concern that reduced funding and increased oversight may impede or even risk the new

parks' development. Area NPS sites and staff have been adversely affected already.

Multiple attempts to get reactions, confirmation and information for this article from the superintendent of this area's three local NPS sites and other current NPS staff

were unsuccessful. Staff must now refer reporters to the NPS Communications Office in Washington, D.C., which can only be reached through a generic email; it has no publicly available phone number. The D.C. office did not respond to three emails. A staffer with a satellite office responded to one question about changes at the Lincoln Home and asked to be identified as a "National Park Service spokesperson."

Information for this article came from park advocacy groups, federal government websites and employee publications, former NPS employees, historians who've worked with central Illinois' parks and various media.

Reduced funding

Congress cut the NPS budget 6% for the current fiscal year, instead of the 30% President Donald Trump proposed. The whole park system has a nearly \$23 billion backlog of delayed maintenance; the Lincoln Home had \$3.8 million worth of deferred maintenance and repairs as of a year ago, according to the NPS website.

Unlike some parks, a July 2025 NPS Staffing Impact Data report said the Lincoln Home had no impacts from staffing issues. However, the superintendent is now overseeing the 1908 Race Riot and New Philadelphia sites as well.

For the 2027 fiscal year, which begins in October, Trump has proposed cutting the NPS budget 32%. According to the 2027 Budget Justifications for the Department of the Interior, which oversees America's parks, historic and cultural sites, "This budget supports the Administration's priority of maintaining our parks' key assets and reducing deferred maintenance across the park system...by streamlining burdensome administrative processes, while maintaining core operations such as law enforcement and safety, visitor services and facility operations and maintenance."

Restoring truth and sanity

On March 27, 2025, Trump issued an Executive Order titled "Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History." The purpose is to "combat corrosive, factually baseless

ideology” at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo, federal parks, monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties in order to “reestablish truth in the historical narrative” and ensure that “American history is celebrated accurately, fairly and with pride,” the order states. “The prior administration pushed a divisive ideology that reconstrued America’s promotion of liberty as fundamentally flawed, infecting revered institutions like the Smithsonian and national parks with false narratives.”

Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum mandated that feds review natural and historic resources for any “false construction of American history, false minimization of the value of certain historical events or figures, or improper partisan ideology,” in a May 20, 2025, Secretarial Order. They will look for content that “disparages Americans past or living” instead of “focusing on the greatness of the achievements and progress of the American people.”

Signs about African Americans, slavery, women, LGBTQ and indigenous people, and climate science have been removed from some parks as a result. At Grand Teton National Park, a sign about a U.S. military officer’s role in a Native American massacre was taken down, according to 2026 reports from CNN and Montana local media. At Acadia National Park, signs about indigenous people and climate change were removed, according to Alan Spears, a historian and government liaison with the NPCA, the advocacy group for national parks. “The word transgender has been scrubbed from the National Park Service websites,” he says. On New York’s Stonewall National Monument website, a landmark for the LGBTQ rights movement, the acronym LGBTQ has been changed to LGB.

The website missingparkhistory.org has a national map marking parks where signs have been deleted or targeted for federal review. It’s operated by Save Our Signs – a group of volunteers, including at least one Springfieldian who wants to remain anonymous. The website also archived parks’ websites as they were before the Restoring Truth and Sanity orders.

National parks materials are researched and written by historians with NPS, one of America’s largest employers of historians, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. “Federal law already mandates the National Park Service be nonpartisan. It’s not allowed to take political stands, it’s very clear,” says Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield associate professor of history. “(The federal oversight) initiative is unprecedented.”

“There’s a great deal of pressure coming down from the administration to make sure park staff are aligning themselves with the president and his policy,” says Spears. Thompson agrees: “There’s a real culture of

fear among NPS employees right now – fear of retribution and fear of losing your job.” Spears says they won’t even talk to him as an advocacy group rep anymore.

Park staff who interpret a site’s history are especially worried, he adds. Those on Civil War battlefields may feel concerned saying the “truth that African American and African slavery were the root causes of the Civil War, for fear that somebody might take it the wrong way” and report it.

Trump’s initiative requires all national parks to have a QR code and directions advising visitors to submit comments through it if they find “any signs or other information that are negative about either past or living Americans or that fail to emphasize the beauty, grandeur and abundance of landscapes and other natural features,” according to the interior secretary’s order.

“The signs are asking people to contradict crucial scientific and historical facts that have been vetted for accuracy by experts at the National Park Service,” said NPCA President and CEO Theresa Pierno on the NPCA website.

“I need to make this clear – they’re not having these signs removed because they are inaccurate,” Spears says. “There isn’t anybody questioning the validity or the interpretation being offered by the NPS. They’re taking it down because they think it might make somebody feel uncomfortable. And that’s unacceptable.”

A year ago, the June 18 *Government Executive*, an online magazine for “high-ranking civilian and military officials who are responsible for defending the nation and carrying out the laws,” reported that days after the QR codes were up, the public’s comments only “implored the administration not to erase U.S. history and praised agency staff for improving their experiences.”

On May 28, the Sierra Club released a motherlode – 35,000 largely positive comments that visitors submitted at national parks. The Department of the Interior provided them because of the Sierra Club’s continuing lawsuit over the Restoring Truth and Sanity orders. Some comments, like one submitted at the Lincoln Home, disparaged interior secretary Burgum. Others praised the parks and park employees, asked that more be hired and called for needed repairs such as addressing dirty bathrooms, long lines and unmaintained campgrounds.

Many comments were similar to these: “Park rangers and volunteers go above and beyond to tell America’s full history,” “The sign with this QR code is un-American,” and “I protest in the strongest terms these new Trump-era signs trying to whitewash American history.”

The 2025 Restoring Truth and Sanity federal orders move us “backwards,” says Brian Mitchell, a historian and University of Illinois Springfield Lincoln Studies Center research fellow. “Even though we know all

this stuff (in history) happened, let’s pretend it didn’t happen...and we’ll go back to these old interpretations that said everything was hunky dory and we all got along.”

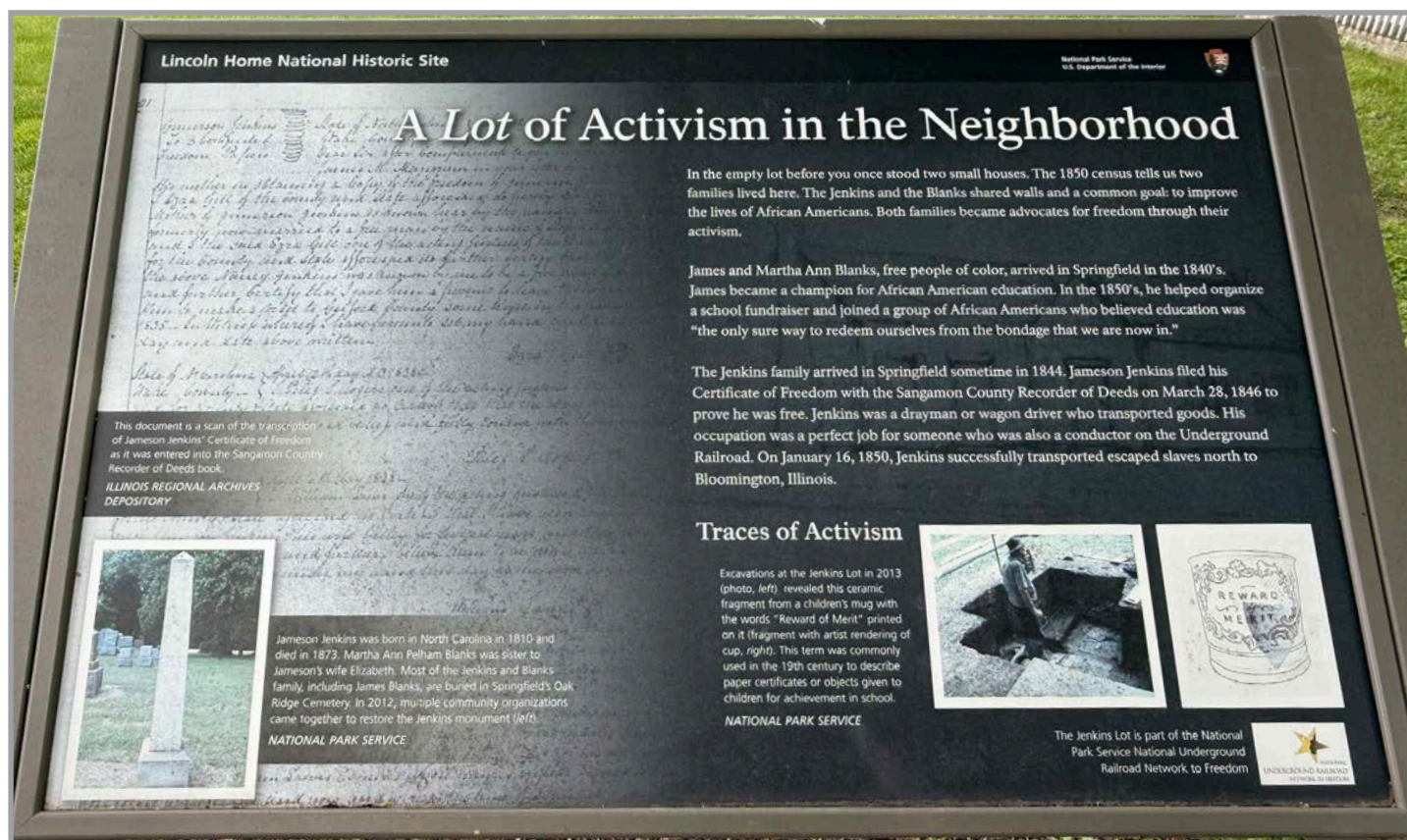
“It’s healthy to talk about complicated and traumatic events in our history, if done properly,” says Hunter. “I think it’s harmful the more you repress and deny investigating some of those things.”

These historians describe history as “a tool” that should be used to help us understand the successes and mistakes our society has made so we can do better in the future. To do that, they say, we must look fully at our past, warts and all.

Lincoln Home

“The rangers and their supervisors at Lincoln Home are now extremely limited in the conversations and activities they can take part in,” says Mitchell. “I’ve been at meetings with them and they’ve said, ‘We can’t participate in that upcoming meeting,’ in public discussions they think will dabble into the discussions of race and violence.” Hunter says he’s observed the same thing.

The Lincoln Home’s website has also been affected. While national parks used to control their own websites, the federal government now controls them and makes sure they meet the president’s standards, according to a May 1, 2026, article by Politico’s E&E News. According to missingparkhistory.org, the Lincoln Home website used to have



This sign about the Lincolns’ African American neighbors who helped enslaved people seeking freedom is also flagged for federal review, according to missingparkhistory.org. TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW

information about “efforts to conserve the natural world, preserve wilderness and control pollution,” but that was removed after January 2025.

When asked about the federal oversight’s effects on parks and if signs had been changed at the Lincoln Home, an NPS spokesperson said: “The Department of the Interior is implementing Secretary’s Order 3431, which carries out President Donald J. Trump’s Executive Order on ‘Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History.’ The President has directed federal agencies to review interpretive materials to ensure accuracy, honesty and alignment with shared national values. No material has been removed or altered at this site.”

Two signs in the Lincoln Home neighborhood have been “flagged for review” by the federal government, according to missingparkhistory.org. One describes the “diversity” of Lincoln’s neighborhood, including the “indentured servants who lived with their white employers.” The other describes two African American families on the street who helped people escaping enslavement.

While the Lincoln Home used to present programs on topics including Lincoln’s varied neighbors, a ranger answering the public phone number confirmed that the only presentations it will have this summer will be the annual History Comes Alive summer programming coordinated by the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer says Lincoln’s neighbors are “an integral part of the Lincoln saga. The years spent creating the

Lincoln neighborhood and making that street so authentic (to its appearance in 1860) ... broaden the story to Lincoln’s community, to the relationship between white and black neighbors, wealthy and poor neighbors, professionals and people like Billy Fleurville, his barber. That should still be part of an interpretation. Anything less relegates the Lincoln Home to the status of an old curiosity shop.”

The Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument

In 2024, the site where five African American homes were burned during the Springfield 1908 race riot became a national monument, but it will take about 10 years to fully develop. The riot led to the creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The only indication of the site is a sign on the southeast end of HSHS St. John’s Hospital Women and Children’s Clinic parking lot, next to Madison Street.

“I’m concerned about the 1908 Monument’s national park status,” says Mitchell. “We don’t know what will be next ... when you look at the erasure going on at other sites you can’t help but be a little concerned. I know others who have concerns about many national parks that have diverse histories and other local people who are concerned about the future of the 1908 Monument.”

Michael Ward was the NPS deputy regional director for the Midwest and helped the 1908 and New Philadelphia areas become NPS sites. He retired from the Park Service

last July after beginning his career at the Lincoln Home in 1983 and keeps in touch with current NPS employees from various areas. He agrees that the federal Restoring Truth and Sanity orders could risk the 1908 Monument’s development. However, “right now there isn’t something (at the Monument site) for the federal government to focus on yet; there’s no museum or exhibit,” Ward says.

The monument is significant for several reasons, says Holzer. “The 1908 riot was a natural outgrowth of the Lincoln story. He created more opportunity for people of color in this country, and the riot struck at the conscience of white America in the North as well as the South. It was Lincoln who twice said the North had been too complicit in southern slavery. (The monument) is especially important since the riot occurred in Lincoln’s hometown and inspired the creation of the NAACP.”

New Philadelphia National Historic Site

Not to be confused with the current town of New Philadelphia, the New Philadelphia National Historic Site was the first town in America legally registered by an African American. Free Frank McWorter, a formerly enslaved man who bought freedom for himself, his wife and his son, established New Philadelphia in 1836 and sold lots to buy freedom for more family members, according to Kaye Iftner, president of the New Philadelphia Association. It’s a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and promoting the site. At its height, New Philadelphia had 100 multi-racial residents, then it declined and became farmland. The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2022.

The New Philadelphia Association has placed a kiosk, signs and walking trail that uses a virtual reality app there. According to missingparkhistory.org, the site’s “interpretive materials” have been flagged for review. Like the Race Riot Monument, it will take years before the NPS fully develops the site. The federal government’s oversight orders have “greatly slowed” that timeline, Iftner says.

Every new park has always had to create foundation documents that outline its mission and significance. These were completed for New Philadelphia around the time the Restoring Truth and Sanity orders were released, so “then NPS had to re-review everything to see how it would or wouldn’t fit with the orders,” according to Iftner. “It has to be reviewed at a bunch of different levels at the NPS.” A year later, she says they are still waiting for a response about the documents.

Spears, with the NPCA, says he’s not concerned about smaller park sites being dismantled, but worries they could be hurt by “deliberate withholding of funding and staff.” He says a key sign is if the 1908 Monument and New Philadelphia Site receive funding in

the NPS’s 2027 fiscal year.

Ward doubts that will happen. When he retired last July, the 1908 Monument didn’t have a budget from NPS, he says.

“I don’t know that any new park in the system will get funded,” he said, due to limited monies and staff across the national park system. “There’s very little capacity to focus on anything other than operations and whatever is being asked of park staff by the federal administration.”

Park advocates, historians’ groups, legal scholars and local governments are among those fighting the situation at national parks. Some have filed lawsuits to have deleted materials restored, with varying success. Democratic U.S. Reps. Sharice Davids and Dan Goldman introduced the Truth in National Parks Act. It would prevent the secretary of the interior from removing materials that are “historically and culturally accurate” and require that “historically and culturally accurate interpretive or educational materials removed, obscured or edited after January 20, 2025” be “replaced or restored,” according to congress.gov.

Local historic programming “inclusive, honest”

Meanwhile, annual History Comes Alive programs at historic sites in Springfield this summer are committed to “highlighting people whose contributions haven’t always been centered” in an “honest, inclusive and engaging way,” according to a Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) press release.

Darrin Thurman, SCVB tourism manager, says our country’s anniversary inspired organizers to look at history with a wider lens. “Springfield will always attract visitors who come to explore the life and legacy of Lincoln, and that will always be central to who we are. But when visitors can see a broader range of experiences, from well-known leaders to everyday residents, it deepens their understanding of what America has been and who helped build it.”

Among standard offerings such as the Lincoln Tomb flag lowering ceremony and Abraham and Mary Lincoln “meet and greets” at the Lincoln Home, new presentations include one about African American William H. Butler, a caretaker at the Old State Capitol in the mid-1800s.

“He used that proximity to state leaders to support the causes he was involved in – Friends to Humanity, the Colored Baptist Association and the Colored Citizens of Illinois,” says Thurman.

To learn more, visit: <https://visitspringfieldillinois.com/Landing/HistoryComesAlive.aspx>. □



The only thing at the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument is a sign. It became part of the National Park Service in 2024. Some Springfieldians are concerned its development is at risk. TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW

ESSAY CONTEST

3 Hot Days in August

The Aftermath of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot



The 1908 Race Riot Committee invites students to reflect on the legacy of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot through writing, research, and personal perspective.

ESSAY THEME

"The Aftermath"

Explore the aftermath of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot and discuss why remembering difficult history matters today.

Submission Guidelines



CONTEST DETAILS



Submission Deadline:
JULY 17, 2026



Essay Length:
2-3 typed, double-spaced pages



Eligibility:
Students entering grades
6-8 and 9-12



Winners:
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd,
and 3rd place essays.

Canned goods for the summer

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

The height of the summer produce season may seem like an odd time to lean on canned and jarred ingredients, however this time of year I find myself reaching often for the can opener. From flaky tuna to creamy cannellini beans and punchy olives, these pantry staples are in constant rotation in my summer kitchen and help me get fresh, interesting meals on the table with minimal actual cooking. And since these ingredients are shelf stable and require no refrigeration, they're ideal considerations when planning meals for camping or packing for a vacation rental.

Many of my favorite canned products, such as chickpeas and beans, have been staples in my kitchen for decades. Some, such as canned lentils, I turned to after reading a cookbook by chef Nancy Silverton. Known for revolutionizing the modern food landscape by introducing Americans to artisanal sourdough baking and building a celebrated group of restaurants in Los Angeles, the James Beard Award-winning chef has also authored more than 10 cookbooks, including *A Twist of the Wrist: Quick, Flavorful Meals with Ingredients from jars, cans, bags and boxes*. The book features dishes based on a wide array of pantry ingredients from everyday canned beans and pickled jalapenos to more cosmopolitan ingredients such as harissa, a vibrant, North African chili paste. When the book was written in 2007 some of the specialty ingredients could only be sourced by mail order. However, today ingredients such as tahini (Middle Eastern sesame seed paste) and Spanish piquillo peppers are available in many big box grocery stores. □

Lentil salad with greens and Castelvetrano olives

This summery favorite uses up veggies from the garden while providing a hearty dose of protein and fiber. It is an excellent light meal on its own or a side dish with grilled salmon.

Ingredients:

2 cans lentils, rinsed and drained
2 cups baby spinach or julienned kale
2 carrots, coarsely grated
1 cup Castelvetrano olives
2 teaspoons whole cumin seeds
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
Zest and juice of one lemon
½ cup olive oil
½ cup crumbled feta
½ cup toasted almonds
¼ cup each parsley and mint
Salt, red pepper flakes and ground black pepper, to taste

Combine the lentils, grated carrot and greens in a mixing bowl. Smash the olives with the back of the knife to remove the pits, then tear the olives into large pieces and add to the bowl with the lentils.

Toast the cumin seeds in a skillet over the stove until fragrant. Alternatively, they can be toasted on a plate in the microwave, heating at 30 second intervals until fragrant. Add the toasted seeds to a small bowl or jar along with the zest and juice of the lemon and minced garlic along with a generous pinch of salt. Whisk in the olive oil, then drizzle over the lentil mixture in the mixing bowl. Toss well, then season to taste with salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes as desired. Top with crumbled feta, almonds and herbs and serve.

Tuna stuffed piquillo peppers

Inspired by a recipe featured in Silverton's *A Twist of the Wrist* These tiny peppers come roasted, peeled and ready to stuff. A delicacy from Spain, they are more intensely flavored than conventional roasted peppers and can be stuffed with a variety of fillings for a quick summery appetizer.

Ingredients

2 4-ounce cans high quality canned solid tuna, preferably Italian
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
2 tablespoons capers, minced if large
Two tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
Grated zest and juice of one lemon
1 scallion, finely chopped (both white and green parts)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
12 jarred roasted piquillo peppers
Lettuce leaves, lemon wedges and crusty bread for serving
Quartered hard-boiled eggs for garnish, optional

Drain the tuna well, then combine it with the olive oil, capers, parsley, lemon zest and juice, scallions, salt and pepper to taste in a medium bowl and mix thoroughly to combine. Add more or less olive oil as needed (water-packed tuna will use more oil than oil-packed tuna). There should be enough so that not all the oil is absorbed by the tuna and a slight ring of oil remains around the edges of the bowl.

Use a teaspoon to fill each pepper with the tuna mixture. Arrange the lettuce leaves on a platter and place the stuffed peppers on top. Garnish with the egg and lemon wedges and sprinkle with coarse salt. Serve at cool room temperature along with crusty bread.

“Who’s your daddy?”

Mamma Mia! kicks off the Muni season in sequined spectacle

THEATER | Courtney Wick

Since its world premiere in 1999, *Mamma Mia!* has been a continuous fixture of the theatrical landscape, drawing crowds with its timeless 70s soundtrack. Co-directors Morgan Kaplan and Andrew Maynerich are on their second go-round of this iconic, disco fever show after having directed it previously at Sacred-Heart Griffin High School.

“We wanted to take it to the next level, and we have some very large surprises for the audience,” Maynerich said.

Surprises indeed – their take on this pop-culture phenomenon is glittering, cheeky and perfectly camp. The set is stunning, truly one of the most beautiful to don the Muni stage, created by first-time set designer and assistant director Stacy Kolaz. Damien Kaplan’s masterful vocal and music direction is apparent in the chorus’ tight harmonies, and Cindy Wall’s costumes are brilliantly over-the-top impeccable.

It’s a show that doesn’t take itself too seriously, and neither should the audience. From a troupe of hilarious dancing scuba men to rhinestone leisure suits, this production boogie-belts summertime fun.

Mary Kate Smith shines as Donna, a fiercely independent single mom whose world is turned upside down on the eve of her young daughter Sophie’s wedding to Sky. Matt Woodson’s Sky is the epitome of a 20-something aloof man-child, and Sophie (played and sung beautifully by Meredith Crifasi) spends the week leading up to her wedding like all brides do – reading her mother’s decades-old sex diaries. Discovering her father could be one of three different men, Sophie secretly invites them to the Greek island to suss out the truth. Donna must have been a dynamo back in her day, as all three men promptly hop a plane to an unknown wedding just for a chance to see her again – get it, girl.

Donna isn’t exactly thrilled to see past flings Harry and Bill (delightfully portrayed by Jerry Hicks and Jimmy Tapocik, respectively). Harry appears significantly more mature than the rest of the lineup and shows up with a fat check, leaving us to wonder if Donna briefly dabbled as a gold-digger. The arrival of Sam, the hunky architect, is a different story. Gavin Gardner plays Sam with an almost too-convincing smarmy charm, and upon his entrance, Donna wraps her leg around him like a stripper pole, grabs his shirt so hard his button pops, then spends



Amanda Otto, top center, as Tanya surrounded by the female ensemble. PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

the rest of the show yelling at him. Ah, true love. Fortunately, Donna has a support system in her similarly unhinged besties, Rosie and Tanya, sweetly brought to life by Alicia Huntley and Amanda Otto.

“The show is full of nostalgia, and you don’t have to think super hard,” Kaplan said. It is always suggested one doesn’t think too hard when patroning a jukebox musical. The plots are full of holes and questionable relationships, but *Mamma Mia!* manages a heartfelt mother-daughter story nestled inside its Spotify shuffle of Abba songs – one that plays out emotionally onstage and off.

Smith’s daughter, Stella Smith, who performs in the show’s pit chorus, played Donna in the most recent Porta High School production clad in the same costume as her mother on the Muni stage.

“I’m very proud of my mom; it’s nice to have her follow me in a role, and I love watching her – she fills the whole

environment with her beautiful voice,” Stella said. Gardner’s son also performs in the show’s chorus, and Mary Kate attributes multiple families coming together in this production to the Kaplan/Maynerich directorial team.

“From day one, the process has been safe, kind and inclusive. Our kids are in these shows; that’s what’s most important to me,” Smith said.

While *Mamma Mia!* boasts powerful performances, it still creates the joyful illusion that one could leap onstage, start singing and fit right in. The show’s catchy energy and quirky choreography are enough to make even the most cynical theatergoer smile.

That infectious zeal extends all the way through the company. The ensemble gives its all, anchored by standouts Luke Busboom and Sierra Dove.

“This is a show where you can sing along, have fun and get up and dance in the aisles,” Busboom said. Positioned front-and-center,

this duo maximizes every dance number doing the absolute most, and they appear to have such a blast doing it, audiences will find it difficult not to join in.

Mamma Mia! at Muni delivers a bright, feel-good evening of theater with hummable tunes. □

Mamma Mia! continues its run at the Springfield Muni May 29-31 and June 3-6. Performances start at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are available at TheMuni.org or at The Muni box-office beginning 90 minutes before each performance.

MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

Thursday Jun 4

Randy Erwin

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm,

Karaoke Night with DJ Nattie Beats

Benderz, Auburn, 8pm

Open mic with Bob the Brewer
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7:30-10pm

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

Rod Grant

Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, Springfield, 6-8pm

JCB Entertainment Karaoke

La Fiesta Chatham, Chatham, 6-10pm

Tom & Geoff

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

Karaoke

The Railyard, 6-8pm.

Open mic with Silas Tockey

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

First Thursday Music Series

Stella Coffee & Tea, 11am-12:30pm

Kortney and friends open mic

The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Karaoke

The Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

Friday Jun 5

Randy Erwin

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm,

Toxic Johnny

AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8pm

Phil Hamilton Band with Chris Welch

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Chris Camp and John Drake

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

Mississippi Leghound

Brookhills Golf Club, 7-10pm

Hunter Sharp and The Flats

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Contest - Mic Drop Showdown

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11:30pm

First Friday

Butternut Hut, 4pm.

West End Boogie Project

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

Marty Ryan

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6-8pm

Grateful Dub

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Always Jovi

The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke with Hi-Tek Redneck Entertainment

Dockers Tavern, Spaulding, 8:30pm-12:30am.

Not Petty

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Public Opinion, Squint, Sunbloc, No Guard, Discern

Dumb Records, 7pm

Local Drags

George Rank's, 7pm

Nick Park

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Hunter Kivlehan

LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and June 6, 7-10:30pm

Michael Burnett and Suns of Circumstance with special guest Debbie Ross

Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:15pm

Karaoke

The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Ocean State Quartet

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Karaoke

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

Mandy Rose

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night

Shepp's Bar and Grill, New Berlin, 8:30pm

LowPhatt

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Brandy Kristin Band

The Shed, Pawnee, 7-11pm

Positively 4th Street

Trading Post Saloon, 6-8:30pm

Saturday Jun 6

Randy Erwin

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm,

Karaoke

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

Double H Karaoke

American Legion Post 32, 7-11pm

Curt Smith

Anchor Boat Club, 3-6pm

Down State

Anchor Boat Club, 7-10pm

Positively 4th Street

Bloom Wine Bar & Florals, 7-9pm

Debbie Ross Band

Boone's, 6pm

Patrick Thomas

Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 6-9pm

Sugar Davis Band

Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Wowie Zowie

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

Matt Mifflin

Copper and Oak, Lincoln,

Grant Barnett

Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 6-9pm

Timothy Duggan

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

ALICE BAG BAND, Clickbait, Macroplastics, Petrikhor

Dumb Records, 7pm

After School Special

Edmo's, Edinburg, 3pm

Billy Galt

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

DangerU.S., The Down Bads, The Woodchips, Short Notice

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 5:30pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Mississippi Leghound

Lincoln American Legion Logan Post 263, Lincoln, 5-9pm

Ron DeMichiel

Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 5:30-7:30pm

Storm Front

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7pm

Matt Combs

Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 4:30-7:30pm

Larry Watson

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

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Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas

Navy Club of Sangamon Ship 32, 5pm

Renegade Karaoke

Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-1am

MKDZ

Petersburg Square, 10am-12:30pm

Devin Clemons Band

Petersburg Square, 1pm-4pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous

Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

John Drake

The Railyard, 6-9pm

Ole Stogie Band, Dan Wilson and Friends

Riverton Knights of Columbus, Riverton, 11am-6pm

Hat Trick

Rocco's, Decatur, 7-11pm

Karaoke

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

Whitehorse - A Chris Stapleton Tribute

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 8:30pm

The LeiAbouts

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

Around The Bend

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

UNCHAINED, The Warped Kids, Freddy Vs., Atlas on Fire, Los Injectors, LowPhatt, Black Book

The Blue Grouch, 2-10:30pm

Midwest Revival

The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Rezzin8

The Tippy Toad, 7-10pm

Robert Sampson

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Ward Davis

Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 6pm

Enamel with Fivefold and Cabretta

Weebles Bar & Grill, 6pm

Hippies of the Heartland

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckinridge, 6pm-9pm

Sunday Jun 7

Positively 4th Street

Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Sam "Corn Fish" McKinnies

Butternut Hut, 2-5pm

Micah Walk

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

The Guilty Boys

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Open Blues Jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Hunan Restaurant, 5-8pm

MKDZ

It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

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

Hippies of the Heartland

Patriots Pub, Waverly, 2pm

Mandy Rose

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Deuce 'n a Quarter

Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Afternoon Delight

Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Colt Ball

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckinridge, 1pm-4pm

Monday Jun 8

Robert Sampson

The Alamo, 7pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Music Mondays Open Mic Night

The Bird Tavern, 6:30-9pm.

Tuesday Jun 9

Randy Erwin

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm and June 10, 10am-4pm

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood

Fluid Lounge, 7pm

Allan Harris

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam with Living Bratz

George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke

Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

Karaoke with Suzi

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

Open Mic with Thomas J Beverly

Trading Post Saloon, 6-9pm

Wed. Jun 10

Randy Erwin

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Butter Jam Wednesday

Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke

Clique, 9pm-1am

Wasted Wednesday Karaoke

Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 9pm

Robert Sampson

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-8pm

Al Kitchen

Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-8pm

Open Jam

Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

Midweek Music Meetup open mic with Tom Irwin

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors

Lake Press Club, 6-9pm

Dave Littrell

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Pity Thy Neighbors

Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm



We Are Warped Festival | Sat., June 6, 2-10:30 p.m. | The Blue Grouch
217-527-8395

LIVE MUSIC | **Hear seven bands and help the APL, too**

it OK, music fans, here's your chance to see seven bands in one place this weekend – this festival featuring pop punk, emo, funk and rock at The Blue Grouch. Hosted by The Warped Kids, the event is a tribute to the Warped Tour. On the schedule are Black Book, 3 p.m.; LowPhatt, 4 p.m.; Los Injectors, 5 p.m.; Atlas on Fire, 6 p.m.; Freddy VS, 7 p.m.; The Warped Kids, 8 p.m.; and UNCHAI NED, 9pm. The event also features the Party for the Pups Fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Animal Protective League. Cost to get in is just \$10.

Special Music Events

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

The Art of Jazz - New Summer Schedule

Tue., June 9, 6-8pm. The Art of Jazz has moved to 6-8pm the second Tuesday of the month for the summer. This month's artist is the Jason Brewer Quartet. The Art of Jazz is curated by Mac Beckman. \$10 donation at door. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903, 217-691-5097.

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.

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.

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.

Theater & Comedy

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. \$25. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Mamma Mia!

Thu., June 4, 8:30pm, Fri., June 5, 8:30pm and Sat., June 6, 8:30pm. *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. Rated PG-13. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

Spoken Word

Equal Daughters, Equal Sons featuring Springfield poets and writers
Wed., June 10, 6pm. Springfield poets and writers will put on a special one-night performance for the public, reading original work about what America means to them. All ages welcome. Material is politically wide open and might contain complicated and controversial topics. Part of nationwide festivities for America's 250th birthday. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St.,

217-523-2631.

Dance

Salsa Lessons & DJ Dance Party

Fri., June 5, 7:30-11pm. Learn and love salsa dancing with D.J. Eduardo and his wife, Beverly. The first hour is instruction and then guests are invited to stay for a social dance party. Basic lessons include salsa, merengue, bachata and chacha dance styles. 6:30-7:30pm arrival suggested, wine tasting and check-in Schedule: 7:30-8:30pm, lessons; 8:30-11pm, salsa dance social open dancing. \$10. Mackinaw Winery, Mackinaw, 33633 State Rt 9, 309-359-9463.

Art & Architecture

"Metamorphing" featuring Bernie White Hatcher
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through July 29. See this exhibit featuring free and expressive abstractions reflecting an expanded definition of "landscape" that embraces not just physical terrain but broader, more conceptual and emotional interpretations of place. Runs through July 29. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

"Walking the In-Between" featuring Soyoung Jung

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Through July 29. The Underground gallery at the SAA Collective presents watercolor and dry pigment artwork by Soyoung Jung. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Attention to Detail: Dana-Thomas House

Sat., June 6, 10am-12pm. Expert volunteer Frank Marchant will lead participants on this in-depth tour of the Dana-Thomas House. The tour, twice as long as a general tour, includes entering rooms that are not seen on other tours. This tour is recommended for teens and adults with an interest in Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and guests who have toured the house before. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Capitol Creations at the Old State Capitol

Saturdays, 1-3pm. Through June 20. Join other artists at the Old State Capitol for patriotic-inspired painting projects and creative afternoons. Projects range from \$35-\$45 depending on design and surface. All supplies are included. Payment is required to reserve a seat. \$35-\$45. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Dual Opening Art Receptions

Fri., June 5, 5:30-7:30pm. Celebrate the opening of featured shows: "Metamorphing," featuring Bernie White Hatcher, and the Underground's newest exhibit, "Walking the In-Between," featuring Soyoung Jung. Plus, enjoy all new artwork by the SAA's juried artists. Refreshments will be served. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society 2026 Artist Showcase

June 4-July 31. See the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society's 2026 Artist Showcase from June 4 to July 31. A free artists' reception is planned from 5:30-7:30 pm June 12 with complimentary refreshments and music by Jaigh Lowder. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Opening Reception: A 50 Year Celebration of the Prairie Weavers Guild

Fri., June 5, 5:30-7:30pm. Attend the opening of this art exhibit featuring the Prairie Weavers Guild. Celebrating 50 years since the beginning of the group, formerly known as the Fiber Guild, current members showcase their works displaying various weaving techniques across several different textiles. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Film & Television

The Sheep Detectives, Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu
Thu., June 4, 8:40, 10:45pm. On Screen 1. *The Sheep Detectives* is rated PG while *Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu* is rated PG-13. \$10, \$6 children 4-12. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

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.

Fairs & Festivals

2026 Sangamon County Fair
Wed., June 10. 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.

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. quadcitycon.com. Crownne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-529-7777.

Local Government

Sangamon County Board
Tue., June 9, 6pm. Monthly meeting of the Sangamon County Board. Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., 217-753-6650.

Springfield City Council Committee of the Whole

Tue., June 9, 5:30-9pm. The Committee of the Whole meets twice a month at 5:30pm on Tuesdays. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2151.

Sports

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Burlington Bees

Wed., June 10, 6:30pm. Prospect League baseball action. It's Ladies Night at the stadium. shoesbaseball.com. \$10-\$12, ladies free. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Kokomo Creek Chubs

Sat., June 6, 6:30pm and Sun., June 7, 5pm. Two-day homestand. Saturday is Home & Garden Night and grab a pair of LED Rally Towels. Stick around after the game for fireworks! Sunday is "6 ... 7 Night" and tickets are only \$6.70. shoesbaseball.com. Saturday \$10-\$12, Sunday \$6.70. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

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.

Children's Corner

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.

MUSIC



Mississippi Leghound plays Brookhills Golf Club with special guest Bad Bill Robinson this Friday night.

In tune with June

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Let's take a walk (don't run) through our upcoming entertainment adventures for this week in the capital city. It's time to stop and smell the roses as we enjoy all the enticing excitement available for partaking if you make the choice to participate. So off we go to see what's out there.

Thursdays are on the move this summer, helped along by a well-placed nudge from the weekly Levitt AMP concert series held downtown at the Y-block in front of the Governor's Mansion. In case you've been hiding under a rock or had your head stuck in the sand, this Levitt AMP thing is pretty cool. Basically, a "small to mid-sized" town or city needs to apply to the Levitt family foundation asking to receive a matching grant to book live music into a community on a regular basis. Jacksonville was the first municipality in our area to achieve this goal several years ago. They no longer work with the Levitt AMP folks, but continue to carry on weekly live music concerts during the summer months. Let's highly encourage our hometown in that direction as well, but for now we have the next two months booked with touring headlining acts supplied by Levitt AMP and supported (mostly) by local groups every Thursday evening, along with a maker's row, food trucks and a different "kid's kickoff event" each night. This week features Anita Michelle Jackson performing "her brand of jazz" with Butter opening the show.

Other Thursday musical activities include Rod Grant going solo on the Casey's Pub patio and Tom & Geoff doing a duo at Mother Road Diner, plus several karaoke nights and a couple of open mics. We also have some big-time concerts like Aaron Lewis and the Stateliners with local support from Josh Holland Band at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds in Carlinville and Rick Ross,

Waka Flocka Flame, Fletchy and DJ Cliffy D at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheatre in Decatur.

Moving on to the official weekend, Friday brings us a delightful collection of area musicians playing at an assortment of our established venues. To name a few highlights, Long Bridge Golf Course just north of the airport on Illinois Rt. 29 gives us the return of Michael Burnett and the Suns of Circumstance with a very special appearance by the one and only Debbie Ross on vocals, just as our other golf course venue, Brookhills Golf Club on Old Jacksonville Road, delivers Mississippi Leghound with a very special appearance by another one and only, Mr. Bad Bill Robinson, on harmonica.

Saturday comes roaring in with the glorious Debbie Ross Band in Boone's music garden, while Short Notice, The Woodchips, the Down Bads and DangerU.S. make a four-band splash in the outdoor area at The Library Pizza & Sports Bar (formerly Crow's Mill Pub) as the Blue Grouch hosts the We are Warped Festival with seven bands, including UNCHAINED, The Warped Kids, Freddy Vs., Atlas on Fire, Los Injectors, Low Phatt and Black Book. At the north end of town on Peoria Road, the Stadium has Whitehorse (a Chris Stapleton tribute band), while Weebles, in conjunction with 92.7 WQLZ-FM, presents Fivefold in a free concert that includes bands Enamel and Cabretta. Then, just down the way at the Sherman Village Park Amphitheater as part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity '26 Concert Series, check out Cody Parks & The Dirty South playing country metal with local Metallica tribute band Phantom Lordz opening the show.

And once again we leave Sunday and the rest of the week out as there's just too much to do to get it all in. Ain't we the lucky ones. See ya. □

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. ANGELA GOOCH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 25 FC 209 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLO-

SURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on July 7, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit: Common Address: 2037 N. 19TH ST.,

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
P.I.N. 14-23.0-108-003 AND 14-23.0-108-004
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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).
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff

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

Sarah M. Stack (#6291347), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JUDY A. HUSTON, Deceased. No. 2026PR200 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Judy A. Huston, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Illinois, on May 8, 2026. Chad Allen Huston, whose post office address is 1524 S. Wiggins Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, and Dana Christine Huston, whose post office address is 824 Loraine Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, were appointed co-executors of her estate on May 28, 2026. The attorneys for the co-executors are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the co-executors, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the co-executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this May 28, 2026.

Mike Southworth (ARDC #6186085)
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Diane Ohlzen, Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-209
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DIANE OHLZEN, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2026, to Rachel Cook, 716 Eastmoor Drive, Metamora, IL 61548, 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 December 8, 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 28th 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 MARCIA SPAITH PAONI, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-211 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of

MARCIA SPAITH PAONI, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on May 28th, 2026, to Susan Laron, 222 N Walnut, Apt. 20, Rochester, IL 62563 and Judith Ann Spaith a/k/a Jude Spaith, 1690 Township Road, 1400 N. Biggsville, IL 61418 as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 8th day of December 8, 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 28th day of May 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

Vs. SHANNON JARVIS, TANYA JARVIS, and MARSHALL JARVIS, et. al., Defendants.

Re: Estate of BARBARA JARVIS, Deceased.
2025-FC-231

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BARBARA JARVIS:

Notice is given of the death of Barbara Jarvis. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Barbara Jarvis, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1932 Camden St., Springfield, IL 62702.

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.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

/s/ Dan E. Way
Special Representative for
Barbara Jarvis, deceased
Dan E. Way #6204735
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC
1100 S. Fifth St.
Springfield, IL 62703
Tel. 217-525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: DONNA L. RAGSDALE, Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-140
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONNA L. RAGSDALE. Letters of Office were issued on April 22, 2026, to Tara N. Ragsdale, whose address is 41 Woodland Trail, Rochester, Illinois 62563, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. POTTER, P.C., 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1, Springfield,

Illinois 62703.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 28th day of May, 2026.

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

Estate of JOHN JAY MOHN, Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-205
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of John Jay Mohn of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 27, 2026, to Robin Mohn, 124 Augustus Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Schuyler E. Frashier, 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 December 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: May 27, 2026

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NO. 2026-PR-63 DEAN EARL WILLIAMS, Deceased.

Notice is given of the death of Dean Earl Williams of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2026 to DANA RENAE WILLIAMS as Independent Executor whose attorney is Monroe D. McWard of McWard Law Office, 107 South Washington Street, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 17, 2026, which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2026
DANA RENAE WILLIAMS,
as Independent Executor of the
Estate of DEAN EARL WILLIAMS.
By: /s/ Monroe D. McWard
Monroe D. McWard, Attorney
Monroe D. McWard
McWARD LAW OFFICE
107 South Washington Street
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE HAMILTON (a/k/a HELEN JUNE HAMILTON), DECEASED Case #2026-PR-204 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JUNE HAMILTON (a/k/a HELEN JUNE HAMILTON). Letters of Office have been issued to CAROL J. HAMILTON, 5055 Southwest Greenwood Circle, Tualatin, OR 97062, 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 December 9, 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 26th day of May, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, DECEASED. NO. 2026-PR-203 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2026, to CHRISTOPHER A. PERKINS, 203 Monarch Lane, Montreal, MO 65591. The attorney for the Independent Administrator is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 S 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from May 28, 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2026
CHRISTOPHER A. PERKINS, Independent
Administrator of the Estate of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS, Deceased
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/Anthony J. DelGiorno
Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel
Attorneys for Estate of HARRIETTE ANN LEWIS:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA JANE CALL, Deceased.

NO. 2026PR000197
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Donna Jane Call, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2026, to Karen L. Graff, 1928 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 1st day of December, 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 21st day of May, 2026.

Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GARY K NELSON, Deceased.

Case No. 2026PR000149
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of GARY K NELSON, of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 23, 2026. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 23rd day of April, A.D., 2026, to PHYLLIS L NELSON, 825 E Walnut St Apt 8, Chatham, IL 62629 as Executor of the Will of GARY K NELSON. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, 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 within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 20th day of May A.D., 2026 by PHYLLIS L NELSON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of LENA SCHERBA, Deceased.

IN PROBATE
NO. 2026PRI70
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of LENA SCHERBA, deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2026, to ALEXANDRA ETHEL SCHERBA, Executor, 200 Bourbon St., Springfield, Illinois 62707, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 200 S. 5th St., 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 20th day of May, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of:

CHARLES EDWARD ROBERTS,
Deceased.

Case No.: 2026PR000198

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Charles Edward Roberts, of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 20, 2026, to Charles Eugene Roberts, as Independent Executor, whose address is c/o his attorney of record, Barry O. Hines, 1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration, at any time, by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, 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 Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 20th day of May 2026.

Charles Eugene Roberts

Independent Executor

Barry O. Hines - 01220918

Attorney at Law

1224 Centre West Drive, Suite 200A

Springfield, IL 62704

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Email: Barry@HinesLaw.net

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the estate of:

Sandra Mae Sims, Deceased

Case No. 2026-PR-000159

Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Sandra Mae Sims Letters of Administration were issued on April 28, 2026 to April Lee Phillips as Executor, 615 S. Eighth St., Springfield IL 62703. 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. 28, 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

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MOLLIE COLLEEN CONNOR,

Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-191

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MOLLIE COLLEEN CONNOR, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on May 2, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 19th day of May, A.D., 2026, to JOHN HARVEY CONNOR, of 8 Country Club Lane, Arcola, Illinois, as Independent Administrator, 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 19th day of May, A.D., 2026.

Estate of MOLLIE COLLEN CONNOR,

Deceased,

BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart

Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.

PREPARED BY:

Pamela E. Hart (6299974)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re the Estate of:

DANNY LYNN COOK,

Deceased.

Case No.: 2026-PR-192

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DANNY LYNN COOK, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to DENISE LINDSEY REED COOK, as Independent Administrator and whose attorney of record is William D. Reid, Elmore & Reid, 808 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of issuance of Letters, and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

DENISE LINDSEY REED COOK

Independent Administrator

William D. Reid

ELMORE & REID

808 South Second Street

Springfield, IL 62704

217/523-2340

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JEAN F. NAUMOVICH, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-196

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JEAN F. NAUMOVICH. Letters of Office have been issued to PATRICIA CAROL NAUMOVICH SANCHEZ, 2328 Chesapeake Landing, 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 December 4, 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 19th day of May, 2026.

William P. Sheehan

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

MARY JANE DAVIDSON,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-195

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Mary Jane Davidson of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to Elizabeth Alta Davidson, 2004 Old Ironbridge, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber,

Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 26, 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 19th day of May, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

LISA ANN PARKS,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-194

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lisa Ann Parks of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2026, to Connie L. Small, 6910 Brown Road, Galatia, Illinois 62935, 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 26, 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 19th day of May, 2026.

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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:

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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HARVEY S. ROTHSCHILD,

Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-181

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of HARVEY S. ROTHSCHILD, 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, Williamsville 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.

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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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

JIMMY RENOUR,

Deceased.

And
Jonathan Ngoy, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000088
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Jonathan Ngoy, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Monica Billops, Petitioner
And
Benjamin Gross, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000082
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Benjamin Gross, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Megan Blackman, Petitioner
And
Britney Y. Moyer-Lloyd, Respondent
Case No. 2025-DN-000074
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Britney Y. Moyer-Lloyd, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 28th day of June, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
ANGELA GOOCH, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 25 FC 209
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on July 7, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) IN BLOCK SIX (6) IN SAUNDER'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION TWENTY-THREE (23) TOWNSHIP SIXTEEN (16) NORTH RANGE FIVE (5) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SAME WITH THE RIGHT TO MINE THE SAME. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Common Address: 2037 N. 19TH ST., SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
P.I.N. 14-23.0-108-003 AND 14-23.0-108-004
Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.
The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.
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).
LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
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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 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.
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
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 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 INTERIOR 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY

OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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
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ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 22nd day of June, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Cameron Smith P64/P65/P66. Jerryn Turnbull 192. Kelsey Gephart 373/374. Matthew Petrakis 306/299. Sean Welker 375/376/377. Rachel Loveless 300. Eva Straub 274. Matthew Petrakis 62/73. Stephen Balestri 80. Audrey Curtis 828. Rosa Chamorro Silva 795. Louis Day 625/588. Brandon Mccaddon 556. Alysia Reynolds 459. Adam J Trader Trader 388/397. Cheyenne Meredith 523. William Bagby 6. Kimberly Balestri 853. Audrey Curtis 421. Patricia Platckek 665. Martin Platckek 202/181. Jeremy Word 445/446. Tracy Wells 48. Crystal White 752. Susie Williams 327; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Rodger Powell B142. Dante Williams B123. Meghan Prewitt B122. Twaneatqua Eskew A4. John Williams A45. John Williams A11. John Williams A31. Lakeisha Price A59. ROBERT Raps A35. John Williams A8. Britney Dyer B212. Deborah McCormick A106; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Joseph Smith E331. Clayton Hamilton E338/E339. Alfrida Samelton E277. Paige Hatley E326. Robbie CM. Woodson 191. Meghan Prewitt 250. nathaniel Byrd 202/254. Amber S harbour 140. Gymelah Coleman 150. Dexter Sisson 161. Aliyah Davis 29. Germany Lofton 149. Penny Benton 21. Trisha A Courier 126/127/128. James Smith 72. Van Converse 159. Danita Wright 142; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Doug McCowan 235E. Dana Craig 29A. Dale Abehn 22A. Tina Wilson 86B. Taylor Gill 219D. Taylor Gill 130C/131C. Allie Holmes 216D/217D. Ashley Allgood 65B. Christina Aud 94B

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Legend Edwards
No. 2026-GR-99
To: Tonessa Edwards and unknown fathers at addresses unknown. Please be notified that Ronda Jones has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Legend Edwards, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition by June 29, 2026 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on
Saturday June 27, 2026, at 9:00a.m.
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Wednesday June 24, 2026.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Toni Hunt Unit #8-2
Sondra Owens Unit #1-18
Charles Jones Unit #1-41
Isadore Bacon Unit #2-32
Terrell Griggs Unit #3-18
Tiso Watts Unit #4-28
Jane Richard Unit #7-27
Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34
Lakaisa Tucker Unit #10-41
Shawn Tomlin Unit #H-25
Shawn Spencer Unit #I-7
Shawn Spencer Unit #J-9

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 All Interested Persons, including Derli Morena Rivas Medina and Ángel Maria Duarte Alcedo, whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: A final hearing will be held on the Petition to Establish Guardianship for a Person Aged 18-21 Years and Request for Judicial Determinations, of DIEGO ALEJANDRO RUEDA RIVAS, aged 18-21 years, on June 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., before Judge Sierra Senor-Moore, or any judge sitting in her place, in Courtroom 7A of the Sangamon County Courthouse; 200 South Ninth Street; Springfield, Illinois 62701. You may appear at that time.
DATED: May 13, 2026
(SIGNED) JOHN ROSKA
Attorney for Petitioner
Prepared by:
John Roska
ARDC No. 6186184
1505 Delmont Ct, #6
Urbana, IL 61801
Telephone: 217-337-5923
Email: jroska@yahoo.com

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 Washash Ave LL#10, Springfield IL 62704

UCC ARTICLE 9 PUBLIC SALE NOTICE
DATE OF NOTICE: JUNE 2, 2026
Scottsdale MHP, LLC
c/o Top Park Services, LLC, Registered Agent
Attn: Registered Agents, Inc., Registered Agent
2501 Chatham Road
Suite R
Springfield, IL 62704
MR Property Group, LTD n/k/a
Patch Place MHC, LLC
c/o Resident Agents, Inc., Registered Agent
6545 Market Avenue North
Suite 100
North Canton, OH 44721
Brittany Court MHP, LLC
c/o Top Parks Services, LLC, Registered Agent
Attn: Registered Agents, Inc., Registered Agent
2501 Chatham Road
Suite R

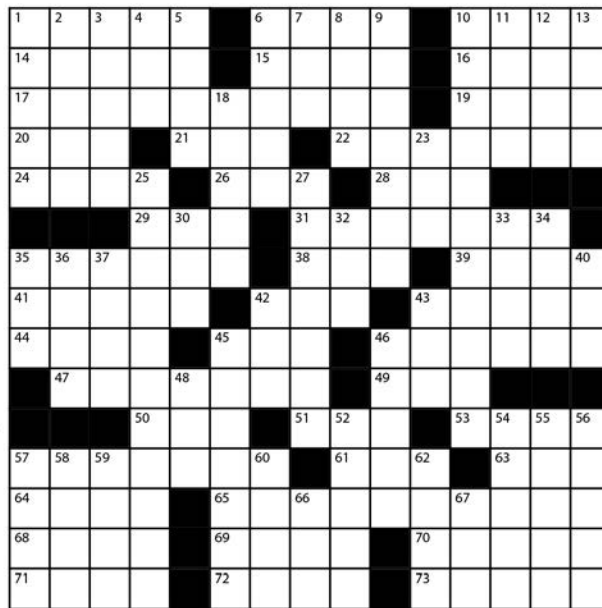
Springfield, IL 62704
 Toppos, LLC
 c/o Registered Agents, Inc., Registered Agent
 8 the Green
 Suite R
 Dover, DE 19901
 Neil C. Bender II
 401 East Las Olas Blvd
 Suite 130-161
 Fort Lauderdale FL 33301
 To Whom It May Concern,
 Please take notice that pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Article 9, a public sale of the collateral described below will be conducted as follows:
 Name of Debtors: SCOTTSDALE MHP, LLC, MR PROPERTY GROUP, LTD n/k/a PATCH PLACE MHC, LLC, BRITTANY COURT MHP, LLC and TOPPOS, LLC.
 Name of Secured Party: Greenstate Credit Union, an Iowa chartered credit union
 • The collateral that will be sold is described below:
 The following mobile homes located at the addresses set forth below:
 BRITTANY COURT
 Address Lots VIN
 3206 E Elm Street 1 SRB033713AL
 3206 E Elm Street 1A SRB033714AL
 3206 E Elm Street 2 SRB033661AL
 3206 E Elm Street 3 SRB033658AL
 3206 E Elm Street 4 SRB033464AL
 3206 E Elm Street 5 SRB033226AL
 3206 E Elm Street 6 SRB033253AL
 3206 E Elm Street 7 SRB032898AL
 3206 E Elm Street 8 SRB033568AL
 3206 E Elm Street 9 SRB033654AL
 3206 E Elm Street 10 SRB032955AL
 3206 E Elm Street 11 SRB033647AL
 3206 E Elm Street 12 SA4078904AL
 3206 E Elm Street 13 SA4078937AL
 3206 E Elm Street 14 SRB033668AL
 3206 E Elm Street 15 WK21004431N
 3206 E Elm Street 16 WK21004401N
 3206 E Elm Street 17 CLM102822TN
 3206 E Elm Street 18 CLM102821TN
 3206 E Elm Street 19 CLM102730TN
 3206 E Elm Street 20 WK21004411N
 3206 E Elm Street 21 WK21004441N
 3206 E Elm Street 22 WK21004421N
 3206 E Elm Street 23 SA4078917AL
 3206 E Elm Street 24 SA4078942AL
 3206 E Elm Street 25 SA4078781AL
 3206 E Elm Street 26 SA4078931AL
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 3206 E Elm Street 31 SA4078799AL
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 3206 E Elm Street 40 CWP044988TN
 3206 E Elm Street 41 CWP044804TN
 3206 E Elm Street 42 CWP044792TN
 3206 E Elm Street 43 CWP044806TN
 3206 E Elm Street 44 CWP044808TN
 3206 E Elm Street 45 SRB034861AL
 PARK PLACE
 Address Lots VIN
 2735 S 14th Street 01 CWP042396TN
 2735 S 14th Street 03 CWP042375TN
 2735 S 14th Street 04 SRB033502AL
 2735 S 14th Street 08 CLM107008TN
 2735 S 14th Street 10 CLM106704TN
 2735 S 14th Street 45 CLM102652TN
 2735 S 14th Street 46 CLM102651TN
 2735 S 14th Street 47 CLM102660TN
 SCOTTSDALE
 Address Lots VIN
 720 Forrest Ave 1 SA4078751AL
 720 Forrest Ave 1A SA4078757AL
 720 Forrest Ave 2 SRB033245AL
 720 Forrest Ave 3 SA4078754AL
 720 Forrest Ave 4 SA4078727AL
 720 Forrest Ave 5 SA4078700AL
 720 Forrest Ave 6 SA4078575AL
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 720 Forrest Ave 52 SA4078720AL
 720 Forrest Ave 53 SA4078716AL
 720 Forrest Ave 54 SA4078746AL
 720 Forrest Ave 55 SA4078749AL
 720 Forrest Ave 56 SA4078741AL
 720 Forrest Ave 57 SA4078586AL
 Date of the Sale: TUESDAY JUNE 23, 2026
 Time of Sale: 11:00 a.m. CDT
 Location of the Sale: The offices of Brown, Hay + Stephens, LLP, 205 S. Fifth Street, 10th Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62701
 Terms of the Sale
 The sale shall be conducted in person at the offices of Brown, Hay + Stephens, LLP located at 205 S. Fifth Street, 10th floor, Springfield, Illinois. The collateral offered for sale shall consist of all titles to mobile homes as described as above, which shall be sold collectively as a single lot. The mobile homes are being sold in "as is" condition, without any warranty as to condition or quality of any kind whatsoever, all such warranties being hereby expressly disclaimed. Possession of said mobile homes is subject to rights of tenants in possession under any existing leases thereof
 All prospective bidders shall be required to tender, at the time of sale, a deposit in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid price in cash or certified funds, with the balance of the purchase price due within fourteen (14) days following the sale. Plaintiff may bid at the sale and may credit bid all or any portion of its indebtedness. Upon payment of the required deposit, the successful bidder shall receive bills of sale for the titled mobile homes. Upon timely payment in full of the remaining balance, the successful bidder shall receive the corresponding Illinois certificates of title for the mobile home units.
 Interested bidders wishing to obtain further information regarding the collateral being sold may contact Brent Westman at (319) 248-7274 or brentwestman@greenstate.org.
 All sales are final, and the collateral will be sold "as is," and "with all faults" without any warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of collectability, condition, completeness, accuracy, effectiveness, enforceability, merchantability or fitness for particular purpose.
 Sincerely,
 BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP
 Maureen M. Faller, Reg. No. 6308975
 Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505
 205 S. 5th Street - Suite 1000
 P.O. Box 2459
 Springfield, IL 62705
 (217) 544-8491
 mfaller@bhslaw.com
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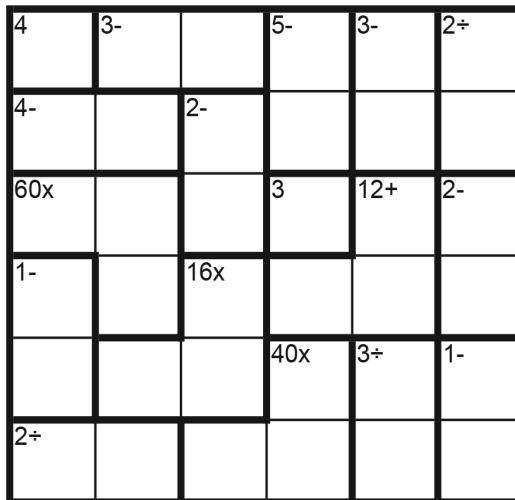
- Winter hazard
- Air force heroes
- Bee's cousin
- Part of an old voting machine
- Extinct bird
- Brief confession
- Radioer's words
- Toy ball material
- Perfect rating
- A Stooge
- American and Swiss
- Genesis son
- Places for R.N.'s
- Señora Perón
- Annoy
- Folks
- Homes
- A pint, maybe
- Icicle former
- Casts a ballot
- Capt.'s guess
- Writer Wharton
- "Cómo ___?"
- ___-ray Discs
- Attacked sneakily
- Keep secret
- Egg maker
- 24 horas
- Actor Vigoda
- Ballpark figs.
- Experiencing mal de mer
- Blakey of CNN
- "Hath ___ sister?": Shak.
- Hamburg's river
- Not reliable
- Capri, e.g.



- Baseball's Slaughter
- Supports, in a way
- Hunt for
- "The ___ the limit!"
- Having some weight
- Cabinet dept.
- "Take that!"
- Take to a fancy restaurant
- Cool drinks
- "Your majesty"
- Some Adobe files
- Recesses
- Party time, maybe
- Kids' game
- Flipper?
- Hi-___
- ___ mode
- Excursion
- Locale
- "___ Maria"
- Pear type
- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- High degree
- She, in Lisbon
- Opposite WSW
- Swimming areas
- Polish
- Second-century date
- Military bigwigs
- Spooks
- Exams
- Fresh
- Tres y tres
- "Anything ___?"
- ___-bodied
- Hose problem
- Eve's man
- Delivery from Santa
- C.E.O.'s degree

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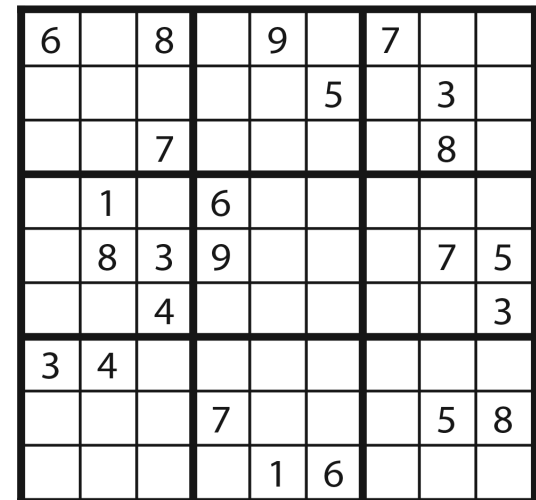
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



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Sudoku No. 948

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

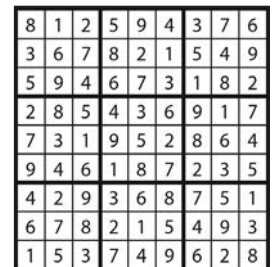


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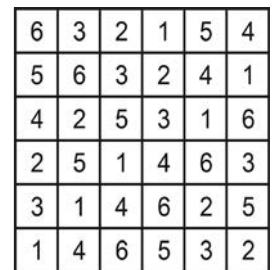
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #947



Sudoku answers from #947



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THE VALLEY OF SPRINGFIELD SCOTTISH RITE

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This year we awarded 48 scholarships totalling over \$100,000. We thank all the local Masons who support this very worthwhile scholarship program which supports our local students. To learn more about the Masons or how to apply for scholarships next year, please go to: www.aasr-spi.org



Valley of Springfield
1020 Rickard Road
Springfield, Illinois

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THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

Abbott Scholarships

Eli McAfee - Springfield
Gage Ratliff - Sherman
Jacob Dorn - Pana

Grand Lodge Scholarships

Evan Kessler - Virden
Ian Marvel - Waggoner
Owen Mateer - Taylorville
Claire Osborn - Pana
Emma Wiker - Athens
Lilly Winans - Taylorville

Health Career Scholarships

Ava Alderson - Warrensburg
Evan Allen - Taylorville
Asanti Anderson - Decatur
Alyssa Aubuschon - Mount Olive
Jasmin Ballant - Decatur
Ashley Bock - Springfield
Lilah Bonny - Shelbyville
Grace Brigante - St Charles
Paul-Gerard Candelaria - Forsyth
Jaylynn Clayton - Springfield
Jayla Davis - Springfield
Grace Dunham - Decatur
Avarey Fetter - Litchfield
Alli Frerichs - Litchfield
Toby Gallion - Petersburg
Paige Garver - Decatur

Grace Gorden - Blue Mound
Anabelle Habing - Teutopolis
Payton Heise - Springfield
Abigail Hellrung - Brighton
Angelina Ippolito - Taylorville
Reaghan Jonas - Nokomis
Aubrey Kietzman - Taylorville
Emma Markwell - Springfield
Kendyl Mirabile - Sherman
Reese Morford - Hillsboro
Bailey Morris - Springfield
Tate Morrisey - Jacksonville
Lauren Nall - Kilbourne
Grace Newman - Jacksonville
Finley Riley - Palmyra
Anna Schleyhan - Springfield
MacKenzie Showalter - Kilbourne
Kadence Sutter - Shumway
Avery Van Riper - Sherman
Olivia Woodward - Taylorville
Kresin Scholarship
Ethan Monette - Decatur

Perkins Scholarship

Brady Garrett - Owaneco

Harry Wilson Scholarship

Cassidy Jennings - Buffalo



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