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End run for data center developer

New plan calls for bypassing Logan County Board, annexation into Latham

DATA CENTERS | Dean Olsen

Hut 8 Corp. could avoid scrutiny from the Logan County Board if it convinces Latham Village Board members to annex the proposed site of the company's planned 500-megawatt data center – two miles west of the village – and thus take control over the future of the \$5 billion project.

The five-member Village Board – in charge of a community with 350 residents, a handful of village employees, total annual revenues of \$291,000, no stoplights and virtually no businesses – plans to meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 3 to hold a public hearing and vote on the plan at Village Hall, 220 N. Main St.

The village's attorney, James Jankowicz, said the proposed annexation wouldn't take effect unless owners of property in between the data center site and village boundaries petition the board to annex their own property into the village. That process wouldn't take place until after the Aug. 3 vote, he said.

An official from Hut 8, a Miami-based, publicly traded company, told *Illinois Times* in a statement that it just wants to help the community most affected by the 200-acre Logan Prairie Data Center about 30 miles northeast of Springfield.

"We believe the proposed structure would more directly connect the project's economic benefits with the village located closest to the project," said Gregory Irwin, Hut 8 senior vice president for energy origination and asset management.

Latham Village President Theodore Allen, 68, a retired state prison correctional officer, at first was an opponent of the data center when it was proposed to county officials seven months ago.

He said he changed his mind after learning how the village could benefit.

"If we can improve our little town, I'm all for it," he said. "Our community could use a lot of upgrades."

Hut 8 has proposed a "community benefit agreement," to be voted on by the Village Board at the same time as the annexation agreement and new zoning classification, that would allow for a large-scale data center, in which the village would receive \$8 million to \$11 million a year for its budget once the center is operational.

Based on the village's current budget, that amount would increase the village's annual revenues by 27-fold to 38-fold over a 15-year



Gregory Irwin, Hut 8 Corp. senior vice president for energy origination and asset management, speaks to the public about the company's proposed \$5 billion data center near Latham on Jan. 5 at a meeting of the Logan County Board's Zoning and Economic Development Committee at the County Courthouse in Lincoln.

PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

period – or by more than 2,600%.

The money would allow Latham to improve its water system, create a municipal sewer system that replaces individual septic systems, and improve its public parks, Allen said.

Allen said three of the four other village board members appear to like Hut 8's plans. Allen said he doesn't consider the village's consideration of the proposal rushed, and he said Hut 8 hasn't given him any reason not to trust the company.

"I look at it this way: It's coming, one way or the other," he said.

Irwin said the funding for Latham wouldn't stop other relevant taxing bodies, such as county government, the Mount Pulaski school district and Laenna Township from benefitting from the additional property taxes that would be generated by the data center. Hut 8 has said the project would create 200 full-time, permanent jobs and hundreds of temporary construction jobs.

"The village of Latham would have direct authority to administer and enforce the applicable zoning requirements, giving

village officials direct, hands-on oversight of the project and Hut 8's compliance with its commitments," Irwin said.

"The taxable financial commitments to the county will remain the same, including benefits from the collection of taxes that go to the Latham Fire Department and Laenna Township," Irwin said.

Hut 8 has said the center would bring in about \$65 million a year in new property taxes for Logan County taxing bodies, though other estimates put the new revenue at \$16 million per year.

Opponents of the project told *IT* this latest move by Hut 8 took them by surprise. They said it shows the ruthless and cunning nature of a company they said shouldn't be trusted. The opponents said they still hold out hope that the project can be defeated at the village or county level.

Opponents said Latham would have even fewer resources than Logan County government to ensure Hut 8 is abiding by village and county codes, fulfilling its promises and not creating environmental hazards, excessive noise and stress to underground

water supplies.

"I think it is vile," said Rachel Strechman, a resident of Atlanta, Illinois, and founder of Logan County Indivisible. "They're just as sleazy as we thought they were the entire time. I think it's disgusting the way they are cutting out the entire county."

Added Mount Pulaski resident Amanda Maxheimer, a founder of Sustain Logan County Communities, "It just seems like a lot of risk for the village of Latham. There's always a new game plan by Hut 8 to force their way in. I'm still wrapping my arms around it. We didn't see this coming. Maybe we should have."

Maxheimer said data center opponents plan to hold a town hall meeting on the issue at 6:30 p.m. July 29 at the Latham fire station.

Hut 8 continues to request zoning approval from the Logan County Board for the unincorporated site on farm fields currently owned by other entities two miles west of Latham.

Public hearings and a potential County Board vote on the company's proposed zoning change from agricultural zoning to industrial are still scheduled, as is the company's proposed zoning alternative – approval for "conditional permitted use" in an agricultural zone.

There's a dispute between the Logan County state's attorney and Hut 8's lawyers on whether a technical error in the company's zoning applications will require the requests to be resubmitted and the approval process delayed from August to September.

Hut 8 didn't respond to *Illinois Times*' questions about the reason for the company's concurrent proposals at the county and village level, but critics said the company is wisely keeping its options open if the Latham annexation plan fails.

Jankowicz said he is reviewing, and potentially making changes to, the annexation agreement, zoning ordinance and community benefit agreement proposed by Hut 8's lawyers.

He said the document to be voted on by the Village Board will be available in a few days and can be obtained by filing a Freedom of Information Act request with City Clerk Brandee Allen, the village president's wife, who can be reached at clerkvillageoflatham@yahoo.com. □

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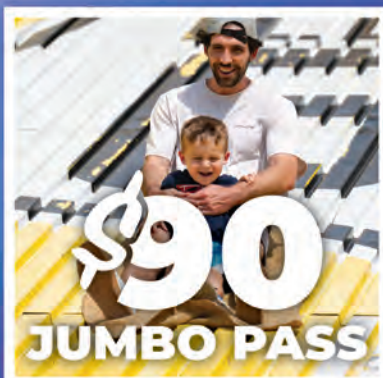
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Exoneree restitution law expanded

New law increases state compensation for the wrongfully convicted

STATE | Karen Ackerman Witter

Advocates for increasing the compensation for people wrongfully convicted celebrated a major victory July 14 when Gov. JB Pritzker signed HB 3663. The new law removes the cap on compensation by the state and allows the Court of Claims to award exonerees up to \$50,000 for each year wrongfully imprisoned. The bill passed the Illinois General Assembly unanimously in the final hours of the spring session after years of advocacy.

Exonerees and their families joined the bill's sponsors, state Sen. Elgie Sims and Rep. Justin Slaughter, along with leaders of the Illinois Innocence Project at a July 14 celebratory event on the south side of Chicago. The audience of nearly 100 stood, cheered and applauded when Stephanie Kamel, director of the Illinois Innocence Project, announced that Pritzker had signed the bill earlier that day.

During formal remarks, Kamel said this marks a monumental shift in how the state compensates exonerees and serves as an official acknowledgment for the grave injustice of being wrongfully imprisoned. It "acknowledges the state's moral obligation to atone for these profound miscarriages of justice," said Kamel.

Kamel introduced four exonerees who lived the journey of wrongful convictions and helped get the bill across the finish line. Collectively, these four individuals spent 132 years in prison. Some are now eligible to apply to the Court of Claims for the increased level of compensation. Others are not eligible because the provisions are not retroactive, but they advocated on behalf of others. Many other exonerees were in the audience, celebrating this accomplishment.

Brian Beals was exonerated in Dec. 2023 after serving 35 years. He was 22 and in college studying law enforcement when he was wrongfully convicted. While in prison, his mother and brother both died. Beals acknowledged his sister, who stayed with him through his journey.

"It is good to see the legislature work the way it is supposed to," said Beals. "No amount of money can replace what we lost as a community of exonerees. But, it goes a long way to help."

He spoke about the many challenges of learning how to acclimate and navigate society after so many years and the realities of being released with no home.

The increase in compensation won't



Speakers at the July 14 event were (left to right): James Kluppelberg, Brian Beals, state Sen. Elgie Sims, IIP director Stephanie Kamel, Rep. Justin Slaughter, Johnnie Savory and Jimmy Soto. PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

impact James Kluppelberg, who spent 25 years wrongfully imprisoned and received a certificate of innocence in 2013. But, he says it is "what's right" and is groundbreaking for people like him.

People are released with no home, no clothes, no property – just a little plastic bag of their belongings. He said the exonerees are only asking for what they could have earned for themselves and to level the playing field somewhat.

Kluppelberg acknowledged the difficulty of finding work. After he was released, he sent out 400 job applications over a year's time. Sometimes he received a response that employers don't hire convicted murderers, even though he was exonerated. Kluppelberg said the increased compensation will also help exonerees avoid going to predatory lending places, which was the only option for many.

Jimmy Soto has the distinction of being the longest wrongfully convicted person in Illinois history, serving 42 years. "No amount of money can give our lives back," said Soto. But, the money will "make life a little easier." He acknowledged it was a team effort to get the legislation enacted, and it was "long overdue."

While incarcerated, he earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University's Prison Education Program, and he is now pursuing law school.

"Being exonerated doesn't mean things are great," said Soto. Housing is a challenge and things can still come up on individuals'

records even though they've been cleared of a crime. The compensation "will help with financial struggles, but it doesn't alleviate the pain and suffering," said Soto.

Johnnie Savory was 14 when he was convicted and 44 when he was released. He faced death row two times. He thanked God and the many people who shook his hand and kept their word. He lost his father, grandmother and two sisters during his time in prison. His 10-year-old daughter was with him at the event. Savory said he hopes she will become a champion for justice.

"We all have a moral obligation to protect the innocent," said Savory. "God asks us to use our words. We used our voices and were heard by Senator Sims and Representative Slaughter."

Savory said he went into prison because of hate, but he came out of prison because of love. "We are going to take this good and spread it around the nation...use our voice and say, 'I love you.'"

Slaughter was the lead House sponsor. "It's been an honor of the lifetime to be on the forefront of criminal justice reform," he said. He thanked the Illinois Innocence Project for its tireless efforts, noting that the first bill was introduced in 2019.

"To our heroes, the exonerees, there are not enough words in the English language to describe your resilience and ability to persevere," said Slaughter. "I'm in awe of how you've utilized your life experiences to be a

catalyst for change."

Slaughter explained that the increase in compensation brings Illinois up to the federally recommended minimum standard for exoneree compensation set in the Justice for All Act of 2004. Previously Illinois had a cap on the amount of money exonerees could receive. As a result, the longer people were in prison, the less they received per year, resulting in an average compensation from the state of \$11,000 per year of wrongful incarceration. This is far below compensation awarded by many other states.

Slaughter said it was important for other legislators to hear the exonerees' stories about the adverse impacts of incarceration and being removed from family. With no retirement and no Social Security, the state compensation assists exonerees in rebuilding their lives.

Slaughter noted that Illinois has been called "the wrongful conviction capital of the nation" with the most exonerees and leading in false confessions. "This bill is motivation and a stepping stone for criminal justice reform," he said.

Slaughter applauded the governor, whom he described as a partner in criminal justice reform. The exoneree bill started with Rep. Mary Flowers and ended with Sims. Slaughter introduced Sims and said, "Never underestimate the heart of a champion."

Sims thanked the Illinois Innocence Project. "We don't stand here today without your advocacy," he said. "Some people say this is getting a second chance. That's not the case. It is righting a wrong."

Sims also said that any law is only as good as it is implemented. As the Senate's chief budget negotiator, he ensured that the state budget included \$10 million dedicated to the purpose of exoneree compensation.

Following the formal remarks, a video from the governor was shown. Pritzker described the legislation as a major stride in criminal legal reform and accountability to those wrongfully convicted and imprisoned and said compensation will help individuals find housing, regain financial stability and return to their lives and loved ones. □

Karen Ackerman Witter is a freelance writer and attended the July 14 event representing Illinois Times. Her husband, Randy Witter, is a retired lobbyist who volunteered with the Illinois Innocence Project for many years to pass the exoneree compensation bill.

Redeveloping the Y Block

City Council approves plans to transfer ownership to state to develop a park and amphitheater

DEVELOPMENT | Dean Olsen

A Springfield City Council member questioned why the city would consider giving away the Y block without more than a \$4 million commitment from state officials to construct a permanent outdoor amphitheater ringed by a public park.

"We're going to give an important block away for free," Ward 3. Ald. Roy Williams Jr. said at the City Council's July 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting. "I don't think it's the smartest thing."

Williams on July 21 was the lone council member to vote against an ordinance to transfer ownership of the 2.25-acre site to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He previously said he would vote in favor of it because the concept is supported by Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, in whose ward the Y block sits. Williams said he generally defers to the wishes of the council member who represents the area proposed for a project.

Williams said the city has spent about \$10 million on Y block development so far, although those numbers were disputed by Mayor Misty Buscher, who helped broker the deal with the state. That amount, Williams said, includes the \$1.5 million that the city paid the state to purchase the block – then home to the former YWCA building – during the administration of former Mayor Mike Houston.

The city should have held out for more in negotiations, such as a lease agreement, a commitment to bring more state workers back to downtown Springfield, or language that would require the property to transfer back to the city if state funding falls through, Williams said.

Buscher, however, said the proposed terms are appropriate and fair for the city.

The mayor said the city's public works department has documented \$4.6 million in city spending on the Y block, not \$10 million.

Williams' proposed amendment to establish a firm deadline for the state to complete the work and guarantee the property's future use as a public park failed when Buscher voted "no" to break a 4-4 tie.

The overall ordinance passed 7-1, with Williams voting "no" and Ward 8 Ald. Erin Conley voting "present" because she is employed by DNR. Ward 6 Ald. Jennifer Notariano was absent.

The \$4.6 million, the mayor said, includes the purchase price, soil studies conducted by Buscher's staff and during the administration of her predecessor, Jim Langfelder, and other



Erick Huck, senior landscape architect at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, speaks in front of the Springfield City Council on July 14 about the state's request to acquire and spend \$4 million to develop the downtown Y block into a public park and natural amphitheater. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

site work, including demolition of the YWCA building.

The state Department of Natural Resources' investment would more than exceed the city's costs when considering future maintenance costs that would be covered by the state, Buscher said.

"We're spending similar monies, and we don't have the staff to maintain the grounds," she said. "They have the staff. DNR takes care of parks all the time, and those folks will be there maintaining it year-round."

"I think it is a partnership ... because we've all invested money in this, and we're all going to win with this project," Buscher said.

The mayor noted that city officials agreed to donate city-owned land for other important projects, including the state-owned and operated Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and the Springfield Park District's Henson Robinson Zoo.

The popularity of the free concerts as part of the summertime Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series Presented by PNC, using a temporary stage on the Y block, has demonstrated that the public wants a more permanent site for outdoor entertainment at the site, Buscher said. Levitt

AMP concerts, as well as other performers who haven't been able to use the Y block, will be able to use the fully developed site, she said.

"It is this administration's opinion to get projects completed and done, and work with the community, and give the community what they're asking for," she said. "The community would like to see a natural park and this Levitt AMP continue on. Look at the different things that can go on at that stage."

DNR Deputy Director Russell Orrill and IDNR senior landscape architect Erick Huck told the council the state wants to do what it can to beautify the capital city's downtown.

Orrill said it would be free for the public to visit the park, although groups of 20 or more might be required to pay a \$25 activity fee for holding any events.

If city officials approve the plan, state officials said engineering and design work, as well as decisions on awarding contracts, could be completed in about a year. Construction would go on for six to eight months, they said, which means the project could be done in 2028.

The DNR officials outlined details and presented schematic drawings of their plans

at the July 14 council meeting. They said the designs feature all native Illinois plants, shaded gathering areas with the planting of 50 trees, ADA-accessible walking paths and a natural play area for children.

The focal point of the proposed North Mansion Park would be a natural limestone amphitheater with seating for 500 people, along with open lawn seating for an additional 1,000 to 3,000 people.

Gregory said he appreciated the questions Williams raised, but Gregory was eager to finally see progress after years of delays associated with other plans.

"I want this thing to go," Gregory said. "I'm tired of dealing with it. ... We don't have the money to develop it."

Gregory told *Illinois Times* that he has rarely seen such enthusiasm among his fellow council members for a project. "I wish we had this energy for other parts of the community, but we often don't," he said.

"Thank God for the Levitts," Gregory said. "They've shown us what that space can be and will be. I care about people enjoying the Y block."

The \$4 million for development of the Y block originally was set aside by the General Assembly in the state's fiscal 2025 budget.

The Y block at one time was the site of an automobile repair shop, and site studies conducted by the Buscher administration identified some work that needs to be done on soil below the surface to remove any potential risks to public health before construction would begin, Orrill said.

"There is no imminent threat to public health or safety at the site," he said.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is figuring out what mitigation work needs to be done, and the agency's recommendations should be available by late August, Orrill said.

State officials have included in a proposed written deal with the city that the state has the option to pull out if the state deems the required mitigation work too expensive for the state to afford.

But Orrill said the IEPA's findings were "not out of the ordinary," and state officials believe the project is likely to become a reality if City Council members give their blessing. □

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Illinois Sports Hall of Fame in the works

Entrepreneur signs letter of intent to build in Legacy Pointe

DEVELOPMENT | Adrian Dater

Chicago Bulls fans who want to see authentic Michael Jordan memorabilia in a hall of fame can do that, provided they make the journey to the NBA Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Soon, if all goes as planned, Springfield, Illinois, will also be home to Jordan artifacts, not to mention any other famous players and teams from Illinois.

On Thursday at Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe, a letter of intent was signed by the Legacy Pointe owners and Tim Turpin, an Indiana entrepreneur, to build the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame on roughly four to six acres of the facility grounds. A summer 2028 grand opening is the target date, Turpin told *Illinois Times*.

Actual blueprints have yet to be drawn up, and much hinges still on whether Turpin can raise the estimated \$7.5 million to complete construction, but Turpin is optimistic Illinois sports fans will be able to see artifacts and displays honoring just about every pro, college and high school team in the state.

"We're going to have the outside of the building done up in the colors and logos of every big pro and college team, and maybe some high school teams, from the state of Illinois," Turpin said. "Cubs fans, Bears fans, Bulls fan, Illini fans – every team imaginable fans – will see their team driving by on



The Legacy Pointe owners and Tim Turpin, an Indiana entrepreneur, signed a letter of intent July 16 to build the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame on roughly four to six acres of the facility grounds. PHOTO COURTESY TIM TURPIN

(Interstate) 72 and say, 'Hey, we gotta stop in there.'"

Turpin, who has developed halls of fame in states such as Indiana, Ohio and Alabama, will try to raise the money necessary by offering sponsorships of displays inside and out of the building, along with brick sponsorships in a large plaza entering the facility. The HOF building would be toward the south side of the sports complex, Turpin

said, closer to I-72.

Admission to the building, Turpin said, would be \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids, with no charge for kids if they are part of a team participating in tournaments and other events at the sports complex.

Inside, every pro and college Illinois team will have dedicated sections honoring their past, and a large section for the Illinois High School Association will feature the same –

along with many other sports that had/have a famous Illinoisan.

Outside, Turpin hopes to construct statues of Illinois team icons such as Jordan, Ernie Banks and Walter Payton, among others.

Turpin cited figures of 2 million people that annually visit the Scheels store next to the sports complex, plus another 2 million estimated to visit the sports complex itself, for giving the Hall of Fame a "built-in audience."

Steve Luker, a managing partner of the Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe, told *Illinois Times*, "We're very happy to have the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame be on our grounds and to be moving forward with this."

While the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame has yet to exist in brick-and-mortar form, one has existed online for two years, with Turpin as the principal organizer. As such, an annual dinner honoring the latest inductees took place in Springfield last year and will happen again on July 25 at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield Hotel downtown.

This year's inductees include former Cardinals pitcher Jason Isringhausen (from Brighton, Illinois), former Harlem Globetrotters star Mannie Jackson and basketball coach Cuonzo Martin, among others. □



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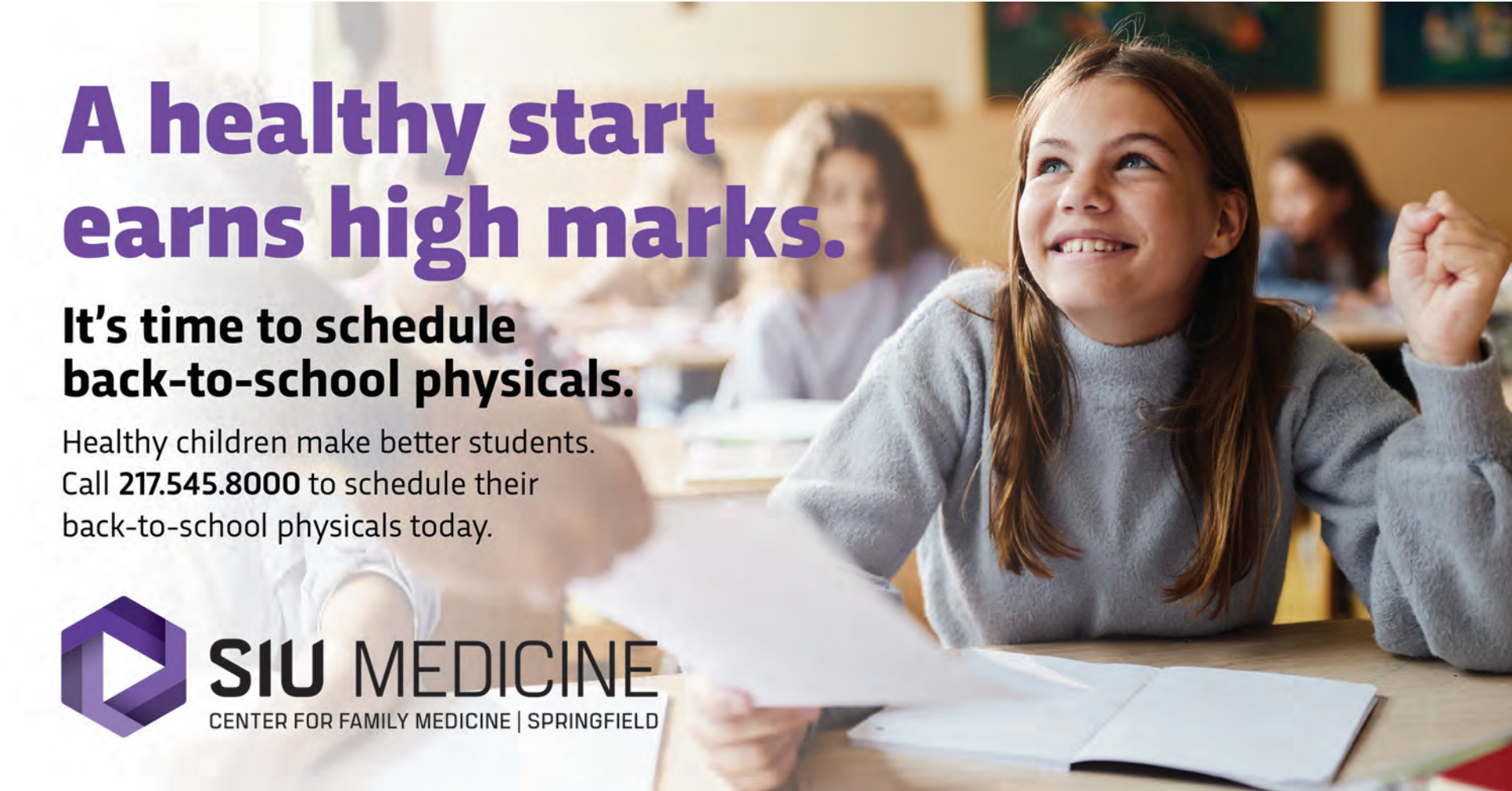


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Solar company, landowner sue Sangamon County

Sangamon County sued for the second time in as many weeks over zoning issues

SOLAR | Dilpreet Raju

For the second time in as many weeks, the Sangamon County Board was served a lawsuit seeking to overturn a Board zoning decision.

In June, the board's legal adviser and assistant state's attorney, Joel Benoit, warned the board of potential legal action from Summit Ridge Energy. He said the petition for a 20-acre solar farm on Lenhart Road submitted by the Virginia-based company, which has more than 100 solar farms in Illinois, follows legal guidelines.

"The proponent would have a good case if, in fact, all the requirements of applicable law were met and we denied it," he said in response to questions from board members at the June 9 meeting.

However, he said nearby residents objecting based on a possible decline in property values would not have a strong case against the county. "In my opinion, they could sue the county, but they would be unsuccessful."

The Board voted it down 15-8. Five board members were absent, although even if all five had been in attendance and voted for it, it would not have been enough votes to approve the project.

The state's overarching laws on renewable energy zoning specifically "requires counties to allow commercial, utility-scale solar and wind energy conversion systems to be sited in areas zoned for agricultural or industrial use," according to a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign fact page. "A county can have more lax requirements than called for in state law, but it cannot have more restrictive requirements."

The Board's Zoning and Land Use Committee approved an amendment June



Sangamon County Complex sign, October 2025. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

18 that attempts to regulate solar and wind projects after an appellate court ruling earlier in June granted local governments more decision-making power for renewable energy projects.

Daniel Hamilton, a partner at the Springfield-based law firm of Brown, Hay and Stephens, told the committee that petitioners could claim older law should apply.

"We could potentially put them on notice and tell them that these are the new rules. However, they won't be the new rules until

they're final," Hamilton said. "If someone comes in and wants to do an activity, whatever that activity is, if they have knowledge that the law is changing or changed, they can claim that the old law should apply. Then it's their burden to prove that they've had sufficient expenditures of funds, they've relied on the law as it was previously, those sorts of things."

That's precisely what a team of lawyers from national law firm Polsinelli is arguing on behalf of the landowner, Springfield business owner Mark Roberts III, and Summit Ridge

Energy in a July 14 court filing.

"Once the application was found to meet all solar siting ordinance requirements as well as... other state and federal statutes and regulations, approving the siting approval permit became a ministerial, nondiscretionary act" thanks to state law and the county's existing solar ordinance, the lawsuit states.

It also claims it would be "unlawful" for the County Board to deny the project on the basis of a solar project diminishing property values — a pattern that studies of real estate sales in recent years have observed.

"The County Board's only bases for denying the Application were objections relating to property value impacts and other objections based on the Project's compatibility with the surrounding area. None of those bases were justifiable reasons to deny the permit," the lawsuit reads. "To the extent County Board votes to deny issuing the permit were based on the project's impacts to property value concerns, such reason is unlawful."

The suit claims the County Board's review criteria for issuing siting permits "does not include a review of property value impacts." Zoning administrator Trustin Harrison acknowledged during the board's June meeting that the county has never studied the issue.

It also cites the same state statute a group of Waverly residents referenced in their July 6 lawsuit that states 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.

No judge has been assigned to the case yet, and no initial court date is set. □

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OPINION

LETTERS

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JUST SAY NO

Sounds to me like most residents don't want it ("Crowd reacts to Christian County data center plan," June 25). Christian County Board, there's your sign. Vote no on the damn thing and move on with other business. That's the way it works.

Eric Pope

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

HYPOCRISY

Corporations have a right to conduct business, and citizens have the right to use government power to demand regulations that prevent those corporations from doing public harm.

I do so enjoy watching conservatives care about regulations and government interference in the private sector when they need the power of government for their desires without batting an eye. Amusing.

Rob Ross

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

DOUBLE STANDARD

Not for me but fine for thee – says wealthy people everywhere to the working class.

Susan Masterson

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

Pony

I was an only child for a year during the War. Big sisters in college, brother out west for his health. I went to a farm auction with my dad; the farmer had died, and the wife was selling everything. "Do you want a horse?" my dad asked. "Sure!" I replied. So, my dad paid \$100, and put me in the saddle, slapped the horse's flank and said, "Ride him home!" I started out but the horse proved to be a skitterer. He balked at everything, going backwards round and round. Torn paper fluttering in a fence, the concrete culvert markings. He'd refuse to go forward, then shoot ahead and gallop for a mile. I was near tears when my dad caught up to me and had a hired man take over riding the horse. I rode that horse after school every night – he would inch away from the farm, with many of kicks and when we turned back he would gallop like wind to the barn. He finally hurt his leg so badly he went to the dairy for nursing and glared at me when I visited. I stood with my uncle watching the injured beast. My uncle said, "We had a pony when we were kids. I walked out behind the barn once and saw a hired man doing something very peculiar." I walked away and never rode that pony again. I didn't ask my uncle, I sort of knew what. My horse never healed enough to ride and my dad sold him. I think I earned \$100 worth in Horsemanship!

2026 Jacqueline Jackson



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

BAD TRADE-OFF

They always say the taxes will benefit the local schools. It's their favorite line to try to pull to get people on board with things they wouldn't actually agree with doing. Schools never see the money – or very little of it, anyway. It's a bad trade-off, and it's a joke.

Nothing is worth any amount of money for destroying our environment and stealing and polluting drinking water for us and future generations.

Kate Peters

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NEED TRANSPARENCY

I hope real progress is made in the next few months (by the Sangamon County Mental Health Board), and that there is more transparency ("New Mental Health Board meets," July 2).

So far, it's been difficult to find more than meeting minutes – little more than an outline – and give input, especially input from impacted people and groups. Public comment is severely limited.

Heather D. Renee

Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

COULD HELP MANY

I hope we can see some projects regarding working with adults with undiagnosed neurodivergence. These workers often struggle to meet unclear expectations and to know how to integrate their differences into traditional work environments. This is a primary contributor to substance abuse and what is viewed as poor performance.

Disseminating information on things such as rejection sensitivity dysphoria and emotional self-regulation and distraction or hyperfocus along with some tips and tricks could help people who are struggling just to keep a job or manage their lives.

Additionally, counseling focused on managing money when you are highly impulsive can be a game changer for many.

Yes, we have lots of people unable to succeed because of major mental illness or disability, but we also have lots of people who just keep banging off the bottom of Maslow's triangle because of deficiencies in executive function. A little help in this area could go a long way for large swaths of the population.

Diane Ott Atkins

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OPINION

GOP campaign coffers low on cash

POLITICS | Rich Miller

The Illinois Republican Party filed its quarterly campaign finance report on the July 15 deadline. The party reported having just \$223,000 in the bank. The next day, the party sent a letter to the Illinois State Board of Elections saying they were “reconciling” their records after a leadership change, and then noted that their actual end balance was \$101,000 higher than it had reported the day before.

But that bit of found money was basically the end of the “good news” for the GOP last week.

Republicans no longer have a pet billionaire. Bruce Rauner and Ken Griffin have fled the state. The legions of wealthy business titans who once contributed and raised money have either retired to sunnier climes or passed away. Several prominent party members have publicly shunned labor unions and their hefty political war chests, although the state GOP legislative leaders have at least tried to rebuild ties to trade unions and even the Illinois Education Association. But the heavily gerrymandered legislative map combined with the current political climate mean they’ll mostly receive scraps.

And, yes, the House Democrats are struggling this month with scandals, including a state representative who resigned under pressure and another who was indicted. I’m not trying to downplay that at all. But Democrats have the national political environment, the local infrastructure and tons of cash behind them. The Republicans have little to none of that.

The GOP’s gubernatorial candidate, Darren Bailey, raised \$1.3 million in the second quarter, which ended June 30th. That sounds like a lot, but he spent almost all of that on direct mail fundraising costs. The huge expenditures do give him a prospect list for future fundraising, but he ended the quarter with a mere \$128,000 in the bank. That was still a whole lot more than the rest of the statewide ticket.

Attorney general nominee Bob Fioretti, a perennial candidate, raised \$31,000, spent \$39,000 and had \$28,000 on hand at the end of the quarter along with almost \$15,000 in recent debt. Secretary of state candidate Diane Harris raised \$6,000, spent a bit more than \$4,000 and had a paltry \$1,816.42 in the bank. Treasurer candidate Max Solomon, who ran as a write-in during the primary because the party failed to recruit anyone, raised less than \$3,000, reported no spending and ended the quarter with less than \$8,000. Comptroller candidate Bryan Drew raised

\$30,000 and received \$47,000 in in-kind contributions from a company owned, ironically, by independent gubernatorial candidate Collin Corbett. Drew spent less than \$3,000, ended with \$54,000 and had \$25,000 in debt from earlier this year.

Man, that’s just downright pathetic.

But I suppose it doesn’t really matter anyway unless we see a massive sea-change in national opinion in the coming months or the federal government finds a way to not certify certain election results. Regardless of where individual candidates are at this moment, they’ll have the money to compete. Unlike the Republicans, the Dems do have a pet billionaire (JB Pritzker) and, I assume eventually for most of them, organized labor.

The Republican legislative leaders have tried to scrape and claw as much as they can, but they’re vastly outgunned. Senate Republican Leader John Curran raised just \$75,000 in the second quarter. He spent \$71,000 and reported having a bit more than \$3 million in the bank. His caucus committee reported having \$160,000 in the bank.

Leader Curran has three Republican-held

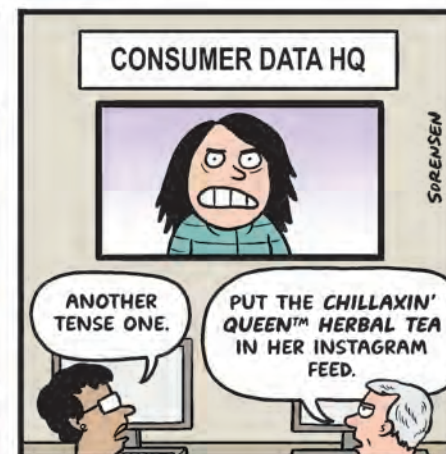
districts to defend in the Chicago media market that have all trended Democratic in the last three cycles. Depending on how bad things get, he could be defending a couple-two-three more.

The Senate Democrats have a ton of money to do whatever they want. Senate President Don Harmon has about \$20 million in his personal campaign account and \$1.7 million in his caucus account.

Over in the House, Republican Leader Tony McCombie has at least four Democratic-trending or swingy districts to defend and just \$1.3 million in her personal campaign account and another \$363,000 in her caucus account so far.

In contrast, House Speaker Chris Welch had \$11.4 million in his personal account and \$1.2 million in his caucus account. Like Harmon, he has more than enough money already, but more is never enough when there’s so much out there, so those numbers will likely rise by November. □

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Natural play space

The Y block becomes a Y park

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

Its downtown might lack a public but Springfield has built lots of public spaces, just in case. Even though few of these spaces are much used, the city looks set to get another one. The state's Department of Natural Resources is in talks with the city of Springfield to convert the city's long-vacant Y block into a park-ish outdoor performance venue.

The project is the fruit of efforts by our two most recent First Couples to see the lot across the street from the Governor's Mansion safe from development. The genesis of the project was the desire of Bruce and Diana Rauner — remember them? — to have that land made into a park. The JB Pritzkers subsequently have endorsed the Rauners' hope for a public space that would complement the Governor's Mansion grounds.

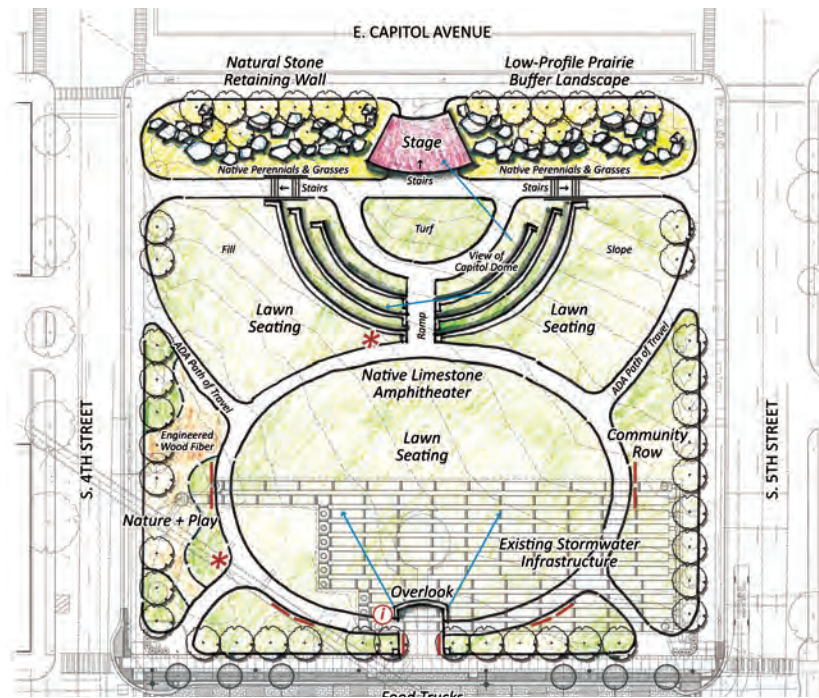
Specifically, the new IDNR scheme resembles a version of "Bicentennial Park" that was proposed back in 2017 by Sue and Kent Massie, the Springfield landscape architects. They included a small space for open air performances, although their version was meant to be a temporary use of a property that someday, surely, inevitably would be redeveloped as commercial property. What was merely a feature of the Massie concept has become the centerpiece of the plan by the Pritzker IDNR. Situated on the north bank of the long-buried creek, the lot is a natural amphitheater. Its potential as a concert venue was confirmed by the popular Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series. If all goes well those concerts might soon take place in a permanent amphitheater with what looks like limestone benches for 500 people plus open lawn seating for an additional 1,000 to 3,000 of the kind of folks who always have lawn chairs in the back of the car.

Even in the menagerie that is American

philanthropy, the Levitt Family Foundation stands out as an odd one. It helps "activate" underused outdoor spaces with offerings of free live music in neglected parks, vacant lots and industrial wastelands. (The first one was staged atop an old town dump.) An underused outdoor space the Y block certainly was, and with a seasonal bill of only 10 summer performances even the spiffed-up version seems likely to remain underused. Pritzker said in 2024 that any new development should be used by the public year-round, which leaves the problem of January and February for program planners to solve. I am emboldened to repeat the suggestion I made in these pages in 2017. The sloping site

would make a nice sledding hill, and I look forward to our convivial governor coming over after a snow and joining other Illinoisans in a race to the bottom.

Please note that plans are still in the "this could be nice" stage. They include a landscaped buffer along Capitol Avenue (made of prairie plants to make certain no one steals them) and "a natural play space for children." (That sounds like a dud; children these days seem to prefer to play inside their phones.) Also on the wish list is the inevitable "interpretive signage" — signs with college degrees — that will recall the history of the block, including information about the former YWCA building that gave it its name.



One would hope that mention also will be made of some of the other major buildings that died so that the new park might be born such as the Hotel Abraham Lincoln and the Majestic Theatre. For decades the empty block was itself an unofficial monument to Springfield's failed redevelopment policy; let us hope that this history is noted as well.

It is the duty of us professional know-it-alls to look gift horses in the mouth. The site is prone to flooding and the old Town Branch of Spring Creek still runs beneath it through an ancient sewer; dancing is good, jumping up and down is out. We are told that the construction costs will be about \$4 million in state money and maintenance will be trusted to the state rather than to a city government that is having to remove the fountain from the old municipal building plaza because it can't afford to keep it up.

Unaccounted for, however, is the project's opportunity cost, meaning the cost of foregoing other development that might have gone there. We also might quibble about the wisdom of building a permanent amphitheater for a free concert series supported by private philanthropy. And remember that this is just a plan and that the Y block became the Y block because the state of Illinois bought and leveled it to make room for a proposed courts complex that the state never built.

Oh well. As proposed, the Y park will be a plus for downtown even if it is not what downtown Springfield needs. City officials touting it as a win apparently took to heart my advice about this block in 2017. When you can't do what ought to be done, pretend that you ought to do what you can do. □

James Krohe has been writing in IT about what became the Y block since 1978.

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“Justice was denied”

The unusual criminal case of Earl Moore’s death continues to impact the community

COURTS | Dean Olsen

Through her sobs, the mother of Earl Moore Jr. told a Sangamon County judge how the death of her 35-year-old son at the hands of two ambulance company workers in 2022 has affected their immediate and extended family.

“The ripple effect of this loss will be reflected for generations,” Rose Washington told Circuit Court Judge Robin Schmidt at the June 23 sentencing hearing for Springfield resident and former emergency medical technician Peter Cadigan, 53. “No matter what sentence is imposed today, he is still dead. ... He deserved dignity. He deserved humanity.”

The sentence Schmidt handed down at the end of the hearing – two years’ probation and no prison time, one of the lightest sentences Cadigan could have received after his guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter – angered and disgusted a family that feels like it’s in a “horror movie,” according to community activist Teresa Haley.

Forensic pathologist Dr. Scott Denton of Bloomington ruled that Moore died from “compressional and positional asphyxia” after he was placed face-down, or prone, by Cadigan on a LifeStar Ambulance Service gurney and then strapped down tightly by Cadigan.

Cadigan and supervising paramedic Peggy Finley, 47, were dispatched to Moore’s home on Springfield’s east side in the early morning hours of Dec. 18, 2022, by police at the scene. Police said Moore was hallucinating and reportedly going through alcohol withdrawal, though toxicology tests after his death showed alcohol in his system.

Cadigan and Finley initially were charged by Dan Wright, then the state’s attorney, with first-degree murder, and the murder charge against Finley, 47, remains pending while she is free and awaiting trial. The next hearing in her case is scheduled for Aug. 24 in front of Judge Schmidt.

After Wright was appointed to an associate circuit judge position, Wright’s successor, John Milhiser, decided to offer Cadigan the option of pleading guilty to a lesser felony charge rather than face a murder trial.

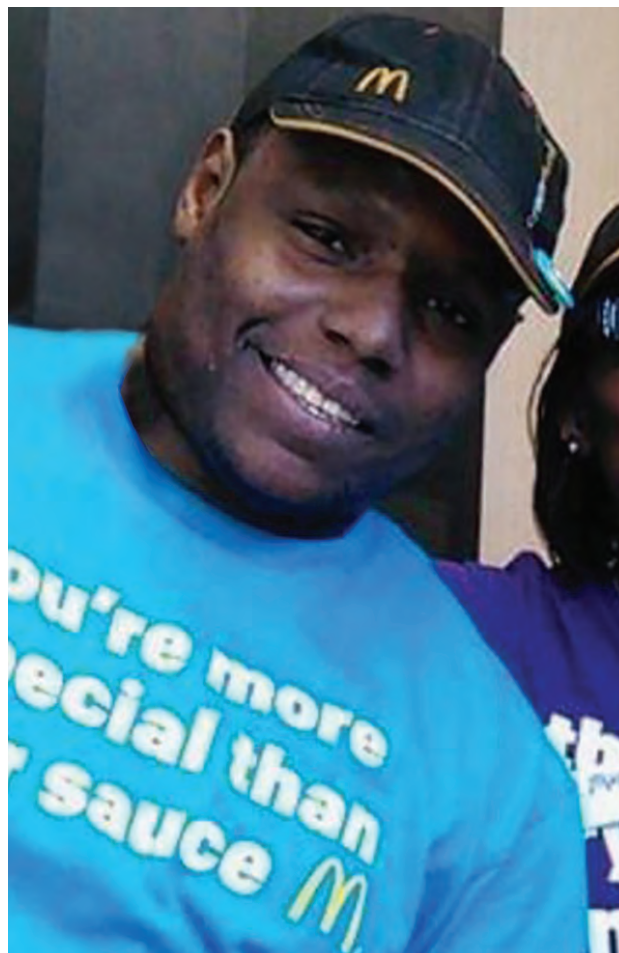
Milhiser, who declined comment on Cadigan’s and Finley’s cases, made his decision after more evidence was collected and testimony was introduced by prosecutors and defense attorneys from experts whose views of the case conflicted on Moore’s cause of death and other aspects.

The Moore family’s outrage

Haley said Moore’s family wanted to see Cadigan receive the maximum for involuntary manslaughter – five years in prison – even though, by law, any sentence could have been reduced by 50% for good behavior, and Cadigan would have received credit for 10 months in jail after his arrest. Special Prosecutor Derek Dion asked the judge for a five-year sentence.

Haley said the family also would have preferred that Milhiser not offer to drop the original first-degree murder charge in exchange for Cadigan’s guilty plea to manslaughter.

A murder conviction could have sent Cadigan to prison for decades. But Haley said Moore’s family respected prosecutors’



Earl Moore Jr., who died in December 2022, was a shift manager at the McDonald's at 522 W. Jefferson St. in Springfield.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MOORE'S FAMILY.

view that this would be the best option to get a conviction.

Haley, a spokesperson for Moore’s family members and immediate past president of the Springfield branch of the NAACP, acknowledged that the suffocation death of Moore, a Black man, at the hands of two white first-responders, resulted in some encouraging developments at the local and national level regarding race relations and emergency medical services.

But Haley wondered why such tragedies are needed to spark change.

“Here’s another example of what not to do,” Haley said. She noted that Sangamon County also received national attention for the July 2024 murder of Sonya Massey, a Black woman shot to death by a Sangamon County sheriff’s deputy later convicted of second-degree murder.

“It always seems to be Black folks that we’re using these case studies on,” Haley said. “Those are good things, but it’s unfortunate that it’s on the back of Black folks.”

Reforms resulted

Moore’s death, after what many would consider rude treatment by Finley that was caught on police body-worn camera video and went viral, led to racial bias training at one of the two ambulance services responding to 911 calls in Springfield.

Moore’s death was part of the community discussion that led to creation of the Massey Commission and the city’s recent purchase of a special ambulance that will be used by the Springfield Fire Department to respond to mental health-related and opioid-related incidents.

The Moore case, one of the first in the nation in which EMS workers were charged with murder for behavior in the course of their duties, has been discussed at national conferences and training sessions of EMS professionals to avoid racial bias and promote more understanding, attentiveness and kindness in tense situations.

“I’ve seen references to this case in professional journals,” said Greg Chance, regional chief executive officer of nonprofit Medics First, a Springfield-based ambulance provider. “I think it’s created awareness nationwide.”

Medics First’s parent organization, Peoria-based nonprofit Advanced Medical Transport of Central Illinois, put in place training that focuses on avoiding “implicit bias” among the organization’s 500 employees beginning in 2023 after the Moore case shined a light on the issue, Chance said.

But those improvements and national awareness don’t reduce the pain in the homes of Moore’s relatives, Haley said. The loss of the former McDonald’s shift manager meant a vacant chair that used to be filled by a beloved son, brother and uncle, she said.

Washington, 60, Moore’s mother, declined an interview request from *Illinois Times*, saying through the family’s attorney, Jennifer Hightower, that she was too upset to speak.

Hightower said in a statement: “Peter Cadigan’s sentence does not change the facts. Earl Moore deserved dignity, compassion and respect during the most vulnerable moment of his life. Instead, he was met with apathy, hate and disregard.” Hightower said the family strongly disagrees with the sentence imposed but respects the judge and the judicial process. “Justice was denied,” she said, adding, “We will continue to fight every day to ensure that Earl Moore’s name is remembered, because he was loved, he mattered, and his life had value.”

The Springfield NAACP branch issued a news release that Cadigan’s sentence “sends a troubling message that the loss of a Black life can be met with minimal consequences” and that “the case underscores the persistent inequities that continue to shape how Black people are treated and perceived within institutions that are entrusted with their care.”

The NAACP also called for “meaningful reforms in emergency medical response, including enhanced training on crisis intervention, patient restraint practices, cultural competency and accountability measures designed to prevent tragedies like this from occurring again.”

Reaction from hospitals and the state

Illinois Times requested interviews with officials from the Illinois Department of Public Health and Springfield’s two acute-care hospitals, all of which regulate and oversee ambulance providers in Springfield and elsewhere in the state. The newspaper, which wanted to ask what ramifications the Moore case had on their operations, instead received statements.

IDPH spokesperson Matthew Matta wrote that the agency revoked the EMS licenses of Cadigan and Finley, an action that appears to be permanent.

“Through continued education and quality improvement,” Matta said, “the department promotes safe emergency medical care that is delivered with professionalism, compassion, and respect. ... The Illinois EMS Act requires that all EMS education programs are aligned with the National EMS Education Standards. ... The department continues to use national best practice models to educate our EMS providers and adapt procedures as deemed necessary. IDPH is continuously evaluating ways to better educate personnel on safety and conduct.”

Springfield Memorial Hospital, which oversees ambulance providers in Springfield, declined to comment on specific training because of “pending legal proceedings,” according to Angie Muhs, spokesperson for the nonprofit hospital and its parent organization, Memorial Health.

“What we can say is this event reinforced Memorial Health’s commitment to providing compassionate, patient-centered care and to continuously evaluating how we serve individuals and families across our communities,” she wrote.

“We remain focused on listening to the community and responding in partnership with them to the needs they bring up,” Muhs said. “We know mental health remains a huge priority, and so we are expanding access to our services and also advancing trauma-informed



In left photo, Peter Cadigan, a former LifeStar Ambulance Service emergency medical technician, apologizes for his actions to Judge Robin Schmidt and the family of Earl Moore Jr. during Cadigan's sentencing hearing on June 23 in Sangamon County Circuit Court. At right, former LifeStar paramedic Peggy Finley, charged with first degree murder in connection with Moore's death in December 2022, attends a June 22 pretrial hearing in her own criminal case. Finley has pleaded not guilty. PHOTO OF CADIGAN BY DEAN OLSEN. PHOTO OF FINLEY BY ZACH ADAMS.

approaches to care both within our health system and among our community partners.”

Mary Massingale, spokesperson for HSHS St. John’s Hospital, said in a statement, “We consistently train EMS providers to ensure every patient interaction is grounded in an objective assessment with clear communication and respect, which aligns with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians education standards.”

An unusual criminal case

Attorneys for Cadigan and Finley never said Moore’s death wasn’t a tragedy. But they have

said from the start that their client’s actions didn’t justify murder charges.

Documents filed by both sides and testimony at Cadigan’s sentencing hearing indicated jurors would have had to sift through conflicting views if his case had gone to trial.

It was clear that Springfield Memorial Hospital’s EMS policies included a strict prohibition on placing patients face-down, rather than on their backs, on ambulance gurneys because of the risk of causing breathing problems.

Denton said his opinion on Moore’s cause

of death was “very grounded.” And another physician, William Engel from Virginia, backed up Denton’s findings and said the “chain of events” leading to Moore’s death could have been broken if Cadigan or Finley checked Moore’s vital signs or been more vigilant of his symptoms.

Denton, the forensic pathologist who ruled on the cause of death, disagreed with Mark Kroll, a Minnesota-based biomedical scientist testifying as an expert for Cadigan’s defense. Kroll said that the prone placement and straps did not cause Moore’s death in the few minutes it took to transport Moore from

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the scene to St. John's.

Kroll noted that 50 million Americans sleep on their stomachs with no ill effects, and prone positioning helped many patients survive during the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that in his role as a researcher, he never treats patients.

Kroll also doubted that the straps placed and tightened by Cadigan led to the rib fractures found by Denton in an autopsy. Denton attributed those fractures to the straps.

Special Prosecutor Derek Dion contradicted Kroll's theories and said Moore didn't die of a weak heart as the defense suggested.

"He was a weak patient, and he was strapped into a position where he could not breathe," Dion said.

Finley's attorney, Scott Hanken of Springfield, said Cadigan's plea to involuntary manslaughter "heightens the absurdity" of the first-degree murder charge against Finley. Hanken said his client didn't perform any of the acts that prosecutors said led to Moore's death, though prosecutors said she was "legally responsible" for Cadigan's acts as his supervisor.

Wright, when he was state's attorney, refuted Hanken's argument in court hearings on the case, including one at which Wright said Finley falsely characterized Moore as combative at the scene.

"Not only was he not combative, he was the complete opposite of combative," Wright said. "He needed help."

Wright added that the issue in the case against Cadigan and Finley isn't whether there was "some sort of plan to harm this man," but that they acted in a way they knew was contrary to their training.

"It's not the intent to kill," Wright said. "It's not the intent to do great bodily harm. It's what they knew based upon their training and experience and the surrounding circumstances."

Springfield's new ambulance

Springfield Fire Chief Nick Zummo said the city's recently purchased BOLT vehicle, which stands for beacon outreach lifesaving treatment, could be dispatched to cases involving mental health emergencies such as Moore's.

The purchase of the BOLT vehicle, which will carry the label "Rescue One," will be staffed 24 hours a day with firefighters who are emergency medical technicians. A \$160,200 annual contract with Memorial Health will make Memorial mental health specialists available to be dispatched with BOLT to emergencies.

The vehicle will provide more in-depth responses and follow up for what can be complicated cases involving drug overdoses



From left, Rose Washington and Teresa Haley talk with the news media on Dec. 2, 2025, after a Sangamon County Circuit Court hearing when Judge Robin Schmidt granted requests for separate trials from the two former LifeStar Ambulance Service workers charged with first-degree murder in the December 2022 death of Washington's 35-year-old son, Earl Moore Jr. of Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

and mental health difficulties, Zummo said.

The firefighters union has contended that Moore never would have died if the fire department and its own EMTs had been the ones called upon to assist.

The vehicle was purchased by the city with about \$260,000 previously set aside for the city for a city-operated ambulance service that would supplement what is provided by Medics First and America Ambulance.

Funding from the city's share of the national opioid settlement will help pay for the costs of the program, which may be expanded after a trial period of a year or two, Zummo said.

The BOLT vehicle, which is expected to go into service this summer, wasn't a direct result of Moore's death, Zummo said. But he said Moore's death was among many signs that an expanded EMS presence from the fire department is needed.

"This just happened to work out for what we had and the money that was available," Zummo said, adding the rig could respond to about 3,000 calls per year. "This is just a different approach to providing care for the community."

What's next for Cadigan and Moore's family

Both Cadigan and his lawyer, Justin Kuehn of Belleville, were smiling and said they were

relieved after the judge sentenced Cadigan. Kuehn told Schmidt that "there's not a societal gain" with sending Cadigan to prison.

Kuehn said after the hearing that he was relieved but not surprised because there's a "presumption of probation" with an involuntary manslaughter conviction unless probation would detract from the seriousness of the crime.

Schmidt decided that probation was justified even though Dion said Cadigan, who had no prior criminal convictions, deserved prison to deter similar conduct among other EMS workers in the future.

Kuehn said Cadigan has "put his life back together" by finding gainful employment and taking care of his teenage son. Kuehn said Cadigan lost a career he enjoyed and his marriage because of the criminal case.

After the hearing, Cadigan, who apologized to the Moore family during his sentencing, said his mistakes at the scene sent a clear message to those working in EMS.

"This has gone national news," said Cadigan, who now works as a maintenance worker for a senior living complex. "If whatever I did helps prevent this in the future, I don't know what else to say other than that might be good. Unfortunately, it's bad for the situation that I'm in."

Cadigan said he should have obtained more information about Moore's medical history

when he arrived. With that information, Cadigan said, "I could probably (have) help(ed) him a little better. I'm sure it would have changed the outcome."

Haley said Black people who were leery about calling EMS in an emergency after Moore's death remain skittish "because we see what the results are."

If Moore were white and Cadigan and Finley were Black, "it would've been a different outcome," Haley said. "They would have been found guilty on all charges and sent to prison."

Moore's family appreciated Cadigan's apology, Haley said, but it won't bring Moore back to life. She said the family, which received an undisclosed settlement after filing a wrongful death lawsuit against LifeStar, has little faith justice will be served in Finley's case, either.

"Whatever justice looks like, we want her ass to go to jail," Haley said, "and not for two days and not for two weeks. ... We do not feel sorry for these individuals that go around killing Black people and think they can get away with it."

"Black lives matter, just like everybody else's lives matter, and it's got to change in Sangamon County."

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The alchemy of the anchovy

Tiny fish serve as flavor enhancers in stews, pasta sauces and Caesar dressings

FOOD | Peter Glatz

Because everything in a restaurant kitchen requires labeling with masking tape and a black marker, a Sharpie is a permanent fixture in my apron pocket. However, I used to constantly lose them to co-workers who would borrow my Sharpie and never return it. I eventually solved this problem by swapping my black marker's cap for a yellow one – nobody ever wants to borrow a yellow Sharpie! In a similar vein, while my son was away at college, he dissuaded his dormmates from mooching slices of his pizza by always ordering it with anchovies.

Few culinary ingredients polarize diners quite like the humble anchovy. Being into anchovies isn't generally something one gets a whole lot of social support for. Declaring my affections usually means that I have to hear that all too familiar "Ooh, gross! I hate anchovies!" Tamar Adler, author of *An Everlasting Meal*, wrote: "Anchovies divide us into lovers and fighters. No one is neutral. The little fish elicit wistful gazes from their adorers – if you love them, you wonder when you will get your next one – and shudders from objectors, far more numerous, who can't fathom the injustice of ever having to see one of the nasty things again."

Why are many Americans so averse to anchovies? The reason is actually quite simple. Most have never tasted a good one. Roughly 97 percent of what is served on pizzas and similar dishes is absolutely dreadful. Calling it "barely edible" might be too generous; the negative reactions happen for a reason. Poor-quality fish, left too long in ship holds at the docks, are heavily salted to conceal their inherent instability and simply do not taste good. Packing substandard fish into stylish tins does not make it any less terrible.

On the other hand, artisanal options provide a clean, meaty essence of the sea that balances savory sauces much like vanilla enhances baked treats. When subtly incorporated into a slow-simmering tomato sauce, a premium anchovy lifts every flavor in the dish. Packed with natural glutamates, these tiny fish serve as flavor enhancers that dissolve seamlessly into stews, pasta sauces and Caesar dressings. They provide a rich background depth that critics often enjoy without even realizing it.

I compare the impact of anchovies to that of salt. It is obvious when a dish is under-seasoned or overly salty, but when perfectly balanced, it operates quietly in the background, elevating the other ingredients without drawing attention to itself. When



Spaghetti with anchovies and breadcrumbs CREDIT: ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

anchovies are gently heated in oil or butter, they dissolve completely into the fat, infusing it with flavor as they melt away.

Anchovies are available in two forms: oil-packed or salt-packed. Oil-packed fillets are convenient and can be used straight from the jar or tin. I like Fishwife Cantabrian Anchovies in Extra Virgin Olive Oil. A 1.73-ounce tin sells for around \$10. Salt-packed anchovies are another high-quality option. A 28-ounce tin of Agostino Recca Salted Whole Anchovies sells for around \$30. Unlike pre-filleted anchovies packed in oil, the salt-packed variety requires some preparation. You must soak them in water to rinse off the salt and then fillet them by hand to remove all the bones.

Italian salsa verde

Traditionally served with boiled meats and often paired with fish, this tangy green Italian sauce also complements grilled dishes beautifully. When making it for fish, use lemon juice; alternatively, swap in red wine vinegar if serving with meat.

Adapted from Marcella Hazan's *The Classic*

Italian Cookbook, Ballantine Books, 1973.

Ingredients:
2 1/2 tablespoons Italian flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
2 tablespoons capers, finely chopped
6 anchovy fillets, mashed in olive a mortar or a bowl
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar (for meat) or 1 tablespoon strained lemon juice (for fish)
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt, to taste

Preparation:
Put the parsley, capers, mashed anchovy fillets, garlic and mustard in a bowl and stir to mix thoroughly. Add the vinegar or lemon juice and stir again. Add the olive oil, beating it vigorously into the other ingredients. Taste for salt and for piquancy. Add vinegar or lemon juice if you want it tarter, but add very small amounts at a time.

Note: This sauce can be refrigerated for up to a week. Stir it well again before serving.

Spaghetti with anchovies and breadcrumbs

If you don't mention it, nobody will know this pasta dish has anchovies. When gently heated in oil, these tiny fish dissolve completely into the fat, melting away while serving as natural flavor enhancers packed with glutamates. They infuse the dish with a rich background depth that diners often enjoy without ever realizing the anchovies are there.

Serves 4

Ingredients:
Kosher salt
1/2 cup coarse breadcrumbs from stale bread, pulsed in a food processor
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for drizzling
10 ounces of dried spaghetti (approximately 2/3 of a 1 lb package)
6 good-quality oil-packed anchovy fillets, drained
3 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
A pinch of crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
2 tablespoons fresh Italian parsley, chopped

Preparation:
Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil

In a small skillet, warm two tablespoons of the olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the breadcrumbs and toast for about five minutes, stirring frequently, until crisp and uniformly light golden. Remove the skillet from the heat and set it aside.

Drop the spaghetti into the boiling water, cooking it until it is nearly al dente (roughly 1 minute less than the package instructions)

In a large skillet set over medium heat, warm the remaining olive oil while the pasta cooks. Toss in the sliced garlic and anchovies, cooking for two to three minutes, stirring constantly until the garlic turns a pale golden color and the anchovies dissolve completely into the oil. Finally, stir in the red pepper flakes.

Ladle approximately one cup of the starchy pasta water directly into the skillet with the garlic and anchovy oil. Allow it to simmer quickly until the liquid reduces to roughly 2/3 cup.

Using tongs, transfer the al dente spaghetti straight from the water into the skillet and toss vigorously to fully coat the strands. If the sauce seems too tight or dry, splash in another tablespoon or two of the pasta water. Turn off the heat, mix in the chopped parsley, and gently fold in the toasted breadcrumbs right before serving. □

Hoity-toity hilarity

The Legacy's *Me and My Girl* is an irresistible triumph

THEATER | Courtney Wick

Most modern-day audiences are not familiar with this delightfully punny musical comedy, but *Me and My Girl* originally opened as a smash hit in London in 1937 and enjoyed a long run. It is one of those breezy, timeless musicals that any theatergoer can appreciate. The Legacy Theatre provides the ideal backdrop, as its classic red curtain and vintage footlights instantly transport the audience into the 1930s with the very first notes of the overture. This production is colorful, gilded and grand – making for a stellar, first-rate summer evening of theater.

The plot, though not terribly important, revolves around good-hearted Cockney Bill Snibson, who's discovered to be the heir of the Earl of Hareford. Before he can assume his title, Snibson must prove himself to be a gentleman befitting of high society and marry an equally proper gal. Unfortunately, his longtime (and equally low-brow) girlfriend, Sally, is not one to be scared off easily. With the Hareford family attempting to undo their love at every punchline, Snibson's refusal to let Sally go somehow manages to keep the plot running through both joyful acts.

The role of Snibson is impressively tackled by Ryan Croke, who delivers a towering, high-octane performance fueled by the relentless energy of a 1980s aerobics instructor on methamphetamines. Croke's portrayal is equal parts Dick Van Dyke's rubber-legged charm and Jim Carrey's unhinged character in *Ace Ventura*. While his British accent may occasionally wax and wane, it hardly matters;



The full cast of *Me and My Girl*. PHOTO BY TOM ZOSCHKE

if anything, the vocal slip-ups only add to the cheeky gaiety and extraordinary physical comedy he commands on stage.

Equally charming is Allison Means as Sally. Her vocal range and delivery are top-notch and on full display during the iconic tune "Once You Lose Your Heart." Means provides a grounded juxtaposition to Croke's over-the-top persona. In fact, she plays the contrast so effectively that during Sally's half-hearted

attempt to leave Bill, the audience can't help but sympathize with a wry thought, *maybe she really does need to leave him – this lady could use a break.*

"There are some heartfelt moments, but it's very funny, very slapstick and a lot of falling down. You will laugh a lot," Means said.

Cousins Lady Carstone and Gerald Bolingbroke are also engaged to be wed, but at the news of the rich heir back in the picture, Carstone has taken it upon herself to seduce Snibson. This doesn't thwart Bolingbroke's decision to marry her, however, and he continues to follow her around like a lost golden retriever. Will Moffett plays Bolingbroke as a dandy twit with a raucously funny, upper-crust accent from another planet. Peyton Boudouris shines as Carstone and sings the witty and self-absorbed tune "Thinking of No One But Me" with pitch-perfect clarity. Other stand-out performances are Broderic Elder as Cedric Parchester, who sings his own little anthem any chance he gets, Rich Beans as Sir John Tremayne and Greg Floyd as Lord Battersby.

The talented ensemble is in constant motion with delightfully cheerful choreography (provided by Susan Collier) and a harmonious vocal blend with direction by Melissa Blankestyn. Alaire Gordon and Lydia Ressler stood out as up-and-coming ensemble members to watch, and special kudos must be

given to Jaden Saunders and Marissa Hettel for their flawless dance performances. Squire Prince is delightful in every scene and faux plays the piano expertly. "Come expecting to laugh, to lean in and just exist for a moment," Prince said.

Scott Richardson's masterful direction and scene design also deserve high praise, as both elements are phenomenal. The ever-changing set is consistently lush and decadent, and it offers exciting surprises for the audience. Mary McDonald and Betty Ring's costume plot is a work of impeccable genius; most characters don a new, period-perfect ensemble every 10 minutes, ensuring the entire cast is beautifully dressed to the nines in exquisite 1930s style.

If you're looking for a fun night of theater with hummable tunes, fourth-wall breaks, tap dances and songs ending with the "ba-dum-ching" of a wink-and-a-nod, look no further. The Legacy's *Me and My Girl* will put you in an exuberant mood.

"It is a happy experience from start to finish; there's drama but no serious conflict, and it's suitable for all ages," Croke said. □

Me and My Girl, directed by Scott Richardson, continues its run at the Legacy Theatre July 22-26. Performances start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available online at atthelegacy.com.



Ryan Croke and Allison Means as Bill Snibson and Sally Smith. PHOTO BY MINDY McDONALD



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July music flying by

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Believe it or not (and I prefer to not) we've reached the last full weekend of July for 2026. August peeks in with the Illinois State Fair just ahead and the end of our summer season not far away. So, I say, get out there while you can and take part in it all, in every way possible. What say you?

Let's start this week off with a couple of announcements before heading to the live music roundup. This Sunday, July 26, marks Harris Family Band Day as noted officially by the Sangamon County Board and the Illinois House of Representatives, and unofficially by 60 years of making music as siblings by the Harris family. Originally known as The Little Big Shots as youngsters (what a great name), Allan, Gwen, Max, Shawn, John and Chris are now known as the longest-running sibling band in America. After many years of performances including at the Grand Ole Opry, Disney's EPCOT, a NASCAR race, several state fairs and countless other gigs, the group became Bustin' Loose to stay and play in the area. Along with the incredible run of 60 years of playing together on stage (first gig was in town on July 4, 1966), they've mostly made Springfield home base. Check out our *IT* pick elsewhere on these pages, then get to the Firefighters Lake Club Sunday to help commemorate, celebrate and whoop-it-up-ate for the Harris family. Congratulations, my friends.

Our second news item is not celebratory but one of concern as we report Kip Nelson, longtime local bandleader, singer and musician — most notably for Off the Wall — is recovering from a serious accident that occurred June 10. For all the details go to Kip's Facebook page and read his story on the accident and his current situation. In the meantime, please help financially

by donating on GoFundMe.com for Kip Nelson, set up by his wife Brenda, who's been by his side through it all. Also, watch for upcoming fundraising events as local musicians and bar owners are returning the favor to Kip, who was always there to aid others at benefits through the years. Hang in there, my friend. You'll be back on track, turning the page on the stage, with a band that understands, soon enough.

Now on with the shows as Thursday brings us the "alternative rock sound" of Carver Commodore, with our very own original alt-rockers Attic Salt opening for this week's Levitt AMP concert. Next Thursday, plus Friday for a bonus make up date, gets us our final two concerts for the season.

More Thursday excitement includes locals entertaining at regular spots plus full-blown concerts by Drivin' N' Cryin' (remember these guys?) with Laid Back Guitar Picker at Twisted Tree in Jacksonville while Plain White T's from Chicago go power pop rock at the Devon in Decatur.

Friday says come on out to play, with 32 results in our listings including the final July show of Friday Night Live at Arlington's upstairs with Johnnie Owens as the musical guest and Go! Tsunami playing hits from their recent LP release, *I Was a Teenage Sea Monkey* at the Blue Grouch.

Saturday blasts in with 42 results as the Dr. Leon Lewis-Nicol Quartet chimes in with "An Evening to Remember" of live jazz at our Lincoln Library as part of the Director Series and Speakeasy Trio says all that needs said by playing at Lucky's on the Square in Petersburg.

Once again Sunday and the rest of the week gets the short end of the stick, but I promise their turn's a-comin' soon. Take care. See you soon. □

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

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

Thursday
Jul 23

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

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

Joel Honey
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 5:30-8:30pm

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

Plain White T's
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur,

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

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

Not Petty
Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 5-7pm

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

The Tangents
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 Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

Drivin' N' Cryin' with special guest Laid Back Country Picker
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

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

Friday
Jul 24

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

Johnnie Owens
Arlington's, 7:20-10pm

Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

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

Mandy Rose with Mark Scassiferro
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 6pm

Def Leggend
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

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

Jet Trio and friends
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

Rod Grant
Docs Just Off 66, Girard, 5-8pm

The Meerkats
George Rank's, 7:30pm

Not Petty
The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7-10pm

The Collective
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7pm

Astrofix
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Jameson Freeway
Jamie's Route 66, Southern View, 6-9pm

Karaoke Night
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 8pm-12am

Carl Bopp and Ed Smith - Sound Decision
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

The River City Eagles
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-9:30pm

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

Micah Walk - Music in the Beer Garden
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-9pm

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

Travis Ried Band
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Rocco's, Decatur, 7pm

Go! Tsunami
The Blue Grouch, 6:30pm

Salmon Creek
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Twilight Tunes
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Saturday
Jul 25

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

James Crosby
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Ocean State Quartet
Boone's, 6-9pm

Silas Tockey
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

JackAsh
Brewski's Pub, 6pm

Afternoon Delight
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

LowPhatt
Butternut Hut, 8-11pm

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

Dyllan Martin
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 6-9pm

The Ultimate Doors
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Air Supply
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Shannon Wood
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Joel Honey
Edgewood Golf Club, Auburn, 6-9pm

Groove Floetica 2.0 - Another Groovy Underground Night
Fluid Lounge, 12pm-2am

Deja Voodoo
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7pm

Devin C. Williams
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Carl Bopp
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

Speakeasy Trio
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 6-9pm

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

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

Johnnie Owens and Butter
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 6-9pm

John:14
Pizza Records, Jacksonville, 7pm

Wowie Zowie
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8-11pm

Bluesmattic
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Lick Creek
Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 7pm

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

Saving Abel with Death Do Us Part
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6pm

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

The Warped Kids
The Blue Grouch, 7pm

River City Eagles
The Shed, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Amy Battles and Tom Irwin
Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 7:30pm

Rick Mari Band
The Topsy Toad, 7-10pm

Damned Torpedoes
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

Sunday
Jul 26

Wolf Crick Boys featuring Tom Irwin and Amy Battles
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 3-6pm

Joel Honey
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Partners in Rhyme
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

Silas Tockey
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

Whitney Devine
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Harris Family Band
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 1-5pm

Eric Vaughn Hagen
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Curt Smith
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

The Cocktails
The Library Pizza and Sports Bar, 3-7pm

David Lumsden and Reggie Britton
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Rod Grant
Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Molly Seaton
The Topsy Toad, 2-5pm

Robert Sampson
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Monday
Jul 27

Charles Tiner
The Alamo, 7pm

Johnnie Owens and Butter
American Legion Post #809, 7-10pm

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

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

Tuesday
Jul 28

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

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

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

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6pm.

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

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

Wednesday
Jul 29

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

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

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

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

Broken Brogue
Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-9pm

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

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

Sips & Sounds Brass Quintet, Illinois Symphony Orchestra
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-7pm

Brandon Elliott
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham, 5:30pm

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THE CALENDAR



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Harris Family Band 60-Year Anniversary event
Sun., July 26, 1-4 p.m.
Firefighters Lake Club

LIVE MUSIC | Celebration to feature performance, giveaways

it The Harris siblings invite the public to help their band, known as the longest-running sibling band in America, celebrate 60 years of performing together as a family. The Harrises, who began performing as The Little Big Shots, are Allan, lead guitar and vocals; Gwen, lead guitar, mandolin, congas and vocals; Max, drums and vocals; Shawn, lead guitar and vocals; Chris, bass and vocals; and John, keyboard and vocals. After The Little Big Shots, the band became The Harris Family Band and then Bustin' Loose. Their first performance was on July 4, 1966. As part of Sunday's celebration, the band will give away a big screen TV, two electric guitars, dinners at different places and other items. "We want to thank everybody throughout the 60 years who has ever come and supported us," the band says on its Facebook page. Musician Kevin Hawkins, known as "Hipbone Sam," will serve as the master of ceremonies. Admission is free.

■ 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.

Carver Commodore, Attic Salt

Thu., July 23, 6-9:15pm. Carver Commodore will bring its alternative rock sound to this Levitt Amp Springfield Music Series show. Opening act Attic Salt 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.

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.

Dr. Leon Lewis-Nicol Quartet

Sat., July 25, 5:30pm. An evening of live jazz titled "An Evening to Remember." Experience live jazz in an intimate setting. Registration required at lincolnlbrary.info. Part of the Library Director's Series. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Ice Cream Social Music Series

Sun., July 26, 5pm. An ice cream social like no other! Listen to the sounds of the Land of Lincoln Chorus while enjoying free ice cream. Presented by the Villas of Sherman. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

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. Find a full schedule at the Visit Springfield website. Free. Old

State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-789-2360.

Nine Days and BBMAK

Sun., July 26, 7pm. Nine Days is an American pop-rock and alternative rock band, best known for their early 2000s hit "Absolutely (Story of a Girl)." ... Meanwhile, BBMAK's sound has been likened to The Beatles and Oasis. \$20-\$30. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

Rod Nicholson with Aaron and Rick Bargur

Sun., July 26, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Free. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

Shagadelics

Fri., July 24, 6-9pm. Shagadelics will bring the disco back to Jacksonville. Part of the Jacksonville Main Street Downtown Concert Series. jacksonvillemainstreet.org. Free.

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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.

■ Theater & Comedy

Friday Night Live
Fri., July 24, 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.

Kathy Brennan's NERD Girl Comedy Showcase
Sat., July 25, 8pm. Kathy Brennan hosts this NERD Girl (Never Ever Really Dirty) Comedy Showcase featuring funny ladies from all over Illinois. Smart women. Sharp jokes. Adult themes without gross out comedy. \$13.50. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

Live from Loomis - Revisited
Sat., July 25, 7:30pm. Have you ever been to Loomis? It's possible, but have you experienced it through a live radio broadcast? Some may remember Live from Loomis performed at Theatre in the Park some 30 years ago and broadcast on NPR radio. Theatre in the Park is excited to bring this hilarious, family-friendly look at small-town life to the stage. See *Live from Loomis* . . . *Revisited*. Tickets available at www.theatreinthepark.net or at door. \$15-\$20. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

Me and My Girl
Thu., July 23, 7pm, Fri., July 24, 7pm, Sat., July 25, 7pm and

Sun., July 26, 2pm. June 26-28, July 8-12, 15-19, 22-26
The Legacy Theatre describes this play as "part Downton Abbey, part 'My Fair Lady' and totally bonkers." 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.

Shakespeare in the Park
Fri., July 24, 6-8pm. This family-friendly event brings beloved Shakespeare classics and inspired plays to life. This year's event will showcase Illinois playwright Kevin Purcell's one-act play *Lincoln and Shakespeare* featuring acclaimed Carbondale actor Kim Curlee. Free, suggested \$25 donation. Enos Park, 1000 N. Seventh St., 217-544-1751.

■ 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., 217-4165597.

■ Art & Architecture

"Work, People, Art:" Exhibit Art Talk
Wed., July 29, 5-6:30pm. An evening of discussion of the "Work, People, Art" exhibition, featuring artworks created during the Great Depression. Illinois State Museum Curator of Art Doug Stapleton will lead the talk and discussion. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Capitol Creations
Saturdays, 12pm and Sat., July 25, 1-3pm. 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 and Thu., July 23, 4:30-5:30pm. 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.

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society 2026 Artist Showcase

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

Live interactive mural painting with JLP Art

Fri., July 24, 12-1pm. Union Square Park, 500 E. Madison St., 217-753-3519.

Palette to Palate

Mon., July 27, 6pm. Enjoy a three-course meal and wine in the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery prepared by local chefs around an art theme. Every diner will go home with a hand-glazed dessert plate. This year's theme is Western Art. \$100. M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

River Country Quilt Show

Fri., July 24, 10am-5pm and Sat., July 25, 10am-4pm. Dive into a world of creativity and craftsmanship at this show where the vibrant threads of tradition and innovation come together in a spectacular display. \$10. Jacksonville High School, Jacksonville, 1211 N. Diamond St., 309-678-7716.

■ History

An Afternoon on the Historic Ursuline Campus

Sun., July 26, 12-3pm. Explore the historic Ursuline Academy campus on a guided tour featuring the Academy Building, Abbey, Music Conservatory and

The Becker Library. Enjoy a "sneak peek" of a restoration project introducing a new museum celebrating the campus and Springfield's north end history. After the tour, join Jon Young and Young Dance Inc. in the Music Conservatory for free ballroom, Latin and swing dance demonstrations. Reservations not required. Free, donations accepted. Historic Ursuline Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-741-2489.

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.

Jeopardy: Patriot Games

Tue., July 28, 6-7:30pm. Civil Civics with Lincoln Library presents this spin on Jeopardy. The spin on the popular game will be all about America, as we celebrate the big 250th anniversary. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900 ext. 5630.

Meet the Women of the Soldier's Aid Society

Fri., July 24, 1-4pm. See how local women supported Union soldiers during the Civil War, from gathering supplies to caring for troops passing through Springfield. 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.

Fairs & Festivals

Girard Festival Days

Fri., July 24, Sat., July 25 and Sun., July 26. Three-day event will feature food, entertainment,

inflatables, vendors, a car show, queen pageants and more fun events. Girard City Park, Girard, 111 W. Madison St.

Fundraisers and Galas

Family Service Center Bags & Brews

Sat., July 25, 11am-5pm. Compete at this bags tournament for prizes and help the Family Service Center aid children and their families at the same time. Includes taco bar, raffle and more. Presented by Family Service Center and Capital Cornhole. \$20 to throw bags. Casa Real Cantina and Grill, 1121 W. Lincolnshire Blvd., 217-503-0053.

Community Organizing

Food Not Bombs Produce Share

Sat., July 25, 4pm. Bring some produce, take some produce. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Good Trouble Alliance Meeting

Every fourth Saturday, 12-1pm. The Good Trouble Alliance strategizes bold, creative, nonviolent initiatives to challenge local institutions that weaken democracy. Join the fight against authoritarianism. Bring ideas. Snacks provided. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-801-0209.

ICON Summer Social

Mon., July 27, 5:30-7pm. End the month by celebrating the neighbors and neighborhoods that make the city better. RSVP at www.SpringfieldICON.org. Event held in Fellowship Hall. Parking in rear, off Capitol Avenue. ICON is the Independent Coalition for Our Neighborhoods. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Children's Corner

Eat A Rainbow! Week 7

Thu., July 23, 10-11am. Flower power. Find out more about the benefits of flowers and build a bouquet to brighten the day. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Family Storytime

Thu., July 23, 10:30-11am. Summer reading program for children age 5 and younger. Children will write, talk, sing and play. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Kids Fare Garden Club

Mondays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 10. Kids Fare Garden Club offers hands-on gardening as well as garden-related activities. Registration held on site with a cap of 15 children participating. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Summer Reading Program

Finale: Minecraft Movie

Fri., July 24, 1-4pm. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading 2026 by joining the library for a Minecraft party! Includes games, crafts, snacks and will wrap up with popcorn and *A Minecraft Movie*. Don't miss this grand finale event! Event starts at 1pm to ensure enough time for the movie at 2pm. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Nature, Science & Environment

AI 101 at Lincon Library

Wed., July 29, 5:30-7:30pm. Learn about AI 101: The Good, The Bad, The Binary - a fast, clear introduction to how artificial intelligence shapes our world. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Fossils in and Out

Fri., July 24, 1-4pm. Learn about the formation and preservation of fossils. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-0061.

Sangamon Valley Iris Society Plant Sale

Sat., July 25, 1-4pm. The Sangamon Valley Iris Society returns to the Garden for its annual iris plant sale. Society members will be on hand to answer all your iris questions and provide you with wonderful insight on the iris available for purchase for your home collections. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Lectures & Meetings

Citizens Club of Springfield: SNAP - The impact on our neighbors

Fri., July 24, 8-9am. A panel will discuss how the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) plays a critical role in supporting households and how works best alongside a strong network of community partners. Free and open to the public. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

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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. 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 efaireld@bhsllaw.com 8051-967037

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: 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://iforeclosuresales.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: 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://iforeclosuresales.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 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 (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 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: stataee-file@mdklegal.com 8051-966648

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ABBIGAIL M. FIELDS; COLETON J. FIELDS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s). CASE NO. 2025FC000216 Property Address: 2017 S. Spring Street Springfield, IL 62704 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 May 20, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 1, 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: 2017 S. Spring Street, Springfield, IL 62704 P.I.N.: 22-04.0-403-020 First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$141,708.98 IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c) (1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com 8051-967397

PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

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

Estate of: JANET HAYNES, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-265 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Janet Haynes of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 15, 2026, to Michael Gene Covington, 36 White Birch Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before January 22, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2026
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
rsegatto@barberlaw.com

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

In the Matter of the Estate of ISIAIAH MINOR, Deceased.

IN PROBATE No. 2026-PR-98 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given of the death ISIAIAH MINOR, Letters of office were issued on July 14, 2026, to Antonette Cleveland, Independent Administrator of the Estate of ISIAIAH MINOR, deceased, whose attorney is Brown, Hay & Stephens, 225 North Water Street, Ste 402, Decatur, Illinois 62523.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4/0 of the Probate Act) 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 Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the independent representative, or both, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, on or before three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice as to a creditor entitled to such mailing or delivery, whichever is later. 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 representative and to her attorneys within 10 days after it has been filed.

Antonette Cleveland, Independent Administrator

PREPARED BY: BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Veronika J. Miles, #6313161
225 N. Water Street, Suite 402
Decatur, IL 62525
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cc: khartman@bhslaw.com

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF GEORGE D. BLASKIE DECEASED

Case No. 2026-PR-262 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of GEORGE D. BLASKIE. Letters of Administration were issued on July 14, 2026, appointing MARGARET T. BLASKIE, 3041 East Carpenter Street, Springfield, IL 62702, as Administrator, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., 900 Community Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 525-1571.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 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: July 14, 2026
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701
8051-967250

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT A. LYON, JR. Deceased.

Case No. 2026-PR-254 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ROBERT A. LYON, JR., of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on June 6, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 2nd day of July, A.D., 2026, to PAMELA E. HART, of 611 E. Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, as Independent Administrators, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

DATED this 9th day of July, A.D., 2026.
Estate of Robert A. Lyon, Jr., Deceased,
BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.

Attorneys at Law
611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200
Springfield, Illinois 62701
Telephone: (217) 753-8200
Email: peh@scottnscottlaw.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ADLI F. SHENOUDA a/k/a Adli Fouad Shenouda Sokkar, DECEASED

No. 2026PR000261
NOTICE TO ALL HEIRS (KNOWN AND UNKNOWN) OF ADLI F. SHENOUDA AND CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Adli F. Shenouda a/k/a Adli Fouad Shenouda Sokkar on June 27, 2026. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 13, 2026 to Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois, as Executor of the Estate of Adli F. Shenouda, Deceased.

Notice is given to all heirs (known and unknown) of ADLI F. SHENOUDA a/k/a Adli Fouad Shenouda Sokkar, that an Order was entered by the Court on July 13, 2026, admitting the will of Adli F. Shenouda to probate and appointing Kevin N. McDermott as Executor of the Estate of Adli F. Shenouda, Deceased. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/616-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, or both, within 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 Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2026.
Kevin N. McDermott, Attorney
109 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-4070
Ill. Reg. No. 6196497
www.KevinNMcDermott.com

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
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Springfield, IL 62703
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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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, Ill
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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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 Administrator 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
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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

Foreclosure
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 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) 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 10 degrees 09 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
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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 6030121TE
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)
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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 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://iforeclosuresales.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

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 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/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 admon-

ished 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
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Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
8051-965570

Notice by Publication
In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, BARBER, SEGATTO, HOFFEE, WILKE & CATE, LLP, Plaintiff vs. RASHA ALAHDAB, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Foreclosure, Case No. 2026-FC-134.
NOTICE is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, that suit entitled as above has been commenced and is now pending wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a judgment affecting the following described property, to-wit:
Lot Two Hundred Forty-three (243) in Panther Creek, Fifth Addition.
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. Commonly known as: 3204 Cougar Ridge, Springfield, IL 62711

Tax I.D. #: 21-24.0-349-006
And you are further notified that unless you appear on or before August 14, 2026, and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.
Joe Roesch
Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois
Attorneys for Plaintiff:
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
217/544-4868

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A Petition for a variation of Section 155.040, I-1 Light Industrial District, to permit an I-2, Heavy Industrial Accessory Use, in the I-1 District, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to construct a 1000 gallon dual wall above ground storage tank for off road diesel to fill a tank truck to take fuel offsite for use in heavy equipment at job locations. To be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a variance of 155.040 to allow an I-2 accessory use of an 1,000 gallon above ground storage tank for off-road diesel fuel the I-1 district.
Improvement or structures located on said property are a recently constructed building and parking area for purposes of a concrete/excavating contractor's shop. The subject property is currently classified in the I-1 Light Industrial District, Section 155.040. Legally described as: Lot 10 and south 98 feet of lot 11 of Witt Arm Industrial Park, Situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 4905 Rodger Street, Springfield, Illinois, and further identified as Index # 22-22.0-400-050. The property is located at 4905 Rodger Street, Springfield, Illinois
The Petitioner is Chad Clem
Docket No. 2026-028
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for variance of Section 155.055, Minimum Lot Width for Residences, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The structure located on the Subject Property is a residence consisting of a framed duplex condominium. Petitioners desire to convert the property from a condominium to a zero-lot line duplex with a party wall. Attached to the petition is Exhibit B which is a proposed plat of survey depicting how the Property will be subdivided. As depicted thereon, the Northern Parcel of the Property (namely, 5248 Carlton Street) will have a lot width of approximately 31.24 feet instead of the 35 feet required by Section 155.055. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioners respectfully request a variance of 155.055 to allow for the proposed Northern Parcel (5248 Carlton Street) for a lot width of 31.24 feet instead of the required 35 feet per code.
Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a framed duplex condominium. Subject property is currently classified as PUD, Planned Unit Development.
Legally described as: Units 1 and 2 of 5248-5250 Carlton, a Condominium as delineated on a survey of Lot 62 of Cotton Hill Estates, Fourth Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois, as recorded June 14, 1988 as Document No. E05840, in the Office of the Sangamon County Recorder or Deeds, which plat of survey is attached as Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of

Condominium ownership made by Action Builders, Inc. and recorded March 27, 1989 as Document No. H007498, together with their respective undivided percentage interests in the common elements. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 5248 Carlton Street Springfield, IL 62703 22-27.0-206-020 & 5250 Carlton Street Springfield, IL 62703 22-27.0-206-021
The subject property is commonly known as 5248 and 5250 Carlton Street, Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioners are Estate of Elizabeth B. Hermes, as owner 5248 Carlton Street, and Deanna J. Hannel, as owner 5250 Carlton, By their Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr. of Counsel.
Docket No. 2026-027
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use for a Restaurant with Service of Alcohol pursuant to Sections: 155.033(c)(6), Conditional Permitted Uses in the Highway Business Services District: Restaurants and banquet halls with service of alcoholic beverages, exclusive of drive-in or drive-up windows for the sale of alcohol, located on zoning lots adjoining the R-1, R-2 or R-3 zoning districts or equivalent planned unit development designation, or otherwise adjoining those districts but for an alley, and 155.211, Restaurant with Service of Alcoholic Beverages, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner Hibachi & Wok Cuisine, Inc. is the lessee of the tenant space commonly referred to as 1712 Sangamon Avenue, containing approximately 2,306 Square feet, as illustrated in Exhibit B attached to the petition. Petitioner desires to operate a high-end Asian hibachi restaurant with hours of operation no later than 1:00 AM at the Property along with the sale of alcoholic beverages. The Petitioner, to be in compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, respectfully request a Conditional Permitted Use for a Restaurant with Service of Alcohol pursuant to Sections: 155.033(c)(6) – Conditional Permitted Uses in the Highway Business Services District, and 155.211 – Restaurants with Service of Alcohol, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Conditional Permitted Use would only apply to the tenant space commonly known as 1712 Sangamon Avenue, approximately 2,306 square feet.
Improvements (or structures) located on Subject Property is a strip center consisting of a single story masonry and brick structure. Subject property is currently classified in the B-1 Highway Business Services District, Section 155.033.
Legally described as: All of Lot 2 and Lot 3, except the South 90 feet of Lot 3, in Block 1 of Saunders' Subdivision, a part of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. And further excepting that part of Lot 2 and Lot 3 in Block 1 of Saunders' Subdivision of part of Section 23, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, thence South 01 degree 12 minutes 16 seconds East, 12.52 feet along the East line of said Lot 2; thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 07 seconds West, 214.04 feet to the West line of said Lot 3; thence North 01 degree 03 minutes 24 seconds West, 8.00 feet along the West line of said Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence North 89 degrees 01 minute 22 seconds East, 213.95 feet along the North line of said Lot 3 and said Lot 2 to the 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 said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 1708-1724 Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. Tax I.D. No. 14-23-104-033. Tax I.D. No. 14-23-104-035. Tax I.D. No. 14-23-104-036
The subject property is commonly known as 1712 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioner is Hibachi & Wok Cuisine, Inc. by its Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr. of Counsel
Docket No. 2026-026
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for Reclassification of property from S-2 Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031 and R-5(b) General Residence District, Section 155.018 to R-5(b) General Residence District, Section 155.018, and variances of Sections: 155.480 (i), Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations: Transitional Buffer Yards, and 155.480 (k)(1)-(4), Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations: Site and Parking Area Lighting Requirements, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner is the owner of the Subject Property comprising parcel 14-33.0-478-040 and parcel 14-33.0-478-004 and commonly known as 1000-1006 South Spring Street and seeks to utilize the property as a parking lot for the Petitioner's adjoining property located at 1020 South Spring Street. The Petitioner, to be in compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, respectfully requests for 1000 South Spring Street: a Reclassification of property from S-2 and R-5b, to R-5b; and for both 1000 and 1006 South Spring Street: Variances of Sections: 155.480 (i) – Transitional Buffer Yards, to allow the Transitional Buffer Yard required for the East Property Line to be reduced to zero, thus eliminating the Transitional Buffer Yard and landscaping requirement, and 155.480 (k) (1)-(4) – Site and Parking Area Lighting Requirements, to allow a parking lot without complying with the light trespass/disability glare provisions and not being required to submit a photometric pattern showing foot-candle value at all property lines, as well as other applicable lighting regulations, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance.
There are currently no structures located on 1000 & 1006 South Spring Street, which is currently used as a parking lot for tenants of adjoining property commonly known as 1020 South Spring Street. Subject property 1000 S. Spring Street is currently classified in the S-2 Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031 and R-5(b) General Residence District, Section 155.018; and 1006 S. Spring Street is currently zoned R-5(b) General Residence District, Section 155.018.
Legally described as: Part of Lot 39 and all of Lot 22 and part of Lot 23 in the Assessor's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33 and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, all being in the Southeast Quarter of said Section 33 and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the South Line of Scarritt Street in the City of Springfield, Illinois with the East fine of Spring Street and running thence South on the East line of Spring Street 61 feet; thence East parallel with the South line of Scarritt Street 132 feet to an alley; thence North with the West line of said alley 61 feet; and thence Westwardly along the South line of Scarritt Street to the place 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. Common Address: 1000 S. Spring Street Springfield, IL 62704, PIN(S): 14-33.0-478-040 AND The South 40 feet of Lot 23 of the Assessor's Subdivision of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 16 North, Range 5 West. All 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. All situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois. Permanent Index No.: 14-33.0-478-004. Commonly known as: 1006 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62704. The subject property is commonly known 1000-1006 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is EMS Midwest, LLC, by its Attorneys Delano Law Offices,, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr., of Counsel. Docket No. 2026-025 Ben Ferris Assistant Zoning Administrator

Advertisement for Bids
Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified Contractors to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for Lincoln Land Community College Phase B2 Renovation of Menard Hall – Main Level which includes the following:
Project consists of interior renovation of a portion of the main level of Menard Hall for a new bookstore, office area and corridor upgrades. (Asbestos abatement associated with this renovation area will be completed under separate design, bidding and contracting by the Owner.)
Sealed bids for the must be delivered to the attention of Mr. Tim Ervin, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening.
All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/).
All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type.
All contractors bidding as prime bidders for this project will become subcontractors of O'Shea Builders as Construction Manager at Risk.
Lincoln Land Community College encourages the award of construction-project contracts, subcontracts and purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and disabled persons-owned businesses. For this Project, there is a goal of awarding, in the aggregate, subcontracts and/or purchase orders in the amount representing at least five percent (5%) of the contracts, subcontracts and/or purchase orders to minority-owned, female-owned, veteran-owned and/or disabled person-owned businesses.
Lincoln Land Community College encourages those to whom construction or service contracts are awarded to develop and main-

tain apprenticeship and training programs in order to provide a pool of qualified and skilled workers within the College District. All contractor questions regarding any matter concerning this Advertisement for Bid must be submitted in writing to O'Shea Builders by Thursday, August 20 at 2:00 PM. Submittals of questions may be emailed to questions@osheabuilders.com ; please put "LLCC Phase B2 Renovation of Menard Hall – Main Level" in the subject line. No questions will be addressed after 2:00 PM (CST), on Thursday, August 20th, 2026. Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a pre bid meeting/site visit for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Logan Hall, Room 1132 on the LLCC Springfield Main Campus. Contractors should have any sub-contractors present at the pre-bid meeting who may wish to view the site. Further information concerning the specifications of this advertisement for bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern.
Bidding Documents for the Project may be downloaded or viewed electronically by contacting Tara Cox at O'Shea Builders: tarac@osheabuilders.com, 217-522-2826 x 1126.
All bidders shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.
All LLCC Campuses are SMOKE FREE.
The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.
LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization pursuant to Sections: 155.033(c)(14) – Conditional Permitted Uses in the Highway Business Service District, 155.211.7 – Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, and 155.492 – Conditional Permitted Use, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner LLD RE, LLC, has acquired the Subject Property (a portion of 3013 Lindbergh Drive) and seeks to have the Subject Property tied to its existing property (commonly known as 3025 Lindbergh Drive). The Existing Property was granted a Conditional Permitted Use for an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization by Docket Number 2021-009. It is the intent of LLD RE, LLC, to have the Subject Property tied to the Existing Property and for it to be leased to petitioner Maribis of Springfield, LLC. Petitioner Maribis operates an adult use cannabis dispensing organization at the Existing Property. Because the Subject

Property will be tied to the Existing Property, which is currently being used as an Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, the Subject Property requires the same Conditional Permitted Uses as were previously granted to the Existing Property. It is indicated that no structure or improvements are intended to be constructed on the Subject Property nor is the structure on the Existing Property going to be expanded or added to, such that its existing footprint shall remain the same. The Petitioners, to be in compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, respectfully request for Subject Property a Conditional Permitted Use for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization pursuant to Sections: 155.033(c)(14) – Conditional Permitted Uses in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, 155.211.7 – Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization, and 155.492 – Conditional Permitted Use, such Conditional Permitted Use not to be effective until the Subject Property is tied to the Existing Property.
There are currently no improvements (or structures) located on Subject Property. Subject property is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Subject property is legally described as: Exhibit A:
Part of Lots 7 and 11 of Parkway Pointe Plat 1, Springfield, Illinois, recorded as Document Number H007394 in Sangamon County Recorder's Office, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pin found at the Southwest corners of Lot 13 of said Parkway Pointe Plat 1; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 54 seconds East on the North right of way line of Lindbergh Boulevard, a distance of 202.59 feet to an iron pin set at the point of beginning. From said point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 264.47 feet to a mag nail set; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 4.94 feet to a mag nail set; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 199.13 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 55.15 feet to an iron pin found; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 41 seconds West, a distance of 462.51 feet to an iron pin set on the South line of said Lot 11; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 54 seconds West on said South line, a distance of 60.17 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Together with all easements and appurtenances in favor of said real property. PIN: Part of 21-13.0-226-033. Common address: Part of 3013 Lindbergh Boulevard, Springfield, IL (a strip thereof along the West Property Line as described in the above legal description).
The subject property is commonly known as part of 3013 Lindbergh Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioners are LLD RE, LLC, By Christopher Stone, Its Manager, and Maribis of Springfield, LLC, By Laurel Dineff, Its Manager, By Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik, Jr. of Counsel Docket No. 2026-024 Ben Ferris Assistant Zoning Administrator

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday August 22, 2026, at 9:00a.m.
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702 This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit

will need to pay their entire balance on or before Friday August 14, 2026.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Kelly & Bertha Richard Unit#1-35
Diego Arreola Unit#6-11
Linda Byrd Unit#9-3
Linda Byrd Unit#1-10
Linda Byrd Unit#11-45
Jason Blissett Unit#1-24
Nikki Hudson Unit#11-5
Precious Tate Unit#2-19
Richard Dubose Unit#2-29
Jennifer Brown Unit#3-10
Crystal Jurgens Unit#4-18
Tramelle Furdge Unit#5-14
Vernice Bailey Unit#5-22
Jennifer Staff Unit#5-23
Debra Phelps Unit#5-28
Lawrence Cleeton Unit#6-14
William Priddy Unit#6-17
Jane Richard Unit#7-27
Karla Taber Unit#7-30
Tommy Logan Unit#9-23
Shalik Rhynes Unit#9-34
Susan Grant Unit#10-12
Dewey Morris Unit#10-31
George Smith Unit#11-26
George Smith Unit#11-28
Michael Weller Unit#11-42
Morgan Murawski Unit#B-5
Hannah Walker Unit#H-5
Vickie Ishmael Unit#H-16
Tamika Kirkwood Unit#H-17

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for variance of Sections: 155.311 Non-Illuminated Nameplate and Identification Signs, 155.314, Illuminated Signs, and 155.315 (a), Residential and Office District Sign Conformance, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Petitioner has entered into an agreement to lease a portion of the building on the third floor, containing 7,422 square feet to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a licensed financial services company. Petitioner desires to mount an illuminated sign on the outside wall of the building on the third story wall which is the level the leased premises is on, identifying Merrill Lynch as a tenant of the building. The total square footage of the proposed building sign is 95.49 square feet and is intended to be at 40 feet from grade to the bottom of the display and 44"8" to the top. The subject property also contains an existing on premise sign -One (1) double sided non illuminated multi-tenant monument sign, size 72 inch wide by 126 inch high for a total square footage of 63 sq feet. To be in compliance with the zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests for a variance of Sections 155.311, 155.314 and 155.315 (a), to permit (i) the installation of one (1) wall/ building mounted sign with an area totaling approximately 95.49 square feet; (ii) the one (1) existing multi-tenant monument sign with an area totaling approximately 63 square feet. The request in total: 2 signs totaling approximately 158.49 square feet instead of the 1 sign 24 square feet or 100 square feet allowed per sections 155.311-155.315; of which the wall/building mounted sign would be located above 20' in height.
Improvements (or structures) located on said property are a three (3) story office building with a total rentable space of 52,500 square feet, and a double sided non illuminated multi-tenant monument sign containing approximately 63 Square feet. Subject property is currently classified in the R-5(b) General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021.
Legally described as: Lot 8-2, Subdivision of Lot 8, Plat 3 Southwest Plaza, Springfield,

Illinois. Further Identified as Unit 1 Novanis Bldg Condo 12-15-6 parcel 21-12.0-428-030, Unit 2 Novanis Bldg Condo 12-15-6 parcel 21-12.0-428-031, Unit 3 Novanis Bldg Condo 12-15-6 parcel 21-12.0-428-032 Situated in the City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois.
The subject property is commonly known as 3161 West White Oaks Drive, Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioner is Bridge Real Estate, LLC, By John Chiang, Owner Docket No. 2026-023 Ben Ferris Assistant Zoning Administrator

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

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.
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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 business 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v.
PHOEBE B. BURGESS, VINCENT P. DWYER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000147
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is August 27, 2026. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on July 16, 2026.
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Warren-Boynton State Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2026FC000147.
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Phoebe B. Burgess, an unmarried person and Vincent P. Dwyer, an unmarried person, not as tenants in common but as joint tenants with the right of survivorship
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
PARCEL 1:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven (11), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Seven (7) West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence South three chains and 26 links (3.26); thence West one chain and 53 and 1/2 links (1.53 1/2); thence North three chains and twenty-six links (3.26); thence East one chain and 53

and 1/2 links (1.53 1/2) and being the East part of Lot No. 4 of the Plat of the Village of Loami made 1882.

PARCEL 2:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 14 North, Range 7 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:

Beginning at a point 20.00 feet West of the center of said Section 11, thence North 75.00 feet; thence West 156.25 feet; thence South 75.00 feet; thence East 156.25 feet to the 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.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 215 Church Street, Loami, Illinois 62661

6. The Tax Identification Numbers for the real estate are as follows: 27-11.0-328-008 and 27-11.0-182-027

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

Name of Mortgagors: Vincent P. Dwyer and Phoebe B. Burgess

Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State Bank

Date of Mortgage: September 12, 2024

Date of recording: September 17, 2024

County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2024R15762

/s/ Joseph B. Roesch

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ABBIGAIL M. FIELDS; COLETON J. FIELDS;

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000216

Property Address: 2017 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-

ance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on May 20, 2026,

I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 1,

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:

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FORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINER-

ALS, IF ANY.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ZELDA F. COADY, DECEASED

Case #2026-PR-267

DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ZELDA F. COADY. Letters of Office have been issued to RODNEY W. COADY, 340 Banister Road, Springfield, IL 62707, 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 February 1, 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 16th day of July, 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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ABBIGAIL M. FIELDS; COLETON J. FIELDS;

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2025FC000216

Property Address: 2017 S. Spring Street

Springfield, IL 62704

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-

ance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on May 20, 2026,

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Coined phrases

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Across

1. Dutch exports

6. Beef cuts

11. 100 yrs.

14. Flies alone

15. "It's ___ cause"

16. ___ -tzu

17. A whole divided four times, in music

19. Hot time in Haiti

20. Rod at a pig roast

21. Campus bigwig

22. Modern letters

24. ___ de cologne

26. Advisories

27. Downs' opposite

30. Lowlife

33. "Holy moly!"

34. Silence

36. Gallop

38. "Star Trek" counselor

42. Being trivial

45. ___ -Seltzer

46. "I cannot tell "

47. "Groovy!"

48. What "it" plays

50. A long way off

52. Auction offering

53. Hightails it

56. Put on the line

58. "In what way?"

59. Capitol Hill worker

62. Ascend

66. "___ you kidding?"

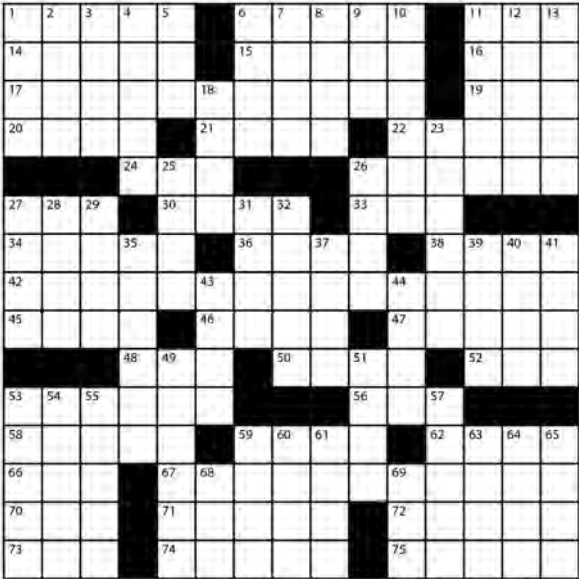
67. Preppy's wear

70. Paper size: Abbr.

71. Go over, as lines

72. "Home ___"

73. ___ Cruces, N.M.



74. Long-winded stories

75. Fruity pastries

Down

1. Many A.B.A. members

2. Arrange, as hair

3. Jai ___

4. Death in Venice

5. Mach 1 breaker

6. Endangered

7. Arm part

8. Night light

9. L.A. clock setting

10. "Remington ___" of 1980's

11. Cloudless

12. Suffer a loss, slangily

13. Christmas songs

18. Cabinet dept.

23. What to do "in St. Louis"

25. ___ Stadium in Queens

26. Got gray

27. Annapolis sch.

28. Pop singer Collins

29. Use a straw

31. Eurasia's ___ Mountains

32. Craze

35. Goes blading

37. Scale starter

39. Iranian coin

40. "I'm ___ you!"

41. "___ Rhythm"

43. Falls behind

44. About, on a memo

49. Embraces

51. Brother of Cain

53. "I ___ return"

54. ___ Potti

55. Decorative jugs

57. Start of a refrain

59. Word jumble: Abbr.

60. Ancient Peruvian

61. Salon supplies

63. "___ one..." (opiner's opening)

64. Dispatched

65. "___ Tu" (1974 hit)

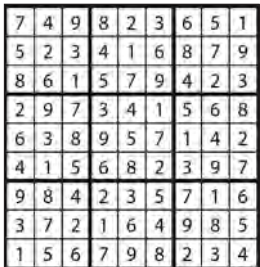
68. Victorian, for one

69. Bit in a horse's mouth

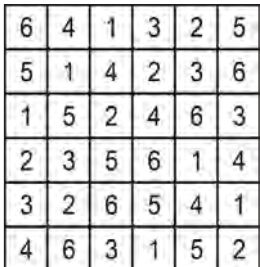
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Crossword answers from #954



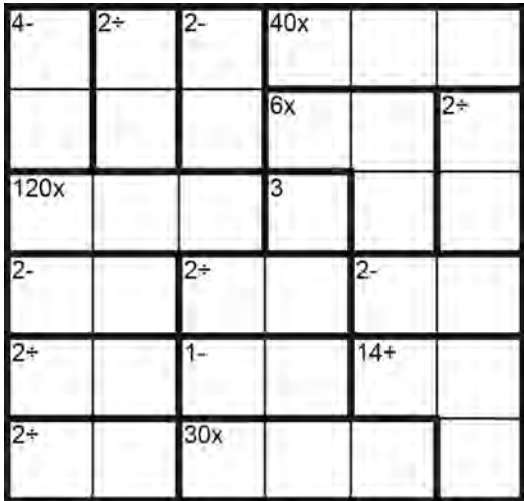
Sudoku answers from #954



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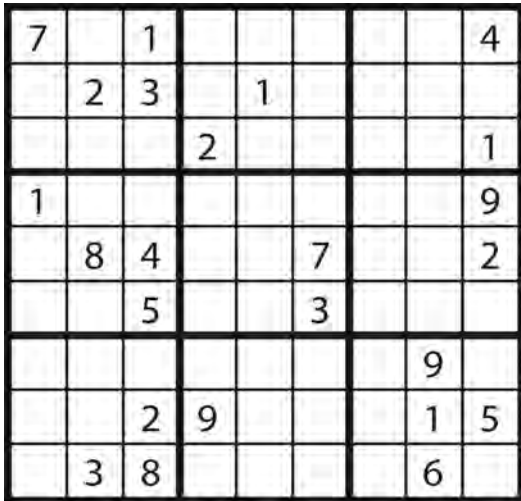
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 955

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



Difficulty medium

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