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An unlikely alliance

David Timm, Republican candidate who lost March primary, throws support behind Democrat Marc Bell for sheriff

ELECTIONS | Dilpreet Raju

Democrat candidate Marc Bell, who dropped out of the Sangamon County sheriff's race prior to the March primary and rejoined the race in April, is now being endorsed by David Timm, a former Republican candidate.

Bell held a July 14 fundraiser in Springfield where the two men made a joint appearance and Timm praised the idea of bipartisanship in Bell's campaign.

Timm, a former sheriff's deputy who received about 46% of the roughly 17,000 ballots cast in the March primary, announced on social media the day before the fundraiser that he's supporting the Democratic challenger in the November general election over his own party's candidate, incumbent Sheriff Paula Crouch.

"I will always do what's best for Sangamon County, and I truly believe that this is what's best... this is what we need," Timm told *Illinois Times*. "I hope everybody jumps on board with something that hasn't happened since 1974 – a Democrat sheriff – let alone a Republican candidate working with him to do what's right."

Bell, who has been retired for more than a decade from the Illinois State Police, said it's not the first time he's tried for the sheriff's office. He told *Illinois Times* that he "initially put in (his) application when Jack Campbell stepped down," though he was not selected as a finalist for the role that Crouch was ultimately appointed to.

He said recruitment for the sheriff's office would increase with his election.

"The rank and file that I've spoken to, they want to be a part of something. They want to be a part of a family, and right now they don't feel like they're a part of a family," Bell said. "Once we get the morale up, we're going to be recruiting heavily, trying to bring in some more people."

Bell initially dropped out of the race in February, citing a lack of party support. However, he never formally filed the paperwork necessary to terminate his candidacy, meaning he remained eligible for November's general election. Less than six months later, Bell says he has the full



David Timm, left, appears with Marc Bell at a July 14 fundraising event. Timm, a former Republican candidate for Sangamon County sheriff, has announced he is supporting Bell, the Democratic candidate, in the general election. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

support of the party going into the final leg of campaigning.

"The Democratic Party, right now, is supporting me wholeheartedly," he said. "The family is back together again, so we're knocking on doors, we're doing phone banking and we're doing what it takes to win this race."

He addressed a crowd of supporters at the Mu Delta Lambda Sphinx Center on South 12th Street, telling them about his career in policing and what he envisions for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.

"When I am the sheriff, once we get our numbers up, my officers, my correctional officers, my deputies will be mentoring children," he said. "The most important thing that I can do for you is keep your kids out of my jail. That is the most important thing."

Joe Roesch, chair of Crouch's campaign and Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, claimed the decision for Bell to work with Timm is hypocritical.

"The decision by Marc Bell and the Sangamon County Democratic Party to embrace David Timm's endorsement exposes their hypocrisy. For two years, they have demanded accountability and changes in law enforcement following the murder of Sonya Massey," Roesch wrote to *Illinois Times*. "Now, when they believe it could help them politically, they are willing to welcome the support of a former deputy with a deeply troubled disciplinary record. Their calls for reform apparently end where their pursuit of political votes begins."

Campaign cash

When it comes to cash on hand, Crouch is in the lead with about \$12,000 in her campaign coffers. Timm has \$10,638, slightly more than Bell's \$9,360, according to the most recent filings with the Illinois State Board of Elections.

When asked if he's going to donate to Bell's campaign, Timm told *IT* he has had

conversations with Bell and they're "going to see how this all plays out."

"I had a little meet-and-greet at my house for him and some of my intimate supporters not too long ago and it was a great time, great conversation. I'm going to keep working with him to get this done," he said. "I have that money there, yes, absolutely. It's up to us as to how we use it, and if it's for the benefit of this county, I'm going to use it the right way."

Timm said he garnered widespread support from the sheriff's union staff but he was not embraced by the Republican establishment. He also said he's not expecting a position in the department from Bell, but said he was open to it.

"I had a significant amount of support, and then my own party spent basically \$200,000 against me to make sure that I didn't win," he said. "I'm not hoping for anything; that's up to Marc. I will do anything and everything I can to assist him because I have knowledge of that department that he doesn't have... anything that I can help to educate him about the sheriff's department, where the flaws were, where the goods were, that's what's important to me."

Crouch has received \$146,375 from donors since 2025, according to campaign filings. The largest donations have come from Sangamon County Republican officials and the Sangamon County Republican Foundation.

The Sangamon County Republican Central Committee and the Sangamon County Democratic Party did not immediately respond to request for comment.

One week after Timm lost the Republican primary, his campaign received a \$5,000 donation from Titan Properties. According to the Illinois Secretary of State, the company is managed by Zachary M. Hoyle and shares the same address as Kwik-Wall, where Hoyle is employed as vice president of manufacturing. Kwik-Wall is owned by his father, Michael L. Hoyle, a New Berlin man who was sentenced to nine months of probation in 2022 for brandishing a gun at state Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, in March 2021. □

Residents sue Sangamon County, CyrusOne

Lawsuit claims technical errors, references state law allowing judicial review of county zoning decisions

COURTS | Dilpreet Raju

Several Waverly residents who live approximately a mile or less from the site recently approved for the CyrusOne data center filed a lawsuit against Sangamon County and the Sangamon County Board July 6 seeking to overturn the county's approval of the project.

Chloe Russell, a Plainfield lawyer, filed the case that claims the county's approved resolution from April 7 is misdated as March 23, the prior month's meeting, when the proposal was actually tabled after hours of public comment. It also claims allowing a data center on agricultural land without knowing all the impacts could be detrimental to nearby farms, residences and a nearly 20-year-old dog kennel business.

The filing also cites an Illinois local zoning law that says any county board decision related to zoning is subject to fresh judicial review "as a legislative decision," so long as any action taken to seek judicial review begins no later than 90 days after the decision — meaning July 6 was the last day petitioners could cite that law based on the April 7 action.

"This Court sits to determine whether the approval has any rational basis and comports with the mandatory standards of the County's own zoning ordinance and with due process," the filing states. "Plaintiffs seek a declaration that the approval is invalid because the project does not satisfy mandatory ordinance standards as a matter of law, because there was no rational basis for the Board's findings, because the classification of this industrial use within the agricultural district is arbitrary and unreasonable as applied, and because the approval rested on an incomplete petition."

It also claims the county's two-page ordinance from July 2025 allowing data centers "is inconsistent with the County's comprehensive plan and the governing zoning scheme."

The State's Attorney's Office will represent the County and Circuit Judge Adam Giganti is set to oversee the case, although no initial court dates have been set.

"We are confident the County followed the proper procedures before the Board took its



Alex, Herschel and Treg Caruthers stand on their farm, less than a mile from the county's first hyperscale data center site. The family is part of a lawsuit filed by several Waverly residents seeking to overturn the county's approval of the project. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

vote. The State's Attorney's Office will represent the County in the case," County Administrator Brian McFadden wrote to *Illinois Times*. "The County has no further comment on pending litigation."

A spokesperson for CyrusOne, listed in the suit as a "necessary party in interest," told *Illinois Times* the company remains steadfast on the project.

"CyrusOne's commitment to Sangamon County remains unchanged and we intend to be the kind of long-term partner and good neighbor the community can count on. We look forward to delivering an investment that will create hundreds of jobs, expand the local tax base, and provide lasting support for schools, public safety, and essential services. Beyond the project's economic impact, CyrusOne will invest in infrastructure and workforce development that creates opportunity for local families," Blair Felter, vice president of communications, wrote

July 9.

But more than three months since the County Board approved the zoning for the project, no land has been sold and no project labor agreement has been signed. Aaron Gurnsey, president of the Central Illinois Building & Trades Council, told *Illinois Times* July 10 the trade union had a commitment letter from CyrusOne and was confident the labor agreement would be signed, although he confirmed it has not happened yet.

In addition, Sangamon County tax records do not show that any of the property slated for construction of the data center has changed hands.

"We do not have a public update to share at this time. As we have throughout this process, we'll continue to be responsive as additional information becomes available," Felter wrote to *Illinois Times* July 6 in response to a question about CyrusOne closing on the land.

Still, CyrusOne has secured a 20-year tax break through the state to build the data center.

Illinois Times filed a Freedom of Information request and obtained the memorandum of understanding between CyrusOne and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, which outlines the requirements the company must meet to qualify for the 20-year state tax incentives.

The MOU, signed May 20, states there will be at least 25 jobs at the site beginning in Q4 of 2027 and at least \$500 million of capital investment is to be made by March 2031.

The County Board approved a zoning change in April for four separate parcels of farmland that Dowson Farms, through various entities, previously bought in 2023 and 2025 for \$7.6 million total, according to county property records. The Texas-based company's contract to purchase is not public, so it is not known how much CyrusOne plans to pay for the 280 acres.

In 2024, CyrusOne paid nearly \$61 million for about 230 acres in Kendall County to develop a data center in Yorkville. The parcels were previously owned by Green Door Capital Investments, a private equity

company based in Chicago, which purchased the land in 2023 from a farm based in nearby Oswego for around \$8.5 million. That farm operator, NGH Farms, purchased the land from ComEd in 2003 for \$3.8 million.

At the July 14 County Board meeting, a line of speakers continued what's become a tradition of admonishing County Board members for approving the data center project. The speakers also criticized the county's legal counsel for steering the Board to vote on the project and the limited zoning framework approved in 2025 that allowed the process to occur.

Erin Kirkpatrick, a Sierra Club volunteer and opponent to the project, told the County Board the local zoning code for data centers is a joke.

"Our data center zoning looks like a junior high student submitted an outline as a final project and forgot to go back and fill in the substance," Kirkpatrick said. □

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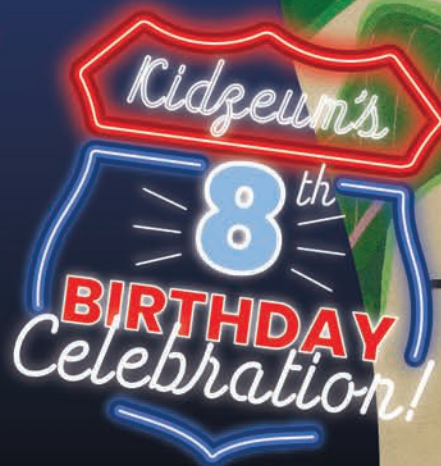
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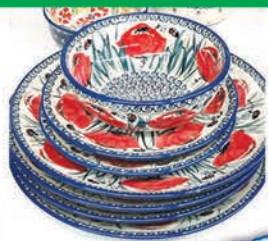


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NEWS

Tiny house owner has day in court

Judge allows him to continue living there, at least for now

COURTS | Adrian Dater

The fight between the city of Springfield and Chase Hadez, aka Colton Lexus, is going to the next round.

The city filed a petition July 9 with the Sangamon County Seventh Judicial Circuit Court for a preliminary injunction that would require Lexus to immediately cease and desist living in tiny home structures on his property at 1705 E. Carpenter St.

At a hearing the morning of July 13, the city, represented by senior assistant corporation counsel Robert Hogue, asked Judge Robin Schmidt to grant the injunction. Schmidt denied the request, saying the matter needs continued due diligence from the court, and set another hearing for July 22.

To the smiling, 31-year-old Lexus, the decision was a victory in his one-man fight against City Hall – even if the odds of ultimate judgment in his favor still seem stacked against him.

“The city is using its municipal code to unlawfully interfere with one’s living standard, and in this case, trying to evict someone from their own home,” Lexus told *Illinois Times*. “If the city does win this case – which I doubt they will be able to do because they have to be able to meet the burden of proof that (the structures) are in any way, shape or form a public hazard – ... the city would immediately be sued for undue hardship, pain and suffering.”

Flanked by a handful of other city officials who watched from the spectator section, Hogue walked out of the courtroom after telling *IT*, “I have absolutely no further comment.”

Wearing jeans and a dress shirt, Lexus sat at the defendant’s table representing himself. He came armed with several documents he believes support his case to live in the two tiny homes he built himself, despite the city’s contention that the structures violate local zoning ordinances and safety standards.

Lexus did most of the talking at the hearing and convinced the judge to accept into evidence a document in which he laid out his case. While Schmidt was courteous and seemingly open to Lexus’ arguments, she cut him off a couple of times before things got “too deep in the weeds.”

She also seemed confused at a request by Lexus to “impound” the hearing from going public, with Lexus citing personal security



Colton Lexus appears before Judge Robin Schmidt July 13 after the city of Springfield filed a preliminary injunction seeking to force him to vacate his tiny house. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

reasons – with both parties knowing media coverage from *Illinois Times* was already happening.

“I’m going to deny that one,” Schmidt said.

The weeds figure to get deeper on July 22, as Schmidt said she will block off a two-hour time period for hearing the next round of arguments. The hearing Monday lasted close to one hour.

The city has served notice to Lexus on several occasions, written and orally, that his two living structures (one 18 square feet, the other 32) violate zoning codes. The municipality has said ultimately they would be demolished if changes adhering to code weren’t made.

But Lexus, who moved to Springfield in April after living in the original 18-foot “pod” in Chicago and purchasing the lot at 17th and Carpenter streets for nearly \$5,000, said his homes are perfectly livable and “up to code” in alternative ways that should be acceptable to the city.

“They said I don’t have lights. I do have lights that run off of batteries and solar power. Their argument was that I don’t have running water. I do have running water. It’s privately sourced and not coming from one direct source or a public line,” Lexus said. “Their intent is to have me build a space that

is much bigger than what’s needed, while also burdening me as a property owner to pay for their uses and their services. In this scenario, the city has no standing. I don’t use their public services, and as a result of that, I’m free to choose how the structure – in this case the pods – are able to be used.”

Lexus, who said he is unemployed but getting by from some government assistance and some social media and music income, also told Schmidt he should have freedom from eviction for violating city zoning laws because of his own religious beliefs.

Is this just a cynical Hail Mary move? Are the tiny homes now off-limits to city laws because they are religious shrines?

Lexus, whose background has invited questions about his credibility at times, told a reporter he is sincere.

“It’s not a violation for an individual to build a faith-based structure, even if that structure does not meet city code. It can’t meet city code currently, because there’s no actual variance in the code for that type of structure. This is worship-based housing,” said Lexus, who said he is a believer in the Celestial Church of Christ. “I believe this is how God has chosen for me to live – to live off-grid, away from church and state. That is the lifestyle I’m choosing, based on my faith.” □

Developers pitch solar farm to Divernon

Leeward Renewable Energy says it will bring jobs and funding to the community

SOLAR | Molly Wallace

A Dallas-based company hopes to build a 1,100-acre solar project between Divernon Township and Pawnee Township by 2029. Leeward Renewable Energy held an open house Wednesday at the Divernon American Legion, where community members and representatives of the company met to talk about the solar farm's location, construction, environmental impact and employment potential.

Henkle Branch Solar is the limited liability company created to oversee the project, which the company says will generate up to 100 megawatts of solar power. The site is anticipated to operate for 30 or more years, during which time it is expected to generate an average of \$400,000 in property tax payments, according to Kristen Rosenberger, the public affairs regional manager at Leeward. Henkle Branch Solar is also offering \$25,000 in "neighbor benefit grants" to homeowners and renters located within 1,000 feet of the project boundary.

Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said the Growth Alliance "is assisting the developers with making contacts in the community," some of whom have expressed concerns to him about the potential impacts on Divernon.

"I think the typical concerns revolve around impact on long-term property values and impacts to the area during construction," McCrady said. "Some individuals also have concerns about farmland being taken out of grain production."

Otilia Ayats-Mas, a representative of Leeward, said the company would conduct a property value assessment as part of the permit process.

A 2025 study by researchers in Virginia Tech's Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics found that agricultural land within two miles of a solar site gained 19.4% in property values, presumably because that land has a higher potential of being leased to solar. However, residential homes lost 4.8% in property value, on average.

The power generated by the project will be distributed using power purchase agreements, according to Rosenberger, which allow a developer to construct and operate a photovoltaic system while a customer agrees to purchase the power generated by the system at a fixed rate for a certain amount of time.

In 2025, Leeward signed a PPA with Google in Oklahoma to support its data center



Community members gather at the American Legion in Divernon July 8 to learn about the proposed solar project. PHOTO BY MOLLY WALLACE

operations. Ayats-Mas said it is not known yet who will purchase the power from this particular development. She also clarified that Leeward "is not involved in the siting, development or operation of data centers."

Rosenberger said the facility will generate more than 100 jobs during construction but that only three or four permanent employees are necessary to operate the facility once it is operational.

The land, which largely contains corn and soybean crops, will be seeded with native vegetation in between the panels, with a possibility for pollinators and sheep grazing to be incorporated as well.

"We are always very respectful of the land with pollinator fields and beekeeping. Each project is different," said Ayats-Mas.

Rosenberger said Leeward is leasing most of the land from its owners, an increasingly common way for farmers to make up for rising farming costs. A large portion of the land that will become the Henkle Branch Solar project belongs to DAJ Farms LLLP, which is owned by the family of Sangamon County Auditor Andy Goleman. A message left with Goleman's

office was not returned.

A resident living near the project site told *Illinois Times* about receiving a map showing a second phase of the project expanding farther south into Montgomery County. Leeward Renewable Energy has lease agreements with JJMD Family LP, DMJJ Farms Inc. and Jessup Family Farms LLC, all of which own land south of the current Henkle Branch Solar plans.

JJMD and DMJJ are both connected to the Dowson family, which owns the majority of the land leased to the Double Black Diamond Solar Farm as well as the land across the street slated to be sold to CyrusOne to develop a data center. Darrel Thoma, the chief financial officer of Dowson Farms, confirmed that "cousins" own the land involved in the Henkle Branch project.

Jessup Family Farms LLC is managed by six family members, including Mary Jessup. Jessup and her husband, Fletcher Farrar, previously owned Central Illinois Communications, the parent company of *Illinois Times*.

When asked whether Leeward Renewable Energy plans to expand beyond the existing

scope of the project, Ayats-Mas said, "We are actively evaluating the potential for future renewable projects across the country, including in Sangamon County. Should a separate project move forward, that project would independently apply for a permit at that time."

Ayats-Mas said Henkle Branch Solar applied for a permit from Sangamon County following the open house, which it will need before it can begin construction. The process for applying may be changing soon, however, after the Sangamon County Zoning and Land Use Committee approved an amendment to change the process for renewable projects. A Fourth District Appellate Court ruling last month allows counties to exercise "some discretion" in approving wind and solar projects.

After the 30 or more years have elapsed, the leases go up for renewal. At that point the components of the solar panels can be replaced, and the site will continue to operate. Alternatively, the panels can be recycled and the land returned to agricultural use, said Rosenberger. □

OPINION

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HE'S TRYING

Someone trying their best to take care of themselves should be allowed by law ("Man fights city hall," June 25). He owns the lot and obviously knows what he's doing. If this isn't OK with zoning, we need to change the zoning laws. The numbers of unhoused people continue to increase, and we need to understand the challenges folks go through. This guy is persevering despite the odds against him.

Carey Smith

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IT'S COMPLICATED

Very interesting and balanced article. If it's his land, it seems like it should be able to build this and keep it. However, zoning laws are planned to protect property values. I admire his ingenuity, but I'm not sure exactly where I stand on this issue. It's rather complex.

Dianne Hiteman Kinzer

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IT'S ADMIRABLE

This is what pulling yourself up looks like. It's hard not to admire his efforts, even if they are non-conforming with locally adopted codes and ordinances.

Chris Richmond

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NEED OPTIONS

This should be something the city of Springfield should be working to amend. Not to specifically allow this individual to have a tiny home, but to make it so tiny homes have a place in Springfield. Our homeless population is increasing every year, and we need options.

Jace T. King

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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

BIGGER PROBLEMS

I drive by this place a lot on the way to work, and honestly, it is in better condition than the houses around it. I say let the guy try this experiment and maybe it would be a good option for the homeless. As long as it is not dangerous for him and too unsightly for the neighborhood, doesn't the city have some abandoned buildings to deal with first?

Tammy Pritchett

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KEEP IT UP

My great-grandparents started with a one-room home and a shed outside for an outhouse. My great-grandfather built their home into a three-bedroom, one-bathroom home. And he did it by himself using wood from burnt-down homes. Keep pushing forward.

Tom Marsh

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MOVE TO THE COUNTRY

Cities have set building codes and zoning laws. Those are for everyone; you can't just pick and choose. If he wants to live in that tiny house and be off the grid, he should find a piece of land in the country.

Jay Bruns

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PROBLEM SOLVER

It sounds like he's been through a lot and has made some mistakes, but clearly he's trying to do something good here. Why try to beat down a person who is not bothering anyone, wants to help others who are unhoused be safe in a self-sustainable shelter, and is mindful of living simply to be a good steward of the earth? He's experimenting with newer ideas working towards solving real problems that real people face.

Julie Tull

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Corn Club

My dad joins the Turtle Township 4H when he is ten; he chooses Corn Club as his specialty. Grampa gives him a bit of land across the crick. Ron has to plant the corn and tend it as it grows. He hoes by hand and moves along the rows on his knees, pulling suckers and weeding. He harvests the corn, figures his finances and yield, and finally shows his ears at the 4H Fair in Janesville. Daddy says to Jackie, "I sometimes wished I'd die right there in the dirt, crawling along in the hot sun in the middle of those long, long rows. It should have cured me for life of ever wanting to grow corn!"

2026 Jacqueline Jackson

BETTER THAN MOST

I admire him. It looks better than 50% of the houses in that area. The lot is clean and taken care of. I noticed he even has solar power. The city needs to worry about the boarded up and blighted properties with squatters burning them down every other week instead of bothering somebody that's just trying to live.

John Sarich

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MAKE IT LEGAL

Tiny homes should be allowed. There needs to be a standard for them, but empty lots are helping no one. Either plant food and fruit trees, or let tiny homes exist. The city could establish an area designated for tiny homes.

Michelle Sgro

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Editor's note: See "Tiny house owner has his day in court" (p.6) for the latest on Colton Lexus and his ongoing legal battle with the city of Springfield.

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Politicians and due process

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Rep. Luis Arroyo (D-Chicago) was arrested by the FBI on Oct. 28, 2019, for attempting to bribe a state senator. House Speaker Michael Madigan, who was under investigation himself, called on Arroyo to resign that same day.

The next day, Rep. Chris Welch (D-Hillside) was one of three House Democrats who signed a petition to automatically trigger the creation of a Special Investigating Committee. Welch and the two others included the sworn federal criminal complaint against Arroyo as evidence.

Arroyo announced his resignation just hours before the first investigating committee hearing. He was later sentenced to almost five years.

On Feb. 25 of this year, Welch, without an announcement, kicked Rep. Harry Benton (D-Plainfield) out of the House Democratic caucus and stripped him of his committee assignments and House staff support.

On July 1, Welch announced that he'd received an inspector general's report and demanded that Benton resign, which Benton did two days later.

And that brings us to Rep. Carol Ammons (D-Urbana) who was indicted last week by the feds on multiple charges, including paying her daughter more than \$15,000 from her campaign fund disguised as a payment to what appears to be a non-existing consultant, and then allegedly received kickbacks.

Ammons is also accused of killing an appropriation for the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center and in its place arranging more than \$650,000 in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget for Hood Vote for Neighborhood Transformation – and then her daughter was paid out of that appropriation. Gov. JB Pritzker's administration figured out what was going on and told Ammons and the group that this was an impermissible conflict of interest. Ammons' daughter left the payroll.

The next year, Ammons allegedly inserted a \$612,000 grant to Bridgewater-Sullivan Community Life Center into the state budget. Ammons allegedly then assisted the group in drafting the contract to hire her daughter

and allegedly received kickbacks. That same daughter was also paid about \$10,000 by the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, which Ammons helped with budgetary member initiatives totaling \$700K in FY21 and FY22.

The feds allege that, in total, Ammons and her daughter received benefits "in excess of \$100,000." The government allegedly has multiple text messages that implicate Rep. Ammons. She's also accused of lying to the FBI when she said she had no knowledge of any conflict of interest with the Hood Vote group.

Welch told reporters last week that he wouldn't call for Ammons' resignation because she has the right to due process. I asked a day later how a still-secret legislative inspector general report would qualify as due process for Benton and a public federal grand jury indictment does not for Ammons. I was told by a Welch spokesperson that the speaker considers the federal indictment akin to Welch's own referral to the LIG. And then the adjudication happened during the LIG's investigation and report. Seems a bit of a stretch.

Welch told reporters he'd consider a special investigating committee to be "due process" if members demanded it.

The special investigation committee can ultimately lead to a House floor vote to expel Ammons.

However, Welch also told reporters, "I think the courts is the proper place for this. They have the tools available to them, and it's the proper place."

Welch had basically the same response when he chaired the special investigative committee looking into Madigan's operation. But, unlike Ammons, Madigan had not yet been indicted.

Also, the House voted to expel Rep. Derrick Smith (D-Chicago) after his arrest and before his federal bribery trial. And Gov. Rod Blagojevich was impeached and removed from office before his federal trial.

On Friday, Republicans filed paperwork to initiate the investigating committee. Welch appointed members to it that same day.

And that, finally, brings us to President Donald Trump. We've seen serious problems at the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago the past several months and, in my opinion, believable allegations have been made of politically motivated prosecutions.

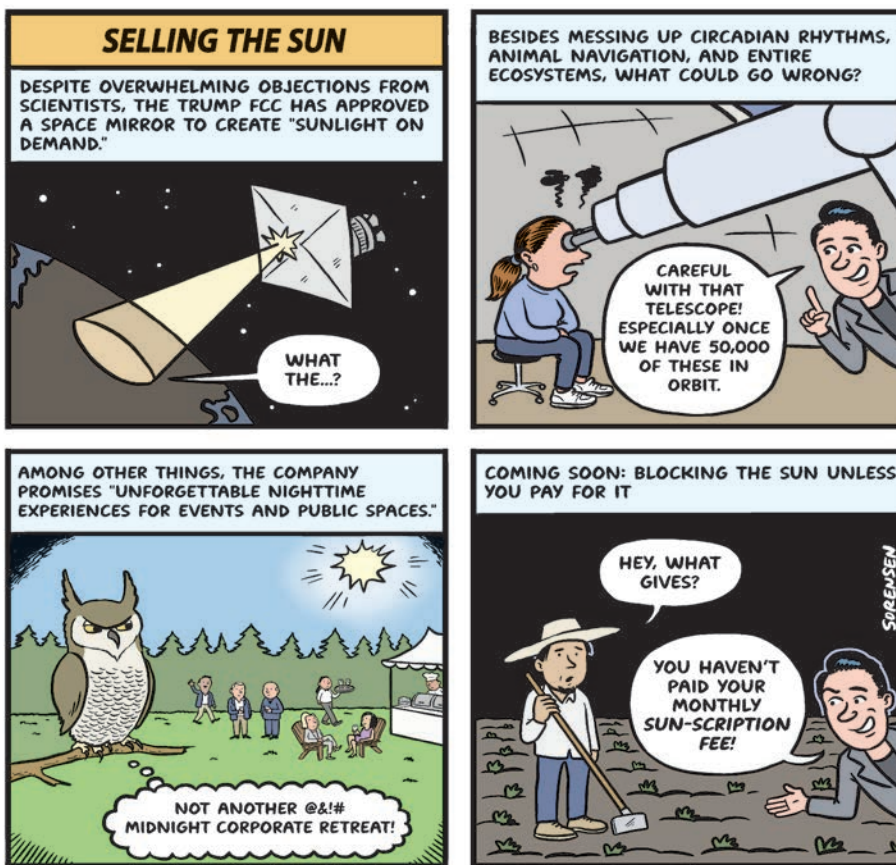
The Ammons indictment was filed by the Central District of Illinois. I've seen nothing yet which indicates that office is having the same problems as the Northern District.

But an argument will likely be made that this is yet another politically motivated Trump-era indictment and people should wait, particularly

after what happened to Sen. Emil Jones III (D-Chicago). The splashy federal bribery case against him completely fell apart at trial. Lots of folks, from JB Pritzker on down, had demanded Jones resign when the indictment was issued.

It also didn't help matters that, like with the Madigan probe, only House Republicans signed the petition to initiate action against Ammons. It can be portrayed as partisan.

Ammons says she's innocent. I doubt she'll resign. So, Welch is in a bit of a trick bag. □



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The Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup is the executive director of Wooden It Be Lovely, a nonprofit founded by Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church in 2016. The organization became a separate nonprofit in 2021 and has now purchased the former Temple Israel building across the street for a significant expansion. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Creating a recovery movement

Wooden It Be Lovely buys building to expand its mission of helping women re-enter society

RECOVERY | Tamara Browning

Carrie Farley was released from prison March 4 with a history of addiction and hopes for a better life.

But soon, Farley met discouragement.

"I have quite a bit of a background, due to my addiction. When I got out of prison, I literally, I had a total of 107 applications I had put in," Farley says about her job search. "I had five on-the-spot job offers. Like, on the spot. I was upfront about my addiction, telling them ... I'm clean."

There wouldn't be a problem, Farley was told by the person interviewing her. But ultimately, the human resources departments denied her the jobs.

"It came to a point where I just became so discouraged," Farley says.

Farley's discouragement turned into the joy of working.

Farley has been working for several weeks at Wooden It Be Lovely, a nonprofit in Springfield that gives women in transition from poverty and/or in recovery jobs of refurbishing donated wood furniture, sewing products and making candles to market.

Farley plans to remain with the nonprofit as it moves its headquarters from Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., across a parking lot to the building formerly known as Temple Israel at

1140 W. Governor St. in Springfield.

The two buildings are so close to each other that the Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup, executive director and pastor of Wooden It Be Lovely, mused about constructing a "yellow brick road" between them. (Jessup is the sister-in-law of Fletcher Farrar, the former owner of *Illinois Times* and now chair of the board of directors for the new nonprofit.)

The move will lead to good things: Wooden It Be Lovely's own identity in a bigger space on the ground floor.

"My goal is that people understand that we're not just moving," Jessup says. "We're trying to create a movement, a movement to

tell people that women do recover. If you give jobs, grace, love, community and support, in time, they can turn their lives around, and that's what we want the world to see."

Investing in a good deed

Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church founded Wooden It Be Lovely in 2016. The organization became a separate nonprofit in 2021.

Wooden It Be Lovely has the work program and a residential program in which women who don't have children or don't have custody of their children may live.

Women may live in the housing for two



Carrie Farley paints a room in the new building that will be used to take photographs of items for sale. She was released from prison March 4 and is now working at Wooden It Be Lovely, which she says has helped her find meaning and purpose. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

years or more for free, while Wooden It Be Lovely saves 70% of their income for them. That way, when they leave the program, they'll have a nest egg.

"There are very few programs that provide this long of aftercare after rehab that we are able to work with their complicated schedules," Jessup says. "We have housing, we do education and we network to current community services."

Of the women graduates since the nonprofit's founding in 2016, 91% remain sober and are working in the community. Of the women Wooden It Be Lovely served in 2025, 81% remained sober.

"There's great potential for us to grow, but we were kind of stifled in the space that the church was able to let us use," Jessup says.

The purchase of Temple Israel's building in December 2025 for Wooden It Be Lovely was made possible through the trust of the late Illinois Supreme Court Justice Benjamin K. Miller.

"I did a presentation once in Petersburg,

at a women's group, and I just made the comment that we're really saving our money to move to a different location for work efficiency and our own identity," Jessup says.

After the presentation, a trustee of Miller's trust approached Jessup and asked, "If somebody bought that building for you, what would you do with your money?"

Without the trust, Wooden It Be Lovely "would have a big mortgage," Jessup says.

"We do OK financially, thanks to our generous donors, but we're going to have so many added expenses," Jessup says. "Douglas has been so gracious. We've not paid rent. We've not paid for garbage, lawn care, internet, coffee machine, light bills — all that is going to be on us.

"We've been preparing for this for 10 years, and we've been doing this for 10 years. We knew it would happen, that we would outgrow this space, so we're super excited."

Temple Israel's leadership is pleased that Wooden It Be Lovely will be continuing its ministry at its former location.

As Jews, the congregation at Temple Israel would consider what Wooden It Be Lovely does as a "mitzvah," or a good deed, and one of the highest forms of "tzedakah," or charitable works.

Wooden It Be Lovely creates the circumstances for their own well-being, according to Temple Israel's leadership.

Temple Israel as a congregation hasn't disbanded but has moved to a temporary location until it moves to a permanent home. The temple's leadership agreed to be interviewed for this article, but declined to reveal the new location or be quoted by name, citing security concerns.

Established in 1957, Temple Israel completed construction of the building at 1140 W. Governor St. in 1961.

Discussions about selling Temple Israel's building began approximately four or five years ago, growing out of a subcommittee that investigated questions of sustainability, community size and vibrancy.

New home

Wooden It Be Lovely "won't lose sight" of all the years people worshiped at Temple Israel, Jessup says.

"It is just beautiful to think we're going to be doing God's work in a different way," Jessup says. "Our work is dirty, but that building is still going to do good work."

Furniture will be painted in Temple Israel's fellowship room. A retail shop will go inside the building. The candle-making business can spread out, and there will be community spaces.

"We're leaving the sanctuary as it is, so we'll be able to do maybe Friday movie nights for the women in that space," Jessup says. "We will do our — what we call a 'welcome circle.' Before we start work, we get together, and that will be in that space."

Tours of the building will follow an official ribbon cutting scheduled for noon on Friday, Sept. 25.

Jessup says "there's a piece of trepidation" when it comes to the expanded responsibilities and expenses that will come with a bigger space.

"We have a very strong board, and that board and myself have decided that it's time that we've proven ourselves and that financially, we're able to make this leap," Jessup says. "Currently, our budget is made up of sales of merchandise, private donations, fundraisers and grants. That's how we are funded. We just will try to sell more and more products.

"We have a really, really good network of monthly givers that help sustain us. We have a lot of generous people in the community that give us larger donations, so those funds will be used to pay the additional expenses."

Jessup says she's happy that Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church will be Wooden It Be Lovely's neighbor because the church made possible the organization's founding.

"In 2016, they took the risk, and let us come into this building, and they've grown because what we do is dirty and big," Jessup says. "This church has been so gracious and just has worked with us."

A movement continues

Megan Murray graduated from Wooden It Be Lovely in 2018 but stayed as a permanent employee. She is now a supervisor who manages and mentors the women who work there.

"I had been struggling with addiction. Went to treatment. Got out of treatment. Had a daughter, and she was a newborn, and I was just trying to get back on my feet and get back into the world," Murray says. "I saw an ad on Facebook about painting furniture, and that's

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what I thought it was, and so I came here. I met Margaret Ann, and she was just starting the program, and so I was the third girl that started.”

Wooden It Be Lovely gives Murray a purpose in helping other women who are like where she was once – new in recovery, Murray says.

“It holds me accountable to stay sober and to keep me on the right track as far as being clean and off drugs,” Murray says. “I also love painting. I’m an artist at heart, so to be able to get paid to paint flowers and hearts all day is really pretty great for me.”

The organization’s move to the former Temple Israel building will help the work become more efficient, Murray says. She agrees with Jessup that the move is more of a “movement.”

“I felt really lucky that there was a program like this available to me because not many other people in the recovery world have something like it,” Murray says. “I consider this job like a long aftercare program because once you get out of treatment, it’s really hard to navigate the world.

“It is a movement just for the community to be more aware of us and to be more aware that women and men both can recover from addiction. Just because you’re a drug addict doesn’t mean you can never be a normal human being ever again.”

The newest participant, Farley, who has two horticulture degrees and a career tech certificate, wants to become part of a union as a carpenter or contractor.

Farley has her own landscaping business called “Bee Happy Landscaping.” She has been working at Wooden It Be Lovely three days a week restoring furniture.

“I love it here,” Farley says. “You get to talk to people. They give you lots of resources here, plus you get to work hard, and you stay busy. They don’t judge me, and they hire people like me.

“It’s therapeutic for me to stay busy. It’s good for me. It makes me feel like I have a purpose. I feel like I have meaning doing these things.”

Farley understands the feeling of people like her who have had addictions for years.

“They get very discouraged, and they go down the wrong path again because they can’t make money,” Farley says.

Wooden It Be Lovely’s move is bigger than the move itself, Jessup says.

“We have proven with our 10 years that women do recover when they are given resources like ours in life-giving employment and directed toward education,” Jessup says.

“It just works, and every community needs to support addicts long term like this. They deserve it.” □



Temple Israel completed construction of the building at 1140 W. Governor St. in 1961. The congregation began discussions about selling the building several years ago after considering sustainability and community size. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS



Megan Murray was the third woman to join the Wooden It Be Lovely program. She graduated in 2018 but stayed on as a permanent employee and now supervises and mentors the women who work there. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

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Mmmm, green beans

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

I do not enjoy picking green beans. Or rather, my back doesn't like picking beans. However, I couldn't imagine a summer spread without them, whether they're slow cooked like my great-grandmother made them or blanched until just tender and tossed in a salad. My great-grandfather swore by Contender, a stringless heirloom bush variety that I still sow every season. A reliable crop with an incredible, sweet flavor, they are definitely worth seeking out at farmers markets. Gold Rush is another favorite variety in the garden. True to the name, these beans are a vibrant yellow hue and maintain their texture extremely well, making them a great choice for braised recipes. □



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Country green beans

Ingredients:

4 strips thick cut bacon, preferably extra smoky, diced
1 onion, sliced
3-4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 pounds green beans, trimmed
1/2 teaspoon each garlic and onion powder
1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
Black pepper and red pepper flakes, to taste
3-4 small to medium sized new potatoes, cut in half if needed

Cook the bacon in a heavy-bottomed soup pot over medium heat until crisp. Add the onions and minced garlic and sauté until softened and fragrant, about 3-4 minutes.

Add the green beans, garlic and onion powder, salt, pepper and new potatoes. Add enough water to just barely cover the green beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes until the beans and potatoes are tender. Season to taste with additional salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Leftovers keep well in the fridge for up to 5 days.

Green beans with mushrooms

Adapted from a recipe in Madhur Jaffrey's Quick and Easy Indian Cooking. This is a fabulous accompaniment to simple grilled fish or chicken. It also makes a great vegetarian main with the addition of a can of drained chickpeas or lentils for added protein.

If you're not a fan of mushrooms, just omit and replace with more green beans.

Ingredients:

5 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 onion, sliced
1-inch section of fresh ginger, grated or minced
5-6 cloves garlic, minced
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, quartered
1 pound green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch segments
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 1/2 teaspoons cumin
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
3/4 teaspoon garam masala
3/4 teaspoon Kashmiri chili powder (available locally at Capital Bazaar on Wabash Ave), or cayenne, to taste
1 teaspoon salt
1 medium tomato, chopped
1/2 cup water
Chopped mint, cilantro and toasted almonds, to serve

Heat the oil in a wide, deep saucepan or skillet over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, add the cumin seeds. As soon as the seeds begin to pop and sizzle, add the onions. Sauté until the onion turns a deep toffee brown, about 10 to 15 minutes. Add the ginger and garlic and sauté for two to three minutes until the garlic is fragrant and just beginning to brown. Add the

mushrooms to the onion mixture and sauté for two to three minutes before adding the green beans, coriander, cumin, turmeric, garam masala, chili powder or cayenne, salt, chopped tomato and water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the water has mostly evaporated away. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with toasted almonds and roughly chopped herbs. Serve over hot rice.

Linguini with pesto, beans and potatoes

This dish is a perfect expression of the phrase: "What grows together, goes together." Just when the beans begin to burst forth, the basil is at its zenith and the potatoes are ready to be unearthed. Arguably the quintessential pasta with pesto, this recipe from the gorgeous Ligurian Coast in Northwest Italy makes good use of the garden's abundance.

For the pesto:

3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts or walnuts
2 cups fresh basil leaves
1 or 2 cloves fresh garlic, peeled
A generous pinch of salt
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup grated Parmesan, to serve

For the pasta:

6 small red new potatoes
2 cups trimmed young green beans
1 pound linguini pasta
Freshly grated Parmesan, to serve

First make the pesto. Combine the nuts, basil, garlic and salt in the large bowl of a mortar and grind with the pestle until the mixture forms a paste. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil while beating constantly with a rubber spatula. Add in the cheese a tablespoon at a time, stirring until the mixture forms a thick paste. This can also be done in a food processor, however the texture won't be as fine. Set aside while you prepare the pasta.

Add the potatoes to a large spaghetti pot fitted with a strainer. Cover with cold water and a tablespoon of salt and bring to a boil. Cook until the potatoes are tender, then use the strainer to remove them from the boiling water, but don't drain the hot water. Cut the potatoes in half and put them in a large bowl, then set aside. Have an ice bath ready. Bring the water back up to a boil and add the beans. Cook until the beans are crisp-tender, about 2-3 minutes. Remove the beans from the water with the strainer and immediately plunge them into the ice bath. Drain them from the ice bath and add them to the potatoes.

Add more water to the spaghetti pot if necessary and bring back to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to the package directions until al dente, then drain. Add the hot pasta to the bowl along with the potatoes and beans and pour over the pesto. Toss to coat everything with the pesto and serve with additional cheese on the side.



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The youth ensemble from “*Prince of Egypt*.” PHOTO BY NATHAN DAVIS



Chrissy Mauck as Yocheved, surrounded by ensemble. PHOTO BY MADELINE BONER

Adapted from the beloved 1998 DreamWorks animated film of the same name, *The Prince of Egypt* follows the story of Moses from his infancy through his quest to free the Hebrew people from the Pharaoh of Egypt. Rooted in the biblical themes of sacrifice, trauma and justice — with music by *Wicked* composer Stephen Schwartz — this musical pairs the epic Book of Exodus with the heartfelt, Hollywood rendition of the film. Regardless of one’s faith or lack thereof, audience members will relate to the story of intricate family dynamics and its profound exploration of personal morality.

Director Wes Bridges believes it is a tale that resonates with audiences.

“This is a story of humanity, figuring out what you believe to be right and true, and everyone will be able to connect with that,” Bridges said.

Though phenomenal songs from the film remain, like “Deliver Us” — which was stunning and provided a goosebump-inducing introduction to the show — and “When You Believe,” sung impressively by Isabella Muñoz, many of the added songs aren’t particularly memorable. Much like the Old Testament, the musical has some lagging drudgery after its opening. The vocal and physical performances of the actors are not to be faulted, but

something is missing.

It isn’t until late in the first act, when Jethro, performed by Justin Johnson, and the Midianites sing “Through Heaven’s Eyes” does one realize the missing element is joy. It’s an upbeat and colorful number masterfully delivered by Johnson that reminds audiences this is a musical and we can have fun (sometimes).

Liyah Orielle, who plays the Midian princess Tziporah, is absolutely sensational. She shines in every scene she’s in and brings genuine warmth to all of her onstage relationships, particularly her chemistry with Moses. Antonio Muñoz skillfully brings the demanding role of Moses to life. He is rarely offstage and his arc from bratty palace boy to remorseful shepherd is handled with a grace beyond his years. Given his youth, it is an impressive performance; in fact, the only unbelievable part of his entire transformation is the beard he grows in the second act.

The hardworking ensemble delivers a resonant vocal sound and executes unique, evocative choreography. Utilizing twisting contortions and floating scarves, the dancers serve as powerful physical and emotional storytelling devices. Kaitlyn Darnell is a particular delight as an ancient Egyptian saleswoman hawking an unrelated inventory

of sundials and fresh fish. She was really trying to sell that sundial.

Additionally, the inclusion of the production’s youth cast is highly effective. Every child soloist is exceptional, and placing them onstage during the show’s most heart-wrenching numbers adds a profound layer of emotional depth.

Partially responsible for the beautiful blend is Jeremy Goeckner, who is running Muni’s sound board for the first time. His understanding of the music was apparent as many notes rang out with a finely tuned clarity and mix. Kevin Cline’s lighting design also produced some exciting moments, particularly with the parting of the Red Sea, and during the final journey to the promised land.

Impressive performances and technical aspects aside, this show has been presented with some serious challenges. Multiple lead and ensemble cast members dropped out, leaving Robert Napier and Timeka Malone to fill in for the hefty roles of Ramses and Nefertari later in the rehearsal process. One would never be able to tell, as their parts were professionally delivered. The set, for all its ambition with an uncountable number of moving pieces, was not finished, and much of the principal cast didn’t want to provide

comment for this article. Bridges cited the continued controversy surrounding the Muni and its Board of Trustees as the reason for both the lack of volunteers to help with the set and the cast declining interviews.

Perhaps real-world turbulence is what makes the heavy emotional themes of the show ring true. Chrissy Mauck, who portrays Moses’ mother, Yocheved, and beautifully delivers the spine-tingling opening solo, noted, “There’s so much heart in this show. I hope people can take a little sprinkle of that home with them because it’s really hard out there.”

In the end, this rendition of *The Prince of Egypt* mirrors its own narrative — born out of trial, sustained by sacrifice and held together by sheer willpower. □

The Prince of Egypt continues its run at the Springfield Muni July 15-18. Performances start at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are available at TheMuni.org, or at The Muni box office beginning 90 minutes before each performance.

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Thursday Jul 16

Randy Erwin
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 10am-4pm and July 17, 10am-4pm

Johnny Mullenax
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7-10pm

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

Griffin Fenoglio
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 6-8pm

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

Devin Clemons
East Side Inc., Virginia, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

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

Brian Shartzner
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 6-8pm

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

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6-9pm

Mike Anderson
Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 11am-3pm.

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

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

Karaoke
The Tippy Toad, 8pm-12am

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

Legacy Five
Warrensburg Corn Festival, Warrensburg, 7-8:30pm

Friday Jul 17

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

Chris Camp & John Drake
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

Menace to Sobriety
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 5-8pm

Revel in Red
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 8:30pm

Green Diamond Express
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Dead Letter Office
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

The Back Porch Trio
Decatur Brew Works, Decatur, 7pm

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

Tom & Geoff
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

The 66 Ramblers
Downtown Lincoln, Lincoln, 5:30-8:30pm

Not Petty
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Dominick Spolitino Trio
It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm and July 18, 7-10:30pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Brandon Santini
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

2nd St Harmony
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-9pm

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

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

After School Special
The Railyard, 6pm

Stripped
Rocco's, Decatur, 7pm

Mississippi Leghound
Sky Lounge, 7-10pm

Rod Grant
The Bird Tavern, 7-10pm

AI's Hwy50
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

The Wilder Blue
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 8pm

Max Beckman Duo
Union Square Park, 12-1pm

X-Krush, The 77 Experience
Warrensburg Corn Festival, Warrensburg, 6pm

Saturday Jul 18

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

Midwest Revival
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band
Boone's, 6pm

Jay Larson Band
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 7-10pm

The Remedy
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm

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

Silas Tockey
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 1-3:30pm

Soul Experience
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 5-8pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 8:30-11:30pm

Mandy Rose with Mark Scassiferro
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 4-7pm

Chicago Farmer & The Fieldnotes
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

The Doobie Others
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

John Drake
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1pm

The Gordons with Tom Irwin
Dumb Records, 2-4pm

Peaches and Bacon
First Presbyterian Church, 7-9pm

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm

The Living Beats
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Sista and The Misters
The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm

Sunshine Daydream
Lake Press Club, 6-10pm

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

Wowie Zowie
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 6pm

Joel Honey
Mowie's Cue, 8pm

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

After School Special
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 6-9pm

Ocean State Quartet
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 3-5pm

Summerdaze Showcase
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 6:30-10pm

Matt Carter Band
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Dakota Ray Parker
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Karaoke by JCB Entertainment
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 8pm-12am

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

Bernet, Rolens, Minder and Cellini
Sky Lounge, 8-10pm

Rod Grant
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6-9pm

The Tangents
The Bean, Mechanicsburg, 8-10pm

Smooth Groove
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

Satellite
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Tom Irwin & Friends
Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's

New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 7:30pm

Rezzin8
The Tippy Toad, 7pm

Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Town Hall Pub, Loami, 7-10pm

David Nail and Lainey Nation
Warrensburg Corn Festival, Warrensburg, 6pm

Sunday Jul 19

Dallas Whittaker
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Gary Williams
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Devin C. Williams
Butternut Hut, 2-5pm

Rod Grant
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 2-5pm

Stefan Huffman
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Andre Wilke
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 5-7pm

Wrekless, Smokestacks, Fukshion, Carlos Akers, Devin C. Williams, The Cocktails, KEEP
Goodfellas Pub, 1pm-1am

Scott Nichols
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Johnnie Owens and Butter
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Avery Kern
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 2-5pm

Brandon Santini
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Old Souls Duo
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Jeff Young and The Bad Grandpas with Kyla Kruse
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Monday Jul 20

Doug Deming
The Alamo, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Jul 21

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

Open jam
George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6pm.

Peaches & Bacon
Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1-1:30pm.

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

Open Mic with Thomas J Beverly
Trading Post Saloon, 6-9pm

Wednesday Jul 22

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

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

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

Open jam with Kristi White
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

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

The Red Ribbon Revue
Obed & Isaac's The Cidery, 6-8pm

Peaches & Bacon
Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1-1:30pm.

Keith Dunlap
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

Live from Springfield - It's Friday Night

New comedy group launches Friday Night Live at Arlington's

COMEDY | Mary Young

Entertainment offerings in the 217 just got an injection of original sketch comedy. A new, local ensemble called the Capital City Comix debuted its show "Friday Night Live" on July 10 to a sold-out crowd. It's billed as "SNL, but local, louder, and way weirder," and while it might not be as groundbreaking as SNL, there are plenty of entertaining nuggets to leave one thinking this group may be on to something.

The writing featured a good deal of local humor and inside jokes, but that's not necessarily bad. There's plenty in Springfield to poke fun at. The full ensemble of Carmen Allen, Tina Dye, Renée Hatfield, Douglas McDonald, Spencer McDonald, Scott Nation, Wendy Oakes, Keegan Otwell and William "Bill" Panichi, plus Carrie Mikaelson running tech, performed a whopping 28 skits that wrapped up at around two hours, including musical breaks and intermission. While not overly long, I do think some trimming could streamline the production to a tight 90 minutes and still work well.

The idea for the show goes back years.

"Bill Panichi started a comedy group called Offensive Line around 2001, and I was part of that skit comedy group," said cast member McDonald. "Fast forward to 2023, Bill and I talked about resurrecting OL and producing an SNL-style show in Springfield. He held meeting after meeting until the right mix of people committed."

For cast member Carmen Allen, forming the group was like a "minor miracle." After some fits and starts to get an initial meeting off the ground, things just took off in March.

"Writers, actors and creators kept coming out of the woodwork," Allen said, adding that the writing process was "entirely collaborative."

"Bill Panichi constantly brought in archived sketches for us to read and dissect, which gave us a great foundation," she said.

"Carmen, Rene and Tina turbocharged the whole process once they got involved – they brought serious organization and momentum," McDonald said. "Scott Nation was also a core member who attended every meeting and was a consistent actor and contributor from early on."

Panichi was "delighted" with the addition of new cast members. They "instinctively knew how to go beyond the written words.



Bill Panichi, left, and Doug McDonald perform in a Capital City Comix skit. PHOTO BY ANDY EGIZI

They wrung every ounce of laughter out of the material using expressions, gestures, costumes and props."

As an apparent homage to the first Saturday Night Live, the show is hosted by a well-known influencer who appears several times, offering us divine musings. Not unlike George Carlin popping up throughout SNL's debut, this host summons us into the fray in one of the more successful components of the show. There were definitely others but there were also some weak spots, perhaps due to nerves and the inevitable growing pains.

The more successful skits such as "Conspiracy Running," "Cheery Time Children's Hour" and "Table for Two" worked well because performers embodied unique, memorable characters that leaned into clever writing and their setting.

Compare that to "Week Day Update," which was well-written but disjointed because the actors, other than wearing blazers, didn't take on the persona of news anchors. If the lines were performed straight, ala Chevy Chase (or other SNL alums) on Weekend Update, the jokes would have landed better. For a contemporary example, look up anchor/reporter Carissa Codel's "Reading Viewer Comments" on Instagram. Funny stuff.

Some of the humor was a little dated or excessive. There were references to a temporary Lincoln display that's been gone so long, I wondered how many in the audience

understood the joke.

And I while I do appreciate expertly executed bathroom humor, too many of the skits veered into blue territory. "Going there" strikes me as unoriginal but, if you are going to include dialog and skits about people's private parts and sex habits, remember less is more.

The commercials, which were fun, might have played better as videos or in darkness. Listening to a voice-over while watching actors on a fully lit stage moving tables and chairs around made it hard to catch everything, especially with the noise distractions in the venue. Where you sit might make a difference, and I am sympathetic to the tech limitations in the space.

While there's always room for growth, this is a welcome endeavor. It's undoubtedly not CCC's first and only run, and I look forward to what comes next. □

The remaining shows are at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17 and 24 at Arlington's Catering & Historic Venue, 210 Broadway, in downtown Springfield.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased using the Eventbrite app via the QR code or at the door. Seating is limited, and I hear remaining tickets are going fast, so if you're even remotely curious, best get your tickets.

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THE CALENDAR



The Gordons with Tom Irwin | Sat., July 18, 2-4 p.m. | Dumb Records

SPECIAL MUSIC EVENTS | **Renowned folk duo to play, hold book signing event**

it Gary and Roberta Gordon, a folk duo from Sparta, Illinois, will play at this matinee show which will double as a book signing for Roberta's work, *Creative Nature*. The couple, who have been active in folk and bluegrass music since the 1970s, have toured the U.S. and Europe as The Gordons and have released several albums. Gary plays guitar and Roberta plays autoharp. Both sing. *Creative Nature* is a book of Roberta's poetry and she illustrated each work. Tom Irwin, *Illinois Times'* long-running music columnist, will also have his recent book, *One for the Kiddos*, available. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Roberta's bringing cookies, too.

■ **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.

Champ Jaxon Band

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

Civil War Tunes with Corporal Andy

Tuesdays, 2-2:30pm. Through Aug. 4. Actor and musician Andy VanDeVoort will sing songs, demonstrate instruments and tells stories of the Civil War. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

Decatur Municipal Band

Wed., July 22, 7pm. Free. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater,

Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

Esso Funk, TaQsem and the Candy Jams

Thu., July 16, 6-9:15pm. Esso Funk will bring their Afro-Caribbean sound to this Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series show. Opening act TaQsem and the Candy Jams will play at 6:45pm followed by the headliner at 7:45pm. Includes kids kickoff event at 6:15pm, food trucks, makers row and family activities. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-753-3519.

Jacksonville Drumline Institute

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

Lincoln Troubadours

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11:30am-12pm. Through Aug. 8. Listen to the music of Lincoln's day performed by this acapella group. The group performs at several locations as part of the History Comes Alive program. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol

Plaza, 217-789-2360.

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

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

Springfield Municipal Band

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

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

Saturdays, 10-11am. Through July 25. The band will perform just outside the main entrance of the museum. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ **Books & Authors**

Book Discussion

Sat., July 18, 10am-12pm. Book discussion of *Muppets in Moscow* by Natasha Lance Rogoff. The book is about the true story of adapting Sesame Street for post-Soviet Russia in the 1990s, navigating political violence and cultural clashes. Free. DeFrates Room, Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St., 217-753-4900.

■ **Theater & Comedy**

While in the Through Season

Sat., July 18, 6pm. This powerful stage production follows a pastor as he wrestles with staying faithful in one of the toughest seasons of his life. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Friday Night Live

Fri., July 17, 7pm. Think SNL, but local, louder and way weirder. Capital City Comix is taking over the upstairs stage at Arlington's for three Fridays in July of unhinged sketch comedy, satirical news and live music. Seating is limited. First come first served. \$15. Arlington's, 210 Broadway, 217-679-6235.

Me and My Girl

Thu., July 16, 7pm, Fri., July 17, 7pm, Sat., July 18, 7pm, Sun., July 19, 2pm and Wed., July 22, 7pm. 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.

Rollin' Laughs Comedy Show

Fri., July 17, 8-10pm. Lots of laughs are sure to be had. The Shed, Pawnee, 210 Carroll St.

■ **Spoken Word** **Poetry Circle**

Sat., July 18, 10am-12:30pm. In this group, poets can talk about their finished or unfinished works. Organized by Arieal McAdams. Group is open to all. Free. Stella Coffee & Tea, 1135 W. Governor St., 262-622-3151.

■ **Dance**

Ballroom Sampler Classes

Mondays, 6-7pm. Through Aug. 3. Join Springfield Social Dance Club for this summer Sampler Series of ballroom classes. Each Monday evening there will be different ballroom classes offered for participants to try. Dances include salsa, rumba and waltz, etc. No partner or experience needed. RSVP at springfieldsocialdanceclub.com. \$10. Grant Conservatory of Music

and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

Line Dance Classes

Mondays, 7-8pm. Through July 27. These drop-in classes are designed to get participants moving and grooving to their favorite music. RSVP at springfieldsocialdanceclub.com. \$10. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 2174165597.

Old-time Community Barn

Dance – Capital City Contra

Third Saturday of every month, 7 p.m. Enjoy various folk dances to live music performed by Peaches & Bacon. No experience necessary. All dances taught and called. No partner needed. Dress casual and comfortable. Free and family-friendly. Parking and entrance on west side of church. Free, donations of \$5-\$10 accepted. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St.

Springfield Social Dance Club- Two-Step Takeover

Sat., July 18, 2-10pm. Learn to partner dance with UCWDC Masters World Champion dancer Eric Nava. Schedule: 3pm & 4pm Texas Two Step classes, 6pm Night Club Two Step Class; 7p Social Dance. Go to YoungDanceInc.com for tickets and info or SpringfieldSocialDanceClub.com for other ballroom and country dance opportunities. \$10-\$40. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave.

■ **Art & Architecture** **"2,191,464 Hours of History"**

Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Through July 25. In honor of the 250th birthday of the founding of America, the Springfield Art Association presents this exhibit in the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery. Artists were challenged to pick a moment in American history and create a piece in response. This show promises to be a dynamic and thoughtful look in to our nation's past. Free. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 2175232631.

"Metamorphing" featuring Bernie White Hatcher

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

"Walking the In-Between" featuring Soyoung Jung

Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-

5pm. Through July 29. The Underground gallery at the SAA Collective presents watercolor and dry pigment artwork by Soyoung Jung. She combines landscapes, alleyways, and architectural forms representing spaces of memory, reflection and transition. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

Capitol Creations

Saturdays, 12pm and Sat., July 18, 12pm-3am. Through July 25. Celebrate summer with an afternoon of step-by-step painting designed for all skill levels in one of Springfield's most historic locations. Presented by All Paint and Studio on 6th. Single seat \$35, couple/double \$65, family four-pack \$120. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-220-5334.

Create IN History - Thursday Makers

Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm. Through July 30. Spend a creative summer evening making art inspired by history, nature and the iconic designs of Frank Lloyd Wright. Presented by Join All Paint and Studio on 6th. Each week features a different project. Projects are beginner-friendly. \$35-\$120. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-220-5334.

Pre-Levitt Mansion Walk-Through

Thursdays, 5-5:30, 5:30-6, 6-6:30, 6:30-7pm. Through July 23. Enjoy a brief, 30-minute tour of the first two levels of the Illinois Governor's Mansion before the Levitt AMP concert. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

■ **Film & Television**

Hamilton

Fri., July 17, 6:30-8:30pm. The America 250 Movies Series continues with *Hamilton, the tale of founding father Alexander Hamilton. This is the filmed version of the original Broadway smash hit.* Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

■ **Food & Drink**

The LMH Market

Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Through Sep. 19. This farmers market in the Expo Building features fruits, vegetables, eggs, poultry, baked goods and more vendor grown or produced by local operations. Includes children's activities and free health screenings on second and fourth Saturdays of month. Free parking and admission. Logan County Fairgrounds, Lincoln, 1408 Short 11th St., 447-784-3211.

■ **History**
Abe's 19th-Century Toymaking Workshop
Wednesdays, Saturdays,
1-1:30pm. Through Aug. 8.
Abraham Lincoln talks about
toys his children played with and
invites participants to make their
own 19th-century toy. Free. Old
State Capitol State Historic Site,
1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-
785-5030.

■ **"Moments that made America:
Turning Points in 250 Years"**
lecture
Sat., July 18, 3-5pm. From
independence to innovation,
conflict to cultural change, this
engaging lecture highlights
pivotal events that shaped the
course of American history. As the
nation marks 250th birthday, we'll
journey through key moments—
both celebrated and overlooked—
that defined the country's identity,
tested its ideals and propelled it
forward. Free. Jacksonville Public
Library, Jacksonville, 201 W.
College Ave., 217-243-5435.

■ **Elijah Iles House Tours**
Saturdays, 12-4pm. Through
Nov. 14. Tour the oldest house
in Springfield. Groups wishing to
tour Springfield's oldest home
at other times can call for an
appointment. The house was built

in 1837 by Iles, one of the city's
earliest settlers. Free. Elijah Iles
House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-
494-0640.

■ **Harriet Tubman: In Her Own
Voice**
Thursdays, 1-3pm. Through
Aug. 6. Ask questions and
interact through a conversational
experience with one of America's
most courageous leaders. Free.
Old State Capitol State Historic
Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza,
217-785-5030.

■ **History Night**
Saturdays, 5:30-7pm. Through
Aug. 8. Take in two presentations,
part of History Comes Alive
program. 5:30-6pm: "Custodian
of Freedom: William H. Butler's
Capitol Tour." Hear the story of
William H. Butler, Underground
Railroad station master and a
delegate to Illinois' first Colored
Citizens Convention. 6:30-7pm:
"Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist
& Orator." Douglass recounts his
visit to Springfield one year after
Lincoln's assassination. Free. Old
State Capitol State Historic Site,
1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-
785-5030.

■ **One Amazing Week: John
Jones & the Fight for Equality**
Wednesdays, 2-2:30pm. Through
Aug. 5. Step into 1865 as Jones

leads the charge to repeal Illinois'
oppressive Black laws. Presented
as a part of History Comes Alive
2026. Free. Old State Capitol
State Historic Site, 1 Old State
Capitol Plaza, 217-785-5030.

■ **Ulysses S. Grant and Ending the
Civil War**
Fridays, 10:30-11am. Through
Aug. 7. Larry Werline will appear
as Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Free.
Old State Capitol State Historic
Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza,
217-785-5030.

■ **Union Pacific Big Boy No. 4014
stop in Springfield**
Sat., July 18, 10:45-11:15am.
See Union Pacific's famed Big
Boy No. 4014, the world's largest
operating steam locomotive,
when it stops in Springfield as
part of a historical coast-to-coast
tour. Free. Amtrak, 100 N. Third
St., 800-872-7245.

■ **Fairs & Festivals**
Cardboard Boat Regatta
Sat., July 18, 12-5pm. In this
fifth annual event, build a boat on
site (\$10 for materials). Check-in
at 10am. Races begin at 3pm.
Prebuilt boat races will begin
directly after on-site boat races;
Kids and adult kayak races (\$5
entry fee) register by 12:30pm.
Races begin at 1pm. Rubber
duck races begin approximately

4pm (race ducks available for
\$5). Four preliminary races with
top finishers and wildcard picks
progressing to championship
final. Food will be available for
purchase. All profits benefit the
Boys and Girls Club of Sangamon
County. Anchor Boat Club, 407 E.
Lake Shore Dr., 217-553-3648.

■ **Chatham Jaycee Sweetcorn
Festival**
Fri., July 17 and Sat., July 18.
Food, music, cow chips and, of
course, plenty of sweet corn at
central Illinois' favorite festival.
Free. Chatham Community Park,
Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

■ **Steam on the Square: The Big
Boy Experience**
Sat., July 18, 8am-4pm. See
Union Pacific Big Boy Engine
No. 4014, the world's largest
operating steam locomotive,
make a short "whistle stop" at
the Center Street crossing in
Girard in this once-in-a-lifetime
event. Train scheduled to arrive
about noon. Event includes food,
beer tent, live music, vendors and
more on the town square. Docs
Just Off 66, Girard, 133 S. Second
St., 217-627-3491.

■ **Warrensburg Corn Festival**
Thu., July 16, Fri., July 17 and
Sat., July 18. This family-friendly
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Mon., July 20, 6:30-8pm. Discuss
and plan upcoming community
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required for attendance. It is
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friendly. Virtual option available;
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me for details. First Church of the
Brethren, 2115 Yale Blvd., 217-
523-5212.

■ **Survival Revival**
Sat., July 18, 12-7pm. The
family-friendly Survival Revival
focuses on housing insecurity,
reforming qualified immunity –
which shields law enforcement
officers from individual civil
liability in lawsuits – and working
to preserve democracy through
voter education, registration and
mobilization. Includes free food,
speakers, info booths, live music
and children's activities. Comer
Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and
Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-
670-3520.

■ **Bulletin Board**
**APL JV Ice Cream Social, Art
Show**
Sat., July 18, 11am-3pm.
APL and DIM Art House artists
unite for this Art Gallery Show
combined with an ice cream
social fundraiser hosted by
the Animal Protective League
Junior Volunteers. Artists have
selected APL animals as their
subjects and created original art
in multiple mediums which will
be for sale. Proceeds will help
APL. Event includes paw print
paintings, merchandise, vendors
and the APL Mobile Adoption Unit.
Free admission. Scoop Du Jour,
Chatham, 95 W. Plummer Blvd.,
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Griffin Fenoglio plays Casey's Pub this Thursday evening and the Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival this Friday and Saturday.

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We're turning up the heat as we hit mid-July with the summer time going full on with fun-feeling, corn-tassling, music-making happenings everywhere you look, turn, walk, skip, hop and/or run. The decision is yours to participate, so make the right choice and get yourself out there to experience the live music and surrounding excitement.

Thursdays again are out in front with the Levitt AMP concert series leading the way as this week Esso Funk delivers groovy Afro-Caribbean grooves with TaQsem and the Candy Jams opening the show. Here's a heads up on an added makeup date, Friday, July 31, for the Matchsellers to extend the series for a day.

Also on Thursday, Griffin Fenoglio packs the patio at Casey's Pub, Sam Lacy lands at Illinois Product Farmers Market, Angel Brown guides her full Smooth 'N Blue Band to Mother Road Diner and Johnny Mullennax minds the store at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton.

This weekend brings us the Chatham Jaycees Sweet Corn Festival featuring all kinds of extraordinary events, including the Championship Cow Chip (you do know what that means, correct?) Throw and lots and lots of live music. Friday gives us Menace to Sobriety and Revel in

Red with Griffin Fenoglio (the guy is everywhere!) playing set breaks and Saturday lists Silas Tockey, Soul Experience and Brandy Kristin Band with Griffin again on the set breaks. Shuck that corn, folks.

Special shows on Friday night include the Dominick Spolitino Trio fresh off a European jazz tour at It's All About Wine and 2nd Street Harmony at Obed & Isaac's as part of the Downtown Prom happening, plus the second edition of Friday Night Live upstairs at Arlington's with musical guest Black Magic Johnson.

We have a ton of area performers at regular spots, including Max Beckman Duo at the noontime Artist in the Park series held in Union Square Park, After School Special at The Railyard, Not Petty at Harvest Market upstairs and Brandon Santini, just back from an acclaimed show at the Cincy Blues Fest, hitting at Long Bridge Golf Course.

Saturday gets on board with several interesting occurrences downtown such as Tater Tots Rock playing at the Kidzeum's 8th anniversary party at 11:15 a.m. after the Union Pacific Big Boy locomotive opens the show from the Third Street tracks and The Gordons, an internationally renowned folk-bluegrass duo from Sparta, Illinois,

doing a daytime (2-4 p.m.) concert at Dumb Records (book sale and signings, too) with me opening the show.

The day rolls on with many familiar faces at various venues like John Drake at Dockside Grill, Ocean State Quartet at Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, Jonnie Concaroo Band at Boone's, Jay Larson Band at Buckhart Tavern and Rod Grant at The Stadium. Then get set for Chicago Farmer and the Fieldnotes at Danenberger Family Vineyards near New Berlin, Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas at Town Hall in Loami, Summerdaze Showcase featuring LuhFogs, Zac Tyrr, Prince Cash, La Mart, cee.cld, Fire Water, Access Granted, Blumoon and North S.T.A.R.R. at Pizza Records in Jacksonville, Tom Irwin (yep) & Friends (Nova, Kevin Atterberry, Grant Barnett, Amy Battles and Matthew Battles) at New Salem's Theatre in the Park and Bernet, Rolens, Minder and Cellini at Sky Lounge.

Here we are going into Sunday Funday already (worn out yet?) with nearly 20 acts playing all over the place including Scott Nichols at Hill Prairie Winery and Devin C. Williams at Butternut Hut. Please take a look at the listings and go see 'em all. I dare you.

Until next week, be cool, stay safe and hydrate like heck. □



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SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
JEFFREY KLEES, CASSIE KLEES,
R.P. LUMBER CO., INC., an Illinois corporation,
CAPITAL ONE, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000010
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: West Central Bank, Attn: Emily Leonhard, 400 E. Buchanan Street, Ashland, Illinois 62615; Telephone: (217) 476-3325
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1015 N. 5th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561
(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.
(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.
(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.
(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
TOSHA L TAYLOR; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC000226
1819 PICKETT STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-

SURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on August 25, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 22-14.0-153-004
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1819 Pickett Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, single family home, detached 2 car garage
The Judgment amount was \$101,652.92.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.
NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-22231IL
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3283646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
CRYSTAL WOOTEN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC000089

1721 SOUTH WHITTIER AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on May 20, 2026, will on August 25, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:
TAX NO. 22-04.0-180-042
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1721 South Whittier Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704
Description of Improvements: White vinyl, 2.5 story single family home, 1.5 car garage
The Judgment amount was \$197,790.26.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours.
NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
I3289043

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
JANICE C. BUIE AKA JANICE BUIE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LYNV FUNDING, LLC; RUTLEDGE JOINT VENTURES, L.L.C.; Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2025FC000232
Property Address: 1807 Pickett St. Springfield, IL 62703
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 March 25, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on August 11, 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: 1807 Pickett St., Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-14.0-153-002
Second Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$65,357.68
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.
Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.
The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale.
This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD
ILLINOIS
Bank of America, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker
Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000050
1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Judge Adam Giganti
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on August 4, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702
Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 26-013526.
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NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
FERNANDO M GAILES, BEATRICE A. GAILES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND 1ST MID AMERICA CREDIT UNION, Defendants.
CASE NO. 25-FC-157
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1732 W JACKSON ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 20, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit:
Permanent Index Number: 14-32.0-177-013 aka 14-32-177-013
Commonly known as: 1732 W Jackson St., Springfield, IL 62704
will be offered for sale and sold at public venue on August 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$86,645.86.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not

to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719
The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Kristin J. Conwell (#6294931), Its Attorney
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC
Kristin J. Conwell (#6294931)
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of June, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Mary Jo Coady, Gregory A Coady intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Coady's Computers And Imaging and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 21 Longview Drive, Springfield, IL 62712

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JESSICA M. GINTER, Deceased. No. 2026PR235 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Jessica M. Ginter, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 24, 2026. Robert L. Nation, Jr., whose post office address is 2345 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, was appointed independent administrator of her estate on July 9, 2026. The attorneys for the independent administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the independent administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of July, 2026. Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-967068

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL LYNN HURLEY, Deceased. Case No. 2026 PR 208 NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of CAROL LYNN HURLEY on the 1st day of May, 2026, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on the 7th day of July, 2026, to Kathleen A. Hurley Blackmer whose attorney is Andrew D. Cassidy, Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, Peoria, IL 61602. Claims may be filed on or before the 15th day of January, 2027, or 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Claim Date, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims against the estate may be filed in

the Office of the Circuit Court, SANGAMON County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both. Within 10 days after a claimant files its claim with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the representative AND to her attorney of record AND file with the Court proof of mailing or delivery of said copies. Dated this 7th day of July, 2026. /s/ Andrew D. Cassidy Attorney for the Estate Andrew D. Cassidy – ARDC No. 6200980 Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC 416 Main Street, Suite 1125 Peoria, Illinois 61602 Telephone: 309/671-9600 Email: drew.cassidy@mhtlaw.com 8051-967051

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THEODORE COHN (a/k/a THEODORE B. COHN, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-256 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of THEODORE COHN (a/k/a THEODORE B. COHN). Letters of office for ancillary administration in Illinois has been issued to DAHLIA DAMAS, Public Administrator of New York County, c/o Steven R. Finkelstein, Esq., Finkelstein & Virga, P.C., 90 Broad Street, Suite 1700, New York, NY 10004, as Independent Ancillary Administrator with the Will Annexed, 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 Ancillary Administrator with the Will Annexed, or both, on or before January 22, 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 Ancillary Administrator with the Will Annexed and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 8th day of July, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan, III SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street, Suite A Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

In The Circuit Court For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois ESTATE OF PATRICK JOSEPH HICKEY Deceased Case No. 2026-PR-241 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of PATRICK JOSEPH HICKEY. Letters of office were issued to NATHAN R. HICKEY, 4 Regent, Springfield, IL 62711 as Administrator whose attorney is William Panichi, 843 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Sangamon 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 must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to

the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 9th day of July, 2026. Name: William Panichi Attorney for Nathan R. Hickey Address: 843 S. Fifth Street City: Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 753-1596

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF BRADLEY M. DAVIS, Deceased. No. 2026-PR-257 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of BRADLEY M. DAVIS. Letters of Office were issued to MICHELLE D. DAVIS, as Independent Executor, whose address is 4071 Newbury Lane Springfield, Illinois 62711. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 8, 2027, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated July 8, 2026. Attorneys for Independent Executor: Sorling Northrup James R. Enlow, Attorney (6199891) 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200 P.O. Box 5131 Springfield, IL 62705 Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173 E-Mail: jrenlow@sorlinglaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE ESTATE OF: GENEVA S. GREBLER, Deceased. Case No.: 2026-PR-248 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is hereby given of the death of Geneva S. Grebler. Letters of Office were issued. The name and address of the Legal Representative is Cathy L. Loy, 6 Cabot Cove, Cabot, Arkansas, 72023. James Ackerman is counsel for the Legal Representative. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 8, 2027. Any claim not filed on or before February 8 2027, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated

this 8th day of July, 2026. By: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Attorney for Legal Representative PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman (06192795) ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE ESTATE OF DEANNA BRAWNER, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-247 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of DEANNA BRAWNER of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Testamentary were issued on June 24, 2026, to Jeanette Redding as Executor, and whose attorney is RILEY P. HAMILTON of FRAZIER SABIN & SCHLOSSER, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED July 8, 2026. Riley P. Hamilton (#6348477) FRAZIER SABIN & SCHLOSSER LLP Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: hamilton@springfieldlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of JEAN SIMPSON, Deceased. IN PROBATE NO. 2026 PR 000032 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of JEAN SIMPSON, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2026, to Gloria Snodgrass, 6852 Lake Service Road, Rochester, IL 62653, Executor, whose attorney is Robert A. Stuart, Jr., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000, Springfield, Illinois 62701. 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 January 29, 2027, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 1st day of July, 2026. Robert A. Stuart, Jr. ARDC 2761122 Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP 205 S. 5th St., Ste. 1000 Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 544-8491 rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JASON W. EASTEP, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-249 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JASON W. EASTEP. Letters of Office have been issued to LAWRENCE W. EASTEP, 16861 W. Capitol Reef Court, Surprise, AZ 85387, as Independent Administrator, 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 Administrator, or both, on or before January 13, 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 Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 29th 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 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARETTE A. STOUT, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-251 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of MARGARETTE A. STOUT. Letters of Office have been issued to CHRISTOPHER D. STOUT, 5313 Bunting Road, 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 13, 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 29th 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 GEORGE E. REMBERT, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-252 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of GEORGE E. REMBERT. Letters of Office have been issued to ANN MARIE REMBERT, 2030 South Park Ave., Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Administrator, 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 Administrator, or both, on or before January 13, 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 29th 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 PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff, Vs. Melissa Jean Hoover, et. al., Defendants. Re: Estate of Caleb Andrew Hoover, Deceased. No. 2026-FC-96 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CALEB ANDREW HOOVER: Notice is given of the death of Caleb Andrew Hoover. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Caleb Andrew Hoover, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1020 W. Elliot Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. The address of the Special Representative is Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Caleb A. Hoover, deceased Dan E. Way #6204735 WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC 1100 S. Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Tel. 217-525-7003 dan@danwaylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARCIA A. McCARTY, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-246 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of MARCIA A. McCARTY. Letters of Office have been issued to STEPHANIE MUNDY, 1125 Driftwood Lane, Waterloo, IL 62298, 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 8, 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 24th 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 FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: KEVIN C. LUTES, Deceased. No. 2026-PR-128 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of KEVIN

LUTES. Letters of Administration were issued on the 6th day of April, 2026, to MARY LUTES, 45 St. Mary's Court, Springfield, IL 62702, as Administrator whose Attorney is RILEY P. HAMILTON, 1231 So. Eighth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 22nd day of June, A.D., 2026. PREPARED BY: Riley P. Hamilton (#6348477) FRAZIER SABIN & SCHLOSSER LLP Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: hamilton@springfieldlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE ESTATE OF Elizabeth Ritter, Deceased. Case No. 2026-PR-64 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Elizabeth Ritter of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Testamentary were issued on February 19, 2026, to Mark Veith as Executor, and whose attorney is RILEY P. HAMILTON of FRAZIER SABIN & SCHLOSSER, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED June 22, 2026this 22nd day of June, A.D., 2026. Riley P. Hamilton (#6348477) FRAZIER SABIN & SCHLOSSER LLP Attorneys at Law 1231 South Eighth Street Springfield, IL 62703 Telephone: (217) 522.9010 Facsimile: (217) 522.9020 Email: hamilton@springfieldlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the Petition of Jersey Marie Kiehl For change of name to Jersey Marie Galore Case No. 2026-MR-000193 PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug 25, 2026 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jersey Marie Kiehl to Jersey Marie Galore pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided. Dated: July 2, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. JEFFREY KLEES, CASSIE KLEES, R.P. LUMBER CO., INC., an Illinois corpora-

tion, CAPITAL ONE, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2026FC000010 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: West Central Bank, Attn: Emily Leonhard, 400 E. Buchanan Street, Ashland, Illinois 62615; Telephone: (217) 476-3325 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1015 N. 5th Street, Riverton, Illinois 62561 (C) The legal description of the real estate is: Part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin found marking the Northeast corner of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds West along the North line of said South Half 290.00 feet to a found iron pin marking the true point of beginning; thence South 02 degrees 50 minutes 10 seconds East 116.20 feet to a found iron pin marking the beginning of a 403.80 foot radius, nontangent curve, concave Southeasterly, whose center bears South 90 degrees 33 minutes 35 seconds East; thence Northeasterly along said curve through a central angle of 90 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds a distance of 64.38 feet; thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 29 seconds East 31.00 feet to a found iron pin marking the West right of way line of Fifth Street; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 31 seconds East along said right of way line 50.00 feet to a found iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 29 seconds West 31.00 feet to a found iron pin marking the beginning of a 353.80 foot radius, tangent curve, concave Southeasterly; thence Southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 18 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds a distance of 111.15 feet to the beginning of a 276.08 foot radius, tangent curve, concave Northwesterly; thence Southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 18 degrees 00 minutes 39 seconds a distance of 48.96 feet to a found iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 31 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds West 17.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 25 minutes 31 seconds East 93.81 feet to the South line of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the aforesaid Section 9; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 27 seconds West along said South line 267.00 feet to a found iron pin; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 39 seconds West 335.35 feet to a found iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 54 seconds East 371.25 feet, more or less, to the true point of beginning. 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. (D) A description of the improvements on

the real estate is: Single family residence. (E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable. (F) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701 (G) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. (H) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser. 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 8051-967037

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff vs. SOLON, LLC, et. al., Defendant Case Number: 2026ED2 PUBLICATION NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for judgment as to the determination of just compensation for certain real property legally described in Exhibit A and for other relief. (See attached legal description if applicable) EXHIBIT "A" DESCRIPTION OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT F.A.P. ROUTE 666 (BL-55/6TH ST) SECTION (110X-5) WRS, N, SW. JOB NO. R-96-003-10 PARCEL 60301212E SANGAMON COUNTY STA. 58+27.02 TO STA. 60+88.09 SOLON, LLC PURPOSE OF EASEMENT: GRADING & SHAPING TAX PARCEL NO. 22-10.0-377-013; 22-10.0-377-014 ADDRESS: 3114-3128 S. 6th St, Springfield, IL Part of Lot 5 and Lot 6 of the Final Plat of the Subdivision of Lot 1 of Park South First Addition in the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois further described as: Beginning at an iron pipe at the southwest corner of said Lot 6 with said point being on the existing easterly right of way line of F.A.P. Route 666 (Bus I-55/South Sixth St); thence North 16 degrees 46 minutes 58 seconds West 254.14 feet along said easterly right of way line to a point at the northwest corner of said Lot 5; thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds East 10.97 feet along the north line of said Lot 5; thence South 16 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds East 80.16 feet; thence North 73 degrees 16 minutes 06 seconds

East 40.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 41 minutes 07 seconds East 96.30 feet; thence South 16 degrees 43 minutes 54 seconds East 84.98 feet to a point on the south line of said Lot 6; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 23 seconds West 26.28 feet along said south line to the point of beginning containing 0.148 acres (6,460 square feet). The said Real Estate being also shown by the plat hereto attached and made a part hereof. Bearings and distances are based on the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System NAD83 (1997) - West Zone. UNLESS you file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St. #405, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before August 14, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. Plaintiff's attorney: Name: Julie Beyers Attorney for: Plaintiff Address: 601 East William Street City, State Zip: Decatur, IL 62523 Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Email: juliebeyers@hsbattys.com 8051-967030

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. SURENDRA HOLAMBE, SARIKA HOLAMBE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2026FC109 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is AUGUST 10, 2026. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on June 8, 2026, and is now pending. (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 name of the title holder of record is: Surendra Holambe and Sarika Holambe. (iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 73 in Panther Creek Second Addition, according to the plat recorded September 19, 1990, as Document No. 90J024376. 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. Tax Identification Number: 21-25-202-016 (v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 5213 Wildcat Run, Springfield, Illinois 62711 (vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: (A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage. (B) Date of mortgage: May 30, 2023. (C) Name of mortgagor: Surendra Holambe and Sarika Holambe. (D) Name of mortgagee: Prairie State Bank & Trust. (E) Date and place of recording: May 31, 2023 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2023R09016. PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 switsman@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com 8051-966968

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. TOSHA L TAYLOR; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2025FC000226 1819 PICKETT STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 11, 2026, will on August 25, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: Lot 395 of Southlawn, Fourth Plat, A subdivision of parts of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the South-West Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian; 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. TAX NO. 22-14.0-153-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1819 Pickett Street Springfield, IL 62703 Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, single family home, detached 2 car garage The Judgment amount was \$101,652.92. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-22231IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3283646

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. CRYSTAL WOOTEN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2025FC000089 1721 SOUTH WHITTIER AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on May 20, 2026, will on August 25, 2026, in Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Second floor, Room 223, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT 188 IN SPAULDING'S WHITTIER PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 22-04.0-180-042 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1721 South Whittier Avenue Springfield, IL 62704 Description of Improvements: White vinyl, 2.5 story single family home, 1.5 car garage The Judgment amount was \$197,790.26. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further

subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-20684IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3289043

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC PLAINTIFF, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS J. PAIGE, DECEASED; AMANDA PAIGE, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THOMAS J. PAIGE, DECEASED; AMANDA PAIGE; MARY PAIGE; JOHN PAIGE; GEORGE ANAST; ADRIAN ANAST WRIGHT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO. : 2026FC000082 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 507 S WELLS ST BUFFALO, IL 62515 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: JOHN PAIGE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF THOMAS J. PAIGE, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: LOTS, 15,16 AND 17 ALL IN BLOCK 1 OF GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF BUFFALO: ALSO A STRIP OF GROUND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 15 IN BLOCK 1 OF SAID GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION AND RUNNING THENCE WEST 16 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE WEST UNE OF GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BUFFALO; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE 202 FEET; THENCE EAST TO THE WEST UNE OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 1 OF SAID GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION; THENCE SOUTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; ALL IN BLOCK 1 OF GILLETT AND HICK'S

ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BUFFALO. ALSO THE SOUTH 2-1/2 ACRES OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 1015 FEET NORTH AND 843.40 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING ALSO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF BUFFALO; RUNNING THENCE WEST 12 RODS AND 9 FEET TO THE CENTER OF CARTER STREET IN THE TOWN OF BUFFALO PROLONGED SOUTH; THENCE 61 RODS AND 13 FEET TO THE SOUTH UNE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE EAST ON SAID LINE 12 RODS AND 9 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION; THENCE FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GILLETT AND HICK'S ADDITION NORTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ALL COAL MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. Common Address: 507 S WELLS ST BUFFALO, IL 62515 PIN: 16-10.0-480-033, 16-10.0-480-006 Said mortgage was executed by THOMAS J. PAIGE, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, as mortgagee, on 3/10/2023 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois as Document Number 2023R04125. You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court my decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill our and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 08/03/2026 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Megan Anderson 6351401 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 6400 Shafer Court Suite 325 Rosemont, IL 60018 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 26-398802 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. Service may be made via e-mail at ILmail@raslg.com. 8051-966490

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. FERNANDO M GAILES, BEATRICE A. GAILES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND 1ST MID AMERICA CREDIT UNION, Defendants. CASE NO. 25-FC-157 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1732 W JACKSON ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 20, 2026, the following described real estate, to-wit: LOT 26 IN WESTERN HILLS SECOND PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 6, 1961 IN PLAT RECORD 18 AT PAGE 7 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 288706. EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Number: 14-32.0-177-013 aka 14-32-177-013 Commonly known as: 1732 W Jackson St., Springfield, IL 62704 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on August 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the Sangamon County Complex, County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$86,645.86. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished

to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Kristin J. Conwell (#6294931), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Kristin J. Conwell (#6294931) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-965570

Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2026, at 10:00 AM, Freedom Chevrolet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram will hold a public sale to enforce a mechanics lien for unpaid labor, towing, and storage fees. The sale will take place at 625 S Springfield St. Virden, IL. 62690. The property to be sold is a 2007 Dodge Charger VIN: 2B3LA53H27H887228 Owner of Record: Doug Hamrick / Address: 4040 Treviso Dr Apt 102 Springfield, IL. 62703 Lien Amount Due: \$ 7,833.31 (including towing, storage, and repair costs) The vehicle will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The lienholder reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Contact: Freedom Chevrolet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram at (217) 965-3327

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF: Kyler Johnson, a Disabled Adult No. 2026-GR-106

To: Sara Johnson and other interested parties. Please be notified that Andrew Johnson has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Kyler Johnson, a disabled adult. You are required to file an answer to said Petition by August 31, 2026, or be defaulted by the Court thereafter. Betsy A. Blakeman, Attorney for Andrew Johnson ARDC #6298163 1307 South Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-544-3403

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Tuesday the 21st day of July, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Shawn Crain 743. Barbara Bennett 493/494. Brianna Williams 390. Debra Bryant 393. Rebekah Tallman 779. Fred Britz 259/260. Dayton Paproth 177/178. Katerina Reese 101. Sean Welker P24. Luke Henry 500. Antonio Gordon 197/186. Kels Gephart 406/407/408. Amber Wires 520. Barbara Bennett 551. Tori Cisco 715. Scott Moore Jr 106. Samantha Clardy 776. Stephanie Frainer 254. JOHN pennington 267. Lamarzz Evans 111. Henry Hofman 253. Jeffrey Shanks 103. Branden Vaughn 537A. Dale Abeln P13. Roni Richardson 52. Roni Richardson 104. Rachel Welch 609. Debra Bryant 18. Rebecca Abbott 432. Isabella Schmidt 616/597. april valittle 3. Martin PiatCHEK 202/181. Kristen Anderson 869. Patricia PiatCHEK 665. Chris Brown P46. Chris Brown P47. Leda White 615/598; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 Chase Flynn A19. Justin Basil B167. Frans Fore B183. Tierra Long P62/P63. Terry Wilson B180. Ngoc Xuan Lan Luong B197. LaTasha Simmons B127. Ashley Curtis B182. Kay Miller B235. Javon Nix B121. Marsha Herring B132. Deborah McCormick A106. Kay Miller B234. Kay Miller B237. Kay Miller B236; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Amber Rose Hawkins B2. Cassandra Smith E289. Kelsey Berndt F400/ F401/F402. Cassandra Smith E359/260. Katherine Fugitt 144. James McIntosh 25. Gregory Hagen 8/63. Ezella Mills 222. Van Converse 159. Van Converse 160; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Cletis Schalk 19A. Jason Martin 109B. Dale Abeln 168C/127C. Tina Wilson 86B. Raenell Connor 11A. Irene Felton 188 D. Krystin Townsend 280E. Landon Wey 197D

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS Bank of America, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Lyna E Frazier, AKA Lyna Frazier; The United States of America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; City of Springfield, Illinois; Mazal Ventures, LLC; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Note Tracker Defendants. Case No. 2025FC000050 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702 Judge Adam Giganti NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause

on January 14, 2026, Paula Crouch will on August 4, 2026, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, in person only at 200 S. 9th St, 2nd Floor Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: The South 49 feet and 8-3/4 inches of Lot Nineteen (19) of Rafter's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of the Assessors Subdivision of part of the West Half of Section 27 and part of the East Half of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Commonly known as 1100 North 3rd Street, Springfield, IL 62702 Parcel Number(s): 14-27.0-103-023 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, MDK Legal, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 26-013526. Michael N. Varak MDK LEGAL Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6290959 Email: statee-file@mdklegal.com 8051-966648

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. JANICE C. BUIE AKA JANICE BUIE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; RUTLEDGE JOINT VENTURES, L.L.C.; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2025FC000232 Property Address: 1807 Pickett St. Springfield, IL 62703 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 March 25, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on August 11, 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: LOT 393 IN SOUTHLAWN FOURTH PLAT, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER

MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETO-
FORE CONVEYED OF RECORD
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, IL-
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Commonly known as: 1807 Pickett St.,
Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-14.0-153-002
Second Lien Position; Single Family Resi-
dence; Judgment Amount \$65,357.68
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
8051-966613

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd
day of June, 2026 a Certificate of
Ownership of Business was filed in the
Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon
County, stating that:
Huy Vu Pham
intend to transact, or are transacting busi-
ness in Sangamon County, State of Illinois,
under the fictitious name to wit:
Blossom Nails And Spa
and that they are the sole owner(s) and
proprietor(s) of said business, and the
principal place of said business is located
at:
3421 Freedom Dr Spc 130, Springfield,
IL 62704

Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for Sale
of Certain Real Property
Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2
Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and
11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the
Village of Southern View Board of Trustees
duly enacted Ordinance 26-06-02 at a
regular meeting of the Village Board on
August 25, 2026. The Ordinance autho-
rizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved
parcel owned by the Village, commonly
known as 1003 Straight Street, Southern
View, Illinois (the "Property"). As such,
the Village hereby gives public notice that
it is soliciting proposals relating to said
Property.
The legal description of said Property is:
BLACK ACRES SO 176.56 OF LOT 4. The
Parcel Number is 22-15.0-176—071. The
property is located in the Village's resi-
dential 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, market-
able 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 3:00
PM CST on August 25, 2026. There
is \$10,000 minimum bid. The Village
reserves the right to reject any or all bids
and to waive any technicalities in the bid-
ding 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 neces-
sary 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
3:00 PM CST on August 25, 2026. Any
bids received after that time shall not be
considered. Sealed bids should be deliv-
ered to the Village Clerk. 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 Village Board on August
25, 2026 at 6:00 PM CST at 3410 S.
5th, Southern View, Illinois. 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.

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDI-
CIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF Jason W. Sebens
No. 2026-GR-114
To: Codie Winburn at address unknown.
Please be notified that Donald W. Sebens
and AmArie Sebens-Vanderwal have filed
a Petition for Guardianship of Jason W.
Sebens, minor child. You are required to
answer said Petition By August 10, 2026
or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Taylor Upshaw, Petitioner
and
Mallory Tacker, Respondent
Case No. 2026-FA-000145
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Mallory Tacker,
Respondent herein, that this cause has
been commenced and you are summoned
to a child custody case and for other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise
file your appearance in this case in the
office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon
County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405,
Springfield, Illinois on or before the 16th
day of August, 2026, a judgment or decree
by default may be taken against you for
the relief asked in the complaint.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

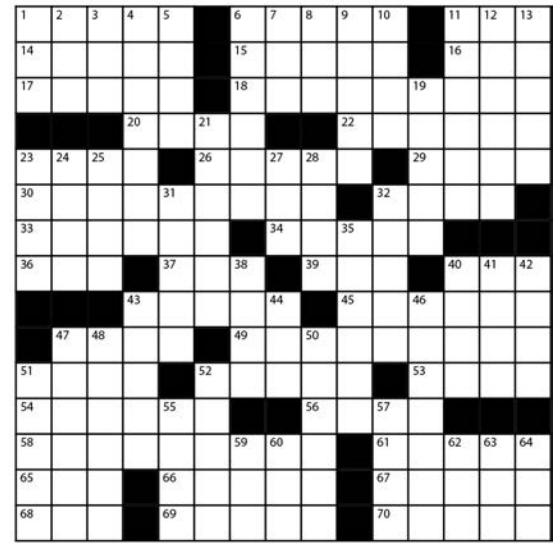
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Across

1. Word that could follow the last word of each starred answer
6. Greek letter
11. Collector's goal
14. From the East
15. Without _____ (quietly)
16. "I don't need to hear that," in modern lingo
17. Stallone title role
18. *** Preakness Stakes, for one
20. Other, in Madrid
22. Heartthrob's fan
23. "Horton Hears _____"
26. Locales
29. Fr. holy women
30. *** "Slow down!"

32. Porgy's woman
33. Uncover
34. Bistros
36. AOL, e.g.
37. Contents of some bags
39. 24 horas
40. Certain investment, for short
43. Twig, to a bird
45. Spooks
47. Snow structure
49. *** Part of a Hugo title
51. Window section
52. Neighbor of Turkey
53. Aardvark's fare
54. 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou
56. Flamboyance



58. *** An American musical variety show
61. "Don't get any funny ____!"
65. Dine
66. Kick out
67. Sonata section
68. Part of a car test course
69. Free-for-all
70. Golfer Sam

Down

1. Driveway material
2. Mandela's land: Abbr.
3. Order between "ready" and "fire"
4. The very end
5. Granny _____

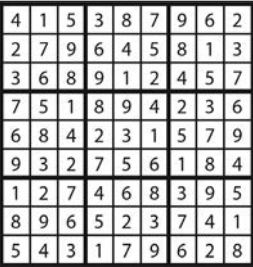
6. "The English Patient" setting
7. Nasdaq debut: Abbr.
8. Neighbor of Aus.
9. Tablelands
10. Acted like
11. Kicks off
12. Hosts
13. Levels
19. Kentucky Derby prize
21. Roof support
23. "The King ____"
24. Troubles
25. Start of many addresses
27. Computer key
28. Just barely
31. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
32. Place for an umbrella
35. Financial
38. Sore

40. OPEC member
41. Prefix with angular
42. Says "When?"
43. Shampoo brand
44. "Ben-____"
46. Leave high and dry
47. Rich's partner
48. Tops
50. Nothing, in Napoli
51. Out of fashion
52. Wait on
55. Part of a list
57. Broadcasts
59. Be sick
60. Diamonds, slangily
62. Opposite WSW
63. Toothpaste tube letters
64. Landscaper's need

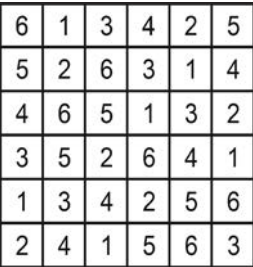
Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #953



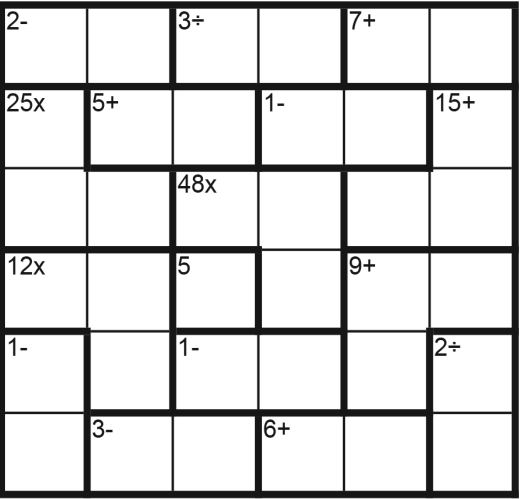
Sudoku answers from #953



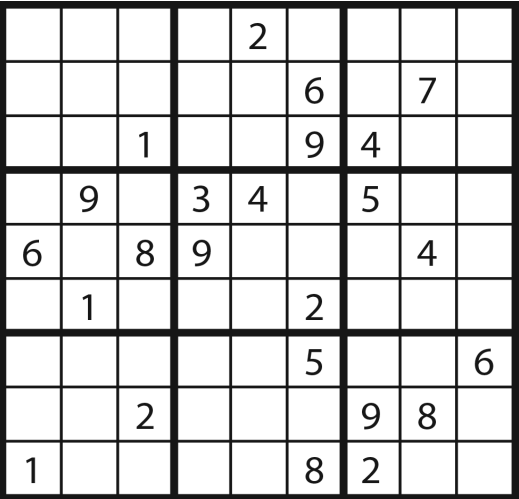
JoshJosh answers from #953

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



Difficulty hard



Difficulty medium

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- AgeLinc provides a luncheon and monthly education opportunity for any family/partner caregiver on the third Wednesday of every month. AgeLinc also hosts an annual Caregiver Conference to connect caregivers with local resources.

SHIP-Senior Health Insurance Program

- AgeLinc provides free Medicare education and enrollment assistance throughout the year. Have questions about your benefits, open enrollment, plans comparisons, or are new to Medicare? Call to make an appointment with a certified SHIP counselor.

Benefit Access

- AgeLinc can help low-income seniors ages 65 and older or individuals with disabilities apply for reduced-cost car registration and free bus passes through the Illinois Department on Aging. Call for further details regarding application requirements.

Information and Assistance

- Have a question about transportation, nutrition, care, benefits, financial assistance, or any resources in your community? AgeLinc can help! Our program specialists can answer your questions and guide you to the appropriate agencies and resources.

PrideLinc

- AgeLinc provides a weekly luncheon and education opportunity for LGBTQ+ seniors in our service area.

Navigating Senior Living Options

- AgeLinc can meet with you to discuss Senior Living Options for a family member, loved one, or friend. We can schedule tours for Independent Living, Assisted Living, Supportive Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing communities in our area, as well as answer general questions about Senior Living Options.

Veteran Directed Care

- AgeLinc has partnered with the Illiana-Danville VA Medical Center to provide the Veteran Directed Care program. This program assists veterans with acquiring in-home support services to help them remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. Give us a call for details!