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Area data center updates

Project proposed for Christian County; Sangamon plans moves forward while Logan stalls

DATA CENTERS | Dean Olsen

Plans for CyrusOne's \$500 million data center in Sangamon County are moving forward, with construction expected to begin this summer, after approval two months ago in a County Board vote that crossed party lines.

Meanwhile, debate on the potential Meridian Technology Park data center – 10 times more expensive and two miles west of Taylorville – is just beginning in nearby Christian County.

The Christian County Board expects to formally discuss the issue for the first time on June 16, with official votes on plans by North Carolina-based Eagle Rock Partners expected in the coming months.

Some details have emerged about what would be a multibillion-dollar data center two miles west of Taylorville during June 2 listening sessions held by Eagle Rock, a privately held company based in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Critics have alleged that the Christian County Board and Eagle Rock have been less than forthcoming about their private discussions and the potential impact of the project, which hasn't been formally proposed to the county but which the developer says would create 500 permanent jobs.

Most of those jobs would pay about \$100,000 per year and many wouldn't require a four-year college degree, according to Eagle Rock.

Christian County Board Chair Bryan Sharp, a farmer who lives in Taylorville, denied any bias or haste by county officials. They began to talk with the developer four or five months ago, he said.

Sharp, who heads a 16-member board with 15 Republicans and one Democrat, pledged a thorough review by county officials and outside experts that the county plans to seek out for advice.

"The board's interactions with the developer have been minimal," Sharp told *Illinois Times* on June 9. "I've got a very committed board. ... We've got a long road ahead of us. It's very, very early on."

The Christian County data center, according to information from Eagle Rock and county officials, would cost \$6 billion to \$8.8 billion to construct. It would be built on 475 acres of farm ground along Illinois Route 48 in Bear Creek Township and would need 1,000 megawatts of power to operate. The earliest construction would begin would be 2028, and the complex would be completed in phases over seven years.

Like the data centers planned for Sangamon



The proposed Eagle Rock Partners' Meridian Technology Park data center would include 10 buildings, each requiring 100 megawatts of electricity to operate. The complex would be in unincorporated Christian County, about two miles southwest of Taylorville, near Illinois Route 48 and at the intersection of East 1000 North Road and North 800 East Road. MAP COURTESY EAGLE ROCK PARTNERS

and Logan counties, Eagle Rock's data center would use "closed-loop" technology to minimize water use and recirculate water to keep computer servers cool. And Eagle Rock, like other area developers CyrusOne and Hut 8, said dampening technology would be used to restrict noise to 55 decibels, which the company said is "similar to everyday background noise in many outdoor environments."

When asked whether the data center's power demands would exert upward pressure on regional electric rates, Eagle Rock sidestepped the issue.

Eagle Rock said it is working with St. Louis-based Ameren, the Indiana-based operator of the regional power grid and the Auburn-based Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative "to ensure any required infrastructure upgrades will be paid for by Eagle Rock, not ratepayers."

Eagle Rock added, "The study by the utility is currently in progress, and the work that we will pay for will add resiliency to the grid at no cost to ratepayers."

When asked how much in new property taxes the project would generate for the Taylorville school district and other taxing bodies, Eagle Rock said, "We expect annual property taxes at full buildout to be in the tens of millions annually, though it's far too early to give specific numbers, and be transformational

for the county and its residents."

Wendy Dulakis, 49, who lives in rural Morrisonville and about a mile west of the proposed data center site, said she doesn't trust the company's statements.

She criticized both Eagle Rock, county officials and the nonprofit Christian County Economic Development Corp. for a "lack of transparency" and misinformation. She and other critics have been sharing their skepticism on the Facebook page "Christian County Data Center Awareness."

"I want independent studies that prove what they're saying," Dulakis said.

It's unclear whether Christian County will require Eagle Rock to request a zoning change to allow for the project or whether the county will consider adopting a new ordinance, similar to one Sangamon County approved, that allows data centers in agricultural zones under a "conditional use permit" that can carry many restrictions and requirements.

Sangamon project will still get tax breaks

CyrusOne, which is privately held and headquartered in Dallas, plans to build four one-story, 450,000-square-foot buildings in the 13000 block of Thayer Road in rural Talkington Township, 14 miles southwest of Springfield.

The soonest the Sangamon County complex, requiring about 630 megawatts of power to operate, would be completed would be four years from now, according to the company. County officials that the complex would generate an additional \$6 million in annual property taxes.

The Illinois General Assembly has debated legislation to institute more regulations and oversight on large-scale data centers that support the growth of artificial intelligence and online applications. Nothing passed in the recently concluded spring session, but legislative debate on the issue could resume in the fall veto session.

Gov. JB Pritzker has said he will use his executive authority to temporarily suspend state tax breaks for new data centers while the long-term impact of the centers' power use on rising electric rates is evaluated.

The Sangamon County project wouldn't be affected by the suspension and would qualify for tax breaks, according to CyrusOne spokesperson Blair Felter. According to Felter, the governor has said existing incentive agreements finalized with the state before July 1 will be honored.

"Our project meets this criteria and will not be affected by this proposal," Felter said of the data center, which would create about 500 temporary construction jobs and 100 permanent jobs.

Logan project uncertain

And in Logan County, Hut 8 Corp., stung by a one-year moratorium enacted May 19 by the Logan County Board on consideration of new data center applications, won't say whether the delay will prompt the publicly traded company to abandon its push for a \$5 billion project in 250 acres of farm fields near Latham.

Hut 8 previously made a verbal commitment to pay Logan County schools and local governments \$65 million a year in property taxes and "community benefit" payments if the project becomes a reality. For perspective, total property tax collections in Logan County by all taxing bodies amount to \$55 million annually.

"We are assessing the implications for the proposed project and will determine the appropriate path forward in the coming weeks," Gautier Lemyze-Young, spokesperson for Miami-based Hut 8, said in a statement on June 8. "We remain committed to building long-term local partnerships and delivering meaningful economic benefits." □

Show me the job losses

New federal data cite drop in employment for area, but questions remain about reporting

WORKFORCE | Dilpreet Raju

Across the nation, economists have expressed concerns about the reliability of Bureau of Labor Statistics data, not because of political bias or thumbs on the scale, but rather a lack of manpower amongst the scaled-back federal agency tasked with fielding data about the country's economic health.

That concern stretches to Springfield, according to Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, who said the agency's data revisions, a common practice, have become increasingly atypical.

"Most of the biggest employers in town sit on my board and I talk with them a lot. They've not had any concerns. Everybody we talk to is looking for talent," McCrady told *Illinois Times*. "I'm not saying our economy's raging, I do think it's fair to say it looks like it's pretty stable and it has been pretty stable."

The most recent Illinois Department of Employment Security jobs report showed a loss of 1,700 nonfarm jobs for the Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area from April 2025 to April 2026. McCrady pointed to other Springfield metrics as evidence of a steadier local economy – such as increasing sales tax receipts and a year-to-year reduction in initial applications for unemployment insurance.

"We would have seen a big reduction in school enrollments, the housing market would change, sales taxes would go down, unemployment filings would go up," he said. "We always keep an eye on a lot of other economic indicators, and based on that, we're seeing a stable economy. We do acknowledge what's in the (IDES) report; we're just not finding other economic indicators to show that same impact to our economy."

Though sales tax receipt increases can be attributed to inflation of everyday purchases and not everyone eligible for unemployment insurance files claims, the numbers don't support a massive job loss.

McCrady emphasized that the balancing act to obtain timely jobs data won't always provide the most accurate results. Massive reductions in Department of Labor staff, including major leadership vacancies for the BLS and fewer responses to voluntary federal employment surveys have led to results worth questioning.

In 2016, the BLS had a 66% response rate for voluntary monthly BLS surveys. In December 2025, the response rate was 35%.

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco studied the revisions last year, concluding that "incoming data are within the historical range and not generally subject to greater fluctuations – and thus may not reflect higher uncertainty –

than in the past."

Still, the bureau has cut back other methods of data collection and economists remain puzzled by federal data releases. The American Statistical Association suggested the federal government restore staffing for data collection agencies immediately to ensure "efficient and smooth governance."

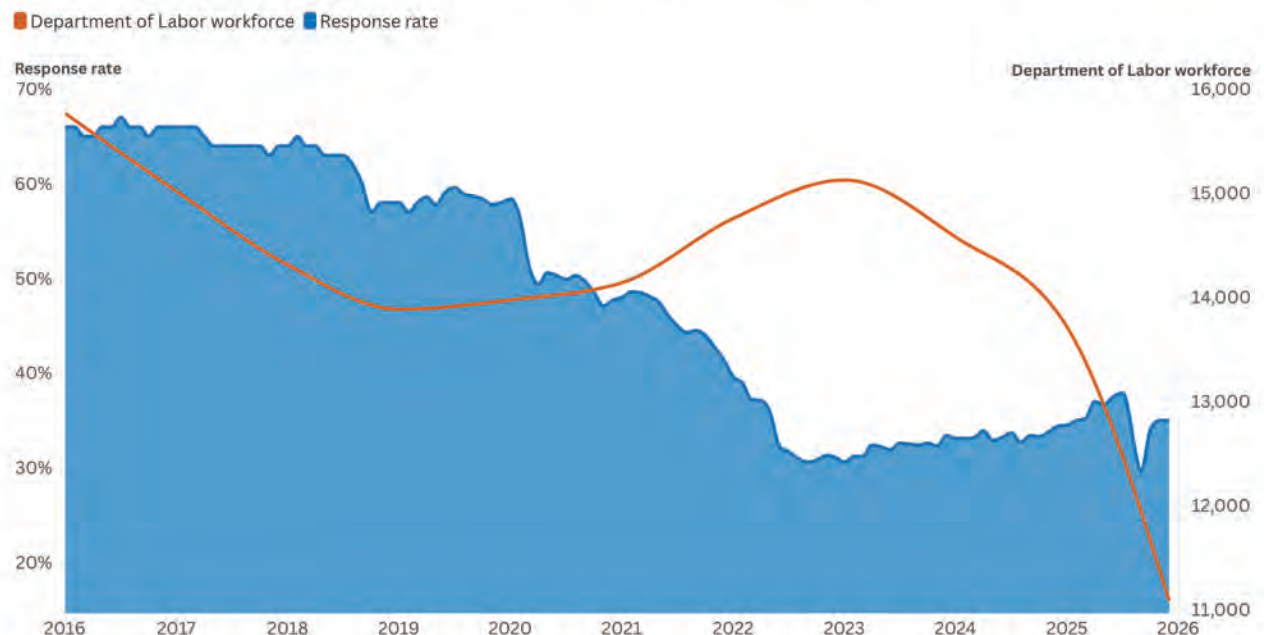
"The federal statistical system stands at a crossroads. The status quo is not sustainable," a 2025 ASA report states.

"I want to be really clear that I'm not blaming anyone in state or federal government," McCrady said of the numbers, saying there's no conspiracy of manipulation. "There's been a lot of staff changes in the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the federal level... and there was a 43-day (federal government) shutdown; there's been a lot of things going on."

The Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) database shows no mass layoffs reported in the past 12 months for Sangamon and Menard counties, the counties that federal agencies designate the Springfield Metropolitan Statistical Area. The most recent WARN notification in the Springfield MSA was submitted by Wells Fargo in January 2023, which laid off 140 employees four months later.

Dramatic decrease in survey responses, staff at BLS

Responses to voluntary monthly surveys sent out by the BLS have dwindled over the past decade. Like so many other federal agencies, the number of employees at the Department of Labor has sharply fallen since President Donald Trump took office for the second time in 2025.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Survey Methods Research, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Workforce Data • Chart: Dilpreet Raju, Illinois Times

McCrady said he was unsure if the BLS should overhaul its methodology for monthly data collection but supported the idea of an analysis for why the data doesn't jive with other important markers of economic health.

"It's worth someone taking the time to understand why we're having these big adjustments, and if it is because of a decrease in response rates, then that's something that that needs to be worked on. Economic developers, like the Growth Alliance, will be really helpful if state or federal government call us and say, 'Well, there's something you can do with your businesses to help improve response rates.' I'm always in favor of a root cause analysis," he said. "I do think we need to work with state and federal officials to get response rates up."

The BLS has been without a confirmed commissioner to lead the agency for nearly a year, though a U.S. Senate Committee held a June 10 confirmation hearing for various presidential nominees including Brett Matsumoto, who has been praised by economists and past BLS commissioners.

He told the committee, if confirmed, he would maintain independence of the bureau, potentially research the impact of artificial intelligence on the labor market and "any

changes to data or methods would be approved by career staff at the agency, and communicated to the public ahead of time along with research supporting the change."

Matsumoto also addressed declining response rates to surveys as a "pivotal moment," potentially impacting "sample sizes, the variability of data and revisions."

He said he would try to increase response rates and pursue "alternative data sources" such as getting information from payroll companies or use tax withholding data.

Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester, D-Delaware, asked Matsumoto, a Delaware native, whether he believes recent revisions can be explained as weaponization of the agency.

"I believe there are technical reasons that could perhaps explain these large revisions, but no, I do not (believe that)," he said.

McCrady said the validity, and quality, of labor data need to be taken seriously by government officials if they want to understand the job market's true health.

"The economy is like a gigantic aircraft carrier and you can't turn it on a dime, so there's a benefit to the federal government to also understanding the quality and accuracy of the data," he said. □

Restorative justice in Sangamon County

Mental Health Court helps participants avoid prison, address underlying problems

COURTS | Dilpreet Raju

The seventh floor of the Sangamon County Complex is busy on Wednesday afternoons.

Mental Health Court participants wait in the hall overlooking downtown Springfield. They talk about their pets, their commutes, some shared music tastes. Others find a seat and pull out a book to dive into. A black Labrador assistance dog calmly walked between participants silently seeking attention before eventually lying down in the middle of the hallway.

Then Judge John “Mo” Madonia was ready to welcome the group into his courtroom.

These roughly two dozen participants pleaded guilty to various crimes in order to enter the mental health court program, which began more than a decade ago in 2015. Participants are required to check in with Madonia for 15 months, at a minimum, in order to graduate.

Madonia told *Illinois Times* the court is a real opportunity for people to avoid prison sentences and be given room to grow.

“Before you get to (a prison sentence), you should try serving the people in the community with resources that will help them. And if they can’t help themselves with those resources, then we’ve done what we need to do, right? That’s basically the message that we’re trying to send here: That we’re here to help, that people can use the help and they can really benefit from the help,” Madonia said.

“Restorative justice is proven to work better than just straight incarceration without any meeting of the needs. It’s the people who refuse to use the system, or the system doesn’t work for them, who should be reserved for the worst punishment of all, which is the penitentiary.”

Supporters of the diversion court say it saves taxpayers the cost, and time, of trying and jailing someone – and offers more substantive opportunity for people to learn from their mistakes. Madonia said the Sangamon County Circuit Court initially saw a gap in the legal system and sought to bridge it.

“It was just a courthouse project that we undertook to try and fill a need,” he said.

“Once we got it structured and started, then everything else filled in around it, including the resources that we now have – which are instrumental to success.”

At first, “it was basically our probation officer was a case worker, mental health provider, counselor, all the above wrapped into one. It’s a very stressful job and it just wasn’t as successful as you want it to be because that’s just too much to take on for one person, and they’re kind of tied to the courthouse. We need people in the streets, the proverbial ‘boots on the ground,’” he said.

Madonia steers a cordial, open courtroom where participants can talk with him about whatever may be going on in their lives. He’s often checking

participants’ calendars to make sure they’re remembering various appointments, have the ability to travel to them and so on. After each participant is done checking in, the room applauds and they can take candy from a bowl before returning to their seat.

Some participants talk about how they’re waiting to hear back on job applications or places to live. A significant number reside at Helping Hands of Springfield. Others need a little more encouragement from Madonia and court staff before opening up. One woman, initially quiet while on the stand, eventually cracked some jokes and shared why she was feeling off, in addition to some wins that court staff celebrated.

Madonia’s jovial tone is balanced by a no-nonsense approach to compliance with the program.

“We’re going to have a real in-depth talk about your compliance, what your compliance looks like going forward and where you’re going to need to be (living) in order to meet your compliance. Do you understand what I mean?” he warned a phase one participant. “You’re never going to phase up in this program if you’re missing court, you’re missing your appointments, you’re a no call, no show for your appointments.”

Phase one lasts at least three months and requires weekly court check-ins while phase two and three each last a minimum of six months, but space out check-ins.

Madonia congratulated a former graduate of the court, William Britton, as someone who thrived after entering the program and finding the correct anti-psychotic medication.

“William, I use you as an example of what the proper medication can accomplish for the right person because you have always complained about the first drug they gave you that didn’t work,” Madonia said.

Britton said the medication he was previously prescribed actually ended up harming his state of mind.

“I was so far gone, I didn’t even know I needed help and I was breaking the law, and I just kept ending up in jail,” Britton said. “It just didn’t work.”

He’s now on a medication that he says works great and is consistent with taking it each night before going to sleep.

Following the check-in portion of court, a soft-spoken 28-year-old man pleaded guilty to theft and aggravated battery in order to enter the diversion program.

“(Your conduct) is the description of somebody who was not properly medicated and was not in their right frame of mind,” Madonia said. “You, sitting right here, would not walk in a (place of business) and act like that... I look forward to seeing you every week under these circumstances when you’re very compliant, following your treatment plan, OK? All right, go get ’em, bud.” □

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NEWS

Springfield Memorial Hospital CEO to resign

Jay Roszhart leaving for 'other opportunities'

HEALTHCARE | Dean Olsen

The president and chief executive officer of Springfield's largest hospital is resigning after fewer than two years at the helm.

Jay Roszhart, 41, who was promoted to lead 500-bed Springfield Memorial Hospital on July 1, 2024, will leave on June 9 from Drew Early, senior vice president and chief operating officer of parent organization Memorial Health.

Early didn't cite a reason for Roszhart's resignation in a statement to *Illinois Times*, and Roszhart declined comment when contacted by phone.

"Jay's commitment to building relationships, strengthening culture and advancing innovation has left a meaningful impact on SMH and Memorial Health," Early said. "We are grateful for his leadership, unique perspective and dedication to our mission, and we wish him the best."

Early will oversee operations at Springfield Memorial during the leadership transition, a spokesperson for the Springfield-based nonprofit health system said.

Roszhart, a Springfield native, first worked at the hospital as a phlebotomist while attending high school and college, according to a 2024 *Illinois Times* story.

He began a full-time career at Memorial Health, formerly known as Memorial Health System, in 2009 as an administrative fellow.

Roszhart was president of Memorial Health Ambulatory Group when he was promoted to president and CEO of Springfield Memorial, the largest of the health system's five hospitals. The other Memorial hospitals are in Decatur, Jacksonville, Taylorville and Lincoln.

Roszhart holds a master's degree in healthcare administration from the St. Louis University School of Public Health and a bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Roszhart replaced Chuck Callahan as president and CEO of Springfield Memorial. Memorial Health officials said in 2024 that Callahan resigned to seek other professional opportunities and didn't elaborate.



Jay Roszhart, president and CEO of Springfield Memorial Hospital. CREDIT: MEMORIAL HEALTH

For the fiscal year ending in September 2025, Memorial Health posted \$1.7 billion in total revenues and \$423,000 in revenues exceeding expenses – a 0.02% positive margin. During that same period, Springfield Memorial posted \$902.5 million in total revenues and \$20.2 million in revenues exceeding expenses, representing a 2.2% positive margin.

Springfield Memorial's financial performance in fiscal 2025 compared with \$831.2 million in total revenues and \$30.4 million in revenues exceeding expenses the previous year, representing a 3.7% positive margin.

The only money-losing hospital in the health system is Decatur Memorial, a 300-bed institution in the Macon County seat that lost \$26.4 million in fiscal 2025 and \$28.5 million in fiscal 2024, according to the system's consolidated financial statements. □

ISP acquires former bank building

New visitors' center will feature ISP artifacts

HISTORY | Ed Wojcicki

A new public space in downtown Springfield for people to learn about history will be located in a former bank building. It will tell stories of the 74 Illinois State Police officers who have died in the line of duty and display unique ISP artifacts such as uniforms, old equipment and a fleet of eight vintage squad cars.

The indoor visitors' center is planned for the former U.S. Bank building at Sixth and Cook streets, with the hope of opening it by the end of 2027. The Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, finalized its purchase of the building at the end of April. The ISP Memorial Park, a solemn outdoor tribute to fallen officers that runs along Lawrence Avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets, is located across the street.

The rectangular building is recognizable for its raised one-story glass-walled office space that sits atop multiple drive-through lanes. It was most recently used as a Springfield Clinic drive-up lab that opened during the COVID-19 pandemic after its original use as a branch bank.

"We really want to really build on Memorial Park and enhance that experience," said Jarod Ingebrigtsen, the foundation's executive director. He said visitors will be able to learn not only that the officers passed away, "but also how they lived," which will connect them more deeply with those officers.

"We'll have the old Illinois State Police Academy sign," he added. "We've got various memorabilia – badges, yearbooks, some documents, old equipment that we've used over the years (such as) different first aid kits



Caption. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

and different in-car computers."

Ingebrigtsen also said ISP plans to have an annual memorial ceremony even if no ISP officers died while on duty in the previous year. It will occur the day before the annual statewide police memorial event at the State Capitol in May. The visitors' center will become a reception area and make indoor space possible in case of bad weather.

At this year's memorial event, the guest speaker was the great-nephew of the second ISP officer killed in the line of duty, Trooper Lory Lee Price. A gang member in southern Illinois killed both Price and Price's wife Jan. 17, 1927, in southern Illinois as revenge for

their police work.

"The two were abducted from their home and taken away in separate cars," according to the Officer Down Memorial Page. "Trooper Price's body was found two weeks later with 18 gunshot wounds. His wife's body was found four months later in the bottom of a mine shaft."

The building will also become an events center, Ingebrigtsen said, comparing it to how the LRS hangar at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport is made available for private gatherings. Details about who can use it and for what purposes are still to be determined, "but the goal is for part of it to be an event

space where community groups can come and meet or have an event and (at the same time) be able to learn about the officers who have been killed, learn about the department and see the fleet of cars."

While the building has been purchased, the foundation will be doing some fundraising for the construction and renovation, Ingebrigtsen said.

He retired from ISP at the rank of major five years ago after a 26-year career in Chicago and Springfield. □

Ed Wojcicki worked in print journalism for 26 years and freelances from Springfield.

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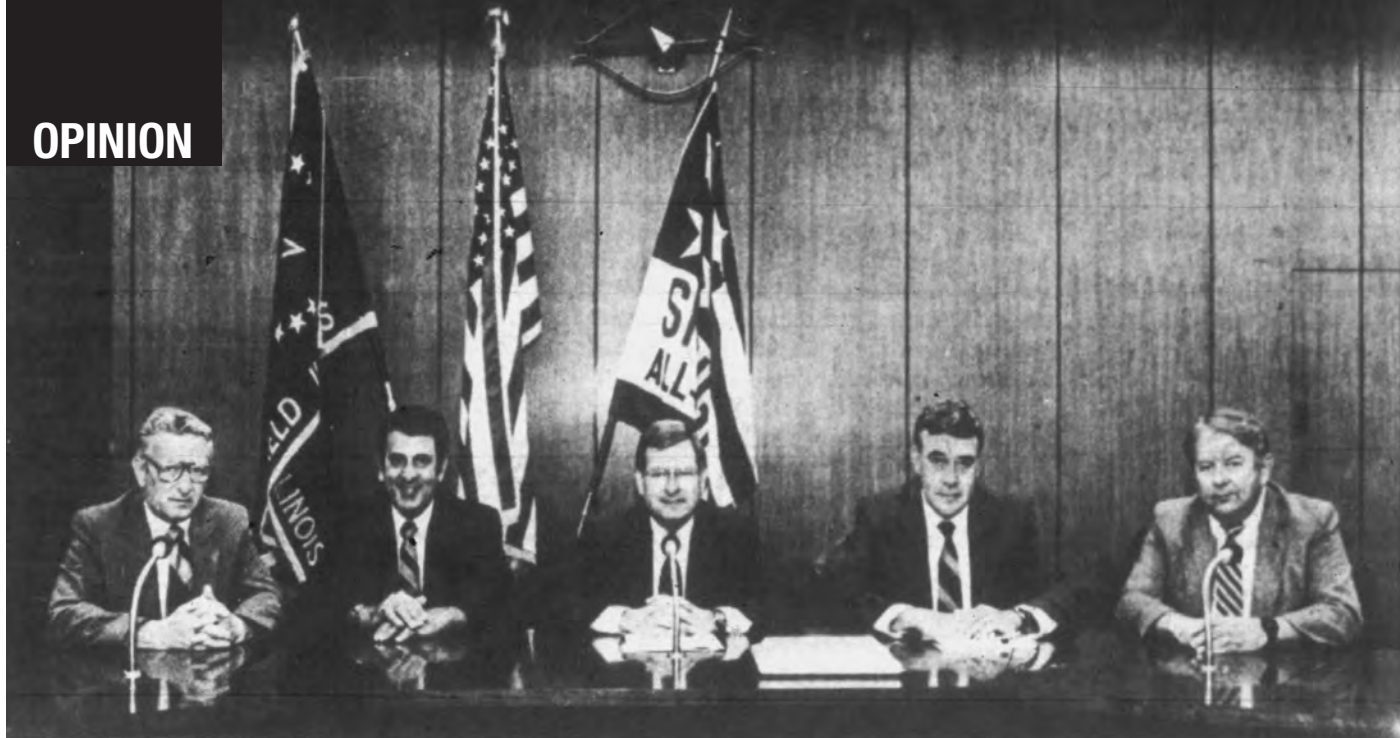


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OPINION



From left to right: Incumbent city commissioners Ossie Langfelder, Frank Madonia, Mayor Michael Houston, Jim Norris and Pat Ward are pictured in the July 11, 1985, issue of Illinois Times with an article titled "If the city council loses the lawsuit, will anybody win?" As a result of a federal consent decree stemming from an amendment to the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the city was forced to change its commission form of government to the current model, which elects alderpeople from 10 wards. CREDIT: FILE PHOTO

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

VOTERS DIDN'T WANT IT

I was the Springfield corporation counsel who represented the city in the McNeil v. City of Springfield Voting Rights Act lawsuit. I believe that there is a factual error in Jim Krohe Jr.'s column "Through the looking glass" (May 28).

He states: "A consent decree worked out the details, the voters approved the resulting plan and in 1991 Springfield abandoned its by-then venerable commission government..." In fact, there was no post-trial referendum to approve the aldermanic form of government contained in the consent decree. Rather, before trial, there was a referendum held to determine if voters wished to switch from the commission form to the aldermanic form. The voters, by a narrow margin, voted to keep the commission form. As a result, the

case then went to trial, the city lost the case, and, as a result, the consent decree, which changed the form of government to the aldermanic form, was approved by the court.

*Fred Benson
Portland, Maine*

REPURPOSE WYNDHAM

I feel the Wyndham has an iconic mid-century modern, future-positive aesthetic to it, which should be leaned into ("Wyndham owner settles lawsuits with insurance company," May 28). I had my wedding reception there decades ago.

What they should do next is repurpose it into a mix of condos and apartments from top to bottom. Why? Because that puts a critical number of residents living in the downtown core who would be in walking distance of their shopping needs 365 days a year. The triad of customers downtown is tourism, office workers and residents. Tourism is variable, office workers have declined and will not increase again, so we need to balance those two legs with more residents.

The tower is the perfect place to do this in a timeline that would help downtown business quickest.

*Mark Suszko
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

GLAD FOR PROGRESS

It was gratifying to see the recent article on establishment of a statewide paint recycling program ("Illinois launches paint recycling program," April 16). Many in Springfield and Sangamon County might remember that we had the first-ever pilot program in the state providing this service.

Called the Partners for Waste Paint Solutions, the program was supported by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's

Dave Walters and the Bureau of Land, which paid to recycle or responsibly dispose unusable paint. The partners were the Sangamon County Solid Waste program, locally owned Ace Hardware stores (thanks to the Preckwinkle family), and Friedman's Wallpaper and Paint (thanks to Ron Herbstrith).

As the solid waste coordinator for Sangamon County at the time, I provided publicity for the program and educational outreach. But the real heroes were the employees of Ace and Friedman's who took in and physically managed many thousands of gallons of leftover paint.

Through the interest and support of two former interns of mine, the pilot Partners for Waste Paint Solutions program spread to Macon County and continued there for several years after our pilot program was finished.

Both Sangamon and Macon County programs made the recycled paint resulting from these collections available for sale to the public. As it is not specified in your article, I wonder what will happen to all of the recycled paint collected in this statewide program?

Sadly, while our successful pilot program was established from 1994 through at least 1997, it took another 30 years to get the program into state law. The old maxim "reduce, reuse, recycle" still holds true. Please buy only what you need and use up what you buy – Earth Day every day!

*Wynne Coplea
Springfield*

CORREX

This year's Rock the Dock event at Lake Springfield Marina is set for 6 p.m. Friday, July 3. A date listed in the Summerguide issue was incorrect.

Monkeys

We put off getting a TV till long after everyone else had one. We wanted our kids to be more readers than viewers. Then came Kennedy's assassination and there was nothing but three days of news on the TV. We got one. By then it was December, and the first thing we watched as a family was "The Wizard of Oz." My second small daughter was so petrified by the flying monkeys that we got rid of the new TV!

2026 Jacqueline Jackson



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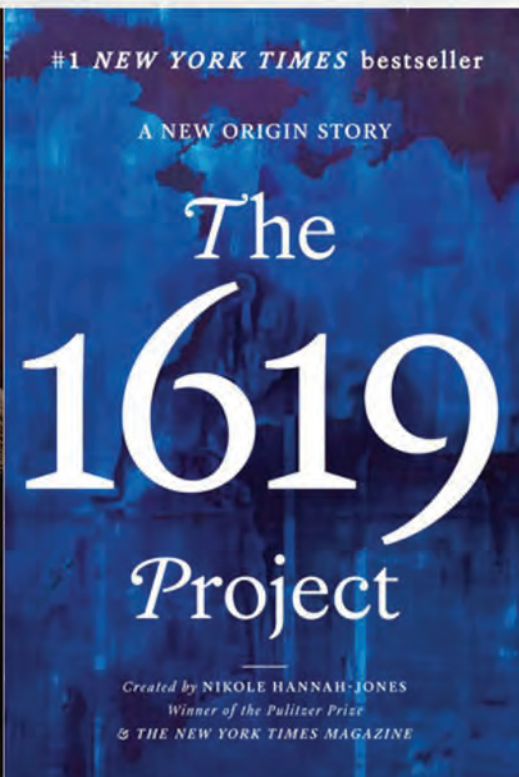
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Juneteenth and the Long Legacy of 1619

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Bears stadium saga won't die

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Six days before the last day of the spring state legislative session, Sen. Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) gave me two big reasons why it was so difficult to push a Bears stadium bill across the finish line. Cunningham, as you know, is the chief sponsor of the Senate's Bears bill.

1. Every stadium-related legislation passed in Illinois included the Chicago mayor and the Illinois governor pulling in the same direction. This time, that didn't happen;

2. Moving a stadium location within a state pits Illinois municipalities against each other, and you don't want to do that "particularly when the municipality on the losing side has way more members than any other municipality in the state." Cunningham told reporters more recently that stadiums which have moved within the same state didn't involve their state legislatures. Instead, local governments picked up the tab.

Cunningham appeared on a WSCR radio program last week and said, "for most of the last few weeks, most senators wanted to do nothing." But then, he said, "we thought it was important to pass something that would make it easier for the Bears to build a new stadium in Illinois," so they started putting together a plan.

Reasons abounded for wanting to do nothing. For example, some senators didn't want to help the Bears move to the suburbs, but some didn't want to help billionaire team owners at all, and some didn't like the original House plan and were ready to move on. And, as Cunningham said on the Senate floor, his constituents mostly wanted to keep the Bears here but didn't want to give them a single taxpayer penny to do it.

But why, I asked Cunningham later, did he wait until May 30 – the day before the end of session - to pull the plug on the House-passed megaprojects bill? And what was the impetus for coming up with an alternative plan?

Cunningham first explained that he'd held several meetings with caucus members after the House passed its own bill and tried out several versions of a slimmed-down proposal. None of those bills could pass. " 'Let's do nothing' probably had a plurality of senators behind it," he said.

At the start of last week, Cunningham said, it became clear that it just couldn't be passed. So, by mid-week, "I began floating the Municipal Stadium Authority concept to a handful of senators," to see if that could find support.

By then, however, the budget and lots of other hot topics became the center of discussion. The governor, by the way, specifically warned the Senate this could happen weeks ago when he said he wanted the legislation wrapped up well ahead of the end of session to avoid being caught in the last-minute session crunch.

"By Friday (May 29), I felt the concept had enough support to start drafting a bill," Cunningham said. That bill didn't surface until late Sunday night right before session was previously scheduled to adjourn.

"I regret that we got to it as late as we did, but we simply had bigger fish to fry," Cunningham said about the budget and other topics. "And while I talked about the concept with (House Bears bill sponsor Rep. Kam Buckner) midweek and he was generally supportive of giving it a shot, we got the bill to him too late for the House to take action."

His timeline was generally confirmed by other insiders.

Asked why a backup plan hadn't been formulated weeks before, Senate President Don Harmon's spokesperson said the

question would be "best addressed to the Bears."

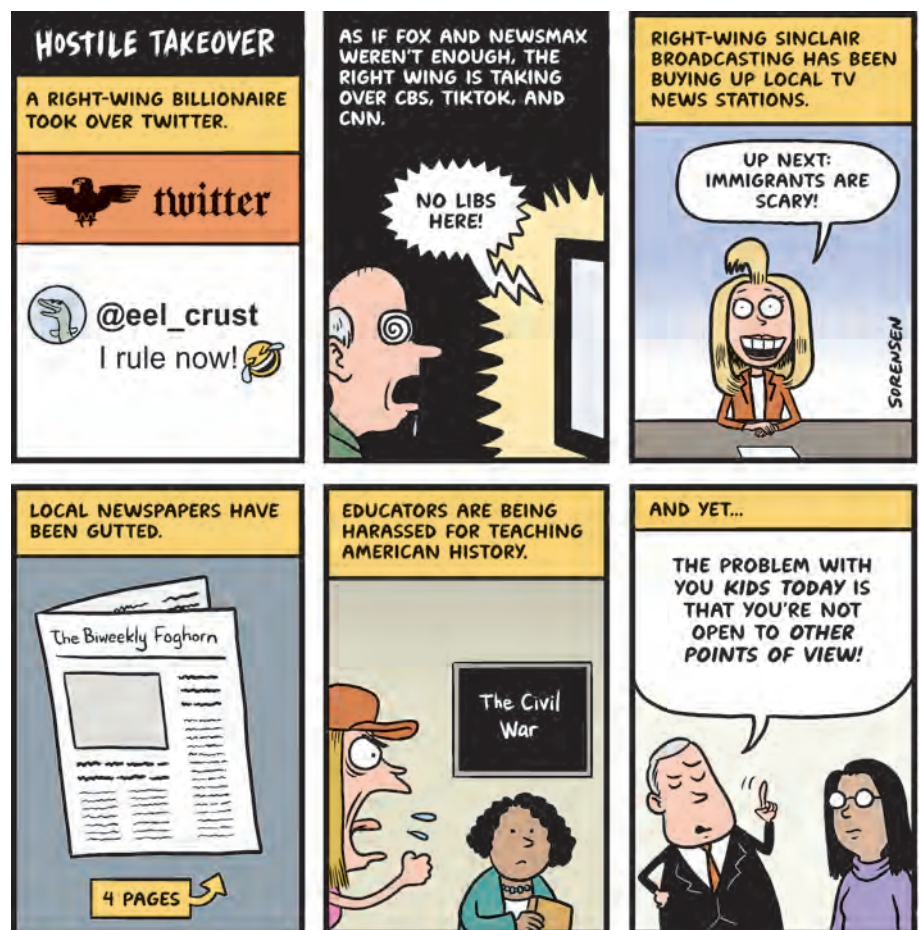
Cunningham and other legislators have been saying for a while that rumors about the football team having second thoughts about leaving Chicago damaged the legislative effort to help the Bears move to the suburbs.

And that was why Cunningham's new proposal was designed to level the playing field for Arlington Heights and Chicago. The idea was to at least say that the city would be on equal footing with the suburbs. But it just came way too late in the session.

And then last Friday, the Bears issued a statement saying the team will "advance our stadium development project" in Hammond, Indiana, although no site was specified.

More importantly though, a Bears official spoke by phone with both Cunningham and Buckner before the announcement. Both of the legislators in charge of the Bears negotiations said they were told by team President/CEO Kevin Warren that the Bears looked forward to continuing the discussion about keeping the team in Illinois.

It's the saga that won't die.



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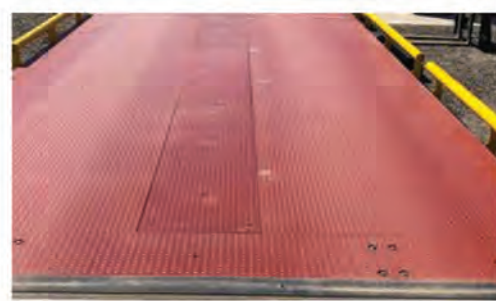
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Tree trimming

If a tree program falls at city hall, can the public hear it?

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

At night, what sounds like the leaves of Springfield's street trees rustled by the breeze is really those trees whispering to each other. And the word they say most often is "Langfelder."

When Jim Langfelder became Springfield mayor in 2015, one of his first hires was a city arborist. In 2019 he reinvigorated the city's volunteer Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), which had lain dormant for nearly 10 years, by appointing people who not only cared about trees but knew about trees. The Arbor Day Foundation in 2020 gave Springfield a Growth Award for the community's renewed commitment to urban forest management.

Out on the streets, vigorous tree planting meant the city was gaining as many trees as it was losing to disease and age and storms, the city undertook to get young people interested in the capital city's urban forest that they will inherit and Morton Arboretum gave Springfield money to inventory the street trees in the northeast quadrant of the city. (You laugh? The city knows how many miles of sidewalk it needs to maintain.)

Usually tree program grants are measured in tens of thousands; in 2023 the UFC landed a federal tree grant worth \$899,000 from the Biden administration (since rescinded by Trump for being too green and too Black) for tree-planting in the poor parts of town. All this led the state's official urban forester to describe Springfield as a leading community in the field; this was like hearing Springfield praised for the sophistication of its cuisine.

These days there is a mournful note in the whispers of our trees. As was reported in these pages in February 2025, all of the appointed members of the Urban Forest Commission resigned, saying that they could not work with



One way the Urban Forestry Commission and city have worked together is by hosting a booth at the annual Earth Awareness Fair. From left to right, former city arborist Jeff Reim, former UFC member Amy McEuen, Ruth Oliver and Junfeng Wang, front, are pictured in April 2022. Since the resignation of all the appointed UFC members in February 2025, Mayor Misty Buscher has appointed Mary Frances, Susan Rempfer and Steven Simpson-Black. One other appointment is waiting for city council approval, which will give the UFC four out of seven members, enough to hold meetings with a quorum. CREDIT: JAN VON QUALEN

the administration of new Mayor Misty Buscher because new Mayor Misty Buscher would not work with (indeed would not even talk with) the commission. (See "Springfield Urban Forestry Commission members resign," Feb. 27, 2025).

Usually all that most mayors or citizen advisory commissions is that they not embarrass the mayors. However, Langfelder's UFC members included not just tree-huggers but grant writers and organizers who went outside Springfield for advice and political support. In short, they did what the city ought to have been doing and did it well. Maybe the UFC was seen as uppity; you ask people to take care of the city's trees and things are going to get a little

proprietary. Maybe the problem is just that they were Langfelder's guys and not Buscher's guys; politicians get proprietary, too.

What interested me about all this is how the issue that affected the management of the city's trees programs – namely, the appropriate role of private actors in public tree programs – affects the management of actual public trees out on the streets of the city. Street trees have always been seen as a public resource but the responsibility for their maintenance falls substantially on private citizens. Yes, residents adjacent to public trees get shade and enhanced property value, but whether that's a bargain is a little murky. The city does the planting, the

citizen does most of everything else. The tree itself complicates lawn care, neighborliness is often strained if unraked leaves get blown next door, leaves and branches must be kept off of sidewalks and out of gutters. And when a city tree's roots clog a private sewer pipe it's the pipe owner who must pay to unclog it.

These costs – in effort and time as well as money – are an unofficial tax on individual homeowners. It is a famous example of what economists call a public goods problem in which the benefits of a resource held in common – in this case cooler air, beauty, bird song – are enjoyed for free by everyone while the cost is borne by a few.

Whoever is advising the mayor about the scope of her tree program might suggest that more attention be paid to the problem of equity – not which neighborhoods get trees (one of the objectives of the Biden tree grant) but how trees in every neighborhood are paid for. Advanced metropolises around the country, including several in Illinois, are trying or at least talking about new ways to make life easier for tree-adjacent property owners. Autonomous robotic leaf sweepers and vacuum equipment. Tree varieties that have smaller leaves or that hold leaves longer. Revised subdivision regs that replace parkways with forested medians. Insurance funds to help repair clogged sewer laterals. Special purpose urban forestry districts supported by tree levies.

That will require committed, sustained, informed, coordinated efforts over decades to plant the right kinds of trees and invest in the right kinds of equipment and dare to ask for higher taxes to pay for it. Finding ways to work with committed citizens would seem to be the easy part. □

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Celebrate Juneteenth with variety of events

JUNETEENTH | Katie Spoon

This year marks the 32nd annual Juneteenth celebration in Springfield honoring the freedom, community, resilience and history of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates the end of slavery after enslaved people in Texas were finally freed on June 19, 1865 – two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. In 2021, Illinois and the federal government instituted Juneteenth as a legal holiday.

Springfield is honoring the legacy of Juneteenth with a vibrant, monthlong lineup of events designed to educate, inspire and bring people together. Featured are live musical performances to educational workshops and family-friendly picnics. From the Unity Parade to the Bar and Restaurant Crawl, Juneteenth Inc. and countless community members have planned something for everyone.

Whether you are looking to support local Black-owned businesses, dive deep into African American history, or enjoy great food and art with your neighbors, Springfield's Juneteenth calendar is packed with opportunities. Here are some Juneteenth celebrations happening across Springfield this month.

Ongoing exhibits and events

The Nature of Freedom: A Literary Commemoration of Juneteenth

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) Union Theatre
June 11, 13, 17 and 19, noon, and June 18, 6:30 p.m.

This powerful half hour theater piece directed by Reggie Guyton and written by Ed MacMurdo uses vocal expression without costumes, scenery or props. Speakers will deliver historical text from figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Maya Angelou, Robert Smalls, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Bibb. Daytime shows are included with museum admission. The June 18 evening event is free but requires advance registration through ALPLM website.

"noir 6: The Truth"

Old State Capitol through Oct. 16
Opening reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12

Black art stands as a profound and enduring reflection of the Black experience, offering a truthful lens through which history, identity and cultural memory are preserved and interpreted. The artwork in this year's



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exhibit connects past struggles with present realities while envisioning more equitable futures. The Illinois State Museum presents this powerful exhibition that honors and features Black art, artists, and the stories of truths that shape the Black experience in America. It is co-curated by Jaliyah Ross and Austin Wells.

The exhibit features work by Jeff Williams, Anthony Wilson, Raven Minor, Elijah Miller, Ja Nelie Pleasure, Zach Adams, Waleed Johnson, Kamara Sade, Bri Jackson, Natalie Jackson, Thomas Mosley, Shatriya Smith, Justarra Curry, Carol Hinton, Jawwaad Spann, Lawanda Chillis, Kristen Jurgens, Senyah Haynes, Daniel Walden, Cheryl Osby, Christian Sitilli, Austin Wells and Jaliyah Ross.

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide

Presented by Springfield Theatre Centre
Hoogland Center for the Arts 420 S. Sixth St.
June 12-13 and 19-20, 7:30 pm.; June 14 and June 21, 3 p.m.

This "choreopoem" is a groundbreaking and captivating collection of vivid prose and free verse narratives about and performed by Black women. The production offers a transformative, riveting evening of provocative

dance, music and poetry. Tickets are \$18 for students and seniors, \$22 for adults.

Friday, June 12

Juneteenth Family Day Celebration

Old State Capitol 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free. The Illinois State Museum and State Historic Sites invite you to a Juneteenth Family Day Celebration. Explore history, art, culture and more with Illinois State agency partners.

Youth in the Movement

Old State Capitol 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.
Free. All ages. An inspiring afternoon of education, empowerment and civic engagement for all ages while exploring the history of the black vote and the art of "noir 6: The Truth."

Saturday, June 13

Comer Cox Park Celebration Day 1

10 am. to 8 p.m.
Activities include local merchandise vendors, food trucks, family games, live music, a car show and the annual youth/adult basketball tournament.

Juneteenth Coach McBride Unity Parade

10 a.m. The parade lines up at the Capitol

City Elks Lodge and begins at the corner of MLK Drive and South Grand Avenue. The procession moves north along MLK and finishes at Comer Cox Park. This year's parade is filled with marching groups, music, floats and culture.

The LeVert Experience

Comer Cox, 11 a.m. following Unit Parade
An Unforgettable Journey through Classic R&B. Entertainment is headlined by The LeVert Experience: Marc Gordon, Joe Little and Dave Tolliver. Grab those lawn chairs and get ready for a night full of music including the Debbie Ross Band, Springfield Municipal Band, Soul Experience, Saint Boogie Brass Band, Nicholas R. and Rudy Boz & Friends.

Community Hours

Comer Cox, 2 p.m.
Hosted by DJ Tat, this afternoon of music, culture and community showcases local emerging artists such as Young Queens Dance Team, Pure Sensational Diamonds Dance Team, Christopher D. Sims, CuspoFarrows, Katae, Dru, Raven B, Rhythm & Groove Live Dance and Taylor Moni.

Sunday, June 14

Comer Cox Park Celebration Day 2

Praise in the Park

10 a.m.
Worship with Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Hosted by Pastor Bobby Hampton and Randy Cole.

Gospel Community Hour

12:30 p.m.
Hosted by Randy Cole with DJ Slikkdarula. Vocalists include Quentin Brackenridge, Jestine Doss, Jada Love, K3HLAN, W.O.O (Damar Weatherly), God's Promise, Miss Johnetta. Also featuring Miracle Temple Love Family Choir and the Brown Street COGIC Choir.

Monday, June 15

Free-ish - Juneteenth & The Long Legacy of 1619

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
6:30 p.m. Program with book signing to follow. Join a thought-provoking conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and creator of The 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones, as she explores Juneteenth and the enduring legacy of slavery in America.

Thursday, June 18

The Psychedelics (Funk) and Paul Bill Jr.
Y-Block, South Fourth and East Jackson streets, 6 p.m.

Levitt Amp Springfield Concert. The lawn opens at 6 p.m. Grab dinner from one of the food vendors or bring your own. Visit the Community Square and learn about local organizations. Support local businesses while enjoying live entertainment.

Friday, June 19

Juneteenth Youth Breakfast and Fine Arts Breakfast

The Salvation Army 10 a.m. to noon
Adults \$15, children, \$10

A grand finale honoring freedom, creativity and the next generation. This special celebration includes a breakfast, live performances by youth artists, visual arts gallery showcasing young creators and recognition of outstanding youths who embody the spirit of Juneteenth. All ages welcome. Seats are limited. Get tickets at the Juneteenth Inc. website.

Juneteenth at Henson Robinson Zoo

1100 E. Lake Shore Drive, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take the entire family to visit the Henson Robinson Zoo, with free admission for all ages on Juneteenth.

Lowcountry Seafood Boil: A Historical Gullah Geechee Immersion Dinner

Pasfield House, 525 S. Pasfield St. 7 p.m.

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Geechee through the food, music and traditions. Tickets are \$99 per person and include a full traditional Lowcountry seafood boil served communal style. Presented by The Culture Experience.

Juneteenth Restaurant and Bar Crawl

This event, hosted by Juneteenth Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha, will celebrate culture, community and Black excellence. Schedule: 1-2 p.m., Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering, 1831 South Grand Ave. E.; 2:15-3:15 p.m., American Legion, 1800 E. Capitol Ave.; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Jerk Joint, 219 S. Fifth St.; 4:45-5:45 p.m., 5th Street Gem, 221 S. Fifth St.; 6-7 p.m., Replay Lounge, 217 S. Fifth St.; 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Xtreme Dreamz Car Club, 1635 Carpenter St.; 8:30-9:30 p.m., Blueprint Bar and Grill, 816 S. 11th St.; and 9:45-10:45 p.m., and Unique's Bar & Grill, 1231 E. Cook St.

Juneteenth Panel Discussion

Centenary United Methodist Church, 331 E. State Street in Jacksonville, 6 p.m.

A panel of prominent Underground Railroad scholars will discuss the process, excitement and challenges of making historical topics such as the Underground Railroad come alive during the social media age. The panel includes Brian Mitchell, Brittany Yancy, Kathryn Harris and Ruth Linear. Free. The event is being held in conjunction with the Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad exhibit at the Jacksonville Area Museum. □

Katie Spoon is a mother of three young adults and is active in community theater, activism and mutual aid throughout the 217.



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“Battling the fires of racism”

Renovations continue at historic Black Firehouse

JUNETEENTH | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

New large mahogany doors and all-yellow brickwork on the façade of the Black Firehouse at 1310 E. Adams St. are the latest renovations expected to be completed by the end of August on this historic structure. The building, owned by the Central Lodge #3 Prince Hall Masons, was once Firehouse No. 5, known as the first Black Firehouse in Springfield. A large historical marker in the yard tells its history.

The Firehouse was built in 1901 as a much-needed addition to the area east of 10th Street to deal with fires. It was the only firehouse where Black firemen were allowed to serve. The historical marker reads: “It was the first firehouse to answer the alarm to extinguish the homes and businesses of Black citizens that were torched by angry white mobs during the 1908 Race Riot.”

Horses pulled fire wagons; there was a stable downstairs and a hay loft above. The men slept upstairs. The ceiling trap door that once had a brass pole for the firemen to slide down, and some of the walls, are original. Initially considered lesser than the white firehouses, Firehouse No. 5 wasn't even listed in the department directory.

“We will be setting up an exhibit and have some items connected to the firehouse such as helmets, badges and boots that descendants of the firemen have donated. We have acquired artifacts such as logbooks from the 1920s and 1930s as well as pictures and books that help tell the history,” said Ken Page, a member of the Lodge who has headed up the project. “These men were the first to answer the call to houses and buildings burning in the 1908 race riot.”

Page is quick to point out, though, that “this will not just be a museum about the firehouse. The main exhibit will focus on battling the fires of racism.”

In 1954 the firehouse operation moved to 1723 E. Clay St., but the building on Adams remained. In the 1970s, the city of Springfield wanted to tear it down to create more lots in Pioneer Park, the residential area around the building. Interest in saving the structure was intense; the Masons stepped in and purchased the site.

Central Lodge #3 Prince Hall Masons is the oldest and longest continuously operating African American fraternal organization in Springfield, established in 1867. Prince Hall was an abolitionist who came from England as a free man. He wanted to make sure Black children were educated.

There are two cornerstones on the side of the building. One is the original stone which reads: “Erected by Central Lodge No 2 A.F. &



The former Black Firehouse at 1310 E. Adams St. is in the process of getting new mahogany doors and an updated façade. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

A. Masons Colored October 1903,” which was relocated in 1970. A.F.& A. stands for Ancient Free and Accepted. The other is a plaque added in 2011 rededicating the Lodge.

Work to restore the firehouse began in 2010-2011 with a grant of \$200,000 acquired through legislation sponsored by then-Sen. Larry Bomke and then-state Rep. Raymond Poe. Since then, a new roof, new heating and air conditioning,

plumbing, doors and windows have all been accomplished.

Michael von Behren Builder of Springfield is the general contractor. Owner Aaron Acree predicts that the “project will be 100% finished by the end of August but is dependent on the availability of products that are being custom-made. The whole façade is being completely restored. This has been a neat project to work

on,” he said.

Bruce Ferry, who has been involved in saving and renovating numerous historic properties in the area, is the architect.

“To the best of our research, we are replicating the original look of the firehouse,” he said. “It has been great to work on such a worthwhile and good project; I’m excited and lucky to be a part of it.”

Funding has continued under state Sen. Doris Turner’s efforts for a \$300,000 grant that is being used to restore the façade.

Over the years, Springfield’s streets have been paved over, but there will be brick pavers in front of the firehouse.

“During the 10th Street corridor construction and building of the (multimodal transportation) Hub, original pavers under the streets were dug out. They were going to be hauled away, and it seemed these would be perfect for the front of the firehouse,” Ferry said. “Many have been used for repairs on various streets such as Douglas; we are hoping to get some for the firehouse.”

For more about the various men who served at the Black Firehouse, visit the Sangamon County Historical Society’s online research site, Sangamonlink.com □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna enjoys writing about local history and has previously written about the efforts to save the Black Firehouse.



The building, owned by the Central Lodge #3 Prince Hall Masons, was rededicated in 2011 and renovations to the historic structure have been ongoing. PHOTO BY CINDA KLICKNA

noir 6: The Truth

Exhibition of Black art opens June 12 at Old State Capitol

JUNETEENTH | Tamara Browning

Artist Bri Jackson painted an acrylic on canvas of a Black mother and her child that represents an excellent example of Black art standing for “Truth,” the curator of “noir 6: The Truth” art exhibition said.

“noir 6: The Truth” is an exhibition of Black art, depicting Blacks’ lives, that will be part of activities observing Juneteenth in Springfield.

The exhibition’s curator, Austin Wells, finds that Jackson’s selected 48-by-36-inch painting titled “After the Storm” deserves to be viewed for more than the less than 15 seconds viewers of art typically invest.

“Her piece is so powerful and strong. It’s a still from the movie *Sinners*,” says Wells. “(It’s a) really powerful scene with a Black woman breastfeeding, so this concept of nurturing ... We’re just really feeling that this one is a very strong representation of ‘Truth,’ or the theme of the show this year.”

The 2026 Illinois State Museum’s Juneteenth art exhibition “noir 6: The Truth” will open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12, at the Old State Capitol, Sixth and Adams streets in Springfield.

An awards ceremony will take place at approximately 6:15 p.m. Artwork from 26 artists will be shown. “noir 6” will be displayed until Saturday, Sept. 12.

Also, the museum’s Juneteenth Family Day – an event of art, history and community – will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Old State Capitol.

Present, past ‘Truth’ meet

Wells and co-curator Jaliyah Ross selected pieces of artwork representing the theme “The Truth.”

The Illinois State Museum, Juneteenth Inc., and the State Historic Sites at Springfield partnered to bring the newest installment in the Noir series.

The work “noir” (pronounced *nuär*) is French for “black” or “dark.”

Juneteenth (a word combining “June” and “nineteenth”), observed each year on June 19, is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It observes the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, announcing the end of slavery over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863.

The Emancipation Proclamation was an



Austin Wells, left, and Jaliyah Ross are co-curators of “noir 6: The Truth,” an exhibition of Black art that will open June 12 at the Old State Capitol. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

executive order declaring the freedom of more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in the secessionist Confederate states during the Civil War.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday and state holiday in Illinois in 2021.

The first local exhibit known as “Noir” debuted in May 2021, Illinois State Museum director Jenn Edginton says.

“Juneteenth Inc. and ISM have partnered for six years on Noir,” Edginton wrote to *Illinois Times*. “This idea was born out of a conversation between Juneteenth Inc. and the previous director of the ISM. ... Each year ISM and Juneteenth Inc. work together to bring in artists and community members to curate the show.”

‘Truth’ prevailed

“noir 6: The Truth” will invite visitors to thoughtfully engage with the histories and perspectives shaping shared cultural truths.

“Each year Noir’s theme is generated by our guest curators,” WM Stoerger, associate director of exhibits for the Illinois State Museum, wrote. “The Truth’ means ... The artwork in this year’s exhibit connects

past struggles with present realities while envisioning more equitable futures.”

“noir 6’s” co-curator Ross plans to exhibit her photography piece “Reaching for God’s Promises,” photographed about two months ago at Comer Cox Park in Springfield.

“I went up there to take pictures of the young men playing basketball,” says Ross, who has a movement called “Black Men Deserve Flowers.” “I captured a moment where they were looking up, reaching for the ball, but the way it cuts off, you don’t know what they’re reaching for or looking up to.”

The artwork in “noir 6” represents “Truth” through “uncomfortability of the Truth,” Ross says.

“A lot of times, the truth doesn’t feel good,” Ross says. “Seeing the art ‘speak’ and being OK with it, even when it’s uncomfortable, and just knowing that if it’s the truth, then it must be spoken.”

Artist Jackson’s “After the Storm” painting of a Black mother and her child speaks truth, Wells says.

“The concept in this piece, like in the movie (*Sinners*), it’s Michael B. Jordan’s character, and this woman’s character and they

had a child together, but the child doesn’t survive, so it’s that concept,” Wells says.

“Her in the movie and also as a painting is really deep to me ... When I’m looking at it, she is not your stereotypical protagonist. She’s actually the positive character in the movie, and she’s not your stereotypical light-skinned, long, more of your pin-style hair. She comes off as a nontraditional. They described her as being ‘not petite,’ and I love that Bri chose to paint that.”

Wells hopes “After the Storm” provokes thought.

“As artists, we hope that viewers spend some time looking at artwork,” Wells says. “They say that most viewers spend less than 15 seconds looking at a piece of artwork in a museum, so we’re probably asking for people to spend time thinking and diving deeper into the theme.” □

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The Stanza Stories

JUNETEENTH | Shatriya Smith

The public is invited to The Stanza Stories presentation and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St.

Celebrate the culmination of 10 racial healing workshops and hear the powerful poetry created by seven participants throughout this journey facilitated by Dr. Kelly Hurst, executive director of the Massey Commission, and Shatriya Smith, executive director of the Garvey-Tubman Cultural Arts and Research

Center and Springfield's own poet laureate.

The poets will unveil original pieces developed throughout the workshops. Through storytelling, reflection and creative expression, they will share work that reflects their unique journeys of growth, resilience and healing.

The program by Intricate Minds is made possible through support from the Healing Illinois grant and the Springfield Area Arts Council.

"The Mice" is a thought-provoking and evocative poem that captivates with its vivid imagery and sharp commentary on societal issues. The use of contrasting ideas, such as "Awake vs woke" and "the walking dead vs the prepared," creates a powerful tension that invites readers to reflect on the complexities of modern life. The line about the "salmon-colored dust storm" is particularly striking; it paints a surreal picture that enhances the theme of chaos and transformation.

The Mice

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Awake vs woke, the walking dead vs the prepared.
A universal tragedy, what will be shared?
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An outdoor food court for Southtown

CAP 1908 wants to create more opportunities for entrepreneurs

JUNETEENTH | Tamara Browning

The Springfield Project at CAP 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center is planning the creation of an outdoor food court to promote entrepreneurship even as it introduces a summer market series.

The Springfield Project's goal of developing an outdoor entrepreneurial food court was given a boost after the Springfield City Council on May 19 adopted an ordinance authorizing a contract with the nonprofit from March 1, 2026, through Feb. 28, 2028.

The contract is "to support a comprehensive and cohesive strategic plan for economic development in Springfield and authorize an annual payment in the amount of \$50,000, subject to the city council approval of the city's fiscal year budget."

Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory made an amendment to give The Springfield Project an additional \$75,000 over two years – making a total \$125,000 per year.

"It's more than just about that one project. They were assigned a strategic project. That first \$50,000 was to develop a strategic project for Wards 2 and 3," Gregory said. "I made an amendment to give them an additional \$75,000, but the bucket that we took it out of is for very specific purposes from the state of Illinois. It's from the Local Government Distributive Fund –8% that the state sends down from cannabis – and that funding there has to be used for violence prevention, etc."

Dominic Watson, executive director of The Springfield Project, said during the City Council meeting that an outdoor entrepreneurial food court is one of the enterprise's priorities in addressing violence prevention.

CAP 1908, 1100 South Grand Ave. E., offers a co-working space and a wide range of small business and organization programming in Springfield's Southtown Cultural District. The Southtown neighborhood's boundaries are Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to 11th Street and South Grand Avenue to Cook Street.

Founded in 1996, The Springfield Project is anchored by the 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, "a community-driven space that supports business growth, workforce training, youth programming and collaboration," according to the organization's website.

In March 2024, the city council awarded the nonprofit a \$500,000 allocation from the Far East TIF district to purchase two adjacent properties, the former Madison Furniture



The Springfield Project provided this rendering to the City Council to show what the outdoor food court in Southtown might look like. IMAGE COURTESY THE SPRINGFIELD PROJECT

building at 1104 South Grand Avenue E., as well as the adjacent former theater, now used as a stained-glass studio, at 1110 South Grand Ave. E.

"We're exploring some efforts in and around CAP 1908, so, obviously, that's an opportunity right across the street there that's worth exploring, and we'll follow that lead and that guidance that you required of us," Watson told the City Council May 19.

The Springfield Project is evaluating different sites for the outdoor food court.

A property of interest is a city-owned lot across from The Springfield Project on the southwest corner. A food court on that property could help generate city tax dollars, Gregory said.

"Of course, they want to go with the one across from them. I want them to go with the one across from them," Gregory said. "They're going to evaluate sites, do what needs to be done as far as environmental and all of those things and then putting together costs, etc., and then they'll present something, probably

before budget season ... to just see where that's at."

An outdoor food court would give people a "dedicated space," Gregory said.

"The goal with that is to create a food court that young entrepreneurs from our community, who hire from our community, will have a home, so they don't have to cook out of side yards or backyards," Gregory said. "A lot of people are doing that – cooking and betting on themselves. We want to try to give them a home, similar to what we see with The Railyard (outdoor food court), but, definitely, we're not going to steal their idea."

The Springfield Project has also been working on an indoor commercial kitchen. Watson previously told *Illinois Times* that CAP 1908 planned to open a shared kitchen and culinary incubator in an adjacent building, followed by a performing arts center that would offer early childhood and afterschool programs rooted in the arts.

"We definitely just want a home for all of our entrepreneurs and cooks and vendors

and all of those things, so those people at Juneteenth, many of them, hopefully, at some point in time, can have a home, and we'll incubate them and grow them," Gregory said. "That's what Springfield Project does and CAP 1908 does there, and then at that point, they'll be able to grow."

The Springfield Project has also introduced "1908 Culture Fest: Summer Market Series," a four-week cultural marketplace that will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays beginning July 11 at the organization's South Grand Avenue headquarters.

Week one will focus on African culture, followed by Latino/Hispanic culture for week two, Caribbean culture for week three and Black culture for week four. □

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A Juneteenth convergence of cultures

Honor custom of featuring red foods by infusing tortellini dough with the deep magenta hue of beets

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Juneteenth marks June 19, 1865, when enslaved Texans finally learned of their freedom – two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. In 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, establishing the date as a federal holiday.

Juneteenth has a red-themed culinary tradition, from crimson hibiscus tea to Sea Island red peas, which reflects its West African ancestry and the creative resilience of those who, despite hardship and scarcity, developed a celebrated cuisine.

Navigating the intersection of allyship and appropriation is a delicate balance for a white author writing about Juneteenth culinary customs. My goal is to celebrate the legacy of Black liberation and food traditions with respect and humility, avoiding any form of whitewashing. Given that food acts as a profound record of both resistance and survival, I hope I have approached this task with requisite reverence.

Based on a dish I created for my restaurant's tasting menu, this week's recipe is a red beet tortellini en brodo, filled with a collard-goat cheese filling and served in a pot-likker brodo.

Tortellini en brodo originates from the Emilia-Romagna region in Italy. It is a stuffed pasta in a golden broth. However, this interpretation honors the Juneteenth custom of featuring red foods by infusing the pasta dough with the deep magenta hue of beets.

Collard greens, long a staple of the southern table, serve as the centerpiece of this dish. The filling combines these greens with tangy goat cheese, while the broth is the nutrient-rich pot likker. Historically, this delicious liquid – produced by simmering greens with smoked meats – provided essential nourishment for enslaved people, while choice cuts were reserved for the main household.

Red beet tortellini en brodo

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients:

For the red beet pasta dough
2 medium red beets
1 large whole egg plus 3 egg yolks
2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
5 tablespoons of semolina flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt

For the braised collard greens
2 bunches of collard greens, stemmed and sliced into 1-inch ribbons
1 tablespoon bacon fat or canola oil
1 large yellow onion, diced



Red beet tortellini en brodo. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

2 celery stalks, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
10 cups of water
1 large smoked turkey wing or ham hock
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
Salt to taste

For the collard and goat cheese filling
2 cups cooked, stained, and finely chopped collard greens (reserve the braising liquid for the brodo)
4 ounces soft goat cheese
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
A pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
Salt and black pepper to taste

Preparation:

Tightly wrap the beets in foil and roast in a 400-degree oven for one hour. When cool, remove the skins with paper towels.

Chop the beets into small chunks and purée in a mini food processor or blender until completely smooth. You will need about ½ cup of smooth beet purée.

On a clean work surface or large cutting board, mound your flour and create a wide well in the center.

Pour the whole eggs, egg yolks and ½ cup of beet purée into the well. Add the salt. Using a fork, gently whisk the eggs and beet puree together in the well, gradually incorporating the flour from the sides.

Once a shaggy dough forms, switch to your hands. Knead the dough vigorously for about 10 minutes, until it is smooth, elastic, and uniformly vibrant magenta. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and let it rest at room temperature for 30 minutes or refrigerate overnight.

In a large stockpot, heat the bacon fat or vegetable oil. Sauté the onion and celery with a pinch of salt. Add the garlic and cook for a few minutes more. Pour in the water and add the smoked turkey wing (or ham hock), collard greens, apple cider vinegar, and red pepper flakes. Bring the mixture to a rolling boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cover partially and let it simmer gently for at least 2 ½ to 3 hours. The liquid should reduce by about a third. Taste and adjust for salt.

Drain the greens through a fine-mesh sieve, reserving the braising liquid (pot liquor) for the brodo.

Squeeze the collard greens dry in a clean kitchen towel and finely chop two cups. In a medium bowl, mix the collard greens, goat cheese, Parmesan, nutmeg and black pepper until completely smooth and homogenous. Transfer the mixture to a piping bag (or a zip-top bag with the corner snipped) and set aside.

Cut your rested pasta dough into four equal pieces. Work with one piece at a time, keeping the rest covered so they don't dry out.

Flatten the dough down onto a floured work surface and shape it into a half-inch-or-thinner rectangle. Run your dough through a

pasta machine, starting at the widest setting. Then fold your dough into thirds, like folding a business letter. Do the folds two more times, running through the widest setting. Then one run through each number down to the second to last.

Divide the pasta sheet into three-inch squares and place a chickpea-sized portion of filling in the center of each. To shape the tortellini, fold each square into a triangle, ensuring any air is pressed out before sealing the edges securely. Bring the two lower corners together by wrapping them around your finger and pressing to overlap, then gently tilt the top corner back to create the signature hat shape.

Place the finished tortellini on a baking sheet dusted with flour. Repeat with the remaining dough.

When ready to cook, reheat the reserved pot likker in a saucepan. Bring a large pot of salted water to a gentle boil. Drop the tortellini into the boiling water. Cook for about two to three minutes; they will float to the top when they are done. Remove them carefully with a slotted spoon.

To serve, divide the hot, cooked red tortellini among wide-rimmed soup bowls. Ladle the pot likker broth around the pasta. Finish with a grating of fresh Parmesan cheese if desired.

As you sit down to enjoy this dish, take a moment to savor the flavors and textures. The initial taste is the smoky, vinegary punch of the brodo – a flavor profile instantly recognizable to anyone raised on Southern Sunday dinners. Then comes the bite of the pasta: al dente, and a bit earthy from the beets. Finally, the filling bursts forward, rich with the tang of goat cheese and collard greens.

It is my sincere hope that this dish serves as a reminder: celebration is not about erasing history but about paying tribute to it through creative reinvention. By reinterpreting traditional dishes with flavors rooted in the past, I hope to have created a culinary metaphor for Juneteenth. May your table be a place of liberation, vibrant color and deep love this Freedom Day.

After retiring from a 40-year career in dentistry at age 66, Dr. Peter Glatz embraced his lifelong dream of becoming a professional chef. For the next seven years he gained hands-on experience in highly regarded kitchens nationwide. His transition from the exacting world of dentistry to the inventive world of culinary arts is a testament to the possibility of reinvention by teaching cooking classes at Prairie Fruits Farms and Creamery in Champaign.

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Springfield's Ted Eck and the golden age of U.S. soccer

HISTORY | Peter C. Cavanagh

With FIFA World Cup matches set to be played on American soil June 11-July 19, it is the perfect time to revisit the United States Men's Team return to World Cup play 36 years ago. After a 40-year hiatus, Springfield native Ted Eck helped make U.S. soccer history.

Eck grew up as the youngest member of Springfield's first true soccer family. He honed his skills alongside his brother, Matt, in the YMCA Youth Soccer Program and sharpened them further by training with Sangamon State University players, where older brother Joe served as coach. That early immersion paid dividends. Eck went on to earn All-American honors at Western Illinois University and embarked on a 13-year professional career.

After being selected as one of 32 players to participate in the 1988 Senior Bowl in Santa Ana, California, Eck set his sights on Europe. U.S. Soccer organized a college All-Star tour abroad, and when it ended, Eck stayed. He landed in England, played Sunday soccer, caught the eye of a local team, and soon found himself earning a paycheck at Buxton Football Club in the East Midlands. He wasted no time making an impression, scoring 10 goals in his first 10 games. Despite that success, the long, dark English winter wore on him and he returned home after several months, missing friends and family.

Back in the states, Eck was acquired by the Kansas City Comets of the Major Indoor Soccer League – at the time, the country's premier professional soccer competition. He arrived mid-season with almost no player budget allocated for him. The Comets offered a host family, a beat-up car and \$800 a month. Eck, ever the pragmatist, was thrilled. "I was in hog heaven," he recalls. "In '88, I was getting 800 bucks and playing soccer."

After a strong first indoor season, a summer stint in Ottawa saw Eck lead the Canadian league in scoring. That performance brought him squarely onto the radar of U.S. National Team coach Bob Gansler, who invited him into camp. Eck performed well in exhibition matches and found himself on the fringe of the 1990 World Cup roster – the United States' first appearance in the tournament in the modern era.

He just missed the final cut, and the reasons were complicated. During that era, no binding agreement existed between FIFA and professional clubs requiring player release for international duty. Eck, loyal to the organization



Hank Steinbrecher runs young Ted Eck through some drills as brother Matt looks on. Steinbrecher, who coached older brother Joe Eck at Warren Wilson College, went on to lead the staging of the 1994 FIFA World Cup hosted by the U.S.. Right, Ted Eck skips past a final East German player before banging home a U.S. goal in Milwaukee on July 28, 1990. PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETE CAVANAGH



paying his wages, declined several national team call-ups at his club's request. It cost him.

"Looking back, maybe I should have gone and just left my pro team," he said. "But I was very dedicated, and it was hard to be torn between the national team and the club."

Coach Gansler, in explaining his decision, cited Eck's unavailability as a significant factor. Eck's brother Joe, the Prairie Stars coach, later spoke with Gansler at a national coaches' meeting and was told directly: Ted would have been selected and seen playing time in the 1990 World Cup had he been released to attend camps.

Eck was gracious in disappointment. He watched the 1990 World Cup with a mix of pride and regret, glad to have contributed in a small way to the buildup even if his name wasn't on the final roster.

"It was the first time we'd made it in the modern era," he said. "I was grateful to be at least some part of it."

The subsequent years brought a new national team regime – Serbian coach Bora Milutinović – and with it, better fortunes for Eck. Milutinović called him into several camps, and Eck flourished under his demanding, detail-oriented style. He played in the 1992 Gold Cup, earned quality minutes and a title against top international competition. Eck credits Milutinović with helping him mature significantly as a player.

"He was a fun guy," Eck recalls. "He'd jump in and play with us on the field, play soccer tennis after training. He had an excellent touch on the ball well into his late forties."

The club-versus-country tension resurfaced during preparations for the 1994 World Cup, this time with the St. Louis Storm. When a teammate departed for a U.S. camp without asking permission and faced no consequences, Eck followed the rules, asked for clearance, and was denied – the coach not wanting two players gone at once. Ted was left wondering why he'd gotten the short end of the stick.

Looking back, he doesn't mince words: "I would have just gone. I needed to be more of an ass and just go. 'Sorry guys, it's the National Team calling.'"

Today, FIFA mandates the release of players for international duty on designated calendar dates – a rule that exists, in part, because of situations exactly like Eck's.

Throughout the early 1990s, as indoor soccer began to fade and outdoor leagues gained investment, Eck adapted. He joined the Colorado Foxes of the A-League, captured championships and positioned himself for the launch of Major League Soccer. At the inaugural MLS Draft in 1996, his Foxes coach assumed a gentlemen's agreement among clubs would keep Eck available into the second round. It didn't hold. Eck was taken third overall by FC Dallas – and he embraced it without looking back. He

spent the final six years of his career with Dallas, competing alongside international stars and learning a new position, defensive midfielder, in the twilight of his playing days.

By the time he retired, Eck had played in more than 500 professional matches across more than 30 countries. USA Today recognized him as one of the hardest workers in MLS. He represented the U.S. National Team during what is widely considered the golden age of American international soccer.

The Griffin High School graduate credits Springfield with giving him the foundation for all of it.

"It was a great place to grow up," he said. "That's where I learned the value of real hard work and doing the best with what you had. If you wanted anything in our house, you knew you had to earn it."

As for the World Cup, Eck's immediate pick is the U.S. After a moment of reflection, he adds, "Actually, France will win; if not, Argentina."

Eck and his wife now live in Salt Lake City with their three children. □

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And speaking of fairs (a sloppy segue, I know), it's time for our Sangamon County Fair, held, as usual, in New Berlin. We missed the opening on Wednesday, but the music doesn't start at the Warren-Boynton State Bank Pavillion until Thursday evening with Alex Pearce then Brushville, while Friday drops X-Krush and Lick Creek with the big grandstand show of Scotty McCreery and Josh Turner in between. Saturday lures us with 'White Lightnin'' then Next Thing Smokin' and Alex Pearce back on Sunday. Fair admission is \$5 with the pavilion entertainment included, but daily grandstand shows (there's the concert, monster trucks, a rodeo and the obligatory demolition derby) cost extra. Sounds fair enough to me.

Here's a heads up for the Third Annual Zachary Ryan Harris Memorial Golf Outing and BBQ happening next Friday, June 19, at Piper Glen near Chatham. This is the organization's main fundraiser, so please join in keeping Zachary's spirit alive by supporting the foundation's mission of distributing funds among local arts groups involved in youth education. Thank you and find more information on how to participate and contribute at ZRHFoundation.org.

Now to check on these crazy busy Thursdays cropping up lately. First up, let's congratulate our very own R&B Live Ladies Edition for scoring the support slot before The Jacksons (yeah, *those* Jacksons are out celebrating over 50 years in show business) at the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur.

Then there's the Levitt AMP concert at the Y-Block downtown featuring The Matchsellers blending bluegrass, roots and Americana with opening act the Whiskey Killers, a local combo.

Plus, it's time for the monthly Thursday Night Live showcase at Motorheads featuring Niko Boeker, Captain Trip and The Space Cadets (Carl Akers, Joe Popich, John Heuman, Al Hibbert, Justin Lowe and Christine Parisella), Barbed Rose (Shelley Tulo, Aley Alvey, Dyllan Martin, Matt Smegal and Allan Harris) and Jim McCann.

Let's go full festival mode right now beginning with the weeklong Juneteenth Celebration commencing Saturday at Comer



Emily Perkins opens the Sangamo Brewing Summer Fest in Chatham this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Cox Park with music from The Saint Boogie Brass Band, Rudy Boz & Friends and the Springfield Municipal Band. Then after a Community Hour we commence again with Nicholas R., Soul Experience, Debbie Ross Band and the LeVert Experience with praise music on Sunday and an eventful, full week ahead.

Now we're off to Greenview as the Sweetwater Music Festival hosts a Friday night pre-party and all-day music on Saturday with camping plus food and vendors. Musical artists include Mace Hathaway, Pity Thy Neighbors, Colt Ball, Pete Jive, Josie Lowder, Jobe Shores, Dracula Johnson, The Green View Band and Jake Rebman with more info on their Facebook event page.

Next let's venture to Chatham for the Sangamo Brewing Summer Fest running all day on Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. presenting the hometown talents of Emily Perkins, Not Petty, Zack Fedor and Positively 4th Street for this free for all fest full of fun.

For downtown community-supported shows look for Cloven Peacock (former Colin Helton Band) in Union Park at noon on Friday for an Artist in the Park performance and Julie Jules & Co. on Saturday morning (10-11) as your Old Capitol Farmers Market entertainment special.

That's a lot but not nearly all, so please review our listings for the rest then let's catch up and mustard next week. □

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Thursday Jun 11

Open mic with Bob the Brewer

Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7:30-10pm

Joel Honey

Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

Ron DeMichiel

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

Thursday Night Live

Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm

Alex Pearce

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 5-8pm and June 14, 2-5pm

Brushville

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 9pm-12am

Open mic with Silas Tockey

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

Kortney and friends

open mic
The Blue Grouch, 7-11pm

Friday Jun 12

Jordan Rainer

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Silas Tockey

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

John Till

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Jim & Tommy

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Me, Myself & Schy

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Jay Larson Band

George Rank's, 7pm

Natu Visinia

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-9pm

Summer of George

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and June 13, 7-10:30pm

Soul Experience

Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

AI Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini

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

Eric Vaughn Hagen

Mount Pulaski Town Square, Mount Pulaski, 6pm

2nd Street Harmony

Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-9pm

The House Acoustic Band

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

Clay Snyder

The Railyard, 6-9pm

X-Krush

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 5-8pm

Lick Creek

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 8pm

Night Moves, Claudey Blue

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Brandy Kristin Band

Stonington Summerfest, Stonington, 8:30pm-12:30am

Big Guns

The Topsy Toad, 7pm

Cloven Peacock

Union Square Park, 12-1pm

Groundhog Jam

VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 6-9pm

Saturday Jun 13

The Southern Rail Band

AMVETS Post 100, Jacksonville, 8-11pm

Menace to Sobriety

Aqua Sports Club, 6-10pm

Hunter Flynn with Caleb Atwood

The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Travis Ried Band

The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Living Bratz

Boone's, 6-9pm

James Crosby

Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous

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

Saint Boogie Brass Band, Rudy Boz & Friends, Springfield Municipal Band

Comer Cox Park, 11:15am-2pm

The LeVert Experience, Nicholas R., Soul Experience, Debbie Ross Band

Comer Cox Park, 3:15pm

TyJon Charlie

Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

X-Krush, Emperors & Angels, Afterthought, TaQsem and The Candy Jams

The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Hippies of the Heartland

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Prevention, Lost Legion, False Negative, Hard Looks, Reject

Dumb Records, 7pm

Joel Honey

The Filling Station, Rochester, 8-11pm

Phat Kitti

The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7-11pm

Kapital Sound

Harry's Adult Day Care, 7pm

Salty Bros.

Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

FlashBang

Jacksonville Downtown, Jacksonville, 6-9pm

Michael Burnett & The Suns of Circumstance

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo

Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Satellite

Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Rod Grant

Mowie's Cue, 8pm

Bluegrass Jam

Never Forgotten Thymes Shoppe, Decatur, 1-3pm

Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos

Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 7-10pm

Julie Jules & Co.

Old Capitol Farmers Market, 10-11am

Brian Shartzter

Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Speakeasy Trio

The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 7pm

Brandy Kristin Band

Route 66 Motorheads Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Emily Perkins, Not Petty, Positively 4th Street, Zack Fedor

Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 2-8pm

White Lightnin'

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 5-8pm

Next Thing Smokin'

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 9pm-1am

Sunshine Daydream

The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

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Stella Coffee & Tea, 12-2pm

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The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 7-10pm

The Pleiades

The Blue Grouch, 7pm

Grand Theft Audio

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Alex Pearce

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

Gary Williams

Wabash Park, Illiopolis, 11am-2pm

JackAsh

Wabash Park, Illiopolis, 4pm

Capt. Quirk

Wabash Park, Illiopolis, 8-11pm

2nd Street Harmony

West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

Jason Milligan

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2pm

Sunday Jun 14

Rod Grant

Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

James Crosby

Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Gracia

Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Rich Hogan

Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 11am-2pm

Jacob Cutler

The Filling Station, Rochester, 3pm

Bob Besser

Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

Joel Honey

Harry's Adult Day Care, 2-5pm

Hunter Sharp

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Open Blues Jam featuring B Douglas and The Travelers for Peace

Hunan Restaurant, 5-8pm

The Kitchens

It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Mike Metz

Jerome Civic Center, 1-3pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band

The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3-6pm

Matthew Adermann

Legendary Small Town Trading Co., Taylorville, 11:30am-2:30pm

Dan Grover

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

Andrew Duncanson and Take a Ride

Pop's Place, Decatur,

Alex Pearce

Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 2-5pm

After School Special

Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4pm

Just 4 Kicks

Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Fusion Ignite

VFW Post 10302, 7-10pm

Kortney Leatherwood

Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Niko Boeker

Win, Lose, Or Draught, 3-6pm

Monday Jun 15

Timo Arthur

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 16

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Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Open jam

George Rank's, 8pm

Wednesday Jun 17

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Boondocks, 8pm

Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey

Boone's, 7-10pm

Butter Jam Wednesday

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The Filling Station, Rochester, 8-11pm

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Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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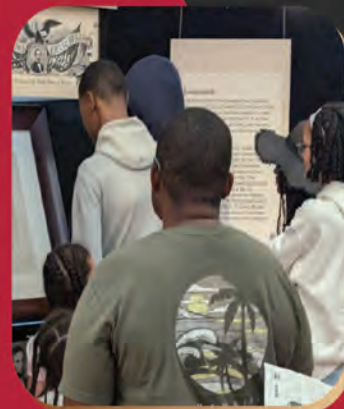
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it This popular annual music festival, which always packs some serious musical talent, has a new name and new home after previous stops at Sheedy Shores and Long Bridge Golf Course. This year's event was organized by Tom Beverly, Geoff Ryan, Tom Noonan and Blake Samat. Now in its fifth year, it will feature Emily Perkins, Not Petty, Positively 4th Street and Zack Fedor. Beverly and Ryan take the stage with the Positively 4th Street combo. Lineup: Emily Perkins, 2-2:30 p.m.; Not Petty, 3-4 p.m.; Positively 4th Street, 4:30- 5:15 p.m.; Zack Fedor, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; and Positively 4th Street again, 7-8 p.m. The event, formerly known as the Positively Summer Music Festival, is free and family-friendly.

Special Music Events

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

Artist in the Park
Fridays, 12-1pm. Through July 31. Artist in the Park is an outdoor performance series. Enjoy live music, dance and more. Includes food trucks serving lunch for Food Truck Fridays starting at 11am. Music begins at noon. Presented by Springfield Area Arts Council presented in partnership with the ALPLM. Free. Union Square Park, 500 E. Madison St., 217-753-3519.

The Matchsellers, The Whiskey Killers
Thu., June 11, 6-9:15pm. Headliner The Matchsellers will bring a blend of bluegrass, roots and Americana for this Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series show. Opening act The Whiskey Killers play at 6:45pm

followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids talent, has a new name and new home after previous stops at Sheedy Shores and Long Bridge Golf Course. This year's event was organized by Tom Beverly, Geoff Ryan, Tom Noonan and Blake Samat. Now in its fifth year, it will feature Emily Perkins, Not Petty, Positively 4th Street and Zack Fedor. Beverly and Ryan take the stage with the Positively 4th Street combo. Lineup: Emily Perkins, 2-2:30 p.m.; Not Petty, 3-4 p.m.; Positively 4th Street, 4:30- 5:15 p.m.; Zack Fedor, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; and Positively 4th Street again, 7-8 p.m. The event, formerly known as the Positively Summer Music Festival, is free and family-friendly.

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

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

Somebody's Problem and tributes to Eric Church, Miranda Lambert and Kenny Chesney
Wed., June 17, 6-10:30pm. Somebody's Problem is a central Illinois Morgan Wallen tribute band. The Eric Church, Miranda Lambert and Kenny Chesney tribute acts will

open at 6pm. \$11 a week in advance, \$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Springfield Municipal Band
Wednesdays, 3-4pm. Through Aug. 5. Part of the History Comes Alive Ice Cream Social with Abe and Mary. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Springfield Municipal Band
Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Through Aug. 4. At the bandshell. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

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

Books & Authors

Free-ish: Juneteenth and the Long Legacy of 1619 - a conversation with Nikole Hannah-Jones
Mon., June 15, 6:30-7:30pm. Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and creator of The 1619 Project, will explore Juneteenth and the enduring legacy of slavery in America. A meet and greet with Hannah-Jones and book signing will follow the discussion. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Theater & Comedy

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

Monsters & Magic
Sat., June 13, 1, 3pm. Dance Arts Studio's 2025/2026

season recital presents a whimsical journey filled with friendly, huggable monsters, beloved characters and a world of wonder. \$6-\$16. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Art & Architecture

"noir 6: The Truth" Opening Reception

Fri., June 12, 5:30-7:30pm. This exhibition honors and features Black art, artists and the stories of truths that shape the Black experience in America. Co-curated by Jaliyah Ross and Austin Wells. The Illinois State Museum invites the public to attend the opening reception and experience an evening of art, culture and connection. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-782-7386.

A 50-Year Celebration of the Prairie Weavers Guild
Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through June 27. In this exhibit, members of the Prairie Weavers Guild showcase their works, display various weaving techniques across several different textiles and provide an exclusive look into Springfield's local weaving scene. This is the group's 50th anniversary. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Art Night at the Dana-Thomas House
Thu., June 11, 5:30-7:30pm. Paint a pot as part of the art night series at this historic house. There will be a selection of pottery to choose from. Supplies (including ceramic decals for unique designs) are provided, along with instructions and guidance. \$40. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Food & Drink

Free Meal and Produce
Sat., June 13, 4pm. Food Not Bombs Springfield, IL will provide a free meal and fresh produce for those who want it until food runs out. If possible, bring reusable containers, travel cups, or grocery bags to help reduce plastic waste. Meal Distribution Site, Southwest corner of Seventh Street and Capitol Avenue.

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THE CALENDAR

America 250 at the Homestead Quilt Show

Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10am-5pm. Through June 30. Quilts displayed throughout the fully-furnished Victorian mansion will be red, white, and/or blue; have patriotic, Colonial Era, or Americana themes. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-18 and children 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

America 250 Classic Car Show

Sun., June 14, 12-3pm. Step back in time at this event showcasing a variety of beautifully restored and preserved classic American vehicles. Food will be available. Free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Summer Frolic

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

Upper Deck Tours of the Lincoln Tomb

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through June 24. Experience this guided tour that provides insight into the history and meaning of the statuary on the Lincoln Tomb's upper level. Tour includes a brief history of the monument's design and construction and interpretation of the statuary. eventbrite.com. Free. Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-785-5030.

World War II living history

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

Holiday Happenings

Juneteenth Family Day Celebration

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

Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-782-5955.

Juneteenth Parade, Celebration in the Park

Sat., June 13, 10am-8pm and Sun., June 14, 10am-8pm. Two Days. One Community. Endless Celebrations. The Coach McBride Unity Parade on Saturday morning will kick off the two-day celebration at Comer Cox Park. Parade starts at 10am. Lineup is at MLK and South Grand avenues. Parade ends at Comer Cox Park, where there will be live music, performances, family activities, games, a car show, food trucks, basketball tournament and more. Headlining the musical acts on Saturday will be The LeVert Experience. Sunday the 14th will feature Praise in the Park and a Gospel Community Hour and performances by local community members. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-572-0234.

Juneteenth Youth Day at The Outlet

Wed., June 17, 5-8pm. A great time to let loose and be a kid! Features food, games, fun, music, art and more. The Outlet, 3306 S. Sixth Street Road, 217-572-0234.

Juneteenth Youth in the Movement

Fri., June 12, 12-3pm. For all ages. An inspiring afternoon of education, empowerment and civic engagement while exploring the history of the black vote and the art of "noir 6: The Truth." Free admission and free food. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-572-0234.

Fairs & Festivals

2026 Sangamon County Fair

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

AQUAFEST Summer Celebration

Sat., June 13, 4-10pm. Enjoy AQUAFEST, the annual summer celebration at the Aqua Sports Club on Lake Springfield. Includes food and drink specials with local rock band Menace to Sobriety playing anything from

70s classics to today's hits from 6 to 10pm. Open to public. Open to Public. Aqua Sports Club, 1 Club Area, 217-529-2431.

Downtown Plaza Car Show & Cruise Nite

Sat., June 13, 8am-9pm. Hosted by the The Morton Avenue Misfits, this show features the judge car show around the square (8am-3pm) and cruise along Morton Avenue (5-9pm). Includes food vendors, music, crafts, swap meet, door prizes and raffles. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-993-8645.

Illiofest

Fri., June 12, 5-9pm and Sat., June 13, 9am-11pm. Now two days! Enjoy music, rides, drinks, games and fun, car show, vendor fair, face painting, live music and much more. Wabash Park, Illiopolis, 549 Mary St., 217-486-2511.

Fundraisers and Galas

APL Donuts and Dogs 5K & Fun Run

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

Governor Duncan Summer BBQ

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

Lectures & Meetings

Illinois State Beekeepers Association Summer Meeting

Sat., June 13, 9am-5:30pm. Learn more about bees and beekeeping at this annual event featuring informative hands-on presentations by Illinois beekeepers. Event includes presentations for children, an afternoon workshop on using beeswax to make lip balm, vendors, Q&A session and more. prairie-state-beekeepers.com. Various - see website. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-638-7891

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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 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: 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 as-

essments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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In the Matter of the Estate of:
Dennis L. Taylor,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-217
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Dennis L. Taylor, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on June 3, 2026, to Amy Renee Whitecotton, 1930 Shasta Lane, Chatham, Illinois, 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Dennis L. Taylor of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Amy Renee Whitecotton as the only heir of Dennis L. Taylor. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
JOHN MICHAEL DOYLE,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-202
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of John Michael Doyle of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 3, 2026, to Bryan Doyle, 158 N. Wynstone Drive, North Barrington, Illinois 60010, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 10, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative

and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of June, 2026.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
MALCOLM B. MCKEAN,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-222
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Malcolm B. McKean of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 3, 2026, to Barbara A. McKean, 112 Astoria, 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 December 10, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. PETERSON, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-214
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY A. PETERSON. Letters of Office have been issued to WILLIAM PETERSON, 430 Meredith Drive, Sherman, IL 62684, 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 16, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of June, 2026.
William P. Sheehan
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE IN
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert Kevin Farley, Deceased.
Case No. 2026PRO00206

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Robert Kevin Farley, who died on October 11th, 2025. Letters of Administrator were issued on May 27th, 2026, to Kevin Joseph Farley, whose address is 1434 Jaywood Drive St. Louis, MO 63146.

The Administrator is acting pro se (representing themselves).
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before Dec. 11, 2026. 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 Administrator and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed.
Kevin Joseph Farley
Administrator of the Estate of Robert Kevin Farley.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN JOSEPH LAPICCOLA, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-215
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN JOSEPH LAPICCOLA. Letters of Office have been issued to JANIS CRABB, 2801 Montaluma Dr., #113, Springfield, IL 62704, and ANGELA S. LEY, 2634 South 9th St., Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Administrators, or both, on or before December 16, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Administrators and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 2nd day of June, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan, III
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1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLY R. WITHERS, DECEASED.
2026PRO00216
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of LILLY R. WITHERS, of Cantrall, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 2, 2026, to DANNY RAY WITHERS, 270 Spur Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 11th day of June 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court.

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Dated this 2nd day of June 2026.
DANNY RAY WITHERS, Independent Administrator of the Estate of LILLY R. WITHERS, Deceased,
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.
By: Jenna L. Tucker, Attorney
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE STARK, Deceased
NO. 2026PRO00212
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Daniel Lee Stark, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on June 2, 2026, to Amy E. Simpson, 275 Trillium Lane, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, 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 14th 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 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 2nd day of June, 2026.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
8051-965546

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of JEFFREY S. CURTIS, Deceased.
IN PROBATE
No. 2026-PR-207
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Jeffrey S. Curtis, deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2026, to Jennifer L. Shaner, as Administrator with Will Annexed, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 25th 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 29th day of May, 2026.
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Brandon R. Clark
Registration No. 6329553
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000

P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
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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)
Hart, Southworth & Witsman
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-0055
msouthworth@hswsnet.com
aprillaman@hswsnet.com
8051-965546

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.
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
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 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
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. JAMES R. POTTER, P.C. 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1 Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217)544-9823 Fax: (217)544-9826 Email: bud@jrpotterlaw.com

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 Schuyler E. Frashier - 06342113 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 217/544-4868 sfrashier@barberlaw.com 367473

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. No. 2026-PR-63 CLAIM NOTICE 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 Taylorville, IL 62568 mdcward@mcwardlaw.com (217) 824-2900 Reg. No. 06190799

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH 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, Ill 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>. htmtol 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: Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney IARDC No. 6277358 DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC P.O. Box 52 Springfield, IL 62705 Tel. 217-773-5337 Fax. 855-461-3250 Email: tony@delgiornolawoffice.com Service: service@delgiornolawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA JANE CALL, Deceased. NO. 2026PRO00197 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. 2026PR170 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. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhslaw.com

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 Telephone: (217) 698-8444 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 COLLEEN CONNOR, Deceased, BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

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. Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bk@barberlaw.com 369357

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. Randall W. Segatto - 06193211 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 rsegatto@barberlaw.com 369240

Divorce STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Bobbie Zilevu, Petitioner And

Divine Zilevu, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000151
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Divine Zilevu, 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 11th day of July, 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
Shephanie Moseka, Petitioner
And

Jonathan Ngoy, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000068
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

Name Change

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

In the matter of the Petition of Cannon Marqui Stennis
For change of name to Cannon Marqui Belanger
Case No. 2026-MR-000143
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on July 28, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Cannon Marqui Stennis to Cannon Marqui Belanger pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 11, 2026

Foreclosure

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

SECURITY BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF FREDERICK C EDMUNDS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK C EDMUNDS, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF FREDERICK C EDMUNDS, DECEASED, CHRISTOPHER M EDMONDS, BRITTANY M EDMONDS AND SECURITY BANK,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 26-FC-32
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
2248 S COLLEGE ST.
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devises of Frederick C Edmunds, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Frederick C Edmunds, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devises of Frederick C Edmunds, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 2248 S College St., Springfield, IL 62704, more particularly described as:

i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devises of Frederick C. Edmonds, deceased
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot 47 in Charles S. Wanless' South First Street Subdivision. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois
Permanent Index Number: 22-04.0-407-012

v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 2248 S College St., Springfield, IL 62704
vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Names of the Mortgages: Frederick C. Edmonds an unmarried person
Names of the Mortgagee: Security Bank, S.B.

Date of the Mortgage: June 21, 2021
Date of the recording: June 23, 2021
County where recorded: Sangamon County
Recording document identification: Document No. 2021R17077

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before July 13, 2026, A

JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Julie Beyers (#6217185)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law

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Decatur, IL 62523
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8051-965689

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 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
Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808

Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172
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Notice by Publication

In the Circuit Court
For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Bradley Raymond Graff, Petitioner
vs.

Misty Bradshaw, Defendant

Case 2026-CH-000015

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Misty Bradshaw, that a lawsuit has been commenced against you to obtain the legal title and ownership of a 1999 Holiday Rambler Vacationer Motorhome and for relief. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before July 4, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Court

Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for Sale of Certain Real Property
Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Village of Grandview Board of Trustees duly enacted Ordinance 26-10 at a regular board meeting of the Village Board on June 2, 2026. The Ordinance authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved parcel owned by the Village, commonly known as 2515 E Keys Avenue, Grandview, IL 62702 (the "Property"). As such, the Village hereby gives public notice that it is soliciting proposals relating to said Property. The brief legal description of said Property is: Wanless 2nd N Grand PL, W 70' E 190' L 49. The Parcel Number is 14-24.0-302-014. The property is located in the Village's residential zoning district and must conform to the residential zoning district standards of the Village.

The Property is being sold "as-is" for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for all costs associated with closing, any costs from a title company associated with securing the conveyance of good, marketable title, any costs of survey, and any and all other usual and customary costs associated with the sale of real property.

Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no later than 5:00 PM CST on July 21, 2026. There is no minimum bid. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid. Bids for the Property shall be submitted in hard copy, in a sealed envelope marked "SEALED PROPERTY BID" and must be received by the Village Clerk no later than 5 PM CST on July 21, 2026. Any bids received after 5 PM CST on July 21, 2026 shall not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Village Clerk Heather Becker, Grandview Village Offices, 2377 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702. Submission of a sealed bid shall be considered

indication of the bidder's commitment to maintain the property in accordance with the Village Ordinances. Sealed bids shall be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM CST at 2377 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702. The Board may accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the Village by a vote of 3/4 of the Board, or may reject any and all bids by a majority vote.

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 SRB033654AI

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 WK21004421N

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

3206 E Elm Street 27 SRB033674AL

3206 E Elm Street 28 SA4078777AL

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3206 E Elm Street 39 CWP044788TN
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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 SRB035502AL
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

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
720 Forrest Ave 7 SA4078597AL
720 Forrest Ave 8 SA4078578AL
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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 efaller@bhslaw.com

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 Platchek 665. Martin Platchek 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. Alfrieda 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 Abeln 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: Tonesha 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.

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 Angel 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 ALJANDRO 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

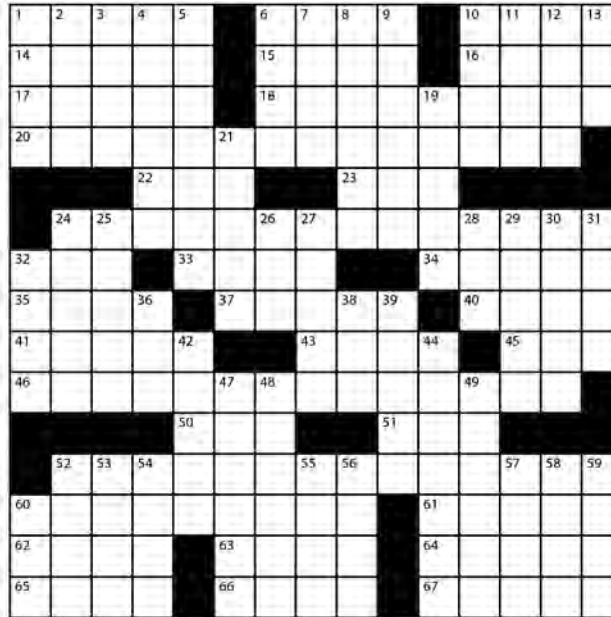
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLIOTT R. MCKINLEY, Deceased
NO. 2026-PR-220

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of ELLIOTT R. MCKINLEY, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 3RD, 2026, to Laura Kuchar, 228 N. Koke Mill Rd, Springfield, IL 62711, and Kayla McKinley, 3200 Dirksen Parkway, Lot 332, Springfield, IL 62702 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 13th 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 5th day of May 2026. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

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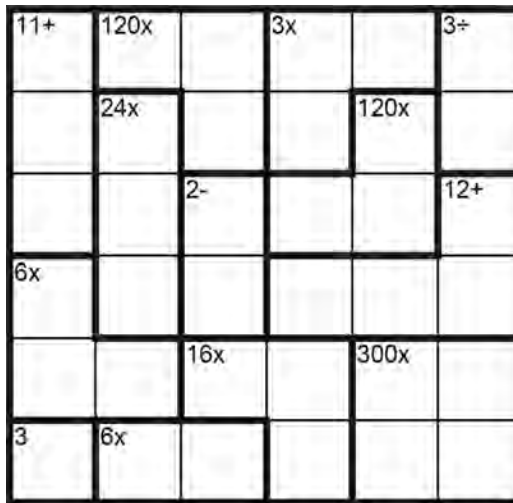
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52. 1993 best
60. Machine that reproduces an experience
61. Skin problem
62. Straford's stream
63. Caesarean wrap
64. Fall flower
65. A-Rod, for one
66. Long narrative poem



67. Geneva's river
12. Saccharide prefix
44. Part of Canis Major
13. "That's a go"
19. Brownish gray
47. Paternal relative
21. Brushed-on layers
48. Colorful grass
24. One-on-one instructor
49. Knock (off)
52. Part of the Hindu trinity
25. Stash away
53. "Let's go!"
26. Tentative taste
54. He-man
27. "I kid you not!"
55. Letterhead design
28. Put a stop to
56. History chapters
29. From the country
57. A big fan of
30. Speak formally
58. Witnessed
31. Neural network
59. Scale button
32. Floor model
60. Utter aloud
36. Island garland
38. Sales pro
39. Look of disgust
42. Slower kind of mail

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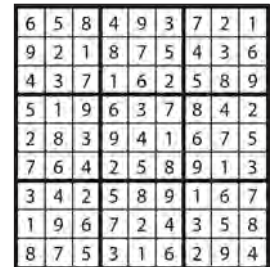


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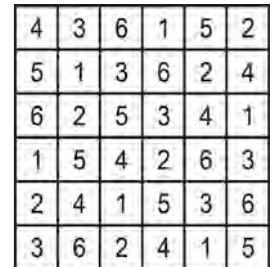
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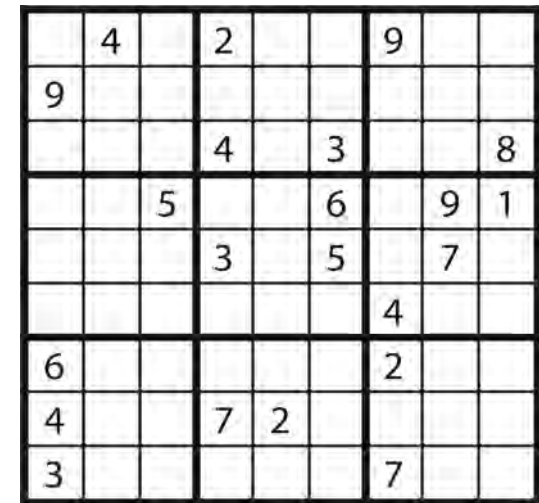
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.



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SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER

12TH

2026

100TH ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CENTER
Convention Center Plaza #1
Springfield, IL 62701

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COME IN EARLY 2026!



Springfield
Urban League, Inc.

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