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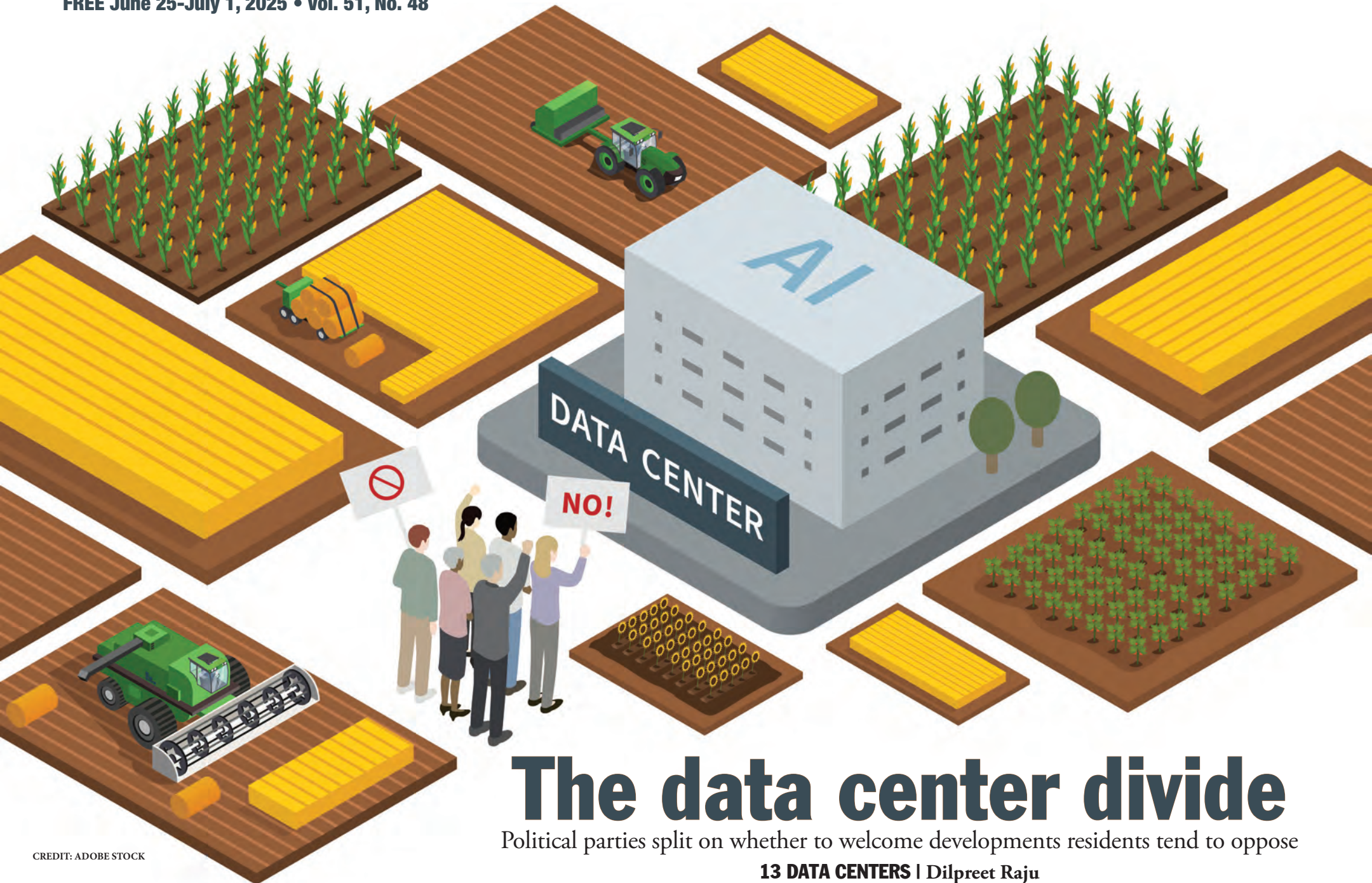


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EMT charged with murder sentenced

Pleads guilty to involuntary manslaughter, receives probation in death of Earl Moore

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A former emergency medical technician accused in potentially the nation's first murder case against a first responder received the lightest possible sentence – probation and no prison time – on June 23 after pleading guilty to a lesser charge.

Members of Earl Moore Jr.'s family showed their displeasure with Circuit Judge Robin Schmidt's decision to sentence former LifeStar Ambulance Service EMT Peter J. Cadigan to two years of probation as they walked out of a Sangamon County courtroom.

In addition to two years of probation, Schmidt ordered Cadigan, 53, of Springfield, to serve a 180-day jail sentence. But the judge said the jail time would be more than offset by the credit Cadigan received for 10 months previously served in the county jail after his arrest and before he gained pretrial release.

Cadigan, who was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service as part of his sentence, could have been sentenced to between two and five years in prison after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter in connection with the December 2022 death of Moore, 35, a McDonald's shift manager.

Time served for any imposed prison sentence for that felony charge could have been cut in half for good behavior.

Cadigan and former LifeStar paramedic Peggy Finley, 47, originally were charged in 2023 with first-degree murder by former Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright, who now is an associate circuit judge. Finley's murder charge remains pending.

Wright's charges said the EMS workers "did acts without legal justification" that caused Moore's death and that the workers knew, based on their "training, experience and the surrounding circumstances" that the acts "would create a substantial probability of great bodily harm or death."

The lesser charge said Cadigan's actions leading to Moore's death were reckless and without legal justification.

Prosecutors alleged that Cadigan, with Finley as the supervising medical worker at the scene, caused Moore's death by placing him face-down on a LifeStar gurney and then tightly strapping him in place. Prosecutors said the straps were cinched so tightly that several ribs were broken. Forensic pathologist Dr. Scott Denton of Bloomington concluded after an autopsy that Moore's treatment caused suffocation.



Peter Cadigan tells Sangamon County Circuit Judge Robin Schmidt on June 23 that he was sorry for his actions in the December 2022 death of Earl Moore Jr. in Springfield and apologized to Moore's family in the courtroom.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

Denton said the face-down, or prone, placement of Moore, rather than the recommended face-up placement, as well as unnecessarily tight straps, caused Moore to die from what Denton termed "compressional and positional asphyxia."

There was no immediate comment on the sentence from Moore's family, which previously received an undisclosed settlement from LifeStar to settle a wrongful-death lawsuit.

The family was represented by the law firm of nationally known civil rights attorney Ben Crump and Texas-based lawyer Robert Hilliard.

The prosecution requested a five-year prison sentence. Cadigan's attorney, Justin Kuehn of Belleville, asked for a sentence of

probation.

Before he was sentenced, Cadigan told the judge and Moore's family in the packed gallery that he was sorry for his actions and made fatal errors after being summoned with Finley to Moore's home in the 1100 block of North 11th Street early in the morning on Dec. 18, 2022.

"I've been in EMS for the past 24 years," Cadigan said in court. "I did have great pride in being able to play a part in saving several lives. I do want Mr. Moore's family to know that I never intended to do him any harm. I should have asked more questions, I should have acquired more information, and for that, I am forever regretful, and I am very sorry."

The EMS workers were summoned by police, and Kuehn said Cadigan and Finley

initially were informed that Moore was intoxicated. Police said Moore reportedly was hallucinating and going through alcohol withdrawal and hadn't had a drink in several days, though toxicology tests after his death showed Moore had a blood-alcohol content of 0.077%, or just under the legal limit of 0.08% for driving in Illinois.

One of the Moore family's attorneys previously said the fact that Moore was Black and the EMS workers were white played a role in the rough, rude and ultimately deadly treatment of Moore on police-worn camera footage that later became public and went viral.

Special Prosecutor Derek Dion told Schmidt the maximum sentence was justified to "send a strong message" to other healthcare professionals.

Dion said Moore "called 911 for help, not for someone to kill him. ... He was a weak patient, and he was strapped into a position where he could not breathe."

Dion said Cadigan lied to police when Cadigan said he was never trained on how to avoid suffocating a patient and that Moore was resisting assistance.

Schmidt said she appreciated the emotional victim impact statements from Moore's mother, Rosena Washington, from Moore's younger sisters, Chatara, Shikira and Mahogany, and from a niece.

Schmidt said Cadigan, who had no prior criminal history, "failed woefully" in performing his duties and was "apathetic" when he should have been looking out for Moore's health at the scene.

But Schmidt said Illinois law mandates probation for involuntary manslaughter unless probation would detract from the seriousness of the crime. Probation is appropriate for Cadigan, she ruled.

Both Kuehn and Scott Hanken, Finley's attorney, have said Moore's death was a tragedy but that first-degree murder charges weren't justified.

State's Attorney John Milhiser, who agreed to give Cadigan the opportunity to plead guilty to the involuntary manslaughter, didn't respond to a request for comment. □

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Crowd reacts to Christian County data center plan

Would rely on power from not-yet-built natural gas project in Pawnee

DATA CENTERS | Dean Olsen

Facing strong opposition to a proposed \$6 billion data center near Taylorville, a founder of Eagle Rock Partners told the Christian County Board he wouldn't want to live next door to the center his firm wants to build.

But Ken Loeber added that the center, on farm ground two miles southwest of the Christian County seat, as well as the promise of 500 full-time jobs and the potential to generate \$85 million a year in new property taxes for local schools and governments, would result in a "greater good."

Loeber said it's "for all of you to determine as leaders in the community" whether the benefits would be worth any noise, disruption to the serene rural environment and other downsides, proven or unknown.

"My hope and my prayer is that this doesn't divide the community, and that you can make an informed decision," Loeber said. "This is an emotional issue. Change is scary to people."

Loeber, from the North Carolina-based development company, made his first official appearance in front of the County Board on June 16. Eagle Rock hasn't yet submitted a formal land-use request for Meridian Technology Park data center to the county, and it's uncertain when that might happen.

Also in attendance in the cafeteria of Taylorville High School was a crowd of about 400 people, almost all demonstrating opposition to the project.

Loeber said the proposed data center would require between 1,000 and 1,100 megawatts of electricity and consist of 10 75-foot-tall buildings that would be constructed in phases over a five- to seven-year period along Illinois Route 48 in rural Bear Creek Township.

Maureen Tarrant, 67, a retired registered nurse, said she lives with her husband, Doug, in the family home they built 38 years ago that is just over a mile north of the proposed 475-acre site for the data center.

She said she doesn't know how noise and traffic might increase but is worried.

"I love the place we live," Tarrant said. "I don't want it changed. It's a fairy tale, and I don't want it turned into a horror story."

Loeber said Eagle Rock would consider compensating nearby residents for any



Ken Loeber, a founder of North Carolina-based Eagle Rock Partners, uses a microphone to answer questions from Christian County Board members on June 16 regarding the company's proposed \$6 billion data center in rural Bear Creek Township, southwest of Taylorville. About 400 people attended the board meeting at Taylorville High School. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

inconveniences or discomfort.

Formal consideration of an Eagle Rock Partners proposal by the board and other county officials is months away, County Board Chair Bryan Sharp told *Illinois Times*.

Because of the potential economic benefits, county officials have a duty to listen to Eagle Rock's proposal, Sharp said. But he added, "I don't want this to be hurried."

Sharp said it's unclear whether county officials, after they solicit advice from outside consultants, would be able to make final decisions on any land-use request in less than a year and satisfy Eagle Rock's apparent timeline.

Eagle Rock said in a statement that the earliest construction could begin is 2028.

It's also unclear whether Eagle Rock would be able to carry out its plan to obtain all of the power required for the data center from the proposed and long-delayed natural gas-fired Lincoln Land Energy Center in unincorporated Sangamon County near Pawnee.

Loeber said Eagle Rock has worked out a purchase agreement with the power plant's owner. But construction hasn't even begun

on the power plant, which would cost \$1.5 billion or more.

Julie Friedberg, a spokesperson for the Lincoln Land Energy developer, New Jersey-based Kindle Energy LLC, declined to speak with *Illinois Times* by phone and said the company would respond only to written questions. The newspaper emailed questions to Kindle on June 17 and followed up with a phone message but hasn't received a response.

Loeber told the Christian County Board he hopes Kindle can begin delivering power by 2029.

The Christian County proposal is the third plan for a large-scale data center to emerge in *Illinois Times*' coverage area.

CyrusOne's 630-megawatt data center, to cost \$500 million and be built in southwest Sangamon County's Talkington Township, was approved by the Sangamon County Board in April.

Hut 8 Corp.'s plans to build a 500-megawatt, \$5 billion data center near Latham in Logan County has been stymied by the Logan County Board's recent vote to establish a one-year moratorium on consideration of data center requests.

Loeber's estimate of \$85 million a year in new property tax revenue would result in \$47 million in new funding for the Taylorville school district, which currently operates with a \$30 million budget.

But Chad Coady, Christian County's supervisor of assessments, thinks the company's estimates are too high. The Eagle Rock data center would be one of the largest in the state.

Based on Coady's initial investigation of assessments in Illinois counties with data centers and similar-size construction projects, Coady said it's more likely that the Eagle Rock project would result in up to \$22 million in total new property tax revenue for the county, with \$12 million of that going to the school district.

An influx of \$12 million still would be monumental for Taylorville public schools, he said.

Like the CyrusOne and Hut 8 data center proposals, the Eagle Rock plan would call for a closed-loop cooling system that would continuously recirculate water and not require frequent refilling.

But area residents questioned whether any water wells drilled by the company for sinks and toilets to be used by data center employees would cause other wells for homes in the area to dry up. That wouldn't happen, Loeber said, adding that Eagle Rock has commissioned a study backing up his assertion.

Loeber said noise created by the data center wouldn't exceed 55 decibels at the property line – louder than a refrigerator and softer than a normal conversation.

But nearby residents said they don't want any additional noise disturbing their environment and disrupting existing businesses.

Caleb May, 44, a farmer who lives within a mile of the proposed site, told the County Board, "Nobody wants to live next to a 480-acre industrial site – nobody. I hope you don't trade local families for revenue." □

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Future data center tax breaks on hold

“Trying to move faster than democracy”

STATE | Dilpreet Raju

Despite the governor mentioning a pause on data center tax breaks at his budget address in February and a massive swell of political will to regulate the energy-hungry centers since then, Illinois lawmakers did not meaningfully address data centers during their spring session.

Gov. JB Pritzker, less than a week after legislators left Springfield, ordered a pause on all future data center tax break agreements starting July 1. That effectively gives CyrusOne – the international data center operator that plans to break ground in Sangamon County this summer and all other data center projects approved in recent months – a hard deadline to get agreements signed with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Environmental and public health nonprofits praised the move while labor unions and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association questioned the governor's decision, claiming the pause is an overreach of authority. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers referenced Pritzker's support of the tax break program in 2019.

“If the governor believes the law should be changed, he should work with the General Assembly to change it. He should not direct an agency to stop administering a program simply because the legislature did not pass his preferred proposal,” IBEW stated. “In 2019, Gov. Pritzker stood with legislators, business leaders, labor leaders, trade groups and data center businesses to celebrate this very program. At that time, he said data centers were ‘as critical a part of our infrastructure as our roads, trains and schools’ and praised the incentive as a way to welcome ‘a surge of economic development, labor income and good union jobs to Illinois.’”

In late May, more than 40 lawmakers signed a letter to House and Senate leadership urging the pause of tax exemptions that have provided 27 Illinois data centers, some owned by the same parent company, with nearly \$1 billion in tax breaks since 2019. Those data centers produced an average of 22 permanent jobs, and anywhere from 150 to 300 construction jobs per site.

“A policy intended to attract investment has now left Illinoisans with record spikes in utility bills, strained our regional power grids and raised significant concerns among our local constituents,” the letter states. “Data center development may remain a promising economic opportunity for our state, but it cannot come at the expense of Illinoisans' utility bills, public resources or community health.”

Only Democrats, who have a supermajority in the Illinois legislature, signed the letter. State Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, and Rep. Sue Scherer, D-Decatur, did not sign the letter, and neither responded to multiple emails from *IT* about it.

A vast majority of states offer such tax breaks, but outrage from constituents has caused some politicians to reconsider some generous exemptions and pushed others without such tax benefits to avoid instituting them. Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, recently paused the state's data center tax breaks on May 27 while a legislative committee examines the program's effectiveness.

At a rally during the final weekend of Illinois' legislative session, lawmakers in support of regulating data centers acknowledged a bill would not pass before adjournment, saying it takes time to regulate

such a massive, fast-changing industry.

“This is a big bill for a big problem, but big bills and big solutions take a lot of work. Big solutions take coalition building. Big solutions take persistence,” said Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago. “We can't let up now.”

Meanwhile, activists decried the Statehouse's inaction as kowtowing to wealthy corporations.

“We're going up against some of the most powerful corporate interests in the world,” said Christine Nannicelli, senior campaign representative for Sierra Club Illinois. “Big Tech corporations have the ear of too many local officials, and they certainly have the ear of state legislative leadership.”

The Rev. Darnell Tingle, from United Congregations of Metro East, a group of faith leaders in Southern Illinois who support public interest issues, said corporations are “trying to move faster than democracy” in getting expansive, hyperscale data centers built.

“We will make sure lawmakers understand that delay is not neutral. I repeat, delay is not neutral because inaction is a choice. Delay is a choice. Leaving communities exposed is a choice,” Tingle said. “We are not anti-technology, we are not anti-job, we are not anti-development, but we are against exploitation dressed up as a permit – and exploitation with a permit is still exploitation.”

Tingle said developers and elected officials are failing to listen to community input related to data centers.

“Data centers are coming. They're being proposed, they're being negotiated, and they are being approved,” he said. “Too many communities are being forced to respond one city at a time, one village at a time,

one zoning meeting at a time. That is not a strategy, that is a setup. While regular people are still trying to figure out what is happening, the lawyers have already met, the developers are already called, the lobby is already moved and the paperwork is already in motion. That is why we need the POWER Act; we need statewide standards.”

The POWER Act (Protecting Our Water, Energy, and Ratepayers), which stalled in the General Assembly, would have required companies building hyperscale data centers to fund their own clean energy, perform environmental and water impact assessments, and pay into a public benefits fund.

Prairie Rivers Network, an Illinois nonprofit focused on protecting nature and wildlife, claimed the Illinois legislature chose to support Big Tech over voters by not taking action on the POWER Act. The group called on the legislature to convene in June to discuss the matter, though there's been few signs of a special session, and reiterated its dedication to slowing the rapidly expanding industry that is attempting to plug into electric grids as quickly as possible.

“The legislature chose data centers over the public interest,” read a Prairie Rivers Network statement following adjournment. “Pausing the data center tax incentives would have forced data center developers and their allies in labor to come to the negotiating table with us. It would have shown the data center industry that the Illinois legislature was ready to protect the public from data center impacts.”

The statement concludes, “Join us this summer in attending town halls, writing letters to the editor, attending local zoning and county board meetings and calling our legislators to take action.” □

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Chase Hadez, who goes by Colton Lexus, in front of his 18-square-foot home he built on a lot he owns at 17th and Carpenter streets. The city has ordered him to vacate it, saying it doesn't meet building codes or zoning requirements. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Man fights city hall

Living off the grid in the middle of Springfield leads to challenges

HOUSING | Adrian Dater

He lives in an 18-square-foot home on a corner lot at 17th and Carpenter streets. He built the “pod” himself, he says, from watching how-to videos on YouTube, and it features solar panels, battery-powered generators, a foundation of heavyweight tires, air conditioning, insulation, a six-foot bed, a microwave and an internet connection from a cheap satellite service.

He wants to market the mass production of such do-it-yourself, off-the-grid tiny homes not only for his potential profit, but more because of a “calling from God” to better help the homeless get off the streets, just like he did. He thinks he can design a car that would run for at least 100 miles on “a gallon of water and electricity.” Meanwhile, the city of Springfield is “unjustly harassing me,” he says, because none of the structures on the lot he owns are up to code regarding zoning and other public works

requirements.

Oh, and he was also charged about seven months ago by Chicago police for aggravated assault from the discharge of a firearm that wounded a man, drops the occasional song on music streaming sites, thinks of himself as an influencer on social media, and has been accused by some online as being a scam artist.

Welcome to the mysterious world of 31-year-old Colton Lexus. It's a world of Catch-22s, where many things he says seem to check out, but others don't. He goes by Colton Lexus, but his driver's license and other official documents list his name as Chase Hadez. He said he once had his own security company and that he's started a new company, Exon Corp., that he said “invests in off-grid solar systems and housing for people that need them,” but *Illinois Times* could find no such company

registered anywhere. A LinkedIn page for Colton Lexus, with his picture on it, lists his occupation as “software developer and engineer” but not much else. He posts YouTube videos that regularly document his days, and often hosts live chats with followers, some of which turn contentious from his critics jumping in.

While the past of Lexus remains enigmatic, what is true now is that he is in an ongoing battle with city hall. Lexus is living on the property within his rights, he believes, in the tiny, tiny home on land he owns, which now includes an adjacent 4-by-8-by-8 wooden structure he may soon use as his living space. He has been served with notices by the city's legal department and Office of Public Works that warn if the structures don't adhere to code soon, the properties could be demolished. A circuit court case involving the matter is in the

early stages of the process.

“State law says homeless people have a right to build an encampment. I did that on my property. Sangamon County allows you to register mobile homes. I'm in the process of doing that for this (4x8) unit right here. It's under 150 square feet, which means it doesn't need a permit,” Lexus told *Illinois Times*. “But even though it doesn't need a permit, I went down there (to the city's Office of Building and Zoning) to submit for one. I applied for one, and I paid for it. But they are refusing to issue it and are now saying I can't step foot into the building anymore. They put this sticker on my new structure, saying it's in violation. Well, what they did was vandalism to my property, and I'll sue them for it. If a sheriff or anyone else were to come here to search or seize my home, I will perform a citizen's arrest on them.”

If that sounds a little crazy, that's not the way Lexus comes off in person. In separate visits from *Illinois Times* recently, Lexus politely gave tours of his property and described in detail how he built it to fully function off the grid – hence, no mortgage or utility bills. What is more American than a man living on his own land in his own hand-built home, free from conformity?

"I'm trying to do everything I'm supposed to do, but all they do is harass me, and I'm suffering as a result of all this," said Lexus, who said he was adopted at age 8 and grew up primarily in Limestone, Michigan. "I told them either way, I'm going to keep building on it, because I have that right. They're trying to charge me \$750 a day for every day this is here, which is unjustified."

Sangamon County records show that Lexus, under his legal name of Hadez, paid \$3,495 on May 11 to Los Angeles-based Home Equity Options LLC for the lot at 1705 E. Carpenter St. Because he calls himself homeless, Lexus says the Illinois Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act, passed in 2013, allows him to live in structures exempt from local zoning ordinances if the structures are 150 feet or less.

That is not true, says Mitch Flynn, the housing division manager for the Office of Public Works, who has interacted with Lexus several times.

"We informed him what the rules were, which is that you have to have a primary structure on a lot. That pod does not meet any of the international building codes to be classified as any kind of a residential structure," Flynn said. "You have to meet those minimum codes and their space requirements, and requirements for wind and snow loads – a whole slew of codes you have to meet in order to classify it as something to live in. So, unfortunately, we cannot count that as a primary structure. We informed him before he ever placed it there that it wouldn't be allowed because of the zoning rules. Next thing we know, he did it anyway."

Lexus originally built the tiny home in Chicago and lived on a five-foot-wide sidewalk, he said. Why did he decide to live in an 18-square-foot box on a sidewalk in a big city? This is where things about his past get a little fuzzy again, but Lexus said a divorce from his husband and subsequent financial problems from his struggling security business convinced him to build it, based on previous "urgings" from God. When Chicago zoning officials forbade his living on the sidewalk, Lexus said he reluctantly decided to move to a place he thought would be more amenable to living as he does. Somehow, that place became Springfield, but now he has the same hassles with city hall all over again.

"This is the first time this (pod-style, off-grid living) has ever been done. It's a real home," Lexus says, noting that he has

a mailbox where he's receiving mail. "I've informed the city that, given my homeless status... I've established a residency allowable by the (Bill of Rights for the Homeless)."

The home may indeed be his castle, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory said. But it violates zoning rules, which exist for a reason.

"They are for, among other reasons, sanitary and safety requirements," Gregory told *Illinois Times*. "I understand the notion of wanting to live off the grid. But he probably should have done that somewhere deep in the woods. This is a city lot subject to zoning laws."

And the particular lot Lexus has chosen is in Ward 2, which currently has a moratorium on tiny house developments. Gregory asked for one after the Be Neighbors nonprofit came to the Springfield City Council in September 2024 to request funding for an 18-unit development on Stanton Street that was opposed by many of the nearby residents.

Lexus might have a ray of hope if a judge takes a broader interpretation of Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed BUILD Act, which would increase affordable housing units and make it easier to bypass local zoning laws, but that is a long way from becoming law. And, realistically, Lexus' hopes of winning such a case are probably as tiny as his home, says attorney Tom Pavlik of Delano Law Offices in Springfield.

"The city can't pick and choose what rules it likes or dislikes or when to enforce or not enforce a rule – as that would lead to all sorts of legal challenges. It's not personal – it's just the equal application of existing law," Pavlik said. "The reality is that the law rarely catches up to current trends, often for good reason."

Meanwhile, Lexus says he is ready to fight his case in court. He has submitted several Freedom of Information Act requests to the city for any internal discussions of his situation and promises lawsuits of his own if the city attempts eviction or demolition.

The living seems hard at the moment, as Lexus doesn't have a car and gets around on his mountain bikes. He heats food on a butane stove, showers at a local gym, and has a covered outhouse where, he says, he burns the waste responsibly. He has posted videos on his YouTube page asking for any financial assistance his subscribers can provide, as he doesn't have a job at the moment. He has had food assistance from the state, he said, along with insurance from the Affordable Care Act. But if he suddenly came into a lot of money, he says, he would continue to live off the grid.

"I love living truly on my own, self-sufficiently. It has had a huge learning curve, obviously, but I feel like it's been a blessing," Lexus said. "I have no mortgage, no debt. I've had no problems with my neighbors, and they help out a lot. I think this is the way human beings really were meant to live. I want to help others do the same thing." □

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OPINION



At right, Ken Loeber, a founding partner of North Carolina-based Eagle Rock Partners, speaks to the Christian County Board on June 16 about Eagle Rock's interest in building a \$6 billion data center on farmground southwest of Taylorville. The vast majority of the crowd of about 400 people at Taylorville High School voiced opposition to the proposed project. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

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GREAT ASSET

Congratulations, Christian County. This will be awesome for all residents and businesses in the county and surrounding areas ("Area data center updates," June 11). Don't let out-of-town carpetbaggers come in and spread lies about data centers. Today there are more than 4,500 operating all over the U.S. without issue.

However, like all developments, there are potential risks which you should address in the development agreement - power, water and noise, along with the relatively small number of direct data center jobs. But for every data center job, there will be at least four to five additional jobs needed to support the facility.

Steve Foster

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

TOO MUCH HYPE

A data center will completely pummel property values. We need to be thinking of our neighbors that will be most heavily affected. Never mind the noise and light pollution, effects on aquifers and rising energy costs.

I'd really like to see a breakdown of where this "money for Christian County" will actually be spent. Where are the proposed contracts? What local businesses will be utilized in the building and operation of the facility?

Look past the hype and do your due diligence. Talk to members of communities that have these things near their homes.

James Williams

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

TOO RISKY

These data centers are all being built on the speculation of being needed. Think of how quickly technology changes and how quickly your cellphone becomes outdated. Look up an iPhone or computer from 2006. This is gambling, not with house money, but our communities' futures.

Kyle Snyder

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PEOPLE DON'T WANT IT

As a retired union sheet metal worker, I should be for the data center proposed to be built in Sangamon County, but I am not. Why? Because it is another case of a large industrial project being thrown into an area that the people living there don't want. Who wants an industrial center in your backyard? Why should they be burdened with all the negative things that come with it while big money gets all the benefits?

My neighborhood fought a solar farm a few years ago that is soon to be built right next to our subdivision. We fought a good fight but eventually lost out. Why? Well, the biggest reason was that the unions in Sangamon County got to several of the county board members and influenced their vote. I know this because I was told this afterward by a highly influential Sangamon County political player.

With that said, I can tell you that it

will most likely happen again with the data center. I can also tell you that as a past elected union official, the unions in Sangamon County could care less about what the people living close to the proposed data center think about it. The unions only care about three things: How many people they can put to work there building it, how many people they can put there after it is built, and the third and most important thing is how much money they can rake in on union dues from all the work being done. It is just the way unions operate.

I wish I could tell the people fighting it that it won't be built, but I think that it is a done deal.

Steve Jones

Springfield

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In our move-about early marriage we went for low- or no- rent spots. One year we lived over a tavern whose jukebox blasted till 1am. We solved that problem by putting the kids in our bedroom while we took theirs cantilevered over the outside. Come spring we moved to a free cottage in Vermont. While I was cleaning one little girl lay on a bed while the other sang lullabies to her. How sweet! Then the singer said to the sleeper, "Now I'll be the baby, and you be the jukebox!"

2026 Jacqueline Jackson

Cheering an empty stadium

Illinois says no to the sports oligarchs

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

The most interesting news out of Chicago about this year's World Cup finals is that there isn't any. We Old Ones remember that Chicago hosted the official opening match of USA '94 (watched on TV by an estimated 750 million people) plus a further five games at a sold-out Soldier Field. But even with those credentials as a venue, our self-described "world city" is not among the 16 host cities for the 2026 finals hosted by the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Blame Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Or better yet, give him credit. Illinois elected leaders have a sordid tradition of caving to the extortionate demands of its hometown sports oligarchs. For example, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority, that fount of fiscal folly, enabled the state of Illinois to wholly or substantially fund new stadiums for the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bears in the 1980s and early 2000s, respectively.

Having seen what easy marks politicians are, the owners of the Cubs in 2010 lobbied state lawmakers to have ISFA issue up to \$300 million in bonds backed by the city and county taxes to help them turn Wrigley Field and environs into the kind of place you could take your mother if Mom likes weak lager. They asked in spite of the fact that the Ricketts family are worth around \$8 or \$9 billion and the Cubs franchise is as close to a money machine as exists.

It was all wearisomely familiar. It used to be that the people knocking on the door of the Statehouse and courthouses in Illinois were the poor who had been left behind, or thrown aside, by the capitalists. Since the 1970s, it's been the capitalists who seek succor in their time of greed. People love their sporting spectacles, so while stadium subsidies have always been



Chicago Bears president and CEO Kevin Warren speaks during a news conference in Halas Hall in Lake Forest Jan. 17, 2023. AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH

dubious economics, they used to be good politics. But Emanuel, who was then mayor, basically said, "We got taken by the Sox and the Bears and we won't get taken by the Cubs," so the Cubs got peanuts.

Which brings us back to Chicago and the 2026 World Cup. What its fans sometimes call "the beautiful game" is organized – and exploited – by some of the world's least beautiful people. In return for the chance to see soccer played live by athletes they don't know representing countries they never heard of while being serenaded by Scots fans playing bagpipes at 6 a.m. on their home from a bacchanal, host cities had to submit to vassalage to FIFA, the game's international governing body that

organizes the tournament. Each city will have to shoulder the very considerable infrastructure and security costs of the games while FIFA keeps the vast majority of the revenue from ticket sales – average ticket prices range from \$300 to \$1,400 – hospitality and sponsor deals, all of which are exempt from local taxes. FIFA also is free to modify contract terms at any time, including changes to stadiums.

Basically, FIFA has found ways to loot cities without resorting to war. They should get a peace prize.

Chicago's mayor, however, was the wrong guy to play for a sucker. Emanuel had a city to run and no money to indulge the mini-Trumps that populate FIFA. He formally withdrew from

the host city bidding process in 2018, saying, in effect, "You gotta be kidding me." The climate had changed. The mood had soured. The goalposts had moved. The clichés had been updated. Illinois voters, the most generous of people, no longer need open their wallets to needy billionaires.

The McCaskey family seems not to have noticed, maybe because the news was not about their kind of football. Collectively, these owners of the Chicago Bears are worth about \$8 billion, but they are that saddest of creature, the envious billionaire. They decided that the new/old Soldier Field that the taxpayers had mostly bought for them (and which will cost another half billion bucks by the time the bonds are paid off in 2032) is not good enough. They want a domed stadium. They also want naming-rights revenue and parking revenue like the other owners plus hotels, restaurants, offices and shops and apartments and condos and maybe even a convention center. If they can't build it in Illinois, they'll take their team to Hammond, Indiana, a Superfund site with a post office.

Nothing was quite settled when the legislature adjourned but legislative leaders and the governor did a Rahm and made clear that wherever the McCaskeys build Bearsville they won't do it with Illinois money. Think about it. Since 2010 the Ricketts, FIFA and the McCaskeys have made Illinois officials offers they ought to refuse, and they all did. That's like being at the ballpark and seeing an unassisted triple play. You know it can happen, but you never expect to actually see it. □

Mr. Krohe began watching the World Cup in the 1970s and hopes to see the day when FIFA is given a red card and sent home.

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Divided over data centers

Political parties split on whether to welcome developments residents tend to oppose

DATA CENTERS | Dilpreet Raju

“The U.S. is now spending more on data center construction than public transportation infrastructure,” Bloomberg reported earlier this month.

The data center boom has upended the American political landscape, connecting people from all kinds of ballot leanings while shining a light on local politics like never before. As more companies and individuals bet on artificial intelligence systems to power their websites, work and even schools, more infrastructure is required for AI models to compute around-the-clock requests.

For decades, states have competed with one another to court data center investment. Trade unions have clamored to build the private infrastructure for technology companies worth billions, or even trillions, of dollars while local opposition groups have continuously raised concerns about electricity use, environmental harm and whether the touted benefits of property taxes and jobs are worth the trade-off of losing massive swathes of land.

Enter businesses such as CyrusOne, a company that has built data centers for the better part of the 2000s, including dozens already operating across the globe. Now, it is securing deals to build out data centers that are dozens of times bigger than the company used to build, including a roughly \$2 billion, 1,200-acre site for the U.S. Army in Utah announced this spring, as AI models demand far more servers than traditional cloud computing.

In April, the Sangamon County Board approved a conditional permitted use to allow zoning for a data center to be constructed on 280 acres of agriculturally zoned land, just 15 days after tabling the proposal following hours of public comment mostly opposing the project.

Concerns about the process

Board members and proponents of the area’s first hyperscale data center have said the proposal from CyrusOne introduced in November is in accordance with the zoning ordinance the county passed in July 2025 to formally allow data centers.

The two-page ordinance, Chapter 17.39 of Sangamon County Code, was quietly introduced last spring and passed the County Board without issue in July 2025. It offers fairly simple regulations for a complex industry. The code is much more limited than other zoning codes – 10 times shorter than



Tara Bergschneider is a Democrat running for Sangamon County Board in District 7, the area where the Cyrus One project is slated to be built. She has been outspoken against the development. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

those governing solar and wind projects – and even several hundred words shorter than the county’s public comment code.

Asked if he thinks the county’s code is comprehensive, Board Chair Andy Van Meter said the board is in the process of improving the ordinance.

“I think it tries to be (comprehensive); any government regulation can always be improved,” he told *Illinois Times*. “Over the course of those discussions, we learned about

a number of improvements that I think the board is in the process of making.”

Amendments to the data center ordinance have remained tabled in committee since April.

Emails obtained through FOIA by The Coalition for Springfield’s Utility Future, a group of Sangamon County residents opposed to the project, show CyrusOne was communicating with county officials before the county committees began discussing

zoning guidelines for data centers.

The emails show a representative of energy company Swift Current Energy, which owns and operates Double Black Diamond Solar farm, connecting CyrusOne and county zoning staff in February 2025 for a meeting one month later.

During the April 7 County Board meeting, then-District 12 board member Marc Ayers, a Democrat, pressed CyrusOne officials about how long they had been planning the project in Sangamon County.

Bradd Hout, CyrusOne’s location and power strategy director, told Ayers he couldn’t remember a specific date but said it was around the middle of 2025.

“We were made aware of this opportunity – it wasn’t part of a broader strategy to say, ‘Let’s go target Sangamon County.’ We are brought opportunities daily from people who have a very firm understanding of infrastructure,” Hout said. “That was maybe a few months before we submitted the application for rezoning (in October 2025). There’s a number of months of due diligence where we had to do field work, some preliminary survey civil engineering, those sorts of things. I would say it’s probably sometime in the middle of 2025.”

Ayers asked Hout if he knew CyrusOne was “coming here before July ’25?”

“Marc, we don’t know. I cannot speak to your own zoning determination process. It was an unanimously approved data center ordinance, because there was not enough awareness or engagement – I’m sorry,” Hout replied. “We’ve run through the regulations and the additional regulations that we’re complying with.”

Joel Benoit, assistant state’s attorney and the board’s legal adviser, told the board months earlier that instituting a moratorium could open the county to a lawsuit from CyrusOne or landowners, who could argue the proposal falls in line with the Sangamon County data center code. In February, a lawyer representing CyrusOne told board members “it probably would be legally inappropriate” to delay a vote on the proposal.

Saline, a small township of 2,000 residents in Michigan whose elected officials were opposed to a data center project, was sued by landowners and developers last year. The township ultimately settled, and developers broke ground this month on a nearly 600-acre data center.

Logan County failed to approve a broad ordinance to allow data centers in June, one month after approving a moratorium.

Tara Bergschneider is a Democrat running for District 7, the area where the CyrusOne project is slated to be built, and where Double Black Diamond Solar Farm opened last year. She has based her campaign on opposition to both data centers and encroaching solar farms and said the decision to institute an ordinance about the data center industry without public input effectively put the cart before the horse.

“This is manufactured pressure,” she said. “It’s caused division in our community. I don’t think there’s anything very fruitful that’s really come of this.”

Bergschneider also publicly accused Van Meter of asking current District 7 board member Craig Hall to resign so Van Meter could appoint Republican candidate Richard King to the board as an incumbent for the November general election.

“I guess I consider (King) a friend, but I’m not in any sense a close friend of his. I’ve only gotten to know him through politics,” Van Meter told *IT*, but questioned how “being friends with somebody is a now a bad thing.”

Van Meter said he approached Hall last year in an effort to get him to run again.

“My conversations with Craig were focused around trying to encourage him to run again,” he said. “We generally support our incumbents, and I told Craig that we would support him if he chose to run again.”

Hall, who is also a Republican, told *IT* that Van Meter chose his words carefully when they spoke last year.

“He wanted to know what my future was going to be and if I wasn’t going to be on the board, could I look at options of not being on the board, but it was carefully worded,” Hall said. “He never asked me directly (to resign), but I pretty much understood what the conversation was.”

Hall said his philosophy of taking up public office would not allow him to resign



Cathy Bettis owns a dog boarding business, Joette Kennel, just one mile from the site of the planned data center and says she’s concerned about the noise impact on dogs’ sensitive ears. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

anyway.

“Unless you’re moving for your job or something personal, when you run for office, you should serve that whole term. I don’t believe in leaving in the middle of a term so that politicians can place somebody in that chair. I think the people out here (in District 7) ought to choose who sits in that chair,” he said.

When *Illinois Times* first broke the news of the CyrusOne proposal last October, Hall told a reporter he hadn’t formed an opinion about it, as most of his constituents knew little to nothing about the project yet. As public outcry increased, Hall began to speak out against it and made an impassioned plea

at the March 23 County Board meeting to table the vote on the CyrusOne project.

Nearly 700 people packed the BOS Center for that meeting, and prior to the public comment period, a vote to table the proposal failed. Hall requested a second vote to table the resolution following hours of public comment and rebuttals, explaining that the governing body for his township had little interest in any incentives CyrusOne could offer.

“I asked our board of trustees to our township, ‘Do we want to approach the company to see if there’s anything we could benefit?’ and I was really proud when they said, ‘We’re not for sale.’ I would like to ask

this board to listen tonight, and I would like to ask if we could take another vote to table this, please.”

Just two weeks later, the County Board held another packed meeting at the convention center, this time approving the CyrusOne project 17-10 despite Hall making a motion to again postpone the final vote.

More than 60 people had signed up to speak, but this time Van Meter announced he would not waive the one-hour limit on public comments, as had been done previously. Hall told *Illinois Times* that limiting public comment diminished trust in the board.

“We should have let people speak, without a doubt. Some even said that this was the biggest issue this county ever has had to face, and you only allowed X amount of minutes per person and squished them in. I don’t think I’ll ever understand that,” he said.

Van Meter, who cast the tie-breaking vote to limit public comment at the April 7 meeting, said he doesn’t regret his decision.

“Yes, I do (stand by my decision), and I haven’t really experienced much of a backlash on that,” he said.

“That meeting came after six months of discussion and 14 public meetings – and it was really time to make a decision. We were basically just hearing the same thing from both sides of the of the argument,” Van Meter told *IT*.

Frustrated residents, including Bergschneider, say the board muzzled its constituents by denying an extension of public comment.

“As the chair, it is his responsibility, it is his duty to represent the people, and he chose to shut them up,” she said.

Hall reiterated that local government should listen to what its constituents have to say.

“Why would you not want to hear the opinions of people? Whether it be coincidence or intention, more people spoke in favor of the data center that night

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then concerns for the data center (before comments were cut off),” he said.

Concerns about zoning

Hall told *IT* the CyrusOne proposal would not have survived a standard zoning process. “You’re a farmer, you buy farmland and you’re speculating to develop it, and if this went through a regular zoning – not a conditional permitted use – it would not hit any of the marks compared to any other zoning cases, whether it be a modular home or a stick-built home, because there’s no comparables to (a data center),” he said.

Cathy Bettis and her business, Joette Kennel, are just one mile from the site of the data center. Her parents had to go through a similar zoning process in order to get the dog kennel approved more than 15 years ago.

She said that massive data centers, like the one she’ll soon be able to see from her front yard, should be reserved for industrial land, not agricultural areas.

“I’m trying to protect my livelihood here. Nobody wants to come talk to me about it or anything,” Bettis told *IT* of her attempts to contact County Board members outside of her own, District 7’s Hall. “Nobody’s talked to me, nobody’s asked me how I feel. Nobody has answered my emails with concerns – I have sent a couple very detailed emails and they don’t answer them.”

Bettis brought her concerns to the Sangamon County Zoning and Land Use Committee’s May 21 meeting.

“I just wish one of you, two of you, could be in my shoes and understand. I’m just a girl that was raised on a farm that loves dogs and wants to take care of people’s dogs,” she said when it was her turn to address the committee.

After the meeting concluded, a few board members spoke with Bettis out in the hallway. Bettis, like many others, told *IT* she’s been following county-level politics more closely since hearing about the data center proposal last fall.

About 10 miles north in New Berlin, farmers Justin and Desiree King (no relation to Richard King) are also opposed to the data center.

The Kings experienced their own challenges with obtaining proper zoning from the County Board when they decided to build a house on the farmland they already owned so their family members could be closer to one another. They said it was a four-year process to build the home through carefully coordinating with family members who purchased the land and consolidated parcels to avoid a “flag lot.” They moved to the farmland in 2023, though the property is in their company’s name.

“To this day, me and my wife don’t even own our home,” Justin King said. “We could not get a mortgage. It was a major financial burden. We had to extract the money from the farming operation to build the house, but we thought it was so important for (everyone) to be out here with us, we went ahead and did it anyway.”

The Kings are bothered by how the data center project was allowed on land zoned for agricultural use, in light of the challenges they faced building a house on farmland.

“The zoning is to protect us from things like this, from industrial complexes being put where they don’t belong,” Justin told *IT*. “That’s exactly what zoning is for, and it seems like if you have enough money the board is willing to overlook that.”

The Kings said they “don’t feel represented at all” by their County Board member, District 1’s Harry Fraase Jr, a Republican who voted for the data center. They said they reached out to Fraase Jr. numerous times prior to the vote.

“I got one response that said, ‘Thank you,’ that was all,” Desiree said.

Fraase did not respond to a call from an *IT* reporter seeking comment.

Will incumbents be affected?

The Kings’ frustration, shared by a number of Sangamon County residents who have showed up to County Board meetings and posted on social media to express their concerns, has turned into opposition for board members who voted for the data center.

“We’re hoping someone runs against him,” Desiree said. “I’m ready to support anyone opposing someone that voted for the data center.”

So far, no other candidates have filed for Fraase’s seat. The Republican-controlled board has 17 seats up for grabs this November, but June 1 was the deadline for major party candidates to file. A dozen districts have unopposed candidates – mostly Republican incumbents.

The Democrats have fielded zero candidates since the March primary, which occurred three weeks prior to the county approving CyrusOne’s conditional permitted use. The party has struggled to navigate the ongoing data center debate, caught between potentially thwarting future trade union support and angering local constituencies who believe these developers and data center operators are taking advantage of their communities.

The deadline for a write-in candidate to file a notarized “declaration of intent” with the proper election authority is Sept. 3.

Justin showed *IT* a *State Journal-Register* article from July 2018 which quoted District 9 board member Tom Madonia Jr.

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Justin and Desiree King, with their baby, Scott, said it was a years-long ordeal to obtain proper zoning from the County Board when they decided to build a house on farmland they already owned. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

citing a petition that received more than 200 signatures as a reason to deny a zoning variance for an agricultural seed business.

“This is democracy at its best,” Madonia said at the time.

During the public comment section of the May 12 Sangamon County Board meeting, Justin read a passage of the 2018 *SJ-R* story to the County Board.

He told *Illinois Times* that the project that was denied zoning based on neighbors’ protests was an agricultural business seeking to locate in an agricultural area, which “makes a little more sense” than a data center seeking to build on farmland. Justin also questioned why Madonia cited public input as swaying the previous zoning decision but didn’t take it into account this time.

“He cared about what the people of Sangamon County wanted on July 10, 2018, but today he doesn’t,” Justin said of Madonia.

Madonia told *Illinois Times* that while he respects King’s opinion, “he’s comparing apples to oranges,” arguing the hundreds of people who signed the 2018 petition were verifiable, nearby residents concerned about heavy truck traffic. “Unlike the data center, where I have had zero, maybe two, three people – maybe – that live within a mile to two miles from the area contact me. That is it.”

Madonia also cited a local school district’s opposition to the 2018 seed business, calling the proposal “a recipe for disaster.”

Asked if he would support a data center project in his own district, Madonia said such a project isn’t likely since existing transmission lines around his district aren’t strong enough to carry the power load a hyperscaler would require.

“I’d have to see where it’s at; again, this one is in the middle of nowhere. There’s already a (nearly) 5,000-acre Double Black Diamond Solar Farm that’s there,” he said.

So far, nearly 1,700 people have signed a petition “opposing approval of the

CyrusOne data center proposal” and about 600 have signed another one that asks the Sangamon County Board to remove Van Meter as chair and Tony DelGiorno as leader of the board’s Democratic caucus. Although four Democrats on the board voted in favor of the project, DelGiorno was singled out on the petition due to his leadership role.

Van Meter said he was unbothered by the petition. “It kind of goes with the job,” he said, although he acknowledged that the data center is “certainly among the issues that have received the most engagement” during his more than 25 years as board chair. He estimated that constituents have contacted him around 100 times over the past year about the data center.

Both petitions were started by Bergschneider, who was one of the people signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the April 7 meeting. She said cutting off the public comments tarnished trust in local politicians.

“When it comes to trust, what makes a lot of the everyday people start to really second guess their local government is that this data center issue is not unique to Sangamon County,” Bergschneider said. “Information (about) the risks associated with these things is not unique to Sangamon County. We have ample evidence all around us. For our leaders to have access to that same information and evidence-based data, and to still make the choice that puts us in harm’s way – that’s where it breaks the trust for a lot of people.”

Bergschneider pointed out that opposition to the CyrusOne project has come from both sides of the political aisle.

“No matter what side of the fence somebody is on politically or whoever’s allegiance is with who ... this data center penetrates those silos that otherwise keep people separated. When you see a bipartisan opposition, I think that’s not good for the county at all,” she said. □

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From high schools to physical education, the IEA has shaped the current system

BOOK REVIEW | Cinda Klickna

Why does Illinois have an education system that relies on property taxes? Where did physical education, high schools and vocational education in Illinois schools originate? How did Chicago become its own school district with separate rules and a separate pension from the schools in the rest of the state? These questions and more are explained in Thomas J. Suhrbur's book, *Public Education and Social Reform: A History of the Illinois Education Association*.

For those who complain about or question our current school structures, this book offers the reasons why. Suhrbur, a longtime staffer of the Illinois Education Association, provides a deep dive into many aspects of education and the major legislative initiatives that have shaped the current system.

The title might suggest this is just a history of the IEA, but it is much more. It puts into context national views on education, legislation introduced since 1853 and education movers and shakers in the state, both in and out of the union. What ties it all together is that the union continually pushed for social justice and equity no matter a child's religion, race or gender.

An education summit in 1853 with 31 delegates formed the Illinois State Teachers Association with goals to create a teacher institute and preparation program, publish a journal and work for legislation. In 1855, the Free Public School Act established funding for schools with 61% paid by the state and allowing local property taxes. Three thousand schools were built across the state. A new funding plan in 1873 established a \$1 million a year state subsidy. Legislators froze this amount until 1907, causing local districts to raise property taxes. The ISTA first supported a graduated state income tax in 1920. Although proposed off and on over the years, this has never come to fruition.

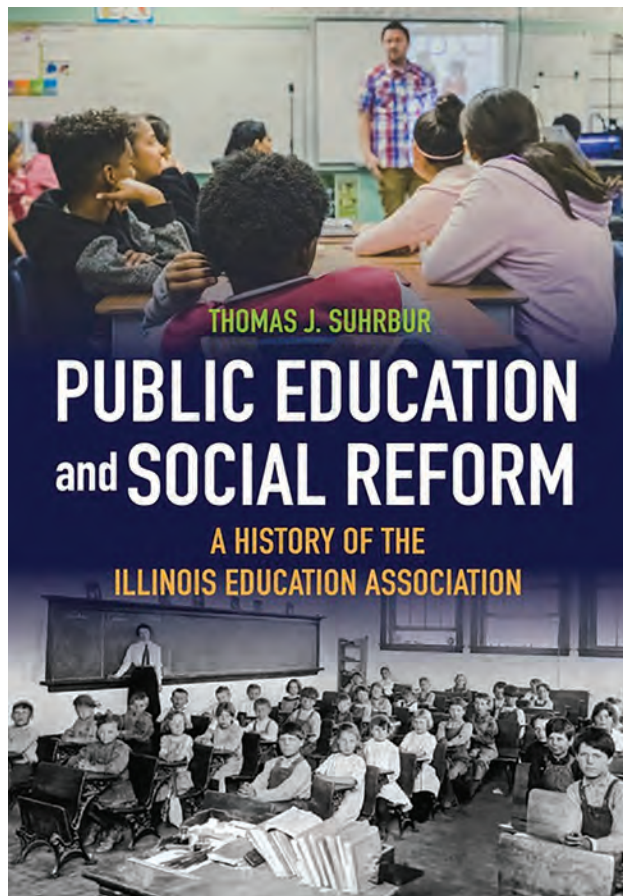
At first ISTA was small, mainly made up of administrators in all areas of education who worked closely with labor and business groups. From 1880-1909, an annual meeting convened in Springfield. The coalition passed legislation establishing teacher training institutes, compulsory attendance laws, school libraries, teacher certification and kindergarten.

Gaining members was slow, with more than half of the 1,000 members coming from central Illinois. Although ISTA floundered, Chicago created an all-female union named the Chicago Teachers Federation. That group supported Ella Flagg Young, the Chicago school superintendent, in efforts to include teachers in decision-making within the union.

Today, there are two education unions, the Illinois Education Association (IEA was renamed from ISTA in 1936 and part of the National Education Association, formed in 1857) and the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT, part of the American Federation of Teachers, was formed in 1916).

In the early years, though, there were regional groups that worked with labor groups, business leaders and parent teacher groups for gains in education, often led by ISTA. Achievements included sanitation in schools with purified drinking water, ventilation, lighting in classrooms, a state pension system and high schools.

By 1912, ISTA reorganized and merged regional groups, and in 1915 hired Robert C. Moore as executive director. During his 23-year tenure, membership and staff increased.



Public Education and Social Reform – A History of the Illinois Education Association by Tom J. Suhrbur (University of Illinois Press, 2025, 260 pages plus extensive bibliography and index).

The headquarters at 100 E. Edwards St. in Springfield, was built in 1931 and is IEA's main office today. It is one of the only Art Deco buildings in downtown Springfield.

Both IEA and IFT eventually became separate unions. Those working in public education were represented by IEA and teachers were members of IFT. Collective bargaining was established by IFT, while IEA built coalitions with administrators to gain rights. Illinois Federation of Teachers was tied to trade unions and their militant actions such as walkouts and strikes, and was known to back political candidates. Illinois Education Association did not affiliate with a political party or interest group. Today, IFT is part of AFL-CIO; IEA is not.

A major shift in IEA came in the 1960s when more teachers wanted a say in their work and started asking for a seat at the table; some administrators and school board members viewed their role as sole decision makers. With administrators as IEA members and in top leadership positions, tensions and disputes arose when teachers bargained for rights. Administrators left in 1970, and IEA became more outspoken in its commitment to human rights. Minority involvement was

pushed by leaders such as Reg Weaver, who served IEA as vice-president, became IEA's first African American president in 1981 and in 2002 became NEA president; and Anne Davis, who in 1999 became the first female African-American president of IEA, among others.

A wave of state legislation, executive orders and state supreme court decisions in the 1960s, ruling that public employees could bargain collectively with their employers, led to radical changes. Locals asked for help in bargaining, and IEA organized staff to meet that request. Both IFT and IEA vied for exclusive representation of locals through elections.

Strikes were rare and illegal, but locals demanded their rights by organizing strikes. The first was in 1906 by the Saline County Teachers Association in southern Illinois; the first IEA strike was in 1966 in Decatur.

Although some in education were not in favor of collective bargaining, others saw this as a way to address teacher concerns and raise student needs such as class size. Many districts engaged in collective bargaining; the Springfield school district and the local union bargained a contract as early as the 1960s. By 1981, 80% of K-12 teachers were working under a negotiated contract, but there was no mandate that school boards had to bargain.

With hard-fought efforts, the Illinois Education Labor Relations Act was passed and signed by Gov. James Thompson in 1983. It established collective bargaining and allowed strikes with provisions. The Springfield Education Association went on strike three times prior to the collective bargaining law and has never gone on strike since.

Notable achievements:

- After World War I, legislation was introduced to provide military training for boys in high school. ISTA called for physical education to build a strong group of children, and it was mandated in 1957.

- Creating high schools was a debate led by ISTA. In 1870, the *Chicago Tribune* called the idea a luxury and a waste of taxpayer dollars. Once high school education was implemented in the 1920s, the *Tribune*, Carnegie Foundation, and anti-tax groups argued that only middle-class students be allowed to attend.

- In 1911, Edward Cooley introduced legislation proposing that students in seventh grade have a choice to enter either a vocational or academic program. It was argued by ISTA that all students should be given access to both tracts. The bill failed, but vocational education was added over time.

Other achievements included the establishment of a pension system in 1939, equal pay for men and women, support for some charter schools (SEA helped establish the charter school in Springfield), work in trauma-informed methods to help students, building coalitions, school reform efforts and collaboration efforts with districts and locals, to name a few.

The book delves into these and many other areas of education and includes history, facts and interviews. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna taught in Springfield public schools and learned many things while serving as president of the Springfield Education Association and Illinois Education Association.



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Not your average turnip

Hakurei variety is naturally sweet with buttery, savory greens

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Growing up in a home with a Teutonic heritage, I was exposed to turnips at a young age and developed a strong aversion to them. To my youthful senses, they smelled like skunk and tasted even worse. Finding them in a pot of corned beef and cabbage was enough to spoil the entire meal for me.

Turnips are arguably one of the most polarizing of all root vegetables. Like broccoli and Brussels sprouts, turnips contain glucosinolates, sulfur-containing compounds that contribute to bitterness. Traditional varieties, such as traditional red top or golden turnips, deliver a sharp, peppery bite when raw and can emit a strong, pungent or even skunk-like odor if boiled or overcooked. This intense, mustard-like heat often makes them an acquired taste, particularly for those sensitive to bitter flavors.

During a visit to a farmers market a few years ago, I bought what I assumed was a bunch of white radishes. While they had the size and shape of globe radishes, their flavor profile was unexpectedly different: rather than a sharp, peppery punch, they were mildly sweet with an earthy, almost nut-like quality. When I returned the following week to praise his “radishes,” the vendor corrected me, explaining that they were actually Hakurei turnips.

While traditional red top and golden turnips have long been reliable winter root cellar staples, the Hakurei turnip – also known as the Tokyo turnip – emerged from 1950s Japan as a post-war solution to food shortages. Bred for rapid growth and exceptional flavor, both the pearly-white roots and their delicate greens are edible. Hakurei turnips lack the high glucosinolate levels that cause the characteristic mustard-like pungency found in standard varieties.

While Hakurei turnips can grow quite large, they are at their best – whether raw or cooked – when harvested at about 2 inches or less in diameter. These turnips truly define zero-waste cooking: their greens make an excellent sautéed side dish. Those delicate greens wilt rather quickly so they need to be taken care of right away. Upon returning from the market, trim the tops to leave approximately half an inch of stem on the root. For optimal freshness, wrap the greens in a damp paper towel and store them in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. When you are ready to cook, just submerge the greens in water, swish to clean and dry them with a lettuce spinner.

Hakurei turnips have tender skins and require no peeling. They have a much milder



Hakurei turnips in miso butter glaze. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ.

profile than standard varieties, and they are exceptionally versatile for raw preparations. I recommend first trying them raw to fully appreciate their crisp, radish-like texture and mild sweetness. They are a wonderful addition to salads, or you can prepare a Hakurei “carpaccio” by slicing them paper-thin, ideally using a mandoline. To make a simple vinaigrette that complements their earthy flavor, combine three parts olive oil with one part lemon juice. Add some lemon zest, a

touch of honey or maple syrup for sweetness, and a pinch of coarse salt, then toss with the turnip slices.

The remarkable tenderness of Hakurei turnips means they cook much faster than most other root vegetables. My preferred method is to begin with a covered skillet containing water and melted butter; this allows the steam to perfectly soften the interiors. Once tender, I uncover the pan to let the moisture cook off, then fry the turnips

in the butter until their edges achieve a beautiful brown sear. The Hakurei turnip truly shines by providing a complete, zero-waste dish within every bunch. By serving these naturally sweet, golden roots atop their own buttery, savory greens, you get the most out of the entire plant.

Hakurei turnips in miso butter glaze

The glaze brings out the vegetable’s inherent sweetness while producing a silky sauce for the turnips and tops. Miso adds a savory umami depth.

Two servings

Ingredients:

1 bunch of hakurei turnips with greens

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

½ cup water

¼ teaspoon salt, plus more as needed

1 teaspoon maple syrup

2 tablespoons mirin

2 tablespoons white miso

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon sesame seeds

Preparation:

Start by prepping the vegetables. Trim the tops, leaving roughly half an inch of stem on each turnip. Thoroughly rinse both the roots and the greens. Slice the turnips into wedges – halving smaller roots and quartering larger ones – and cut the greens into ribbons approximately 2 inches wide.

Place the turnip wedges in a wide skillet with 3 tablespoons of butter, 1/2 cup of water, ¼ teaspoon of salt, and 1 teaspoon of maple syrup. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, cover, and let them steam until just tender when pierced with a fork, about 3-5 minutes.

Remove the lid. Let the water evaporate completely. As the liquid disappears, the butter and maple syrup will begin to fry the turnips. Cook, tossing frequently, until the edges start to turn a golden brown, about 3-4 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium and add the mirin, miso and soy sauce. Stir until combined. Add the chopped greens directly into the skillet with the caramelized turnips. Stir constantly until wilted and tender, about 1 to 2 minutes.

Taste for salt. Miso and soy sauce are fairly salty, so you may not need to add any. If the dish needs more acidity, add a splash of lemon juice or rice vinegar.

To serve, plate the greens and top with the turnips. Garnish with sesame seeds. □

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Heavy Delight lightens up the Butternut Hut this Saturday night.

June music jolt

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Join me in enjoying a jubilant journey, as we jump into the juke joints to jam and jive while juggling all kinds of music on this jewel of a juggernaut jubilee. There's no justification for the j-sound jargon I'm generating so let's not jinx it and just get joyful, jovial and generally jolly as we jiggle, jog, jostle and not judge our way through this last weekend of June before we jet into July.

Thursdays sure keep us hopping these days with the continuing series of Levitt AMP concerts leading the way. This week's lineup consists of Ruben Moreno & The Zydeco Re-Evolution with our very own amazing blues trio, Smokestacks, opening the show.

Other Thursday music looks quite extensive as well as entertaining including a ticketed event with Stephanie Urbina Jones, a nationally acclaimed recording artist who has performed with Willie Nelson and Vince Gill and "continues to unite musical worlds, elevate Hispanic culture in American roots music and inspire audiences with stories of heritage, hope and belonging" at Unity of Springfield in Southern View.

Moving on to Friday night there are many more choices to make with stalwarts Micah Walk at Harvest Market, OAT with Reggie Britton at George Rank's, Not Petty at the Railyard, Blue Note Quintet at Pease's, Rick Mari Band at Mowie's, Devin C. Williams at Buckhart Tavern and Pete Sander at Obed & Isaac's. In the rock-pop cover band department, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters is No. 1 with a show at The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, while Branded burns one at The Topsy Toad, Grounded grinds one out at Weebles, The Get Down gets one up on the Curveside Bar & Grill near Athens and Captain Quirk transports one into Long Bridge Golf Course and Menace to Sobriety ties one on at Locals in Pawnee.

In the always popular tribute band section

of our weekend roundup, The Stadium Smokehouse hosts Faux Doubt (No Doubt/ Gwen Stefani) with guests Head Over Feet (Alanis Morissette) on Friday and Blue Sky Revival (Allman Brothers) and Birds of a Feather (Phish) on Saturday, while Danenberger Family Vineyard presents Ozzy Rebourn (you guess) on Friday and Heartache Tonight (guess again) on Saturday.

For Saturday proper, let's go all over the place for a diverse dive into live music. First, we make an afternoon visit to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for a *Hymns for the Republic* concert by Dr. Paula Romanau, a renowned organist and liturgical historian who lives in Petersburg and was the house organist at St. Peter's in Philadelphia for years.

Next, we hop on over to the Butternut Hut for an evening performance by Heavy Delight, a local band of extraordinary musicians (Nate Cozadd, Reid Muchow, Trey Tholen and Chris Miller) going all out with "jazz-fueled improvisation, fat funk rhythms and fearless jams" for your listening pleasure. Then, the Blue Grouch presents Pimpin' Henry, a hometown, classic-styled, rock band doing cool covers interspersed with well-crafted and finely tuned originals. Last for us, but not least to anyone by any means, the Hoogland Center for the Arts hosts the Springfield Theatre Centre's 79th Season Preview Party with director talks, live performances and an all-out arts celebration in a ticketed event.

Well, we're done without even a look at Sunday, which includes a bunch of wonderful things such as a Springfield Pride Drag Brunch at 5th Street Gem and a fundraiser at the Blue Grouch featuring Canyon Choir and Travis Ried Band to help Ric "Skippy" Major replenish his sound system lost in the Curve Inn fire.

Please peruse our listings for all the other goings on this week. Let's join up again for a joyous July. □

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Thursday Jun 25

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

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

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

Sam Lacy
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

Stumpy Joe & Levi Herman
Knights of Columbus Casey's Pub, Springfield, 5:30-8:30pm

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

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

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

Rock Star Karaoke
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Stephanie Urbina Jones
Unity of Springfield, 7pm

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

Blindfold Karaoke
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 7:30pm.

Friday Jun 26

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

Erin Enderlin with Scott Eberhardt
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

Frank Powell
Boone's, 6-9pm

The Longmeyer Band
BOS Center,

Me and Uncle Lar
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Devin C. Williams
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Karaoke with LD
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

The Get Down
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 8pm-12am

Ozzy Rebourne
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

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

Living Bratz
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

OAT with special guest Reggie Britton
George Rank's, 8-11pm

Gary Williams
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-10pm

The Whiskey Killers
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 7pm

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

Pandora's Box
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

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

Menace to Sobriety
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

The Rick Mari Band
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

Pete Sander
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-9pm

Blue Note Quintet
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-8pm

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

Not Petty
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Mississippi Leghound
Sky Lounge, 7-10pm

Faux Doubt with Head Over Feet
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

Travis Ried Band
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

Branded
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

CAKEMIX
Union Square Park, 12-1pm

Grounded
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

Saturday Jun 27

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

Jason Eady with Midnight River Choir
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

TyJon Charlie
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Positively 4th Street
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

Silas Tockey
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Heavy Delight
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

Heartache Tonight - A Tribute to the Eagles
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Mandy Rose
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm-2am

Brandy Kristin Band
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7pm

Cody Lee Moomey
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Triple Threat
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 7pm

Hippies of the Heartland
LargeCar Lounge, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Sugar Davis Band
Lincoln Square Theater, Decatur, 7pm

Karaoke Night
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 8pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg, 3pm

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

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

The Remedy
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm

Austin Sprouse
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

The Wanda Mountain Boys
Springfield First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 7pm

Blue Sky Revival, Birds of a Feather
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 7-10:30pm

Open mic
Stella Coffee & Tea, Fourth Saturday of every month, 10am-12:30pm

Pimpin' Henry
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

The Guilty Boys
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Smokestacks
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

Grand Theft Audio
TRN Lake Club, Chatham, 7pm

The Remedy
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

Dreamers and Doers
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 1-4pm

Sunday Jun 28

Wowie Zowie
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

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

Silas Tockey
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Celtic Whistle
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 3-5pm

3's Company
Harry's Adult Day Care, 2-5pm

Deja Voodoo
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

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

Ethan Taylor Stephenson
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3-6pm

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

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 12-2pm

Big Mo & The Phat Groove
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Jason McKenzie
The Topsy Toad, 2-5pm

Exit 52
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Molly Seaton
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Monday Jun 29

Ivas John
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 30

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

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

Wednesday Jul 1

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

Al Kitchen
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 5-8pm

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

Canyon Choir and Travis Ried Band
The Blue Grouch, 1-4pm

Rock Mafia
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 6-9pm

Not Petty
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

Devin C. Williams
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

Roger & Mandy's Open Mic
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 7-10pm

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Footloose meets Jailhouse Rock

All Shook Up a high-energy crowd pleaser with plenty of Elvis

THEATER | Mary Young

When talking with *All Shook Up* director Kelly Robertson, she cleverly offers, “If you bring the wine and crackers, we’ll bring the cheese.” The show, a jukebox musical packed with Elvis songs and loosely based on *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare, indeed stands as a high-energy, crowd pleaser with lots of corny jokes and a campy storyline.

Set in a small Midwestern town in the 1950s, *All Shook Up*, with music and lyrics by Elvis Presley and book by Joe DiPietro, is “a rockin’ tale of love, rebellion, and self-discovery.” Think *Footloose* meets *Jailhouse Rock*. If you’re a fan of Elvis’ music, then this show is for you. A lot of big hits are performed well with some shining vocals. If you’re a fan of mistaken identity, forbidden love and self-discovery, this show also has you covered.

The plot: guitar playing roustabout Chad (played with confident swagger by Brock Bordenkircher) rolls into town seeking a mechanic for his busted motorcycle. Within moments, he manages to awaken the weary, repressed townfolk with his blue suede shoes and swiveling hips, his guitar emulating a Cupid’s bow and arrow. Topping the list of fawning fans is grease monkey Natalie (played with vulnerability and spunk by Madigan Sweeny), who decides the best way to get close to Chad is to start dressing like a lumberjack and become his new sidekick. This is to the chagrin of her real best friend who, of course, secretly loves her (a very nerdy, sweet JD Sonneborn as poetry aficionado Dennis).

Then everyone starts falling in love with everyone. Several find themselves tumbling for the new museum operator, Miss Sandra, (the cool and statuesque Evelyn Vinzant) who doesn’t want anything to do with her provincial neighbors. Natalie’s father, Jim, (played tenderly by John O’Connor) is still grieving his late wife and has yet to realize his feelings for long-time friend and café owner Sylvia (the enjoyable Angelica Ikejiaku), who has already discovered hers.

Two other couples teetering on the precipice of coupledom are Sylvia’s daughter Lorraine (Bri’Ara McKinnie), who has instantly fallen for a dreamy boy in uniform, Dean, (Hunter Pierce) and the puritanical Mayor Matilda (Kara Skorge) and Sheriff Earl (Darrin Burnett), who patiently waits for his chance to tell Matilda how he really feels. Eventually, everyone chucks the stringent



Angelica Ikejiaku (far left) as Sylvia and Brock Bordenkircher (center) as Chad with members of the ensemble in *All Shook Up*. PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

Miami Eisenhower Decency Act and plans a mass wedding.

The whole show is bursting with music, humor and silly charm. Choreography by Rachel Bridges is lively, vocals led by Judy McEvoy and Maryna Mitchell are solid, costumes by Daphne Southern really capture the era, and the 50s-inspired neon-accented sets by Alan Hymans are a treat. The entire cast seemed to really enjoy themselves and have fun, which was great to witness, especially after knowing some of the challenges they faced, including massive downpours and several tornado warnings during tech and the ongoing controversy surrounding the Muni.

When writing these reviews, I have two primary goals: to support the hard work being done on and off stage and to give readers enough information to decide for themselves

whether to go see a show. Given my own volunteerism within the theater community, writing about a current Muni show added a new layer.

It’s nearly impossible to separate theater from the environment in which it is created, and the Springfield Muni Opera is facing a deeply necessary reckoning regarding actor safety and institutional accountability. A great deal of pain and turmoil has occurred within the local theater community. You can find detailed reporting about it on the *Illinois Times* website (“#MeToo at the Muni,” June 3, and “Muni president addresses controversy,” June 16).

As a result, several people involved in the summer season found themselves having to navigate this upheaval. Some performers made the difficult decision to step away from their productions and take a stand. Others vowed

to bring about needed change from within. Steps are being taken, but for many that accountability and growth are frustratingly slow to emerge.

I know there are those committed to not only staging entertaining and powerful shows, but to protecting and supporting all who participate in local theater. Many front-line volunteers are leading a charge to drive positive change, which is encouraging. I, for one, shall remain cautiously optimistic and will keep doing what I can to support the arts and help create safer spaces.

As for *All Shook Up*, the result of their hard work and perseverance is a production that truly entertains.

All Shook Up continues its run at 8:30 p.m. June 25-27. Tickets can be purchased at the box office on show nights or at themuni.org/buy-tickets. □

THE CALENDAR



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Paint the Street

Sat., June 27,
11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Downtown Springfield,
Seventh and
Washington streets

ART I Annual event draws artists downtown

it Artists of all ages and skill levels will once again take over Washington Street downtown to create masterpieces in 6-by-6 squares. Each artist receives a paint supply bucket (including brushes and the tempera paint participants will be using which is water soluble/washable), a giveaway bag with goodies from sponsors and one Paint the Street T-shirt. There will be a contest for the best Route 66-themed square. Cost for participants ranges from \$35 to \$50. While the online registration has passed, squares can still be purchased on the day of the event for \$5 more. To learn more, visit springfieldart.org.

Holiday Happenings

Clara Irwin's Strawberry Party
Sat., July 4, 3-6 p.m. Clara Irwin, spouse of the Elijah Iles House's second owner, was known for her promotion of horticulture and renowned for the quality of her strawberries and her strawberry shortcake parties in the 1840s and 50s. Live music by Peaches and Bacon. Enjoy strawberry shortcake, ice cream, an appearance by Lady Liberty and a recitation of the Pledge of Alliance. Donations welcome. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-494-0640.

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.

Hymns for the Republic

Sat., June 27, 2:30-4:30pm. This Hymns for the Republic Organ Concert and Hymn Sing will feature Dr. Paula Romanoux, concert organist and liturgical historian. Free. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St.,

2175445135.

Ice Cream Social Music Series
Sun., June 28, 5pm. An ice cream social like no other! Listen to the sounds of the Land of Lincoln Chorus while enjoying free ice cream. Presented by the Villas of Sherman. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Robert Sampson

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

Ruben Moreno & The Zydeco Re-Evolution, Smokestacks

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

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 27, 10-11am. The band will perform 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.

The Tabernacle Choir Watch Party

Fri., June 26, 7pm. This is a watch party of the Tabernacle Choir performance of "Songs of Hope - Concert Benefiting Women and Children Worldwide." Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3601 Buckeye Dr., 208-538-3911.

Tege Holt & the Lonesome Pines

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

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. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Too Hype Crew, Pop Quiz Hot Shot

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

The Lesters

Sat., June 27, 3 p.m. In this musical tribute to God, family and country, "Celebrate America: A Musical Tribute to God, Family, & Country," special guests The Lesters will perform gospel and patriotic favorites. Grace Southern Baptist Church, 302 W. Wright St., 217-416-3029.

Theater & Comedy

1776

Wed., July 1, 7:30pm. With music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards and a book by Peter Stone, this Tony-Award-winning show recreates the signing of the

Declaration of Independence in a deeply human way. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

All Shook Up

Thu., June 25, 8:30pm, Fri., June 26, 8:30pm and Sat., June 27, 8:30pm. Inspired by the music of Elvis Presley, *All Shook Up* is a 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.

Pollyanna

Fri., June 26, 7:30pm and Sat., June 27, 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.

Comedy on the Mezz

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

Me and My Girl

Fri., June 26, 7pm, Sat., June 27, 7pm and Sun., June 28, 2pm. June 26-28, July 8-12, 15-19, 22-26. When an unpolished Cockney fellow unexpectedly learns that he is the long-lost heir to a grand English estate, the upper crust won't know what hit them. atthelegacy.com. \$28-\$35. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

Springfield Theatre Centre 79th Season Preview Party

Sat., June 27, 6-9pm. Get sneak peeks at shows in the upcoming season including exclusive show introductions from directors, live entertainment and a vibrant celebration of the arts. Cocktail hour is 6-7pm followed by performances and show previews from 7 to 9pm. Includes appetizers. Cash bar. Dress code: Dress to impress. \$30 indiv/\$200 table. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-0878.

Spoken Word

The Stanza Stories Presentation and Award Ceremony

Thu., June 25, 7pm. Celebrate the culmination of 10 racial healing workshops and hear the powerful poetry created by seven

participants throughout this journey. Presented by Intricate Minds. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-670-3520.

Art & Architecture

Chapel Tour

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

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society 2026 Artist Showcase

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

WildCards!

Fri., June 26, 2-4pm. In this workshop featuring artist Kai Tomalin, participants will have an opportunity to explore the intersections of art, storytelling and conservation, and practice connecting with their ecological neighborhood through the art making process. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-0061.

Fairs & Festivals

Ashland Summer Days

Fri., June 26, 6-10pm and Sat., June 27, 9am-11pm. This annual event features food, live music, children's activities, an arcade, contests, Saturday morning parade and much more. Sushi Roll will perform at 7pm Friday with Neon Rodeo performing at 8pm Saturday. Ashland Summer Days, Ashland, James Park, 217-370-4328, 217-414-2286.

Fundraisers and Galas

APL Junior Volunteer Car Wash

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

Dance Through the Decades: Route 66 Exhibit Fundraiser

Fri., June 26, 7-10pm. Get ready to foxtrot, disco and electric slide the night away with the Illinois State Museum Society at this dance through the decades of Route 66. Dress up or down. Style yourself in your favorite

decade. Proceeds benefit the "Miles of Memories: Stories of Route 66" exhibit at the Illinois State Museum. Event includes cash bar. \$19.26 - \$20.26. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-524-4222.

Springfield Pride Drag Brunch
Sun., June 28, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
This event will feature amazing talent and great music. Cheer on some of the best performers around and enjoy food and drinks. Choose an experience, either general admission or the VIP experience (includes two drink tickets and a food ticket). \$20, \$45. 5th Street GEM, 221 S. 5th St., 217-528-5253.

■ Community Organizing

ALL of U.S. 250 - National Day of Action

Sat., June 27, 12-1:30pm.
Schedule: Noon, gather/walk tables; 12:30-1:30pm; rally with positive counter-narrative of the country's 250 years that lives up to its ideals. Includes music and speakers. Donations being accepted for Intricate Minds include new, unexpired items such as snack bars, instant oatmeal, cereals, condiments, creamers, sugar-free powdered drink mix, bottled water, Gatorade, paper plates, cups. Free. Illinois State Capitol Building, 401 S. 2nd St., 217-502-3310.

■ Children's Corner

CDF Freedom School
Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm.
Through July 24. After Care 3-5pm. For students who have completed grades kindergarten-eighth grade. Breakfast/lunch provided. No program June 19 or July 3. Parent Drop off/pick up required. For more info, contact Dylan Flowers at Springfield Urban League. Feitshans Elementary School, 1101 S. 15th St., 217-789-0830.

Next Generation Green Thumbs

Tue., June 30, 10-11am. Help grow the next generation of green thumbs. At "Ready Set Grow," budding scientists will explore the parts of a plant and get a germinated seed to plant and take home. Register for one or both of the events at www.williamsvillelibrary.org or call WPLM. Free. Williamsville Public Library and Museum, Williamsville, 217 N. Elm St., 217-566-3520.

Parkway Vacation Bible School
Through June 26, 6-8:30pm.
"Snowball Mountain Challenge" VBS for children age 3 (with one year of preschool) through sixth grade. Register at <https://myvbs.org/parkway-christian-church-doc>. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

Rochester Youth Fishing Derby
Sat., June 27, 9-10:30am.
Pre-K to eighth grade students can participate in the 18th annual derby at the pond. Bring fishing gear; bait will be provided. No fishing licenses needed. All participants will be awarded prizes. Free. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-498-8411, 217-498-7192.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Citizens Club of Springfield: Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908, A Playwright's Journey
Fri., June 26, 8-9am. A conversation with Tim Crawford, a local playwright and winner of the 2024 Mayor's Award for the Arts - Individual Performing Artist. Learn how he progressed from the blank page to the upcoming performances of his play this summer in the Hoogland Center for the Arts' Peggy Rider Theatre. Free, open to the public. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Fresh Start Forum & Breakfast

Sat., June 27, 10am-12pm.
This informational session on the Illinois Clean Slate Act will offer resources for individuals moving forward after legal justice involvement. Learn how record sealing may create opportunities for employment, housing, education and more. Complimentary breakfast provided. Registration required via website. sangamoncorosc.org. Free. Visions 1908, 801 S. 11th St., 217-836-4339.

Interfaith Antiracism Training

Sat., June 27, 10am-4pm.
Dr. Kelly Hurst and Veronica Espina of SIAN will lead these training sessions. Each class is a six-hour commitment. Food is provided. Register at firstpresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/form/9a5f81. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

■ Bulletin Board

80th Anniversary Open House Celebration
Fri., June 26, 3-7pm. "A

Legacy of Light — 80 Years of Independence," Enjoy appetizers, cocktails, entertainment by Robert Sampson, a brief program and tours showcasing the Mary Bryant Home's history and mission serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired in the community. Free. Mary Bryant Home for the Blind, 2960 Stanton St., 217-529-1611.

■ Sports

Memorial Health Championship presented by LRS

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

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Johnstown Mill Rats

Fri., June 26, 6:30pm. First game of a two-day homestand. It's *A League of Our Own Night* at the ballpark. The 'Shoes will wear special *A League of Their Own* jerseys. Meet actress Megan Cavanagh from the movie. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Johnstown Mill Rats

Sat., June 27, 6:30pm. Second day of a two-game homestand. It's CASSCOM Night at the park. Fireworks after the game. \$12. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Springfield Lucky Horseshoes vs. Terre Haute Rex

Tue., June 30, 6:30pm. Besides the game, fans can take part in the 26,000 Penny Pickup and collect up as many cents as they can. \$2. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

Springfield Women's City Golf Tournament

Sat., June 27, 8am-3pm and Sun., June 28, 8am-3pm. Open to all women high school age and above that live, work or play in a golf league in Sangamon County. Participants can register at bit.ly/SPD_Women-Tournament26. Passholder \$65, nonpassholder, \$80, high school \$45. Lincoln Greens Golf Course, 700 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-786-4111.

ONLINE CALENDAR SUBMISSION

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Real Estate Foreclosure

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal DBA

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:

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intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:

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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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY JO WELCH, Deceased.

NO. 2026PR000231

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Mary Jo Welch, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on June 15, 2026 to Erin M. Gutzman, 2405 Halifax Drive, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 28th 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 17th day of June, 2026.

Gregory P. Sgro

Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP

1119 S. 6th 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 GARY EDWARD BRYAN, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-238

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of GARY EDWARD BRYAN. Letters of Office have been issued to LISA HARTLEY, 609 Parkway Drive, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545, 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 January 4, 2027, 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 17th day of June, 2026.

Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

Patrick J. Sheehan, III
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF L. MILDRED LANGENFELD, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-239

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of L. MILDRED LANGENFELD. Letters of Office have been issued to CURT J. LANGENFELD, 735 Cherokee Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, 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 January 4, 2027, 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 17th day of June, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan, III

SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: RANDY T. HALL, Deceased.

No. 2026-PR-240

DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF RANDY T. HALL, Sangamon County, Illinois, on May 9, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 17th day of June, A.D., 2024, to Matthew A. Seaton, 11493 Deer Crossing Lane, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gregory A. Scott, Scott, 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 Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street-Room 405, Springfield, IL 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 17th day of June, A.D., 2026.

Estate of RANDY T. HALL, Deceased,

BY: MATTHEW A. SEATON, Independent Executor,

PREPARED BY: Gregory A. Scott (02531712)

SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

By: /s/Gregory A. Scott

Attorneys at Law

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Phylicia Adams, Petitioner
And
Tatierra Strong, Respondent
Case No. 25 DN 257

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Tatierra Strong, 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 25th 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF LORRAINE SUE REYNOLDS, Deceased

Case No. 2026PR234

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lorraine Sue Reynolds, Letters of Office were issued on June 15, 2026 to Scott M. Gubin, 4263 Meadow Sage Pl, Las Cruces, NM as Independent Executive whose attorney is Donald M. Craven, 1005 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL, 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first Publication of this Notice. Any Claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

/s/ Donald M. Craven

Donald M. Craven (#6180492)

Joseph A. Craven (#6340231)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: DAVID L. SHAW, SR., Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-218

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of David L. Shaw, Sr. of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2026, to Tracy Shaw, 701 Prairie Lake Drive, Sherman, Illinois 62684, 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 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2026.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753

Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

SARA E. GAFFNEY,

Deceased.

NO. 2026-PR-227

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Sara E. Gaffney of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2026, to Kevin R. Gaffney, 2301 Grey Stone Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before December 18, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2026.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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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.

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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, Williams-ville, 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:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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 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.illinoiscourts.gov/FAO/> 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
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P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
MALCOLM B. MCKEAN, Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-222
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Malcolm B. McKean of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 3, 2026, to Barbara A. McKean, 112 Astoria, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 10, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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
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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
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert Kevin Farley, Deceased.
Case No. 2026PRO00206
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Robert Kevin Farley, who died on October 11th,

2025. Letters of Administrator were issued on May 27th, 2026, to Kevin Joseph Farley, whose address is 1434 Jaywood Drive St. Louis, MO 63146. The Administrator is acting pro se (representing themselves). Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before Dec. 11, 2026. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed.
Kevin Joseph Farley
Administrator of the Estate of Robert Kevin Farley.

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

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

2026PRO00216
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of LILLY R. WITHERS, of Cantrall, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 2, 2026, to DANNY RAY WITHERS, 270 Spur Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 232 West State Street, P.O. Box 550, Jacksonville, Illinois 62651. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 11th day of June 2026, being the date of first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent adminis-

tration 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/FAO/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:
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.
Jenna L. Tucker #6325907
232 W. State Street, P.O. Box 550
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. 2026PRO00212
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Daniel Lee Stark, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on June 2, 2026, to Amy E. Simpson, 275 Trillium Lane, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 14th day of December, 2026, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that 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.

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
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Divorce

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

Re: the marriage of
Marco Antonio Machuca Velazquez,
Petitioner

And
Cristina Ordenez Sanchez, Respondent
Case No. 2026-DC-000080

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Cristina Ordenez Sanchez, 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 25th 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
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
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. Spring-
field, 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 Resi-
dence; 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 AS-
SESSMENTS 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 pay-
able 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 col-

lect 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

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 LIENHOLD-
ERS 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 Lien-
holders 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 ease-
ments 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: Docu-
ment No. 2021R17077

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or other-
wise file your appearance in this cause in
the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the
Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South
9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL
62701-1299 on or before July 13, 2026,
A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT
MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR
RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR
FORECLOSURE.

CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT,
AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Julie Beyers (#6217185)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
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Decatur, IL 62523
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Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public
hearing will be held by the Sangamon
County Zoning Board of Appeals on
Thursday, July 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in
the County Board Chambers, Room 222,
200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear
the testimony for the petition of Phyllis An-
derson, fee owner of property commonly
known as 8854 Werner Road, New Berlin,
IL 62670 and:

Parcel Identification Number #: 21-19.0-
100-007

Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcel 1:
pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of
Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel
less than forty (40) acres (approximately
4 acres); and, for Proposed Parcel 2:
pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of
Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel
less than forty (40) acres (approximately
16 acres); and, a variance of Chapter
17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth
to be greater than two and one-half (2.5)
times the lot width. Also in attendance to
hear the testimony will be the members of
the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the
Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of

Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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the County Board Chambers, Room 222
of the Sangamon County Complex, 200
S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the
testimony for the petition of the Zoning
& Land Use Committee of the Sangamon
County Board, regarding text amendments
to Chapter 17.39 – Data Centers of the
Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance.

Also in attendance to hear the testimony
will be the members of the Zoning & Land
Use Committee of the Sangamon County
Board.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of

Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th
St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testi-
mony for the petition of Jack and Donna
Brown, fee owners of property commonly
known as 1500-1700 Block of Geary
Road, Cantrall, IL 62625 and:
Parcel Identification Number #: 06-29.0-
100-019

Petitioners requests for Proposed Parcels
1 and 2: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and
17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural
District to "R-1" Single Family Residence
District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a
variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow
an accessory structure to be approxi-

mately twenty-four (24) feet instead of
the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet
allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Resi-
dence District; and, a variance of Chapter
17.04 (Lot depth) to allow the lot depth
to be greater than two and one-half (2.5)
times the lot width. Also in attendance to
hear the testimony will be the members of
the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the
Sangamon County Board.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of

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16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the County
Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th
St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testi-
mony for the petition of Andrew D. Whalen
and Hillary L. Whalen, fee owners of prop-
erty commonly known as 5575 Cardinal
Hill Road, Rochester, IL 62563 and:

Parcel Identification Number #: 23-27.0-
300-033

Petitioners request pursuant to Chapters
17.68 and 17.22, a rezoning from "A"
Agricultural District to "B-1" Neighborhood
Business District; pursuant to Chapter
17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (lot)
to allow two (2) principal uses on one
(1) parcel: (1) a single-family residence
and (2) a farm stand; a variance of Sec-
tion 17.22.010 to allow a single-family
residence in the "B-1" Neighborhood
Business District; and, a variance of
Section 17.50.060(A) to allow the parking
to remain unpaved (rock/grass) instead
of the required bituminous seal coat. Also
in attendance to hear the testimony will
be the members of the Zoning & Land
Use Committee of the Sangamon County
Board.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of

Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday,
July 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the
County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200
S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the
testimony for the petition of The Lady and
the Beard Properties, LLC, fee owner of
property commonly known as 1850 Jef-
fries Road, Springfield, IL 62707 and:
Parcel Identification Number #: 06-32.0-
100-004

Petitioner requests pursuant to Chapter
17.58 and Section 17.10.020, a Condi-
tional Permitted Use for a landscaping
company; and, pursuant to Chapter 17.66,
a variance of Section 17.50.060(A) to al-
low the parking to remain unpaved (rock)
instead of the required bituminous seal
coat. Also in attendance to hear the tes-
timony will be the members of the Zoning
& Land Use Committee of the Sangamon
County Board.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of

Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default
of payment of rent a private auction will
be held on Saturday July 18, 2026, at
9:00a.m.

Northend Storage is located at 1907 North
Grand East, Springfield, IL 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend
you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior
to the auction date.

Please leave your name, telephone
number and an email address.

Cash is the only form of payment ac-
cepted for the auction.

Any individual wanting to retain their unit
will need to pay their entire balance on or
before Wednesday July 15, 2026.

No personal checks will be accepted for
storage units that are in lien.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT
AUCTION

Mhynessa Day Unit 4-5

Linda Byrd Unit 9-3

Linda Byrd Unit 1-10

Amanda Lott Unit 2-12

Shannon Estes Unit 3-22

Harold Elfgen Unit 4-20

Shalik Rhynes Unit 9-34

Terry Broida Unit 9-37

Susan Grant Unit 10-12

Dewey Morris Unit 10-31

Walter Rhoades Unit 11-10

Linda Byrd Unit 11-45

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 CLAIM-
ANTS 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 regard-
ing 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: Docu-
ment No. 2022R21922

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP

Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-8491
efairfield@bhsllaw.com
8051-965938

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

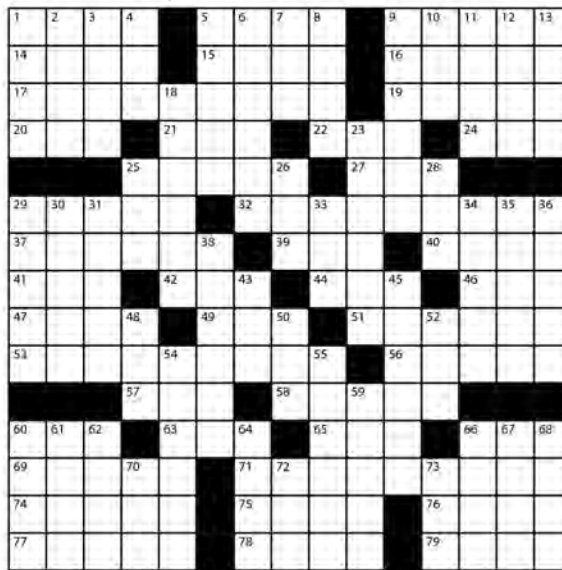
be considered indication of the bidder's commitment to maintain the property in accordance with the Village Ordinances. Sealed bids shall be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM CST at 2377 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702. The Board may accept the high 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.

2026 City of Springfield
Annual Action Plan
NOTICE - POSTED
Notice is hereby given that the City of Springfield, Illinois FFY 2026 HUD Annual Action Plan will be available June 30, 2026 at the Office of Planning & Economic Development (OPED), 800 East Monroe, Room 107 and posted on the City's web site. Please send public comments by email to info.OPED@springfield.il.us. Comments received by 4:30 PM on July 30, 2026 will be included in the final plan. The document describes the planned use of \$1.3 million of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$466,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to address priority community development needs. All funds will benefit low- and moderate-income persons through affordable housing, public services, and public facility improvements. Notice is hereby given that the City of Springfield, Illinois, will conduct a Public Hearing on June 29, 2026 at 12:00 PM in Council Chambers – Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh Street, Room 301, Springfield, IL 62701 to receive public input on the City's FFY 2026 HUD Annual Action Plan. For reasonable accommodation requests please call (217) 789-2377.

Shiny things Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 951

Across

1. Bankrolls
5. "Put ___ on it!"
9. ___ diem (seize the day)
14. Give off, as light
15. Spanish house
16. Notify
17. A.T.M. access code
19. Attach
20. Golf ball prop
21. Michelle Obama ___ Robinson
22. Beachgoer's goal
24. Health resort
25. Supermarket area
27. Egypt and Syria, once: Abbr.
29. Brainy
32. Five- or seven-card game
37. "___ Sandman"
39. TV show featuring a DNA lab
40. Ball
41. Caribou kin
42. Cozy room
44. Aliens, for short
46. Egyptian boy king
47. "I cannot tell ___"
49. Comic book punch sound
51. Big step
53. Downloadable alerts
56. On ___-to-know basis
57. Bruin legend Bobby
58. Tops
60. Neighbor of Ga.
63. Colorado Indian
65. Dr. of rap



66. Steal
69. Valentine's Day dozen
71. Knight's protection
74. "... and ___ of thousands!"
75. Abhor
76. "___ that special?!"
77. 1980's first lady
78. Has a mortgage
79. Toll rds.
- Down
1. Cried
2. French girlfriend
3. Sup
4. RR stop
5. Summits
6. Prada and Fendi
7. Suffix with expert
8. Bull's-eye hitter
9. Doze
10. Will Smith title role
11. Roger of "Cheers"
12. Support, with "up"
13. Europe's highest volcano
18. Together
23. Unwelcome financial exams
25. Gallery display
26. And so forth
28. Yankee Maris, informally
29. Makeup problem
30. Pop music's ___ Vanilli
31. Welcome at the door
33. "What's the ___?"
34. Actress Holmes
35. Get away from
36. Gave a PG, say
38. News bulletin
43. "Smoking or ___?"
45. ___ Island, N.Y.
48. It may be stroked
50. Part of WWW
52. E.R. workers
54. Reliable
55. Put under
59. Astrological ram
60. Actress Drescher
61. "Livin' la Vida ___"
62. Straight ___ arrow
64. Canyon effect
66. Coarse file
67. Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
68. Some diner orders
70. Computer key: Abbr.
72. "Hee ___"
73. Cambridge univ.

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #950

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

Sudoku answers from #950

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

JoshJosh answers from #950

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 951

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.

3+	2-	8+	10x		3+
			4	3-	
3-			3-		1-
3-		360x		2÷	
3+	2-				2-
			3-		

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 951

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

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

Difficulty medium

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
cousineddiesbar.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.

TRAVEL WITH A
217 FOOD WEEK
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