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New home nightmare

Couple files lawsuit after Chatham home is abandoned by builder during construction

COURTS | Adrian Dater

In a room just off the kitchen area in the Chatham home of Jaigovinda and Phalita Sharma, a wicker sofa and a rocking chair sit amid roughly four dozen potted plants. Out the window is a great view of Lick Creek, adding to the feeling of Zen the couple foresaw when they purchased the \$550,000 home three years ago – the place where they would live out their retirement years, near their daughter and grandson.

“It’s a plant/sun room, and the rocking chair is for the grandbaby,” Jaigovinda, who goes by “Jai,” said on Tuesday to a visitor.

After “50 years of saving our pennies,” Jai said, the Sharmas were envisioning a picturesque retirement. The couple moved from Knoxville, Tennessee to be closer to family. But that’s not exactly what’s happened.

Elsewhere around him on Tuesday were a handful of construction workers hammering, buzz-sawing and plowing around the property, all being paid by the Sharmas, rather than through the construction loan from the bank. Jai said he’s already spent \$423,000 of his own money on a house that was supposed to have been built by C.A. Jones, Inc., before the construction company based out of St. Clair County, he alleges, up and ran away with their money.

Theirs is not an isolated case. About two dozen Illinois homebuyers also claim C.A. Jones abandoned properties that were in various stages of construction, leaving them with broken contracts. And the bank that loaned the company money is now trying to foreclose on the houses to recoup its assets, essentially leaving the buyers with no recourse.

It’s complicated, but in a nutshell, buyers such as the Sharmas put money down on new-build house contracts financed by a bank. The banks released funds to C.A. Jones for the construction of the homes, with the agreement that the buyers would settle up with the bank when the home was complete. The requisite inspections and lien waivers would be handled by a title company.

But, early into the construction of the Sharmas’ home at 1916 Athena Court in Chatham, contractors from C.A. Jones stopped showing up. There was no response to phone calls or emails, and attempts to reach CEO Mike Needles, who lives in Collinsville, were unsuccessful.

In a worst-case scenario, it is possible that the Sharmas could lose not only the house



Phalita and Jaigovinda Sharma in the backyard of their Chatham home. The couple has had to pay contractors out of pocket to complete the construction after the homebuilder abandoned the project. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

itself, but around \$1 million out of pocket, should they lose their pending lawsuit against the bank, Farmers and Merchants, based in Nashville, Illinois. Documents show the Sharmas have already spent \$94,000 for the lot itself, plus another \$100,000 as a down payment to the bank and approximately \$350,000 still due on the construction loan. And since C.A. Jones abandoned the property, the Sharmas have paid out of pocket to keep construction of the house ongoing, \$423,000 and counting.

Jai Sharma had open-heart surgery six years ago, which included a seven-day medically induced coma. A native of Guyana who moved to the U.S. when he was 8, Sharma became a licensed attorney who worked primarily in the health care sector, along with a stint in the nuclear power industry.

You wouldn’t know Jai is stressed when talking to him. He speaks in a quiet, calm manner and smiles a lot.

“This is life,” he says, gesturing with one arm.

But, since the mess with C.A. Jones and the bank, he said, his calmness has mostly been an act.

“We moved here with one purpose – to be

close to our daughter and grandson. We found this property, very near where our daughter lives, and decided to make this our retirement home. But it’s now turned into this,” he says, pointing to the noisy contractors outside.

“I feel it in here,” he says, pointing to his chest. “It has also been embarrassing to me to be in this situation. How could I have been so deceived? But it’s clear that I am not alone in this. I think what happened here is the bank and the title company did not do their due diligence and just took (C.A. Jones’) word for granted.”

Indeed, as the *Bellefonte News-Democrat* reported, both customers and creditors are filing lawsuits – 22 so far – against C.A. Jones, by plaintiffs alleging the same issues as the Sharmas. The company, formerly based in Fairview Heights, was previously the largest homebuilder in the Metro East area.

The question now is: who pays when a contractor shuts down without notice and takes all the money loaned to it from a bank? The easy answer should be the contractor, but the *News-Democrat* reported that C.A. Jones, Inc., has essentially gone dark, with the company’s website and physical address abandoned.

The bank has brought its own lawsuit against C.A. Jones, but in the meantime, is trying to foreclose on all the properties. Calls to Farmers and Merchants Bank and Needles were not returned.

It’s the kind of smarmy business Jai, as a retired attorney, has seen in other areas. He just never imagined it would happen to him and his wife in the usually rote world of construction and banking.

At 62 and walking with the aid of a cane, Jai, armed with stacks of paperwork in front of him, nonetheless seems to have one last big fight in him. He is representing himself pro se in a lawsuit against Farmers and Merchants Bank, with C.A. Jones, Inc. also named. A preliminary hearing is slated for July 8 at the Sangamon County Court in front of Judge Adam Giganti.

“If I have to start over, if I lose this whole thing, then I’ll consider it a debt paid for some prior misdeed,” Jai said. “I’m not doing this looking for sympathy from anybody. I’ll be OK no matter what. But I feel bad for the other victims in this whole thing, who maybe don’t have the resources I do. I would like to help lead the way in getting justice for them, not just me.” □

New owners for Jubilee Farm

Nonprofit pledges to continue conservation, community collaborations

CONSERVATION | Tamara Browning

NextGen Communities, the new owners of Jubilee Farm Ecology & Spirituality Center west of Springfield, has pledged to continue to protect and preserve the farm's natural areas as well as honor certain existing collaborations.

It's a promise that continues what former owners the Dominican Sisters of Springfield began at the 164-acre center that has pasture, wetlands, woodland, walking trails, a small orchard and a mowed-grass labyrinth.

Jubilee Farm's sale to NextGen Communities, a nonprofit founded by the Sommer family of Springfield, was announced on June 12.

"We chose to purchase Jubilee Farm from the Dominican Sisters to honor our parents', Ken and Mary Sommer's, lifelong commitment to the Springfield community, to carry forward the Sisters' ecological stewardship, and to advance our mission for NextGen Communities," Ken Sommer said in a statement. "Just a few fields from the Frank and Eleanor Sommer family homestead and Riddle Hill, this farm – owned by the Dominican Sisters for the past 27 years – is now in our family's care."

Jubilee Farm's sale to NextGen Communities is considered a transfer between stewards and caretakers of the land, according to Sister Beth Murphy, director of communications for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

"Even to talk about ownership, we really considered ourselves stewards of the land," Murphy said. "Legally, we owned land, but there's another sense in which we really can't own that. It's a God-given gift to us, and so we thought of ourselves as stewards and caretakers for all the years that we had it."

The Dominican Sisters purchased the property that became known as Jubilee Farm, located at 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, "in the spring of 1999 as a commitment to honor one of the injunctions of the church's celebration of year of Jubilee: let the land lie fallow," according to an article by Sister Sharon Zayac, who lived at Jubilee Farm since 1999. Zayac and Sister Anita Cleary began the ministry.

"There are fewer sisters with the physical ability and desire to live here," Zayac explained in a statement. "After a year-long process of study and analysis, we came to the realization that we could best foster our legacy here by transferring the land to others' care."



The Dominican Sisters purchased the property that became known as Jubilee Farm, located at 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, in 1999. PHOTO COURTESY DOMINICAN SISTERS OF SPRINGFIELD

Honoring protections, relationships

The sisters moved in March from Jubilee Farm. Caretaker John Murchorski will stay part-time as needed and then will return to work at the Motherhouse, Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield.

Among things remaining with the farm are a llama, two alpacas and chickens. The property also includes the 120-year-old farmhouse where the sisters lived, a ranch home that housed offices and provided space for small-group gatherings, plus the Creative Arts Center.

NextGen Communities will honor an easement established with the Sangamon Conservancy Trust banning the land's use for commercial purposes.

Jubilee Farm has collaborations with the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders and the biology club at University of Illinois Springfield.

Murphy said she is glad that the Sommer family will keep the collaboration active because bird banding activities at the farm are popular. The association had its 10th and final banding day of the 2026 Spring Midwest Migration Network bird banding season at Jubilee Farm on May 22.

The association posted on May 27 on Facebook its appreciation of the Dominican Sisters' support and "their dedication to conservation and restoration."

"We also are thrilled to hear that the new owners have the same vision/mission for this unique property, and we look forward to continuing our banding efforts here well into the future," the post read.

Murphy reflects fondly on her time at Jubilee Farm.

"Personally, I spent a lot of time there. ... I made my retreat there," Murphy said. "I would go out, usually in the fall, and just have a week's silent retreat. I would stay at La Casa and spend my days just walking and taking in the beauty of the place."

Murphy was walking up a hill one day when she "saw a deer do something I've never before or since seen a deer do."

"It leapt vertically into the air, right up out of the field," Murphy said. "The grass was long. It came flying straight up and straight down. I don't think I'd ever seen that before."

The new owners of Jubilee Farm will respect the beings who live there and the land, Zayac said.

The Sommer family is most excited about deepening current partnerships and forging "new ones with local organizations to build more expansive, community-based programming – including the possibility of a farm school," Ken Sommer said.

"Once we complete those discussions, we will relaunch the Farm under a new name with a strategic plan," Ken Sommer says in a statement. "The initial mission for the organization is as follows: the future of Jubilee is where curious minds flourish, land regenerates and community gathers – a year-round center for ecological education, community building and spiritual retreat, rooted in the enduring belief that caring for the Earth forges a pathway to a more just, connected and sustainable world." □

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Denial for Springfield solar project

Sangamon County Board rejects solar farm next to subdivision despite advice of its attorney

ENVIRONMENT | Dilpreet Raju

The Sangamon County Board voted 15-8 to reject a proposed 20-acre solar farm adjacent to a residential subdivision on the west side of Springfield, even as the board's lawyer warned Summit Ridge Energy, the petitioner, may be able to sue the board and get the solar panels installed anyway.

Assistant state's attorney Joel Benoit, who serves as the board's legal adviser, said the Virginia-based company, which has more than 100 solar farms in Illinois, has submitted a petition for the 1300-1500 block of Lenhart Road that follows legal guidelines. The state's overarching laws on renewable energy zoning specifically "requires counties to allow commercial, utility-scale solar and wind energy conversion systems to be sited in areas zoned for agricultural or industrial use," according to a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign fact page. "A county can have more lax requirements than called for in state law, but it cannot have more restrictive requirements."

Benoit said the corporation would likely have a strong case in court.

"The proponent would have a good case if, in fact, all the requirements of applicable law were met and we denied it," he said in response to questions from board members. However, he said nearby residents objecting based on a possible decline in property values would not have a strong case against the county. "In my opinion, they could sue the county, but they would be unsuccessful."

Brendan Urban, representing Summit

Ridge Energy, told the board that the project met all statutory standards and Summit Ridge agreed to move the project a few hundred feet back from Lenhart Road.

"The Whisper Walk solar project meets every requirement of Chapter 17.37 of the county code and also the applicable state laws. It comes to you with favorable recommendations from the planning commission staff and the approval of the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) on May 21," Urban said. "I do have some updated site plans based on some feedback from the community...the big difference is we've moved the facility about 200 feet off of Lenhart Road to get it further away."

George Hinton, whose property would border the proposed solar farm, expressed concerns about home values being impacted.

"I am opposed to this project," Hinton said. "(Residents are) concerned about the impact on our property value...to sell your home and, oh my God, there's this solar facility there and it's all rural farmland except 30 homes around there."

He researched the issue and discovered a 2023 U.S. Department of Energy study that found that homes sold within a half-mile of large-scale solar projects experience an average 1.5% discount compared to homes sold two to four miles away – the trend was measurably observed for "low population density" area homes near solar farms constructed on agricultural land in Minnesota, North Carolina and New Jersey.

"The greatest adverse negative impact on property values were on areas that are rural, low density and they're zoned (for) agriculture, and I thought, 'Bing, bing, bing. Our area has all three,'" Hinton said.

The study claims to provide "the first comprehensive evidence on the impact of (solar farms) on residential home values," which looked at home sales near solar projects in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey and North Carolina. The "six-state study area encompasses 53% of the total megawatt nameplate capacity of photovoltaic generators in the U.S."

Sangamon County professional staff say they have not studied the issue locally.

"We are unaware of any negative impacts to surrounding sites. However, we have not done any studies with the current solar projects we have in Sangamon, Illinois, so I don't have any information for that," said Trustin Harrison, county zoning administrator.

District 18 board member Sam Cahnman asked Harrison if the county has ever looked at property values near solar projects. "Are you saying that solar farms that we've approved in Sangamon County in the past, that you have zero information as to whether that's had any impact on property values?"

"That's correct," Harrison replied.

Cahnman called *Illinois Times* June 16 saying he and other board members plan to ask county staff to study the issue.

District 7 board member Craig Hall previously proposed a resolution to circumvent the state's latest laws that prevent local governments from having stricter authority on zoning for renewable energy projects. It remains in the board's Zoning and Land Use Committee.

Don Craven, a lawyer who represents some of the almost two dozen townships and villages that have expressed support for Hall's proposal, said it would be legally feasible to rezone 1.5 miles of buffer real estate that municipalities say would allow them to grow residential subdivisions as local leaders see fit.

"If you rezone it so that agricultural and industrial uses are not part of the zoning process, the solar bill of rights doesn't apply," Craven said at a May 21 Zoning and Land Use Committee hearing. "What we want to do is rezone these residential, which will allow this committee and the villages – through this committee – to have a say in how that land around those villages is used."

Benoit said he was unsure of the proposal's legality and has sought outside counsel from Daniel Hamilton, a partner at the Springfield-based law firm Brown, Hay and Stephens.

"(Hall) got the ball rolling on something that people are interested in, and we're going to look at it," Benoit said in May.

The county's next zoning meetings are slated for June 18 at 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. □



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Muni president addresses controversy

“The systems and processes broke down”

THEATER | Dean Olsen

It may not have been the full-throated apology critics wanted, but a top official from Springfield Municipal Opera says mistakes were made in the handling of sexual harassment complaints against a man ultimately banned from participation in the organization.

Kevin Burke III, president of the Muni Board of Managers, told *Illinois Times* that the 76-year-old nonprofit is surveying cast members about their experiences, potentially revising the code of conduct and improving internal communication.

He said Muni officials also will have discussions with “stakeholder groups” to figure out why problems connected with the man that were reported in 2024 and 2025 weren’t addressed until now and ensure that similar situations won’t occur in the future.

“The systems and processes broke down where things were being handled at the production level by the staff, by the producer and whomever,” Burke said. “And for whatever reason, it was never elevated up to a level where the executive committee, or me as the president, was aware of it.”

Some people critical of the way the Muni dealt with complaints about former Muni cast member Marc Wilson said they were surprised and frustrated that the community theater group didn’t learn more from criticism three years ago related to the organization’s delay in removing a controversial figure, Bill Bauser Jr., from the board in 2023.

There were allegations, but not criminal charges, that Bauser, of Petersburg, failed to do enough in 2018 and 2019 to protect children from inappropriate online and text messages from Adam Power of Petersburg while Bauser was on the board of another nonprofit, Springfield Theatre Centre.

Bauser, 59, ended up resigning from the Muni Board of Managers in April 2023.

Power, 32, a former music teacher and volunteer at local community theater productions, including those sponsored by STC and the Muni, pleaded guilty to child pornography charges and was sentenced in 2025 to 60 years in federal prison.

Burke, 55, a civil engineer and Springfield resident, said he wasn’t part of the organization’s all-volunteer leadership during



Kevin Burke III, president of the Muni board of managers.
PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN BURKE III

the Bauser controversy.

Some critics say there are lackadaisical attitudes toward sexual harassment at the Muni and a reticence to believe women’s complaints.

In response, Burke said, “That’s not my experience. What I can say is we are constantly improving. If you have a concern while I’m on the board, reach out to me and let me know what your concerns are. ... To me, the important thing is to actually make sure that concerns are being listened to and then also resolved in some manner.”

Burke spoke with *Illinois Times* on June 11 after the Muni, based at 815 E. Lake Shore Drive, issued a statement June 5. The statement didn’t name Wilson but indicated that the Muni Board of Trustees – a related, smaller group of eight people focusing on the long-term health of the organization – voted to permanently prohibit Wilson from taking part in Muni productions and related activities.

The trustee statement came after several

announcements by Muni cast members that they resigned from the casts of Muni shows this summer in dissatisfaction with the lack of action against Wilson.

The Muni statement said the decision on the ban followed “an appeal process by a complainant and a review of additional information presented” to Muni officials.

The Muni said in a different statement a few weeks earlier that “concerns” related to the code of conduct were reviewed by “independent investigators” and “addressed,” and that “appropriate follow-up actions” were taken.

Wilson’s name wasn’t mentioned in that statement, either. Neither were the ways concerns were addressed and any actions taken. But at that time, Wilson wasn’t removed from the Muni show he had been cast in, *Disney’s Frozen*.

Wilson, who has faced no criminal charges in the controversy, later resigned from the production. He told *Illinois Times* in a text message June 2 that he regretted making anyone feel uncomfortable but was “falsely accused of a wide range of misconduct.”

A local group called “Safety for Arts” that is calling for reforms at the Muni is working on a list of demands to present to Muni officials and has been contacted by a dozen or more people willing to take part, according to Robert Glatz, one of the group’s coordinators.

Burke said he and other Muni leaders will agree to meet with Safety for Arts members “if they have constructive stuff to say.”

Safety for Arts has called for a boycott of Muni concessions and Muni-related merchandise, but not a boycott of attendance at Muni shows. Burke said it’s too early to determine whether the boycott is having a financial impact.

Any boycott will only hurt the cast members and other volunteers, Burke said.

“Outside the orchestra and a few others, we don’t pay anybody. We are 100% volunteer,” he said. “So the long-term effect of potential boycotts is not going to impact the Board of Managers or the Board of Trustees. It’s going to potentially eliminate another theater opportunity.”

The cast resignations, estimated at nine to 12 people, won’t cause shows to be delayed

or canceled, Burke said. Some existing cast members were transferred to the open roles, others were asked to join the cast from the outside, and some ensemble roles may not have been filled, he said.

To those who demand apologies for survivors of harassment, Burke noted that he said in a June 2 statement that the Muni failed members of the local theater community and was sorry.

“We recognize that people were hurt, and we apologized that they felt that they weren’t heard,” he said. “Again, the process broke down, and we need to figure out how to improve that process so it doesn’t break down and we can recognize patterns.”

But Springfield resident Reggie Guyton, 35, a professional actor and Sangamon County Board member who has participated in community theater and been critical of the Muni in the past, said Muni officials need to go farther to restore trust.

Guyton said Burke and other Muni leaders owe in-person apologies to people who have been harmed and called liars.

Officials have failed for years to encourage scrutiny and have uncomfortable conversations about “a mindset of people who don’t want change,” Guyton said.

“There’s no reason whatsoever that these repeated issues should be occurring,” Guyton said.

Burke asked for patience while the Muni works to improve. He said he hopes at least some changes can be in place before auditions in spring 2027 for that summer’s performance schedule.

“We’re dealing with stuff that HR departments in Fortune 500 companies have trouble dealing with,” he said.

Michelle French, 43, mother of a teenage girl who complained about Wilson’s behavior in 2025, said Burke “seems to be understanding and working toward positive change.” But French added, “What we need to see is collective action from the organization rather than action by a few individuals.”

French said the Muni needs to be more “transparent” by releasing its bylaws, opening its board meetings to the public and coming up with an action plan and timelines for enacting reforms. □

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Thank you, Bud, for the remarkable newspaper you created and have led so well, preserving excellent journalism for Springfield and central Illinois.

*Nicholas Penning
Springfield, Virginia*

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Taiwan signed a \$2.6 billion agreement specifically to buy Illinois corn and soybeans. Indonesia is an emerging market in active negotiations for Illinois grain. The world



Fletcher Farrar, center, received the James C. Craven Freedom of the Press Award at the Illinois Press Convention held June 4 in East Peoria. He was joined by, left to right, executive editor Michelle Ownbey, staff writer Dilpreet Raju, CEO Kate McKenzie and senior staff writer Dean Olsen. Farrar, who purchased *Illinois Times* in 1977, is now board chair of its newly formed nonprofit, Local Journalism Matters. PHOTO BY STEVE HINRICH

sees the value of Illinois soil, even if we don’t. While we undervalue what we have, data-center developers walked in offering a fraction of what this land is worth – a hundred jobs and a tax abatement – and we treat that as an opportunity. It isn’t. It shows that we don’t know our own worth or value the generations of labor that built it.

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*Kendra Barlow-Johnson
Springfield*

BAD IDEA

Technically, the state is not rebuilding either prison (“Illinois seeks two Crest Hill prisons, leaving Lincoln out of Logan Correctional Center rebuild plan,” June 8). It is building new facilities and will abandon the existing facilities in Logan County – not a good plan. So many people will lose their jobs. Yes, they can go to other facilities, but will the state adjust people’s pay to compensate for the distance and cost of fuel? Also, what is going to happen to the local economy when these facilities are “rebuilt” elsewhere? This is terrible for Lincoln and Logan County.

*Tammy Karrick Hawley
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

GOOD PLAN

The Logan County women’s facility is a piece of crap and the state (meaning taxpayers) keep getting sued for inhumane conditions. Millions of dollars of our money are getting paid to people for this annually. Gov. JB Pritzker is doing the right thing for everyone long term.

Are jobs being lost? Yes. But most employees will absolutely have other opportunities. Law enforcement and nursing need staff all over the area, and many of these people will find other jobs. They’ve been getting retraining, relocation and retirement options for almost two years now.

The prison is horribly outdated, and Logan County has much bigger issues.

*Rajeon Gallagher
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The future of our national parks

A shared responsibility

GUESTWORK | Erin Carlson Mast

If recent news coverage has left you concerned about the future of our national parks, historic sites, and public lands you're not alone ("National parks crisis hits home," June 4). Regardless of what challenges are currently facing the National Park Service, our national parks and the lands and stories they hold are worth supporting. The good news is that there is no shortage of ways for individuals and communities to help.

National parks have long benefited from community and philanthropic support. While the federal government plays an essential role in stewarding these places, generations of Americans have also stepped forward as volunteers, donors, advocates, educators and nonprofit partners. That's true for all NPS sites in Illinois.

The Lincoln Presidential Foundation became the official philanthropic partner of Lincoln Home National Historic Site in 2022. Since then, we have been proud to work in partnership on a range of projects, including new exhibits, educational programming and landscape conservation efforts. For example, thanks to a generous grant from Union Pacific, we helped Lincoln Home NHS advance landscape conservation, beautification and safety priorities. We were also delighted to cultivate a relationship with the Springfield Civic Garden Club, whose volunteerism and support have resulted in visible improvements throughout the park.

Even creating a new NPS unit requires strong community involvement. We were honored to be part of the local, state and federal coalition that helped secure national protection for the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument. We also appreciate that coalitions continue to convene and plan for

public commemoration and engagement. That work does not end after a National Park Service unit is created.

What we've learned in our short time as a park partner is that we're far from alone. Through the National Park Friends Alliance, we have connected with hundreds of nonprofit organizations partnering with national parks, trails, heritage areas, rivers, monuments and historic sites across the country. There are large organizations with decades of experience and professional teams, small start-up all-volunteer groups and everything in between. The Alliance itself has grown significantly in recent years, a reflection of the extraordinary number of Americans who are choosing to invest their time, talent and resources in preserving our shared heritage.

This growth demonstrates an important truth: people care deeply about their national parks. And they want to help.

That does not mean volunteers and nonprofit organizations should replace the federal government's responsibility to steward public lands and historic sites. They should not. But public-private partnerships have long proven to be among the most effective ways to expand what these places can accomplish for the American people. When government agencies, nonprofit organizations, businesses, foundations and community groups work together, everyone benefits.

For those wondering how they can help, there is no single right answer.

Some people volunteer directly with the National Park Service. Others support local friends groups and nonprofit partners like ours. Community organizations, garden clubs, businesses and civic associations can adopt projects that improve and enhance the

places and stories that matter to them most. Individuals can support organizations such as the National Park Foundation and the National Parks Conservation Association, each of which plays a different but important role in supporting America's national parks. Citizens can also make their voices heard by communicating with elected officials about the importance of protecting these places for future generations.

Here in Illinois, we have seen firsthand what can happen when people come together around a shared vision. The designation of the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument reflected years of effort and support from community leaders, local, state and federal elected officials, historians, advocates and residents. It was also a reminder that our national parks can still inspire bipartisan cooperation and broad public engagement. Even so, it took over a decade to accomplish that goal, which is one important step on the road to fully developing a new NPS unit.

Abraham Lincoln understood that each generation has a responsibility to preserve the nation's inheritance for those who come after it. The future of our national parks is not determined by a single budget cycle, administration or organization. The places stewarded by the National Park Service reflect the many facets of the American story. Their care is a shared responsibility. If we value them, we must support them, advocate for them, and help sustain them for future generations. □

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OPINION

Pritzker offers advice to Bears

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Gov. JB Pritzker last week squarely placed the responsibility for passing a Chicago Bears stadium bill on the team itself and had some unsolicited lobbying advice for the Bears as he attempted to brush off his own session attendance issues.

The governor continued to downplay his own role in passing a stadium or stadium-related bill, saying it was Bears management which “decided to glom on to the mega projects bill that I proposed.”

Um, he didn’t exactly resist that move, and the Bears’ addition became the most highlighted part of the bill, to the point where lots of members believed Pritzker was using the Bears to pass an idea that had long ago hit a brick wall in both legislative chambers.

Pritzker also said he’d be “happy” to call a special session, but only if the Bears “figure out how they can get the legislature, both sides around the same bill.”

And then he offered some belated Statehouse lobbying advice: “You’ve got to work the hallways, as you know, in a very, very busy session,” Pritzker told reporters after accurately saying the Bears made “some fumbles” the past few years. “You’ve got to really talk to every legislator if you want to get something done,” he said.

Pritzker said he’s received calls from the Bears since session ended but didn’t say if he repeated that same advice.

My associate, Isabel Miller, pointed out to the governor that he had repeatedly urged the General Assembly to move more quickly on the megaprojects bill: “Looking back, do you think spending more time in Springfield working out issues might have produced a different outcome?” As I told my newsletter subscribers on June 8, Pritzker was in Springfield for just 22 session days this past spring.

“I spent a lot of time in Springfield,” the governor insisted, adding, “I’m not a legislator,” and said he has “a whole lot of responsibilities that aren’t legislative.”

According to his legislative calendar, Pritzker was in Springfield two days in January and two days in February, four days in March and three days in April. During the crucial final session month of May, the governor was in town 11 out of 19 session days.

The governor’s calendar also shows that he had just 14 scheduled in-person meetings with individual rank-and-file legislators in Springfield during all of spring session, including only one meeting on his calendar to talk about the Bears stadium with top negotiators Sen. Bill Cunningham and Rep.

Kam Buckner the day before session was scheduled to adjourn.

One top Pritzker insider explained that the governor often takes impromptu calls from members to talk about their projects and/or their bills, which wouldn’t be on the official schedule.

The insider also pointed to how the disjointed, deliberately uncoordinated legislative calendar made it difficult to schedule events at the Executive Mansion because the two chambers were so rarely in town together until May. He hosted four such events this year (Women Wear Pink, the Black Caucus, Latino Caucus and Asian American Caucus).

Pritzker has been sharply criticized for quite a while for focusing more on the national political front than on governing Illinois. And while all or parts of several bills on his priority list did pass, the danger for Pritzker is that this Bears failure will overshadow everything else and highlight his national ambitions because it’s something that transcends the Statehouse. His attendance record, while not a complete look at his work, does him no favors.

Isabel also asked the governor last week if,

going forward, was he “planning to be more present in Springfield?”

“I’m in Springfield a lot,” Pritzker replied, saying he often invites legislators to his appearances in their districts. However, his calendar shows he attended events outside Springfield on 18 different session days, which would make it difficult for legislators to attend.

Pritzker also said he called “several” Republican legislators “during the final portions of the session to make sure that they were on board” with the Bears bill. He did not say if he phoned any Democrats.

I’ve said this before and I’ll say it again: The governor has a very good executive staff, if too overburdened. But there’s no substitute for a present governor. Legislators are generally a needy bunch. They see him on national TV during session and wonder why he isn’t attending to them. That’s simple Statehouse reality and has been forever.

Pritzker was right when he told reporters, “You’ve got to really talk to every legislator if you want to get something done.” He might think about that advice during upcoming sessions. □

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The annual Hemmings Great Race made a stop in Springfield last year, but this year it will start here for the first time. The nine-day race of classic vehicles starts June 20 and will conclude in Pasadena, California. PHOTO COURTESY GREAT RACE



A 1932 Ford Speedster from Motor City Racing Team makes its way through downtown Springfield. One hundred and forty vintage automobiles, with models ranging from the early 1900s through 1974, will compete in this year's race. PHOTO COURTESY GREAT RACE

Rolling out the welcome mat

Springfield seeks to capitalize on Route 66 centennial, America 250
TOURISM | Adrian Dater

Abraham Lincoln may always be Springfield's top tourist attraction, but the capital city is expected to draw thousands of visitors this weekend for the kickoff of an internationally popular road rally.

For the first time in its long history, the annual Hemmings Great Race will start in Springfield on June 20. A crowd will gather at the Old State Capitol to cheer when the starter's gun goes off for the Great Race, whose main rule is that no car made after 1974 can compete. The nine-day race will conclude in Pasadena, California and this year's defending champion is a family from Illinois.

Kankakee's Jeff Fredette and his son, Eric, will run in the same 1933 Ford Model B truck the family has used since 2004. They will compete against close to 140 others, with the oldest car a 1912 Chevy. Contestants pay a \$7,500 entry fee, with a winning prize of \$50,000 amid a total purse of \$160,000.

Jeff Fredette was handed a check for that amount last year in Irmo, South Carolina, where the race concluded, with St. Paul, Minnesota, as the starting point.

As an Illinoisan, Fredette has been counting the days until his '33 Ford rolls into Springfield. Festooned with stickers and U.S. and Illinois state flags, the yellow pickup with red-rimmed skinny tires seats only two and has no AC. But she rides like a champ, literally and figuratively.

"It's the family pride and joy," said Fredette, who has been a champion motorcycle racer as well. "My father (Wayne), when he passed about 11 years ago, one of his wishes was for us to stay in the race and keep driving this truck. He didn't need to tell us. Racing and vintage cars are in our blood as a family."

Being the host city as the starting point for the Great Race is something of a Super Bowl event for people such as Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau director Scott Dahl. The competition to be the host city is fierce, as two additional days of festivities accompany it. The vintage cars are the major attraction, as gearheads the world over come to see and, if they're lucky, take one for a spin. The route to Pasadena will traverse much of Route 66.

Springfield was given the honor as a stopover city for last year's Great Race, and Collinsville will be the first stop in this year's event. All competitors either buy hotel rooms

or stay with friends, as do many of the race's diehard fans who follow along. Dahl said

The 100th birthday of Route 66 will officially take place on Nov. 11, with many tangential celebrations leading up to the big day itself. Springfield is poised to have one of its best tourist years in a long time, starting with the Great Race.

"Springfield is what we call the 'heart' of Route 66 in Illinois, and so what better place than here to have the race in its centennial year?" Dahl said. "People might wonder why it didn't start in Chicago, where Route 66 actually starts."

Great Race organizer Houston Gibson said the route he preferred made Springfield a more attractive starting point, but the doggedness of Dahl and other Springfield tourism officials was what really won him over.

"They really were thorough in their presentation, and they approached us a few years ago about this. Their enthusiasm and persistence paid off," Gibson said.

Dahl said he started in 2019 pitching Springfield as the Route 66 centennial starting city for the Great Race. He wouldn't provide an estimate of the economic impact hosting it might have for Springfield, but believes it will be no small figure.

"This is an event that cities from all over Illinois vied to compete for as the starting point, along with many other states," Dahl said. "Along with the start comes the advertising with it. So, for the past 10 months, they have been advertising that it starts in Springfield and ends in Pasadena. We have been on every one of those marketing pieces, on their merch, their graphics and social media posts. That kind of earned media is invaluable."

Capitalizing on Route 66

Route 66, nicknamed "The Mother Road," will be a top draw within Springfield until the official birthday on Nov. 11. On that day, Route 66 Motorheads Bar and Grill will host a party that should see dignitaries from all over make an appearance, along with the band Starship, whose hits include "We Built This City," "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now," "Jane" and "Find Your Way Back."

Motorheads remains a destination attraction for serious Mother Road enthusiasts, with its giant replica of the iconic Route 66



Kankakee residents Jeff Fredette and his son, Eric, won last year's Great Race with the 1933 Ford Model B truck the family has used since 2004 and are competing again this year. PHOTO COURTESY VISIT PASADENA FACEBOOK PAGE

sign and a museum inside.

Another must-stop on the maps of Route 66 tourists is Cozy Dog Drive In on South Sixth Street. Proprietor Josh Waldmire's uncle, Bob, after all, designed the first official Mother Road map, which still sells briskly inside. Waldmire's grandfather, Ed, sold the first corn dogs in 1946 at the Illinois State Fair.

On a recent day inside, with the aroma of the sizzling signature corndogs filling the air, Waldmire told a reporter about a special event Cozy Dog will participate in that is also anticipated to draw dedicated fans from all over – featuring the sport of competitive eating.

"They're going to have a corndog-eating contest in September at the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, run by Major League Eating, and our dogs will be the ones on the plate," Waldmire said. "That's the biggest thing we're doing (for the centennial), other than just trying to make our food as good as it ever was."

Rumor has it that legendary eater Joey Chestnut, the reigning champion of the nationally televised annual July 4 hot-dog eating contest at Coney Island, New York, and holder of 55 world records in competitive eating, might be in Springfield to consume Cozy-Dogs.

"That isn't official or anything yet," Waldmire said. "But either way, Major League Eating people will be competing."

Springfield might also see a larger influx of July 4 tourism this year, with the nation turning 250 years old. Abraham Lincoln wasn't a Founding Father, but other than George Washington, his image is perhaps

most associated with the United States to millions here and around the world.

On July 4, admission to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will be free to the public. Across the street, "America's Ultimate Block Party" – described as the largest synchronized Fourth of July celebration in U.S. history – will be taking place in Union Square Park with food trucks, live music and kids' activities.

The city of Springfield is also hosting its own fireworks show this year, taking place on the Y-Block across from the Governor's Mansion on July 4 and preceded by a concert by the Springfield Municipal Band.

And, of course, the Illinois State Fair, Aug. 13-23, will bring in visitors from all over.

"It's a really exciting time for Springfield," Dahl said. "It's our goal, our vision, to make Springfield as good a memory as possible for all the new people who might pass through here. This is a great chance to do it. A lot of national media will probably also be here, and Springfield will get the added exposure that comes with it."

Other businesses taking notice

Marla Cummings grew up in Springfield and attended Carl Sandburg Elementary School. Today, she is a real estate developer based in Tennessee.

An urge to "give back to a city that was so good to me" prompted Cummings to make plans to open a short-term rental business geared to Route 66 aficionados. She plans to use shipping containers to construct five units at 1901 Peoria Road, just across from the State Fair grounds. Route 66 Hideaways promises

an "immersive experience," with each unit featuring original Mother Road memorabilia to go along with modern amenities such as TV, internet and two-burner stoves.

Cummings has received zoning approval from the city of Springfield for the project, and she hopes to start renting out the units by November at prices likely to range from \$110 to \$150 per night.

"The vision is to combine immersive lodging with cultural storytelling and local history," Cummings said. "It'll all be inspired by the classic Route 66 and Americana. But it will still have a modern feel."

Some might be surprised, but Springfield was recently listed at No. 5 among U.S. cities as the best places to invest for short-term rental owners.

According to AirDNA, a research firm that analyzes data from such markets, the average profit margin for property owners of Airbnb and smaller competitors such as Vrbo, in Springfield was \$35,000 a year.

People such as Cummings took notice, and while she hopes to make a nice annual profit as the owner, she insists it's as much a giveback to the community as it is a business opportunity.

"I mean, for the prices we're going to ask, I think visitors will get a much more unique experience than your typical hotel room. You're going to come out of there with a much better idea of what Springfield and what Route 66 are all about," Cummings said.

Across town, at Robin Roberts Stadium, the inaugural season of the Women's Professional Baseball League will start on Aug. 1. It's another business entity that saw Springfield as an opportunistic place.

Four teams, from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, and New York, will play a seven-week inaugural regular season in Springfield and then depart for their home cities for a second season. The WPBL will maintain a developmental league in Springfield, starting in 2027.

"I mean, these are the best women baseball players in the world, in a brand-new league that is projecting to do very well into the future," Dahl said. "They could have chosen most anywhere to start their league, but they chose Springfield. It's a nice feather in our cap this year as well."

Making a good impression

Is Dahl worried about it feeling like a ghost

town once all the summer and fall celebrations are complete?

"No way. I mean, sure, a lot of people will just be passing through and going back to wherever after these things all take place, but it's going to be how it was for them while in town that we hope makes them repeat customers, so to speak. And, I'm very confident that they're going to remember Springfield well."

That is the case with Jeff Fredette and his family.

"We had the stopover in Springfield last year as part of the (Great Race), and it was one of our favorite ones," Jeff said. "It's your classic American city with a lot of great history. You can really feel, when you come through here, that people like it here. Yeah, I'm sure there are some who like to complain, but that's the case in any town or city really. But we were made to feel very welcome there."

His wife, Teri Fredette, will drive in a newer car behind her son and husband for logistical and other support.

"We've been looking forward to this every day since the last race ended," Teri said. "In many senses, this is our annual summer vacation as a family, and Springfield is a heck of a place for it to start."

With a standard 21-stud flathead V8 engine, the Fredette's Ford figures to be a top competitor again. The family also won the 2018 Great Race, which started in Buffalo and finished in Nova Scotia. All contestants have a daily set of clues on a multi-page, hand-drawn map for the next destination, not given out until that morning. Competitors are tasked with arriving in each city at predetermined times. They get points added or subtracted for how precisely they arrive at the checkpoints.

"It really isn't a big, cutthroat contest," Teri said. "Sure, you want to win, and maybe there are a couple groups you really want to beat. But for the most part, it's a thing where you see a lot of the same people every year, and you socialize with them and just have a great time on the open road, but mostly on the great backroads that this country has. Much of the course this year is on Route 66, and honestly, I still think it's the best way to see the real America."

The Fredettes, retired and in their late 60s, estimate it takes about \$20,000 of annual upkeep to keep the '33 Ford "purring like a kitten."

"Some might see it as a waste of money and time. Not me," Jeff said. "This truck has been in my family for a long, long time, and it's the emotional bond we still have with people like my dad, who drove it originally. When that motor starts on race day in Springfield, I know he'll be looking down on us very fondly." □



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Chilled soups

Ideal for entertaining, many don't require cooking

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

When the temperatures soar and even the weeds are wilting, chilled soups manage to exude effortless elegance despite their dead-simple preparation and often humble ingredient list. Many, such as cucumber soup and Spanish gazpacho, are essentially liquefied salad and don't require any cooking at all. Others, such as classic

French vichyssoise, a chilled potato and leek soup, do need to be simmered but this can be done in a multi-cooker or slow cooker if you're looking to minimize heat in the kitchen.

Since they are inherently a make-ahead recipe, chilled soups are ideal for entertaining. Served in small juice glasses as an elegant

appetizer, they deliver a lot of visual impact for minimal effort, especially when garnished with a drizzle of good olive oil or a sprinkle of minced herbs. These soups also make for an elegant light meal, especially when served alongside a sandwich or with crusty bread. Consider pairing the chilled cucumber soup alongside a

basic open-faced egg salad sandwich or chunky avocado toast. Garnishes are another way to boost a simple soup into a satisfying summer supper. Cooked shrimp, smoked salmon and canned crab (the kind in the refrigerator section) are a luxe yet effortless addition to any of these soups. □

Cucumber soup

Ingredients:

2 pounds cucumbers, peeled and seeded (you can substitute zucchini for half or all of the cucumbers)
2 cups plain full-fat yogurt
1-2 cloves garlic, to taste
3-4 green onions
¾ cup mixed herbs, such as parsley, tarragon, basil and/or dill
1-2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon lemon zest
Salt and black pepper, to taste
Additional cucumbers and herbs to garnish, if desired

Combine all the ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. You may need to work in batches depending on the size of your machine. If desired, pour the mixture through a fine-meshed sieve before seasoning to taste with salt, pepper and additional lemon juice if needed. Refrigerate the soup until thoroughly chilled and serve garnished with finely diced cucumbers and additional herbs.

Gazpacho

Ingredients:

1 small onion, peeled and roughly chopped
2 cucumbers, peeled and seeded
1 red bell pepper, roughly chopped
1 green bell pepper, roughly chopped (or substitute jalapeno if you like spicy)
2 pounds cherry tomatoes
1-2 cloves garlic
¼ cup olive oil, plus more to serve
2 teaspoons sherry vinegar, to taste
Additional diced cucumber, pepper and onion to serve
Croutons, good olive oil and minced herbs, to serve

Combine the onion, cucumbers, bell peppers, cherry tomatoes and garlic in a blender and process until very smooth. With the motor running, slowly pour in the olive oil. Season to taste with vinegar, salt and pepper. Refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. Serve in chilled bowls with additional chopped vegetables, croutons and minced herbs.

Vichyssoise

2 tablespoons butter or olive oil
2 cups sliced leeks or onions
1 pound Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 bay leaf
4 cups water or stock
½-1 cup cream, to taste
A drop or two of lemon juice or vinegar, optional
Parsley and/or chives, to serve

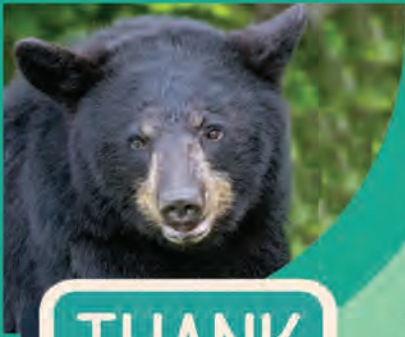
Heat a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the butter and leeks or onions along with a generous pinch of salt and sauté until they are fragrant and beginning to soften. Add the peeled potatoes, bay leaf, water of stock and another generous pinch of salt. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until the potatoes are very tender, about 20 minutes. Remove the soup from the heat and remove the bay leaf. Purée the soup using an immersion blender, then let cool. If you don't have an immersion blender, let the soup cool first. Use extreme

caution when blending hot liquids in a closed blender. Blending hot liquid can cause pressure to build up and potentially explode everywhere.

Once puréed, rapidly chill the soup by placing the pot in a larger bowl filled with ice water for 20-30 minutes, stirring the soup once or twice throughout. Add the cream and season to taste with salt, pepper and a drop or two of lemon juice as needed.

Variation:

Substitute peeled, diced carrots for the potatoes. Omit the cream and add a teaspoon of curry powder or ras el hanout (a north African spice blend). Garnish with Greek-style yogurt and roughly chopped mint and/or cilantro.



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Delores J Martin

August 19, 1943-March 22, 2026

Delores J Martin; beloved family matriarch, tireless community organizer, esteemed lawyer/urban planner, and a devoted, decades-long member of Springfield's Baha'i community; passed peacefully from this world on March 22, 2026 in Cary North Carolina surrounded by her loving family.



A Celebration of Life will be held at 6 pm Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Sacred Heart Convent of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield—a group near and dear to Delores' heart—1237 W. Monroe in Springfield.

For more than four decades, Delores lived and worked in Springfield. She was the former head of The Springfield Federation, Chief of the Illinois Attorney General's Senior Citizens Division, and Director and Deputy Clerk of the Illinois Court of Claims.

During her illustrious legal career, she was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. She shared this extraordinary honor with her daughter, a milestone she often described as one of the highlights in her life.

Her community organization skills helped pave the way for numerous programs—several bearing fruit to this day—aimed at building racial unity through constructive conversations, providing job and housing opportunities for the underserved, and building bridges between the Springfield Police Department and the citizens they serve.

She helped bring Mix It Up at Lunch to the 186 School District, and secured screenings of the movie Racial Taboo at Springfield convention center and to every officer in Springfield's Police Department.

When the Springfield Dominican Sisters started an ambitious program to eliminate racism, Delores was one of the first people they tapped as a vital and decades-long collaborator.

For 12 consecutive years, Delores played a major role in the Springfield Baha'i Community's annual Rally For Race Unity, held the State Capitol rotunda—often in conjunction with a children's art

and poetry competition that saw young people of diverse backgrounds saluted for their art depicting the awesome power of racial unity.

She leaves behind a lasting legacy through her children: Stacey Hagens; TeAndra Miller

(Curtis); and Louis Martin (Mikki); grandchildren, Michael Washington (Ky);

Anastasia Jones (Roy); Tenéa Albright (Connor); Jasmine Miller-Kleinhenz (Nabil);

Bianca Hagens-Washington; Gabrielle Washington (Dexter Gilmore); Chloe Hagens-

Washington; Alexa Hagens-Washington (Frank Lagmay); Asia Martin; and Amir Martin;

and her great-grandchildren: Roy, Romell, Ryan, Royce, Royal, Rylee, Leah, Legend,

Badi, Zayn, TeAnna, and James Curtis "JC."

She is also survived by her brother, Anthony Murphy, aunts, Anola Byers and Bonnie Pearl Dedrick; sister of the heart, Marie Leddell; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Delores will be remembered not only for what she accomplished, but for who she was: a woman of faith, wisdom, resilience, and profound love.

Follow this rainbow

Springfield Theatre Centre closes season with a powerful show

THEATER | Mary Young



India Pierce, in red, and Tiffany Williams, in green, play characters without names – each color represents an emotion or tone. PHOTO BY CE NOEL PHOTOGRAPHY

“These last few weeks working with this group of beautiful Black women and this amazing staff has healed me in ways I can’t even put into words! We don’t usually get opportunities like this. This is so much more than a show. It’s poetry, it’s art, it’s truth, it’s life!” – excerpt from Brianna Gude-Price’s director’s note.

The final production in Springfield Theatre Centre’s current season, *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide / When the Rainbow is Enuf*, captures “the brutal, tender and dramatic lives of contemporary Black women.” A chorepoem and groundbreaking 1974 work by Ntozake Shange, to call *FCG* compelling and provocative does not do it justice. Especially in today’s climate, it’s necessary viewing.

Directed by Brianna Gude-Price and Reggie Guyton with choreography by Mariah Brooks, costumes by Dr. Terry Whitt Bailey, lighting design by June Southwell and sound by Seth Hood, *FCG* is a bold kaleidoscope of light, music, dance, color and poetry, the subject of which is the often-disregarded human experiences of Black women.

The performers – Kisha Smith, Tiffany Williams, Tre’Anna Whitfield, India Pierce, Nicole Pedigo, Lakeia Crawford, Rayel Tasker, Talore Rowl and Zakiya Hill, alongside dancers Sydney Williams, Justyce Pillow and Nakyla Morgan – stitch together an unapologetic and vulnerable tapestry of monologues and movement. Relatable and real, each actor has their moment and each moment is transformational.

The characters don’t have names – they wear colors that represent an emotion or tone, often enhanced by accessories that help identify their person or experience. I took very few notes while watching this show, I was so taken in. But the portrayals by these actors and the stories of these women were imprinted on me. I felt captivated, gutted and deeply moved.

For Gude-Price in her directorial debut, *FCG* has been a dream come true.

“This is a beautiful adaptation of culture and what it means to be a Black woman, and I never thought it would happen here,” she said.

Gude-Price hopes this production and putting its message out into the world will help inspire others, especially young Black girls. She praises the cast for their “willingness to go all-in on this empowering work and share their God-given talents.”

For choreographer Mariah Brooks, herself a poet and a dancer, finding the groove of choreographing to poetry about generational trauma was a new but rewarding challenge.

“It involves so much of the actor’s interpretation, and once they found their way with a piece, everything flowed from there,” she said.

Brooks, who was usually the only Black girl in her dance classes growing up, says it’s been an honor to share this space and experience with other Black girls.

“This show is a teleportation via different mediums about forgotten stories that don’t get talked about a lot. It’s intense and uncomfortable and we need that sometimes,” she said.

One bit of writing and staging really stood out as a testament to the journeys of these women: “I couldn’t stand being colored and sorry at the same time – because it was redundant.”

In this moment, one of the women rejects subservience and reclaims her power as she is joined by all the other women onstage, who eventually form a rainbow. This is only one example of the heights the production rises to.

Co-director Reggie Guyton was quick to praise the cast and staff, especially longtime friend Gude-Price, for her vision and care taken with the production.

Calling *FCG* a “master class in empathy,” he said, “sharing these kinds of stories, you get personal real fast. There was a lot of trust established early on.”

Poet Ntozake Shange once said of her trailblazing work: “I think this piece is my gift to women and girls forever and ever. It may not be all I have, but it’s one solid thing I have to leave for girls and women around the world.”

Much like a rainbow appearing after a storm, this production is also a gift – a symbol of hope, resilience and promise.

FCG ends with a declaration that echoes long after the final bows: “I found God in myself, and I loved her. I loved her fiercely.”

I encourage others to consider making the time for this fierce and affirming experience. □

Content warning: The play includes profanity including racial slurs, discussions about suicide, sexual assault, trauma and death.

For Colored Girls runs 90 minutes without an intermission and can be seen June 19-21 in the third floor Peggy Ryder Theater of the Hoogland Center for the Arts. The Prairie Center for Sexual Assault Prevention will also be onsite with resources. Tickets are available at hcfta.org/tickets or 217-523-ARTS.

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Thursday Jun 18

Randy Erwin
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm and June 19, 10am-4pm

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

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

Stryper with special guest Big Guns
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm-2am and June 20, 8pm-2am.

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

Robert Sampson
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

Dan Rivero Trio
Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, Springfield, 5:30-8:30pm

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

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

Micah Walk
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

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

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Alex Williams
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Good Times Karaoke
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755, 7-11pm

Blindfold Karaoke
Y-Zoe, A&S Bar, Taylorville, 7:30pm.

Friday Jun 19

Branded
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

Randy Erwin
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm

Harmony Gritz
Alley - Bi Saloon, Lincoln, 6pm

Justin Clyde Williams and Jim Bachmann
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

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

Robbie Mitchell
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke Contest Finale
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8-11:30pm

Kapital Sound
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

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

After School Special
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 6-9pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous
Foxhole Pub N Grub, Lincoln, 7pm

Jim Hollis
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

Grounded
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

SoundB.I.T.E.
Guest House Coffee and Pastries, Lincoln, 6:30-8:30pm

Elvis Himselvis
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

The Pleiades
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 8pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm and June 20, 7-10:30pm

Barbed Rose
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

River City Eagles
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Blue Country Revue
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7-10pm

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

Next Thing Smokin'
The Rusty Rail Pub, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Hillbilly High-Rise
Sorrento's Pizzeria, Lincoln, 5:30-8:30pm

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

BüK
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Jamaica & The Wildside
The Topsy Toad, 6pm

Kayla Brooke & The Willow Strings
Union Square Park, 12-1pm

Hipbone and The Joints
VFW Post 10302, 6-9pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Walby's Place, Ashland, 7pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Saturday Jun 20

Mike Zito
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Sunny Sweeney
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Manny Lee
Boone's, 6-9pm

Leighton Ewers
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Around The Bend
Brookhills Golf Club, 2-5pm

Family Matters Band
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Travis Ried Band
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

No One Special
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

The Frontmen with special guest Branded
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Brandon Elliott
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 7:30-10:30pm

Peaches and Bacon
First Presbyterian Church, 7-9pm

Frednecks, Kool 100's, Evan vs. Michael
George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm-2am

Jet Trio
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Rezzin8
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

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

Stealin' Copper
Patriots Pub, Waverly, 8pm

Positively 4th Street
Pub 116, Taylorville, 5-8pm

The Speakeasy Trio
The Railyard, 9am-12pm

Dreamers and Doers
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Thomas Nicholas Band
Robin Roberts Stadium, 8:30pm

Courtney and the Meeks
Rocco's, Decatur, 9pm-12am

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

Rod Grant
Sunset Inn Pub, 6-9pm

The Howlin' Petes
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Midwest Revival
Auburn Redbud Days, 8pm

Artificial Light
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Eric Vaughn Hagen
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 7pm

Sunday Jun 21

Michael Burnett
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Kortney Leatherwood
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Robbie Mitchell
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 2-5pm

James Crosby
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 3-6pm

Colt Ball
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield, 1-4pm

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Dumb Records, 7pm

Robert Sampson
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

B. Douglas and The Travelers for Peace Open Blues Jam
Hunan Restaurant, 5-8pm

Grant Barnett
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Dr. Noodles and The Pastafarians
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3pm

Not Petty
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 2-5pm

OAT
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Susan Williams
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3pm

Rodney Crowell
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 6-9pm

Joel Honey
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Monday Jun 22

Chris Shepherd
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 23

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

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

Open Mic Night with Billy Malone
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm.

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm.

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

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

Wednesday Jun 24

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

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

Wasted Wednesday Karaoke
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur, 9pm

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-8pm

Open Jam
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

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

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

The Fairweather Friends
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Thomas J Beverly
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30-8pm

Jameson Freeway
Springfield Ski and Boat Club, 6-9pm

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

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After last week's storms, I'm looking over my shoulder while mentioning our Thursday shows, but hey, that's the weather in central Illinois. First up, the downtown Levitt AMP concert series continues with The Psycodelics doing "high-energy fusion of funk, soul, R&B, and jazz" with the fabulous Paul Bill Jr. opening, after the kids' kickoff event at 6:15 p.m.

Next, in no particular order, Casey's Pub on the Patio hosts the Dan Rivero Trio, Mother Road Diner serves up the Harris Trio, Robert Sampson delivers for the Illinois Product Farmers Market at the state fairgrounds and Micah Walk presents his Live Guitar Music Trivia show at Obed & Isaac's.

Friday's gone wild with nearly 40 shows in our listings, covering all kinds of music all around and up and down. Let's get to a few, beginning with our very own Kapital Sound headlining at Decatur's Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater to honor Juneteenth proper on the nineteenth of June.

Downtown at noon the Springfield Area Arts Council continues its weekly Artist in the Park series in Union Square Park with Kayla Brooke and the Willow Strings.

For tribute shows, the River City Eagles go all in on the Eagles at Long Bridge Golf Course and Elvis Himselvis does the King justice at Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews while Blue Sky Revival heads to Destihl Beer Hall in Normal to play Allman Brothers tunes. Also, on Saturday night in Sherman at the Village Park Amphitheater you can experience tributes to Bryan Adams, Def Leppard

and Bon Jovi as part of the Live at the Amp Xfinity '26 Concert Series.

More stuff is happening on Friday like Springfield's Juneteenth Bar and Restaurant Crawl starting at 1 p.m. with music, celebrations and food stops all over town (find details and participating businesses on the event Facebook page) and up north Lincoln's downtown area presents Nashville Night with several live music shows in various venues plus other goodies all set up in a street festival style. But now it's time to move on down the road.

Some Saturday night highlights in the bars include Travis Ried Band funk up the blues and more at the Butternut Hut, Mike Zito getting on the cool time blues at The Alamo and Frednecks, Kool 100's and Evan vs. Michael playing punk night at George Rank's. If you're a fan of afternoon acoustic outside shows, check out Brandon Elliott at Dockside Grill on the lake and Around the Bend by the pond at Brookhills Golf Club.

Moving on to Sunday, which happens to be Father's Day, I spy a dad and son with Amy playing as OAT at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet at noon, Not Petty getting their Petty on at Oogie & JJ's in Glenarm and Michael Burnett at Brookhill's Golf Club. Also, there's Grant Barnett drifting into It's All About Wine, Joel Honey sweetening the pot at Whiskey Ridge Saloon in Breckenridge, James Crosby going to town at Curveside by Athens and Kortney Leatherwood bringing down the house at Buckhart Tavern. Plus, Dr. Noodles & the Pastafarians get cooking at the Library Pizza and Sports Bar, and for fans of real country music and world-class songwriting, Twisted Tree in Jacksonville presents all-time great Rodney Crowell with special guest Sunny Sweeney in an intimate evening show.

Signing off until next week... □

THE CALENDAR



Legends Classic V | Sat., June 20, 6:30 p.m. | Robin Roberts Stadium
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SPORTS | Former Cubs, Cardinals stars to play

it See former Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals legends battle it out in this seven-inning game. Playing for the Cubs side will be former pitcher Kyle Farnsworth, Women's Pro Baseball League star Amanda Gianelloni and actor Thomas Ian Nicholas, who starred as Henry Rowengartner in the movie *Rookie of the Year*. Representing the Cardinals will be Cardinals greats Jason Isringhausen and Ray Lankford and WPBL standout Kylee Lahners. Nicholas' alternative rock band will play after the game so stick around. Oh, and the Cardinals' mascot, Fredbird, will be at the game, too. Fans have the opportunity to get exclusive meet and greet tickets to meet the stars.

Special Music Events Artist in the Park

Fridays, 12-1pm. Through July 31. Enjoy live music, dance and more. Includes food trucks serving lunch starting at 11am. Music begins at noon. Presented by Springfield Area Arts Council and the ALPLM. Free. Union Square Park, 500 E. Madison St., 217-753-3519.

Handel's "Israel in Egypt"

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

Just Friends

Sun., June 21, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Jacksonville

Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Maurice John Vaughn

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

The Psycodelics, Paul Bill Jr.

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

Resurrection with Bryan Adams, Def Leppard and Bon Jovi tributes

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

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

Sat., June 20, 10-11am. The band will perform just outside the main entrance of the museum. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

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

Thematic Concert Series at the Carillon

Saturdays, 6:30-8pm. Through Aug. 1. Every Saturday evening at 6:30pm, from June 20 through August 8, the Carillon comes to life with a unique musical theme each week. This week's theme is Route 66. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Books & Authors

Book Chat: Presidential Road Trips

Tue., June 23, 6:30-7:30pm. Syndicated travel journalist and broadcaster Bill Clevlen will share highlights from his latest book - *Presidential Road Trips*. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Theater & Comedy

All Shook Up

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

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered...

Fri., June 19, 7:30pm, Sat., June 20, 7:30pm and Sun., June 21, 3pm. This "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.

Pollyanna

Fri., June 19, 7:30pm, Sat., June 20, 7:30pm and Sun., June 21, 7:30pm. A classic tale about the greatest optimist of all time ... Pollyanna. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Beauty and the Beast

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

Spoken Word

The Nature of Freedom: A

Literary Commemoration of Juneteenth

Thu., June 18, 6:30-7:30pm. This event is a readers theater piece - a style of theater in which the actors present the script without costumes, scenery or special lighting. Only scripts and vocal expression are used to help the audience understand and follow the story. Sources throughout the 30-minute act include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Langston Hughes, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Maya Angelou, Robert Smalls, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Henry Bibb. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Dance

Capital City Contra Dance

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

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Tuesdays-Saturdays.. Through Oct. 16. Black art contributes to a deeper and more inclusive understanding of the American narrative. "noir 6: The Truth" invites audiences to engage, thoughtfully, with the histories and perspectives that shape our shared cultural truths. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society 2026 Artist Showcase

Through July 31. See the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society's 2026 Artist Showcase. Free. Chatham Area Public Library, Chatham, 600 E. Spruce St., 217-483-2713.

Film & Television

America 250 Movie Series:

Glory

Fri., June 19, 6:30-8:30pm. The America 250 Movie Series begins with the 1989 American epic historical war drama *Glory*. A short discussion with a historian will follow. Advance registration is required. Rated R. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Masters of the Universe, Scary Movie

Thu., June 18, 9, 10:50pm. On Screen 2. *Masters of the*

Universe is rated PG-13 while *Scary Movie* is rated R. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

Wicked: For Good

Fri., June 19, 8pm. Part of the family-friendly Movies @ The Amp series. Free popcorn and soft drinks. Lawn chairs and blankets encouraged. Movie begins near dusk. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Auditions

Annie Kids Audition Workshop

Sat., June 20, 2-3pm. Potential orphans will learn all about the show and how to present their sunny side up at the auditions. Meet the creative team, sing a song and even learn a dance. For children age 6 and older. Preregister. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Food & Drink

Foodees Fest

Fri., June 19, 1-9pm, Sat., June 20, 11am-9pm and Sun., June 21, 11am-7pm. This three-day food and culture festival will feature more than 40 food trucks and vendors serving gourmet dishes and sweet treats as well as artisans showcasing handmade jewelry, art and crafts. Free admission. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 877-909-3378.

History

Lincoln Tomb Flag Lowering Ceremony

Tuesdays, 7-7:30pm. Through Aug. 18. Re-enactors of the 114th Illinois Infantry Regiment perform this ceremony to honor President Lincoln and lower the flag that flies over the tomb. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and enter a drawing for a chance to receive the flag that flew over the tomb the previous week. Free. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-785-5030.

Upper Deck Tours of the Lincoln Tomb

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through June 24. This guided tour provides insight into the history and meaning of the statuary on the tomb's upper level. Event includes a free weekly musical performance. eventbrite.com. Free. Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 217-785-5030.

Holiday Happenings Jacksonville Juneteenth Celebration

Sat., June 20, 10:30am-2:30pm. Celebrate Juneteenth, a powerful day of remembrance,

resilience and joy. Includes music, dancers, food trucks and more. Sponsored by NAACP Jacksonville and Jacksonville African American History Museum. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-414-5059.

Juneteenth Panel Discussion

Fri., June 19, 6pm. 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. Centenary UM Church, Jacksonville, 331 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650.

Juneteenth Restaurant and Bar Crawl

Fri., June 19, 1-11pm. A day of food, drinks, music, fellowship and economic empowerment. Itinerary: 1-2 p.m., Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering; 2:15-3:15 p.m., American Legion Post 809; 3:30-4:30 p.m., Jerk Joint; 4:45-5:45 p.m., 5th Street Gem; 6-7 p.m., Replay Lounge; 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Xtreme Dreamz Car Club; 8:30-9:30 p.m., Blueprint Bar and Grill; and 9:45-10:45 p.m., Unique's Bar & Grill. Boyd's New Generation Restaurant and Catering, 1831 S. Grand Ave. East, 217-572-0234.

Juneteenth Youth Breakfast

Fri., June 19, 10am-2pm. Event includes a breakfast, performances by youth artists, a visual arts gallery showcasing young creators and recognition of youths who embody the Juneteenth spirit. All ages welcome. Seats limited. Visit the Juneteenth website for ticket availability. \$10-\$15. The Salvation Army of Springfield, 1600 Clear Lake Ave., 217-572-0234.

Lowcountry Boil: Gullah Geechee Immersion Dinner

Fri., June 19, 7pm. This is a doorway into cultural traditions served over a communal table. This Juneteenth, experience the story of the Gullah Geechee through food, music and the traditions. Tickets include a full traditional seafood boil served communal style. thecultureexperience.com. \$99. The Pasfield House, 525 South Pasfield, 217-381-7919.

Fairs & Festivals

Auburn Redbud Days
Thu., June 18, 5pm, Fri., June 19, 5pm and Sat., June 20, 10am. This fun-filled event for the whole family features

carnival rides and games, food and cold drinks, Ms. Auburn pageant, cornhole tournament, live music and a glow foam party. See the Facebook page for schedule. Auburn Redbud Days, Auburn, Auburn.

Lithuanian-American Club of Central IL St. John Celebration

Sat., June 20, 4-6pm. Members, descendants of Lithuanians, family members and those interested in Lithuanian culture are welcome to attend this celebration of culture, family and community. Open to all ages. Free to members, \$10 for nonmembers. Fallingbrook Lodge, 39 Trailridge Lane, 630-440-7816.

Fundraisers & Galas

Blarney Bash for Scholarships

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

Jazz in Bloom

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

Wooden It Be Lovely Furniture Sale

Sat., June 20, 9am-3pm. Wooden It Be Lovely is moving and this impromptu sale will lighten the load. Enter patio door off parking lot. Wooden It Be Lovely, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-606-5307.

Bulletin Board

1912 Barn Wedding Expo

Sun., June 21, 10am-2pm. At this annual event, couples can meet vendors who can provide them with services during their preparation and big day. They also can view the venue and the tranquil property to consider for the engagement party, shower or wedding and reception. 1912barn.com. Free. 1912 Barn, Niantic, 990 S. Meridian Ave., 217-853-6058.

First Time Homebuyer Education Workshops: Part I and Part II

Sat., June 20, 10am-2pm. A HUD-certified housing counselor will lead two four-hour education sessions for first-time homebuyers. Participants must attend both sessions to

earn a certificate that many mortgage lenders require for down payment and closing cost assistance programs. RSVP by June 17 to BridgetF@sha1.org or call. Free. Springfield Housing Authority, 200 North 11th St., 217-753-5757 x209.

Free Comic Book Day II

Sat., June 20. Special appearance by Deadpool. Reserve a copy of the exclusive Dave Dorman cover for the release of the 300th issue of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles with net proceeds going to Comic Books for Kids. Pick up a free comic or two and spin the prize wheel. Free. ComicWrx Collectibles, LLC, 2315 S. First St., 901-213-7217.

Health & Fitness

Low Vision Technology Fair

Wed., June 24, 9am-2pm. This fair features speakers, exhibits, lunch and door prizes. Please RSVP for lunch by calling 800-852-5110. Sponsored by the Illinois Assistive Technology Program and Mary Bryant Home. Free. Christ the King Parish Center, 1930 Barberry Dr., 800-852-5110.

Walk With a Doc

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

Sports

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Dubois County Bombers

Thu., June 18, 6:30pm. Second game of a two-day homestand. It's Educators Appreciation Night and teachers get in free with ID. \$12. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Terre Haute Rex

Tue., June 23, 6:30pm. It's Margarita Night at the park. Celebrate tropical vibes. And yes, tickets are \$2. \$2. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Storm in the Heartland Professional Wrestling

Sat., June 20, 7pm. See the stars of Prairieland Independent Wrestling and throughout the Midwest battle it out. See Facebook page for more info. \$8-\$12. Virden Knights of Columbus, Virden, 1320 N. Dye St., 217-319-8824.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. FRAZIER MACK; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2025FC000175 Property Address: 1833 N. 21st St. Springfield, IL 62702 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 22, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on July 28, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 1833 N. 21st St., Springfield, IL 62702 P.I.N.: 14-23.0-177-041 Second Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$72,433.83 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-



Legal Deadline, Thursdays at 4pm

Call Daron at 217-679-7801 or email legals@illinoistimes.com

1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-966110

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of June, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Lam Pham intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Pro Nails and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 1150 N 5th St, Springfield, IL 62702

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPH S. MAGGIO Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-223 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOSEPH S. MAGGIO, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on March 27, 2026. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 9th day of June, A.D., 2026, to JOSEPH A. MAGGIO, 70 Holiday Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, and GINA SIDDENS, 3305 Lauxmont Drive, Springfield, Illinois, 62712, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

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 representatives, 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 representatives and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 9th day of June, A.D., 2026. ESTATE OF JOSEPH S. MAGGIO, 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, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 Email: peh@scottscottlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOROTHY M. LUGIBILL, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-224 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DOROTHY M. LUGIBILL, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on May 13, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 9th day of June, A.D., 2026, to KAREN LUGIBILL, of 335 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 58, Williamsville, Illinois 62629, as Independent Executor, 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 9th day of June, A.D., 2026. Estate of DOROTHY M. LUGIBILL, 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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES C. MARADA, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-230 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of FRANCES C. MARADA. Letters of Office have been issued to THERESA MARADA POWER, 1700 Schrader Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, 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 17, 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 11th day of June, 2026. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN H. JORDAN, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-228 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JOHN H. JORDAN. Letters of Office have been issued to GLORIA E. JORDAN, 217 Stutely Lane, Springfield, IL 62704 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before December 28, 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 10th day of June, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH S. FLEMING, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-225 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of DEBORAH S. FLEMING. Letters of Office have been issued to THERESA SALDIVAR, 14601 N. 25th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032, 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 22, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of June, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Executor PO Box 1948 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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. 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 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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 SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS – IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert Kevin Farley, Deceased. Case No. 2026PR000206 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 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

LILLY R. WITHERS, DECEASED.

2026PR000216

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

Dated this 2nd day of 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

Attorneys for Estate:

Rammelmkamp Bradney, P.C.

Jenna L. Tucker #6325907

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Jacksonville, IL 62650

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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. 2026PR000212

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 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 2nd day of June, 2026.

Gregory P. Sgro

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 JEFFREY S. CURTIS, Deceased.

LILLY R. WITHERS, 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

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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) 753-00550

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aprillaman@hswnet.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Diane Ohlzen,

Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-209

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of DIANE OHLZEN, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on May 28, 2026, to Rachel Cook, 716 Eastmoor Drive, Metamora, IL 61548, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before December 8, 2026 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 28th day of May, 2026.

Alex B. Rabin

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

1119 S. Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

217-789-1200

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARCIA SPAITH PAONI, Deceased

NO. 2026-PR-211

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of MARCIA SPAITH PAONI, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on May 28th, 2026, to Susan Laron, 222 N Walnut, Apt. 20, Rochester, IL 62563 and Judith Ann Spaith a/k/a Jude Spaith, 1690 Township Road, 1400 N, Biggsville, IL 61418 as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 8th day of December 8, 2026 or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 28th day of May 2026.

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 e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

/s/ Dan E. Way

Special Representative for

Barbara Jarvis, deceased

Dan E. Way #6204735

WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC

1100 S. Fifth St.

Springfield, IL 62703

Tel. 217-525-7003

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

ESTATE OF:

DONNA L. RAGSDALE,

Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-140

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DONNA L. RAGSDALE. Letters of Office were issued on April 22, 2026, to Tara N. Ragsdale, whose address is 41 Woodland Trail, Rochester, Illinois 62563, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. POTTER, P.C., 300 East Ash Street, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

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

DATED this 28th day of May, 2026.

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 August 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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

No. 2026-PR-63

DEAN EARL WILLIAMS, Deceased.

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

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

Divorce

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

Re: the marriage of
Rebecca Jones, Petitioner
And

Paul Steven Smith, Respondent

Case No. 2026-DN-000110
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Paul Steven Smith, 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 18th 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
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

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 DEVISEES 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 DEVISEES 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 Devisees 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 Devisees 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 Devisees 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 Mortgagors: 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

601 East William Street

Decatur, IL 62523

Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com

Telephone: (217) 422-1719

Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

8051-965689

Notice by Publication

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

A petition for reclassification of property from I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is contract purchaser of subject property and desires to bring the property to compliance with the zoning ordinance and potentially redevelop the vacant farmland for hospital, medical office, and other medical services. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully

requests reclassification of property from I-1 to B-1 to develop the land for hospital, medical office, and other medical services. Petitioner further requests that if such zoning relief is granted by the City Council that the Ordinance granting such be relief be conditioned upon Petitioner's completed purchase of the Subject Real Estate from the current fee title holder. If Petitioner does not complete its purchase of the Subject Real Estate within one (1) year of the date of approval of the Ordinance granting the relief sought herein or, upon Petitioner's written notification to the Zoning Administrator the transaction will not be completed, the zoning classification shall revert to its present classification.

There are no improvements (or structures) located on the property as it is vacant farmland, having a frontage on Milby Lane, and will have frontage on Bradfordton Road north of Wabash Avenue, once Bradfordton Road is extended. Subject property is currently classified in the I-1, Light Industrial District, Section 155.040.

Legally described as: The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 15 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. No Common Address- Farmland, Springfield, Illinois, 62711. Tax ID: 21-11.0-300-030
The Property is located at PIN 21-11.0-300-030, (approximately 40.78 acres farmland located North of Milby Lane), Springfield, Illinois.

The petitioner is Memorial Health System, as Contract Purchaser, By Its Attorneys Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, Daniel L. Hamilton of Counsel
Docket No. 2026-022
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois
banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.

JEREMY BAUM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 2026FC000111

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is July 20, 2026.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on June 8, 2026.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2026FC000111.

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

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Jeremy Baum

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

Lots 20 and 21 in Block 1 in the Village of Dawson.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 313 Walnut Street, Dawson, Illinois 62520

6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows: 16-08-155-022 and 16-08-155-023

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

Name of Mortgagor: Jeremy Baum

Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank

Date of Mortgage: October 6, 2022

Date of recording: October 13, 2022

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2022R21922

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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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 case 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

3206 E Elm Street

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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
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
Diego Alejandro Duarte Rivas, aged 18-21 years
No. 2026-GR-93
To 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRAZIER MACK; STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN

OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000175
Property Address: 1833 N. 21st St. Springfield, IL 62702

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on April 22, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on July 28, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
THE SOUTH 7 FEET OF LOT 11 AND THE NORTH 36 1/2 FEET OF LOT 12 IN FRED W. WANLESS' VICTORY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, BEING A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE
NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.
EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 1833 N. 21st St., Springfield, IL 62702

P.I.N.: 14-23.0-177-041
Second Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$72,433.83 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

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

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120
Naperville, IL 60563
(630) 453-6960
midwestleadings@dallegal.com
8051-966110

Tentative Budget
FY'27

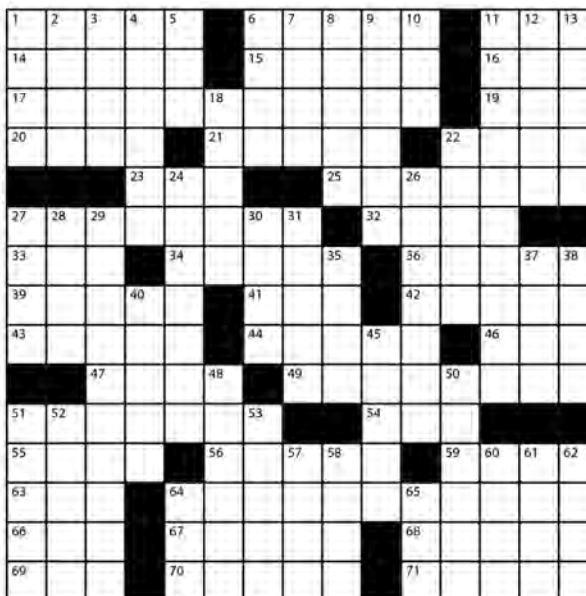
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing shall be held on July 20, 2026 at 12:00 noon by the S.M.E.A.A. at the Bank of Springfield Center, #1 Convention Center Plz, Springfield, IL, wherein the Tentative Budget of said Authority for the fiscal year beginning August 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2027 shall be considered.

The Tentative Budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Authority between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on regular business days, or the website at www.theboscenter.com .

In other words Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 950

Across

1. Spot in the ocean
6. Guns N' Roses guitarist
11. Arrest
14. Bullwinkle, e.g.
15. Use inefficiently
16. -Wan Kenobi
17. Finish second - Thriller
19. Used a bench
20. Scotch go-with
21. Middle Eastern leader
22. Fly, e.g.
23. The "p" in r.p.m.
25. Loaded
27. Lacking pizzazz
32. Ancient gathering spot
33. Hockey's Bobby
34. Dye-yielding shrubs
36. Stretchy stuff
39. Sorority members
41. Wrangler rival
42. Sought answers
43. Like some gases
44. Rimes of country music
46. Young fellow
47. Mayflower mover
49. Graph makers
51. Trolley
54. Calendar abbr.
55. Living room seat
56. Activist's focus
59. Latin 101 verb
63. Senate vote
64. Seeking office - Front's opposite
66. Snitch



67. Reversed the effects of
68. Pool problem
69. Hard to catch
70. Have a sample of
71. Santa Claus feature

Down

1. Little terrors
2. Fly alone
3. Put bullets in
4. Ford model
5. Athletic supporter?
6. Dog-paddle, say
7. Valentine decoration
8. Out of kilter
9. Firewood units

10. Part of H.M.S.
11. It smells - Fishing gear
12. Put to shame
13. Teensy-weensy
18. Singing Carpenter
22. Devious moves
24. Like a bungee cord
26. Falcon's home
27. Centers of activity
28. Tiger's selection
29. On the house - Gum mechanism
30. Window ledge
31. Sheep counter's quest
35. Elite Navy diver
37. Kind of admiral
38. Performs basic arithmetic

40. Many an Arthur Miller work
45. Latin name
48. Gap
50. Clef designation
51. Romanov rulers
52. Fit for a king
53. Ayn and Sally
57. Military group
58. Slaw or fries, e.g.
60. Heroic tale
61. Mark for life
62. Managed, with "out"
64. Tiresome routine
65. Go on and on

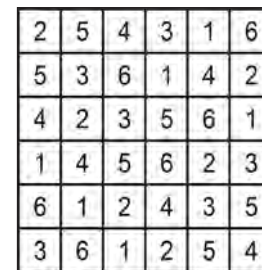
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #949



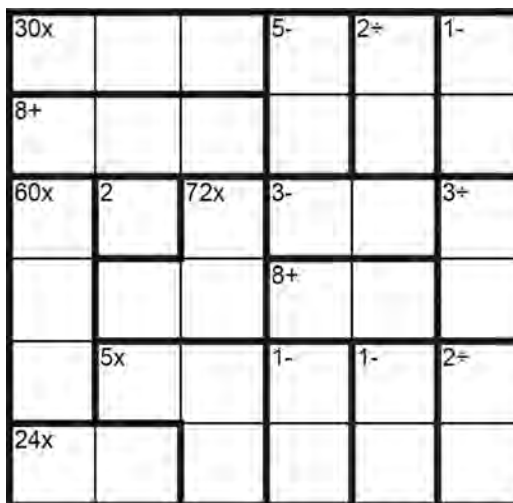
Sudoku answers from #949



JoshJosh answers from #949

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 950

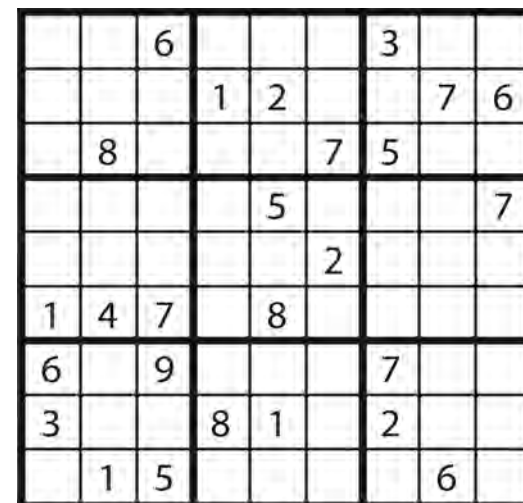
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty medium

Sudoku No. 950

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



Difficulty hard

217 Pony Shoe WEEK



217 Pony Shoe Week Official Passport June 22-28, 2026

Pease's at BUNN Gourmet

2941 Plaza Drive
217-793-1840
Kitchen Hours: Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pony shoe available: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

BUNN Prime Rib Philly Cheesesteak Shoe - \$17

Thin-sliced prime rib, caramelized onions and peppers, American fries, house-made cheese sauce, and green onions, served on Texas toast.

Trade Winds Pub & Eatery

1700 Recreation Drive
217-679-3482
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dine-in special only.

Loose Meat Pony Shoe - \$12

Loose meat pony shoe topped with fries, cheese sauce, and homemade onion rings.

Dublin Pub

1975 Wabash Ave.
217-793-6871
springfielddublinpub.com
Kitchen Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily

Dublin Surf & Turf Pony Shoe - \$18.95

Featuring toasted Texas toast, a pile of grilled steak fajita strips, and a hefty portion of crispy crinkle-cut fries. Choose from Leland Hotel yellow cheese sauce, Dublin Pub's famous white cheese sauce, or our special pepper jack cheese sauce. Topped with lightly breaded shrimp tossed in Cajun seasoning. Special: Margaritas \$5; bucket of five domestic bottles \$10.95.

66 Mother Road Diner

Located inside The Route 66 Hotel in Southern View
625 E. St. Joseph St.
Southern View
217-679-3742
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Homemade Country Fried Steak Shoe - \$12.00

A Midwest favorite made from scratch! Tender country-fried steak, hand-breaded and fried to golden perfection, served over thick slices of toasted bread and topped with crispy French fries. Finished with a generous smothering of rich, creamy homemade cheese sauce for the ultimate comfort-food experience. Hearty, satisfying, and packed with homestyle flavor in every bite. Come try your luck on our J&J Gaming Machines.

Track Shack

233 E. Laurel St.
217-522-0444
Hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Gorgonzola 'n' Ham Pony - \$10.99

A generous portion of ham on toast, covered with fries and smothered with a special Gorgonzola (blue cheese) sauce. Come try your luck on our J&J Gaming Machines.

Weebles Bar & Grill

4136 N. Peoria Road
217-528-3337
Kitchen Hours: Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 3 p.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Hog Heaven Pony Shoe - \$12

Open-faced grilled cheese on sourdough bread, topped with garlic butter pulled pork, crinkle-cut fries, and Monterey jack cheese sauce.

The Creek Pub & Grill

1081 Jason Place
217-483-8282
Kitchen Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.

Sweet Meatloaf Shoe - \$12

Craving a little comfort-food nostalgia? Our Sweet Meatloaf Shoe delivers all the homemade flavors you remember. We start with thick-cut Texas toast, topped with a hearty slice of savory meatloaf, crispy beer-battered sidewinder fries, and rich cheese sauce. Finished with a sweet brown sugar glaze and fresh diced scallions, this indulgent creation is the perfect blend of sweet, savory, and satisfying.

Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor

3217 Lake Plaza Drive
217-585-0460
Kitchen Hours: Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Hot Honey Chicken Pony - \$9

Sweet heat, piled high. Our Hot Honey Pulled Chicken Pony Shoe starts with toast topped with tender pulled chicken coated in hot honey sauce, piled with crispy fries, and finished with creamy cheese sauce. Sweet, spicy, savory, and messy in the best way.

Come try your luck on our J&J Gaming Machines.

Scoop du Jour

95 Plummer Blvd., Chatham
217-697-8327
Hours: Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Ice Cream Horseshoe - \$6.99

Starts with a Scoop du Jour glazed doughnut topped with the ice cream of your choice, cake "fries," marshmallow "cheese sauce," and whipped cream.

Legacy Pointe Eatery

1130 W. Legacy Pointe Drive (north side of Scheels)
217-670-1217
Hours: Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Smoked Meatloaf Pony Shoe - \$19

House-made and smoked meatloaf atop Texas toast, piled high with smoked Gouda cheese sauce, fries, meatloaf glaze, fresh green bell peppers, and onions.

Edinburger's Food Truck

704 S. Dirksen Pkwy, at Cook Street
Springfield, IL 62703
217-691-9702
Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call for weekend hours.
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565613258002>
Instagram: @edinburgersfoodtruck

The Pony Smasher - \$15

Thick-cut Texas toast, toasted to perfection and piled high with a seasoned smashburger, melted American cheese, a mountain of seasoned crinkle-cut fries, and smothered in our homemade Edinburger's cheese sauce. Finished with thick garlic pickle slices, fresh onion, and our famous Edinburger's special sauce for the perfect bite every time. The pony shoe done the Edinburger's way.

Cousin Eddie's Sports Bar & Grill

1951 W. Monroe St.
217-679-5777
cousinediesbar.com
Kitchen Hours: Closed Monday; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Ohhhh Buff YEAH! - \$11

A slice of toasted Texas toast topped with hand-breaded Buffalo chicken and crinkle-cut French fries, smothered in cheese sauce and topped with pieces of jalapeño bacon and breaded jalapeño chips. Served with your choice of ranch or blue cheese drizzle. Substitute French fries with crispy tots for just \$1.



Visit 217foodweek.com for more details

Participating restaurants have called on their talented chefs to create awesome and unique off-menu pony shoes for one week only: June 22-28. And you get to try as many as you like – but only during Pony Shoe Week. You know we have some crazy talented chefs in this town!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook @217FoodWeek. Don't forget your 217 Pony Shoe Week Passport to plan your food journey and for a chance to win gift cards from local restaurants. Download your passport or pick one up inside the June 18 and June 25 print editions of Illinois Times. Be sure to return it to the Illinois Times office by Monday, July 6.

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217 FOOD WEEK
PASSPORT & EAT TO WIN!

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