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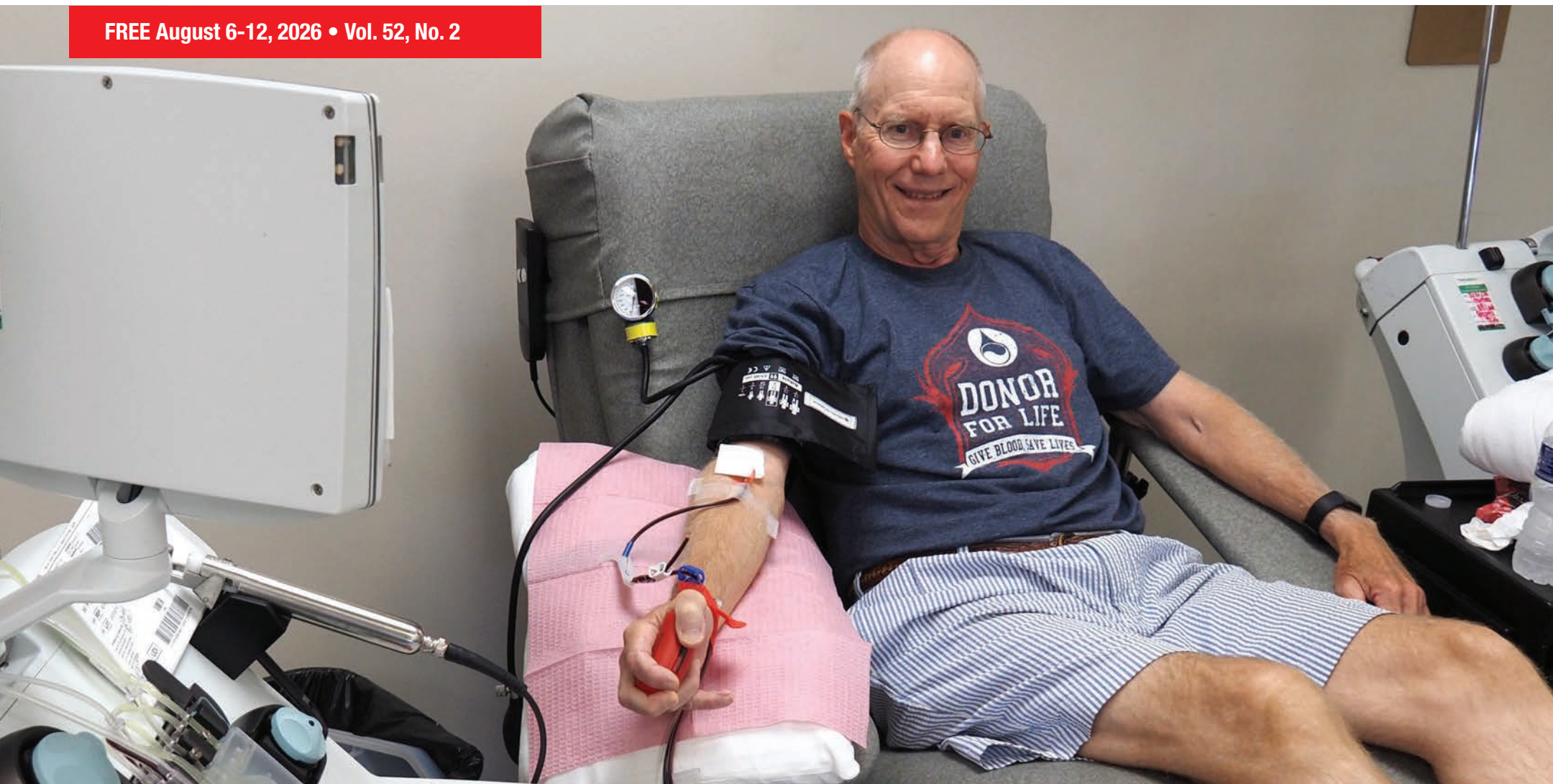


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Police transparency

Springfield Police Department launches interactive dashboards to share crime, policing data

CRIME | Dean Olsen

A revamped “transparency” section on the Springfield Police Department website shows this year’s stunningly low rate of shootings as well as familiar clusters of violent crime and traffic stops on the economically disadvantaged east side.

Mayor Misty Buscher and Police Chief Joseph Behl say the new “interactive dashboards,” scheduled to go live sometime this week, are part of their push to use data to both illuminate trends and guide public policy.

“It is honest information about what is going on in the Springfield community,” Buscher told *Illinois Times*. “It could be viewed as positive or negative by some people. But the *truth* is what’s on the dashboard. We’re not changing anything. We’re not hiding anything. The dashboard shows truly what’s going on in the community. I have never been afraid of talking about what is really going on.”

The new section of the police department’s transparency page adds to existing listings that include monthly crime statistics reported each month to the FBI, news releases and details of controversial or high-profile cases.

What’s new are interactive bar graphs and charts based on publicly available data on more than 96,000 police reports from January 2021 to the present. The information is summarized and presented for the city as a whole, by ward, neighborhood, time of day and sometimes by location when it comes to various types of crimes.

Breakdowns by race, gender and age group often are available, too. Specific residences and specific residential addresses aren’t displayed so residents’ privacy can be maintained, Behl said.

The new dashboards will be updated every 24 hours and were produced internally by the police department and the city’s information technology staff. The displays didn’t require an outside contract or additional spending by the city, Buscher said.

The mayor and Behl acknowledged that the police department has faced criticism

from people who disagree with the amount and type of force used by police in certain cases. Critics have objected to the mayor’s and Springfield City Council’s use of city revenues for police pay raises rather than other priorities.

Critics also have objected to the concentration of police patrols in certain parts of the community, and they allege police bias in the handling of some cases.

Buscher and Behl also acknowledged findings of the ACLU, based on data collected by the Illinois Department of Transportation, that Black people in Springfield — like in many similar and larger communities across the state — are much more likely than whites to be stopped by police while driving.

But Buscher, who is seeking reelection to another four-year term in 2027 and so far has no announced challengers, said the dashboards aren’t intended to deflect criticism. More conveniently accessible data actually could lead to more criticism, the mayor said. “I never expect less,” she said with a laugh.

Rather, Buscher said the dashboards, in the works since spring, are part of her focus since she was elected in 2023 to improve the

collection and analysis of data in all parts of city government.

“A data-driven city, to me, is a productive city,” she said.

Two of the new dashboards, which will provide more information about the use of force and internal-affairs investigation, won’t be immediately available. Data in those categories are recorded with a software system that is different from the other statistics. A fix is in the works, and Behl said he hopes the two remaining dashboards can go live soon.

One of the new dashboards displays statistics involving gunshot victims in a variety of ways, including the number of fatalities. The dashboard shows a surprising detail — that there were six gunshot victims citywide in 2026 as of Aug. 3.

It’s more than halfway through the year, and 2026’s total compares with 43 in all of 2025, 43 in 2024, 31 in 2023, 33 in 2022 and 69 in 2021.

“It’s really unusual,” Behl said of this year’s significantly lower total.

He said he doesn’t know why this year’s number is so much lower, but both he and Buscher noted that the city has increased the

number of sworn police officers on staff during Buscher’s term. The total now stands at about 270 officers.

In addition, Behl and Buscher said the police department street-crimes unit that was disbanded in 2020 has been reinstituted, and police are seizing more illegal guns than in previous years.

“Our officers are motivated,” Behl said. “They want to do proactive police work. They want to take the most dangerous criminals off the streets. And they want to take guns off the streets.”

Behl said the new and additional data will be “extremely eye-opening for the community.”

“No. 1,” he said, “I think crime gets over-reported. If you look at social media, you may have one event, but it gets reported 12 times.”

In addition, Behl said, “We get a lot of flak and a lot of pushback for policing in particular areas of Springfield. Well, the reason the police are there is because we’re called there.”

He said Springfield’s is “ahead of the game” compared with similar-size communities “when it comes to information sharing and transparency.”

According to Behl, the new dashboards help explain the need for the city’s continued use of automatic license-plate recognition cameras.

The city has faced criticism for its contract with Flock Safety for those cameras, though Buscher said the city has many protections in place to prevent violations of privacy.

Behl said 70% to 80% of crime is “vehicle-borne ... in some form or fashion, there’s almost always a vehicle involved. That’s why license-plate readers are so important.” □

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Springfield Police Chief Joseph Behl points out some details of a new online data dashboard displaying statistics on gunshot victims and other crime information while Mayor Misty Buscher looks on. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

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NEWS

183rd to lose jet engine repair

EMPLOYMENT | Scott Reeder

The U.S. Air Force is eliminating the long-standing jet engine repair mission at the Illinois Air National Guard's 183rd Wing at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, a move that will affect 192 positions as the military shifts away from maintaining older aircraft.

The Air National Guard Readiness Center informed the Illinois National Guard earlier this year that the 183rd Wing must divest its Centralized Repair Facility mission, which maintains and repairs engines for F-15 and F-16 fighter aircraft and U-2 surveillance planes. The divestiture is expected to be completed by April 1, 2027.

The decision reflects broader changes in the Air Force's fleet.

"Those are aging aircraft models, and there are becoming fewer and fewer in the Air Force's inventory," a retired Air Force officer familiar with the situation told *Illinois Times*. "So, there is less demand for the services the 183rd provides."

The officer asked not to be identified.

While the current mission is ending, the officer said the 183rd Wing could pursue a new role repairing engines for newer aircraft, including F-22 and F-35 fighters.

"Of course, the issue is whether they have the expertise to repair those aircraft," he said.

He noted that even if the unit develops the necessary capabilities, demand for that work may be limited because the Air Force operates fewer F-22s and F-35s than earlier generations of fighter aircraft.

"The newer models are more expensive," he said. "There simply aren't as many of them in the Air Force inventory, so there is less demand for maintenance and repair."

Illinois National Guard officials emphasized that the transition does not necessarily mean affected personnel will leave military service.

"Our primary focus during this transition is supporting our highly skilled Airmen and ensuring the Springfield Air Base remains a vital strategic asset," Maj. Gen. Rodney Boyd, Illinois' adjutant general, said in a prepared statement. "We are working closely with national leadership to align the 183rd Wing with future capabilities that match the evolving needs of our national defense."

Illinois Air National Guard spokesman William "Dutch" Grove said of the 192 affected positions, 117 are part-time traditional guardsmen positions involving uniformed personnel who work one weekend



The Illinois Air National Guard's 183rd Wing is based at Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

each month. The other 75 positions are all full time and are a mix of civilian federal employees, guardsmen, military technicians and civilian contractors.

According to the Illinois National Guard, officials are working with affected personnel to reassign them to other positions or retrain them for new roles within the Illinois Air National Guard.

Community leaders say the loss of the engine repair mission is significant but not unprecedented.

Ryan McCrady, executive director of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, said the 183rd Wing has adapted to changing military missions before, including during the federal Base Realignment and Closure process that ultimately brought the engine repair mission to Springfield.

"It's not unusual if we look at the history of the Illinois National Guard's presence in Springfield for there to be changes in missions from time to time," McCrady said.

Rather than trying to reverse the Air Force's decision, McCrady said the community's best strategy is to work with military leaders to secure a replacement mission.

"My experience is that fighting it doesn't usually create a good outcome for the community," he said. "What usually works better is working alongside the military,

understanding what their needs are, explaining to them what capabilities we have here in the community and looking to support their effort to locate a different mission back into the community."

McCrady said Springfield has several advantages, including a highly trained workforce, decades of experience supporting the Air National Guard and an airport that has invested heavily in military operations.

"The Springfield Airport is a significant and highly qualified asset," he said. "I'm confident that we'll be able to get a mission there to replace it."

Although the elimination of 192 positions is expected to have an economic impact, McCrady said it is too early to estimate its magnitude. He said the priority now is minimizing that impact by helping the Air National Guard transition to a new mission.

"We have a long history and a good relationship with them," he said. "We're in a better position by being able to build on our good relationship with them."

The 183rd Wing has undergone several mission changes over the past two decades as the Air Force has restructured its force to meet changing national defense priorities. Whether Springfield ultimately receives a replacement mission will determine the long-term impact of the loss of the Centralized Repair Facility. □

Identifying brownfield sites for redevelopment

Regional Planning Commission awarded \$1.5 million grant to assess contaminated sites in county

REDEVELOPMENT | Dilpreet Raju

The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission is seeking public input as it begins assessing contaminated brownfields in areas that are difficult to redevelop after being awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The grant is scheduled to run from October through September 2030 and will be used initially to look at the Browning Road and Veterans Parkway corridor in unincorporated Sangamon County, the 10th Street Rail corridor in Springfield and the North Grand Avenue East corridor in Grandview.

Lisa Peterson, senior planner at the Regional Planning Commission, told *Illinois Times* the grant will hopefully open more doors for regional redevelopment as communities see fit. She also said the Commission is asking for community members to help inform the team of any land suspected of being contaminated.

“This grant is really the first step in a much longer process,” she said. “We’re looking forward to putting together a brownfield inventory. That’s going to be a really interesting part of this – just trying to determine where potential brownfield sites are throughout the county, and I know we will need community help to identify those locations.”

This was the third time the Regional Planning Commission applied for the annual grant cycle, which awarded nearly \$250 million to almost 200 grantees in this round. Two other projects in Illinois were also awarded grants, but the Regional Planning Commission was awarded \$1.5 million compared to Evanston and Vandalia’s \$500,000 each. Illinois and Minnesota each received \$2.5 million, the lowest sums of any Midwest state.

The Commission will use grant funds to hire an environmental professional and a community engagement consultant to help carry out operations. Peterson said the three areas already identified by the grant application face distinct issues.

“The Browning Road/Veterans Parkway corridor in unincorporated Sangamon



The Browning Road and Veterans Parkway corridor is one of three areas that will be studied for possible environmental contamination and redevelopment as part of a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

County is likely contaminated from its historical use as a junkyard (with) car repair facilities,” she said. “It’s on the Spring Creek floodplain, a tributary of the Sangamon River, so it does pose a significant risk of water pollution that could affect nearby water sources, pose threats to surrounding agricultural operations or (cause) long-term habitat damage.”

Meanwhile, the 10th Street Rail corridor could be a potential spot for affordable housing and public space, as long as environmental concerns can be addressed.

“The active rail line poses some potential risk for contamination and the Ninth

Street Peoria Road Master Corridor Plan does identify it as an opportunity site for potential housing and public green space,” Peterson said. “That plan envisions a mix of affordable brownstones, apartments and single-family homes but some of the brownfield conditions create some uncertainty for investment.

Finally, the North Grand Avenue East corridor in Grandview faces problems from older infrastructure.

“(North Grand Avenue in Grandview is) the key east-west connector for the Springfield area and it’s home to a mix of aging commercial and residential properties,

former industrial sites and vacant parcels that create a barrier for reinvestment,” she said.

Peterson wants interested community members to be involved with the Commission’s plans.

“I just can’t stress enough the importance of community engagement through this process. We really want to make sure that the community is involved, that they’re aware of what is being done,” she said. “It is going to be a slow burn. It’s a four-year grant and, like I said, it’s step one in a much larger process.” □

No medical release for Sean Grayson

Prisoner Review Board votes unanimously to deny his petition

PRISON | Scott Reeder

Former Sangamon County Deputy and convicted murderer Sean Grayson will remain in prison after a panel from the Illinois Prisoner Review Board voted unanimously July 31 to deny his request for early medical release.

The three-member panel voted 3-0 to deny Grayson's petition following a public hearing in which no one spoke in favor of his release. Grayson and his attorneys did not attend.

Grayson was convicted of second-degree murder in October 2025 and sentenced in January to the maximum 20 years in prison for fatally shooting Sonya Massey inside her Springfield-area home on July 6, 2024. Massey, a 36-year-old Black mother of two, had called 911 to report a possible prowler before Grayson and another deputy responded to her home.

Grayson sought release under Illinois' medical-release law because he has advanced colon cancer that has spread to his liver and lungs.

Throughout Friday's hearing, Massey's relatives argued Grayson's medical condition had already been considered during sentencing and urged the board to require him to serve his prison term.

"No one is above the law," said Sontae Massey, Sonya Massey's cousin.

He told board members Grayson had shown no remorse during his criminal trial and said releasing him after only a short time in prison would undermine the jury's verdict and the sentence imposed by Sangamon County Circuit Judge Ryan Cadagin.

"The only thing to do is deny this murderer the comforts of his home and a warm bed while Sonya was given the coldness of the soil," Sontae Massey said.

He also argued the intent of Illinois' compassionate release law should not apply in Grayson's case because of the severity of the crime.

"We deserve justice," he said. "Ensure that this precedent reverberates throughout the nation by denying this murderer the loophole that he desires to utilize. Make him serve his sentence."

Sonya Massey's son, Malachi Hill-Massey, also urged the board to reject the petition, saying Grayson had multiple alternatives to using deadly force.

"He killed my mom," Hill-Massey said. "There were so many things that could've happened differently in that situation."



Supporters of the Massey family gathered July 31 outside the Prisoner Review Board hearing to urge the board to reject Sean Grayson's petition. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Hill-Massey said Grayson could have backed away, used pepper spray or a Taser, or attempted to take control of the pot of boiling water rather than shooting his mother. Seconds before being shot, Massey rebuked Grayson in the name of Jesus.

"He's been in there for nine months. Now he (is) ready to go," he said. "It's not time for him to go."

James Wilburn, Sonya's father, told board members the sentencing judge had already taken Grayson's medical condition into account before imposing the maximum sentence allowed for second-degree murder.

"Judge Cadagin did that, and he gave him the complete 20-year sentence that he had the capability of giving him," Wilburn said.

Wilburn rejected arguments that Grayson should be allowed to spend his final days with family because of his illness.

"My baby didn't have a chance to die amongst her family and friends," he said.

He also argued Grayson's release would further traumatize the family and the Springfield community.

"Please do not let this killer on your streets here in Sangamon County again," Wilburn said.

Wilburn hinted that a vote to release Grayson could trigger violence.

"This nation is in a powder keg right now," he said. "It's because of what's been happen-

ing to our young men. We've had three of our young men killed recently, and we're looking for answers as it concerns those matters. I think this country is on the brink, and today this distinguished board has the opportunity to right the wrong that's been done to this family."

Donna Massey, Sonya Massey's mother, described her daughter as a bright student and devoted mother who battled lupus, ulcerative colitis and end-stage kidney disease while maintaining a positive outlook.

"Sonya was smart," Donna Massey said. "She was an honor student from kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade every year."

She recounted her daughter's mental health crisis in the days before the shooting and said family members had repeatedly sought help.

Donna Massey questioned why Grayson should receive compassion after killing her daughter.

"Letting Sean Grayson out in nine months for a 20-year sentence for compassion?" she said. "Where's the compassion he gave to Sonya?"

She added, "He's a menace to society. He should not be walking around. He hates God, he hates the name of Jesus, and he hates Black people. And he will kill you if you say 'Jesus.' And he'll kill you if you're Black, (if) he gets a chance where you turn your head. He should not be walking around."

Outside the hearing, supporters of the Massey family also urged the board to reject Grayson's petition.

Sarah Blanco, a member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, said granting medical release would be inconsistent with how Illinois typically handles compassionate release cases.

"There are far too many people who are dying in prison who really do meet the criteria for medical release who are not getting out," Blanco said. "It would be a great miscarriage of justice if this killer cop got out while they don't."

Blanco argued Grayson had already received a lesser conviction than many people believed was warranted.

"I think most people in Springfield agree he really should have gotten first-degree murder, really should be spending more than 20 years in prison," she said. "It would send the wrong message to other cops if he were to get out just six months after sentencing."

Blanco said the case highlighted broader systemic issues beyond Grayson's actions.

"It's not just about one cop," she said. "It's about a culture of impunity that's been a problem across the country for decades, in Springfield in particular, in Sangamon County in particular, with the corrupt hiring practices that allowed him to be a cop in the first place."

She also called for greater investment in mental health services, saying such resources "would've actually helped Sonya Massey."

Following the testimony, board members Rodger Heaton, Robin Shoffner and Jared Bohland recessed into closed session for about 10 minutes to deliberate. They returned and voted publicly to deny Grayson's request for medical release.

The board announced the decision in open session but did not provide a detailed public explanation before voting.

Grayson will remain in custody to continue serving his 20-year sentence. The Illinois Department of Corrections has not disclosed where Grayson is serving time, whether it is an Illinois facility or out-of-state, citing security concerns. □

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Wyndham hotel up for sale

Mayor says city won't buy it, will pursue new hotel as part of BOS expansion

BANKRUPTCY | Dean Olsen

The 30-story Wyndham Springfield City Centre, closed since March 2025 by water damage that local police and the FBI were investigating as an alleged act of vandalism, is going up for sale as part of bankruptcy proceedings.

Bids for the aging former hotel are due by Sept. 15, according to a July 30 news release.

"The former Wyndham City Centre represents one of the most visible buildings to come to market in central Illinois in recent years," Jamie Cote, senior director at Northbrook-based Hilco Global, said in the company's news release.

"Its scale, downtown location and established convention infrastructure provide a strong foundation for buyers seeking to reposition, redevelop and restore an iconic hotel asset or redevelop the city block into something else entirely," Cote said.

The sale of the iconic downtown Springfield building at 700 E. Adams St., with 369 hotel rooms and 27 apartment units, will be finalized by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas as part of Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy filed in March 2026 by Tower Capital Group.

The property is valued at \$7 million, according to bankruptcy documents filed by Tower, which is owned by Tower General Manager Al Rajabi of San Antonio, Texas.

The planned sale and bid deadline were announced by Hilco Real Estate LLC, which is part of Hilco Global, a financial services company.

Cote and Dean Greer, a San Antonio lawyer representing Tower Capital, didn't immediately return phone calls from *Illinois Times*.

The Hilco news release says the building totals more than 374,200 square feet of space. In addition to hotel rooms and apartments, the building, originally constructed in 1972, includes a restaurant, lounge, cafe, indoor pool, fitness center, business center and an adjacent parking garage.

There is about 50,000 square feet of meeting, banquet and event space, and the Hilco release said a rooftop communications lease generates monthly revenue of more than \$12,000.

The hotel began as Forum 30 in 1973 and began to be known as the Springfield Hilton in 1980. The hotel's brand switched to Wyndham in 2015.

Illinois Times reported on May 20 about the impending settlement of a civil lawsuit between plaintiffs Full Service Hospitality LLC and Tower Capital Group – both entities connected with Rajabi – and defendant Affiliated FM Insurance Co.



The shuttered Wyndham Springfield City Centre, shown in this September 2025 photo, taken a month after the first floor windows were boarded up, is for sale as part of federal bankruptcy proceedings in Texas. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

The settlement, approved July 6 by Texas-based U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Aubrey Thomas, resolved a lawsuit filed by Full Service and Tower Capital in June 2025 that said Affiliated breached a contract by failing to reimburse Full Service and Tower Capital for the water damage.

Rajabi, who bought the hotel from the previous owner in a foreclosure sale for \$7.4 million in 2019, never made public any estimate of how much repairs would cost.

But he said in the suit that the flooding caused "significant damage to the hotel's restaurants, meeting rooms, banquet rooms, hotel rooms, apartment units and common spaces located on the majority of the hotel's 30 floors."

Affiliated contended in court documents that it denied Rajabi's claim because Springfield law enforcement authorities were investigating the damage as a suspected case of vandalism.

Affiliated told Rajabi in a letter in August 2025 that the vandalism in the early morning hours of March 27, 2025, "was intentionally caused by Mr. Rajabi. Mr. Rajabi colluded with others to cause the damage, and/or the damage was caused by other individuals with the knowledge of Mr. Rajabi."

Affiliated also said Rajabi filed a fraudulent claim related to a purported March 2024 lightning strike on the hotel building that resulted in Affiliated paying Rajabi \$4.05 million.

Rajabi's lawyers said in an email to *Illinois Times* last year that the allegations against him were "baseless."

A Springfield Police Department spokesperson told *IT* in 2025 that its investigation into the water damage was taken over by the FBI. The FBI has declined comment, and no arrests have been made.

The July 6 settlement of the civil lawsuit

included both sides dropping their claims and counterclaims against each other, according to the agreement filed in Bankruptcy Court.

The agreement didn't provide for the payment of any money. As a result, it appears that the insurance company won't pay anything to Rajabi for needed repairs related to the water damage. And the agreement didn't require Rajabi to repay the money he received from Affiliated in connection with the lightning strike claim.

Mayor Misty Buscher told *IT* she won't push for the city to submit a bid to buy the Wyndham building.

"I do not want to take taxpayer dollars to bail out a private entity that is not taking care of its property," Buscher said. "In a perfect world, someone would purchase it, invest in it and rehabilitate that building. It would be great to have that full-service hotel back in action."

Buscher is working with Sangamon County officials to pass state legislation that would assist in the expansion of the BOS Center and the construction of a new downtown hotel attached to the center. She said the potential for a new owner and renovations at the Wyndham wouldn't negatively affect the BOS Center expansion project. Sangamon County Board Chairperson Andy Van Meter couldn't be reached for comment.

The Springfield City Council in 2022 denied several zoning variance requests by a New York-based developer to convert the building into mostly market-rate apartments and some hotel rooms.

Rajabi appeared in front of the council and voiced frustration about the council's decisions that, in effect, blocked what he described as a potential \$40 million-plus acquisition and renovation of the hotel by developer GoodHomes.

The latest proposal for the variance came from Tower Capital in spring 2023, shortly before former Mayor Jim Langfelder, a supporter of the plan, was defeated in a bid for a third consecutive term by Buscher.

Based on discussions with Langfelder, Tower said the company had hoped to take advantage of about \$18.75 million in tax-related incentives from the city. However, Buscher said she estimated that the assistance package of property, hotel-motel and sales taxes available from the city would have amounted to \$9 million or \$10 million at most.

Rajabi never tried to take Buscher up on the lower offer. Rajabi put the Wyndham up for online auction that ended in April 2024, but the auction failed to result in a sale. □



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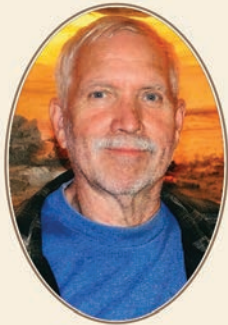
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OPINION

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GREAT PROGRAM

This sounds like a terrific program to offer non-traditional skills and emotional/spiritual support to those who struggle with addiction (“Creating a recovery movement,” July 16). Many art-related skills can help reduce stress and anxiety, which would be another benefit to those participating. If the desk (in the photo) that Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup is sitting at is one of the refurbished pieces, there will be no issue in selling their work. It is gorgeous! Good luck with your newly acquired location.

*Janet Mollet
Springfield*

HYPOCRITICAL

The same officials who approved a project that clearly should’ve been denied, denied a project that clearly should have been approved (“Solar company, landowner sue Sangamon County,” July 23).

*Don Hanrahan
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes.com*

AVOID LITIGATION

As someone who has advocated for practical clean energy solutions that benefit local communities, I believe the Sangamon County Board should reconsider its 15-8 rejection of the Whisper Walk community solar project on Lenhart Road. The project met every county code requirement, received the county’s own planning and zoning approvals, and now creates avoidable legal and fiscal risk for taxpayers.

County planning staff recommended approval, and the Zoning Board approved the project. The developer also agreed to move it 200 feet from the road to address neighbors’ concerns. Even the board’s attorney verified that the project meets legal requirements and that the developer would have a compelling case in court.

I understand why neighbors near the Whisper Walk project area are concerned. Homeowners whose property would border the project have raised questions about property values, but the best available evidence does not support a categorical rejection. A 2024 Loyola University study of Midwest solar farms found no significant negative impact on nearby home values and even a slight positive effect of 0.5% to 2% for homes near smaller solar farms such as this project; meanwhile, our own zoning administrator acknowledged the county has not studied local impacts at all.

For Sangamon County residents, the most



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

important question is whether this project offers practical local benefits, and it does. Community solar can help households lower their Ameren bills through subscription credits, provide steady lease income for participating landowners and add property tax revenue that supports local schools and public services. Instead of sending investment elsewhere, the Whisper Walk project would keep clean-energy dollars working here in the county while giving residents another tool to manage rising utility costs.

This 20-acre project will not alter the rural character of western Sangamon County. It will show that the county can follow state law, respect a fair process and keep investment here. I urge the County Board to reconsider its vote, apply its established standards consistently and avoid unnecessary litigation costs for taxpayers.

*Kevin Rademacher
Springfield*

SEE FROZEN

“Do you want to build a snowman?” is the melody that rings true in the musical *Frozen* at the Muni.

Although the song is not Disney’s showstopper, it’s the one that sets the stage of innocence and purity at a young age in preparation for the icy storms awaiting adult life. Elsa finds herself trapped in a presence that can only outgrow itself through the revelation of her magical gifts shared with the monstrous world.

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*Douglas Yul Holt
Springfield*
Editor’s note: See the full review on p. 22.

CORREX

The July 30 story “Powered by private equity” incorrectly stated Chard Farms was leasing its land for a solar project in Chatham. Chard Farms originally had a stake in the lease when the project was approved but the family ultimately decided against participating in the upcoming project.

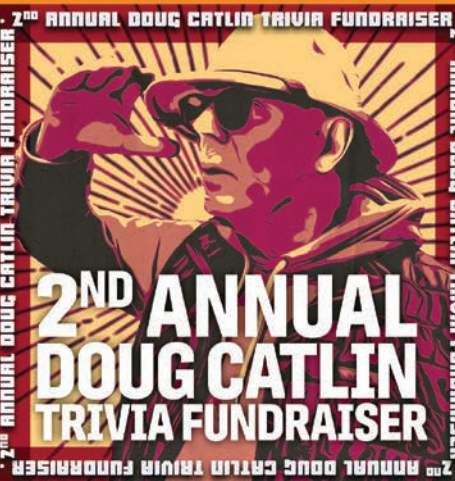
Tizzathee

Radio introduction to Jackie’s writing show for kids:

My co-teacher and friend said he long thought “Tizzathee” was the name of our country, for he sang My country Tizzathee in school. “Today let’s write on Tis of Thee, what it really means to you.” Linus says in Charlie Brown “I love mankind, it’s people I can’t stand” I feel you can’t love everyone unless you’ve learned to love one special person or thing. Then you can extend your love to take in mankind, for you know what love is.

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OPINION

Welch to seek Chicago school funds

POLITICS | Rich Miller

House Speaker Chris Welch promised the Chicago Teachers Union last week that he will "lead" the effort to send more state money to Chicago Public Schools during the upcoming fall veto session.

Welch made his pledge in a CTU-posted video yesterday while holding a union poster blasting proposed CPS layoffs and budget cuts. "The state of Illinois underfunds Chicago schools by \$2 billion," the poster proclaimed.

"This should not be happening," Welch said, gesturing toward the sign focusing on layoffs. "I do think that the state of Illinois can do better, should do better. This should be, and I'm going to keep fighting for you, so that we can get more revenue to get to CPS schools ... I will lead that effort in the veto session."

Welch, of course, has been under fire for weeks because, among other things, he waited almost three years after then-Rep. Harry Benton (D-Plainfield) was accused of sexual harassment to take any sort of action. He's also faced heat for inappropriate personal interactions with the alleged victim. He obviously needs allies.

But any tax hike and/or supplemental appropriations bills with immediate effective dates would require three-fifths votes in both chambers during veto session — making Welch's pledge ring more than a little hollow and setting off alarm bells among some of his members.

"Getting flashbacks of the Madigan experience where the speaker stops saying no to everyone to desperately keep his job," one suburban House member who asked for anonymity told me. Indeed, when Madigan was under fire, he regularly agreed to put his weight behind legislation favored by groups of members, which directly led to things like hundreds of millions of dollars in state-paid health care for undocumented immigrants.

"I think his idea is laughable," said one exurban House Democrat when contacted by my associate Isabel Miller.

"How is a vote that excludes every suburban district that is having to make hard choices good for the caucus?" a suburban Democrat asked.

Not all suburbanites were so negative. Progressive Rep. Dagmara Avelar (D-Bolingbrook) told Isabel, "I am in support of making sure all our schools in need are funded and I'm looking forward to actively discuss the resources needed to tackle this issue during veto."

Welch's people and some of his allies have been privately putting pressure on skeptical members to stay quiet during this Benton-

related uproar and, according to sources, give Welch time to "let this all blow over."

Welch did not consult with his caucus before making his CTU pledge, and some see it as temporarily benefitting himself while setting up his members to look bad this fall when his unilateral promise can't be kept. Never show weakness.

And how hard can Welch push members to help him fulfill this new pledge while also pressuring members to stay in line on the questions that continue to swirl around him?

The day after Welch made that commitment to the CTU, the Chicago Public Schools Board voted to pass a budget that relies on the state increasing funding by \$150 million in the next few months. The CTU supported the vote.

But, as I told you above, Welch did not seek buy-in from his caucus before making the pledge, and finding a three-fifths supermajority to spend even \$150 million that the state doesn't currently have to bail out Chicago doesn't seem possible. Besides the obvious regional rivalries, and the fact that CPS put itself into this position by using temporary pandemic money for its permanent base spending, lots of legislators were disappointed

in May with the appropriated funding for their cherished programs.

So, if the CTU wants to increase revenues, then it's gonna be a whole lot more than \$150 million. And then they'd have to find 71 votes in the House and 36 in the Senate to pay for it.

The CTU is now proclaiming that they have triangulated Gov. JB Pritzker because they have both Welch and Harmon on their side. But Harmon did not go nearly as far as Welch, merely committing to working with them on finding revenues.

Nevertheless, the union sent an email to members after the vote claiming that Pritzker "has been in office for eight years and owes the state's students \$6.4 billion dollars from pre-K to PhD."

In his attempt to secure the support of a powerful ally while he's under fire over the Benton debacle, Speaker Welch may have inadvertently tossed the governor under the bus.

The next day, Pritzker turned the tables by saying he was waiting to see Welch's plan. □

Rich Miller also publishes *Capitol Fax*, a daily political newsletter, and *CapitolFax.com*.



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Looking to the skies

Learning the one lesson of the past – again

KROHE | James Krohe Jr.

No one who's seen it is likely to forget it. I refer to the ending to Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* when the aliens' mothership dropped from the sky to land on an isolated Wyoming butte. Imagine something that unexpected, that wondrous, landing in Sangamon County.

Lots of people thought that wondrous did happen, when CyrusOne, a big data center developer, announced that it wanted to build a hyperscale facility in southwest Sangamon County. Some locals were terrified, others curious, all were awed by its scale. The CyrusOne data factory would occupy some 240 acres, keep 500 very happy union craftsmen busy for five years building it, and at full build-out would consume enough electricity to power several hundred thousand homes, which puts it in a different class from every other data factory now operating in the state.

Sangamon has never seen the like. Except it has. Twice. And within living memory.

In the 1960s Chicago's electric utility, Commonwealth Edison, needed another power plant. Power plants in those days needed coal, so why not build one on top of a coal mine, specifically Peabody Coal's No. 10 mine on the Sangamon-Christian County line.

Looking back, the Kincaid power generating station makes the proposed CyrusOne facility look like a garden shed. Its \$100 million construction cost in 1967 is the equivalent of \$734 million in today's money; the construction of CyrusOne's Springfield data center will require about \$500 million. The spaceship Kincaid required 12,000 acres of land, which is about 50 times the planned footprint of the CyrusOne project.

"Nickels and dimes," thought many a Sangamonian in 1967. Thirty years or so earlier, deliverance from the Great Depression came unexpectedly from the sky in the form of a radio flash about Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. The government needed bombs and artillery shells in a hurry. Of all the plant sites in all the counties in all the world, government planners settled on one in eastern Sangamon County on Route 36 just on the Springfield side of Illiopolis.

CyrusOne chose Talkington Township for its plant because of the presence there of a high-voltage line sufficient to deliver power



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in utility-scale gulps. The infrastructure that made the U.S. 36 site appealing also had a line – the Interurban Railroad track that ran parallel to the highway between the Springfield and Decatur that could carry commuting workers to and from both.

The two plants, later consolidated under the Sangamon Ordnance Plant, spread across about 20,000 acres. (A standard township in Illinois covers 23,040 acres.) They employed 12,000 people, of whom maybe half lived in Sangamon County. In a county that was then home to only 118,000, that was huge. Economically the Kincaid project also was like a dropped bomb, only instead of shrapnel, it threw money in all direction for miles across Sangamon and Christian counties. At its peak, the mine and power plant together employed roughly 1,300 people.

That paid for a lot of nice pickups, but it did not transform Sangamon County or even come close. Now outmoded, Kincaid will be shut down in 2027 and its land reused as a solar farm. Out at Illiopolis, the War Department closed the ordnance plants when the war ended and its workers were absorbed by a booming postwar economy. Most of the land eventually was farmed again as if it had never been there.

Except. A key component of the Kincaid infrastructure was extra-high voltage (345 kV)

power lines strung across southern Sangamon to deliver its output to the wider world. No one could have imagined that in 60 years those humming wires would become the basis of a regional 345-kV network that CyrusOne could someday tap to power robot brains for our AI overlords. That network is also the reason Illinois's largest solar farm – the Double Black Diamond – was sited in that neck of the woods, a project of poetic engineering that will carry Sangamon from its old future energy to its future one, from burning ancient swamp forests to make electricity to stealing it from the sun.

Spaceship projects don't change the world. High-voltage lines can. So can sharp steel plows. The steel moldboard plow that turned the prairie grass into cornfields started a process that took farming from feeding one's family to feeding markets that then drove the farmhand off the farms and into the factories making the machines that put him out of business and, in the process, turned Illinois from a rural to a urban society. That is the one thing the past teaches us – you never know. □

James Krohe's book, Corn Kings & One-Horse Thieves, won the Illinois State Historical Society's 2018 Annual Award for a Scholarly Publication.



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Thinking is part of the learning journey

Illinois State Board of Education's new AI guidelines miss the mark

GUESTWORK | Melissa Hostetter

Earlier this month, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance on artificial intelligence for Illinois schools. The guidelines are needlessly complicated, repetitive and lacking substance. In a bit of self-parody, ISBE readily admitted to using AI to construct the 409-page word salad.

The phrase, “teaching and learning are shaped by human relationships and by the experiences, interests, and assets each child brings into school,” can be found eight times throughout the document. If this is the case, then the nexus of our instruction should reside with dedicated teachers and students. However, once you begin to dig in, this guiding light seems little more than lip service.

Many of the report's recommendations suggest that AI will make teaching easier. For a Read-Aloud/Picture/Text Evidence lesson, the guide suggests that in order to help students recall which words they hear during a read-aloud, the teacher could use ChatGPT to “generate 5–8 target words with kid-friendly definitions + gestures; create picture + word cards and word-only cards for differentiation.”

This is a great idea. Teaching vocabulary is an important part of literacy. However, what is the teacher's role in this scenario? Anyone can read a book out loud. The teacher's job is to read the book in advance, consider specific students and their vocabulary needs, and then create a lesson to match. ChatGPT cannot take individual student needs into consideration. Only an educator can do that.

As the document moves into suggestions for high school lessons, it frequently suggests that students complete part of the lesson with AI and then finish on their own.

“AI may brainstorm counterclaims and improve structure. Students must write in their own voice, cite sources, and disclose AI assistance,” the guidance recommends.

This suggests we offer our students what is essentially a “homework machine” to complete part of an assignment and then tell them to close the



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laptop and compose the remainder on their own. If left to their own devices, most high school students (and most adults) would not be able to resist the one-click pull of automatic assignment completion.

Additionally, the guidelines suggest that students can turn over brainstorming and planning to AI so students can “enter tasks faster and spend more time revising and refining work.” Brainstorming and planning are part of the writing process. In fact, I spent a fair amount of time doing both to construct this piece. How does it help students to offload cognitive tasks to a machine? Why do we want a machine to work for us? To create for us? Thinking is part of the learning journey.

world and are paid six-figure salaries (tuition starts at \$40,000 a year). It is hard to imagine two hours of instruction from an AI tutor would be adequate for most students.

What school districts do need is more guidance and support around building stronger foundational skills. A major area of concern in Illinois is math. The Illinois Report Card indicates that only 38% of students in grades 3-8 scored ‘proficient’ on the 2025 IAR assessment. Our students are missing foundational skills such as number sense, automatic recall of math facts and the ability to read and understand word problems. The easiest way to address these issues is through hands-on activities involving manipulatives, flashcards, illustrations and real-life examples, such as telling time and playing “store” in the classroom. No devices needed.

The common sentiment around artificial intelligence is not positive. Tangential issues, such as data center construction and predicted job losses, do not bring joy or hope to our society. There seems to be an ongoing disconnect between those in the corporate suites and those of us who do the work, day in and day out. Did ISBE seek parent, student, or teacher opinions? Did it hold a public hearing or listening tour as is typical for recommendations of this magnitude?

ISBE, please revise these guidelines. You have an opportunity to choose a human-centered education system for our children over a simulacrum. You can choose to turn away from the not-so-subtle corporate influence. Technology companies seek lifelong customers. Our commitment as educators is to our students, not the success of the next start-up. We can break the spell of inevitability. □

Melissa Hostetter is a middle school teacher in Springfield. She is a member of the Screens and Schools Working Group, a committee organized by Fairplay and its Screen Time Action Network. Fairplay is calling for a five-year pause on generative AI products in PreK-12 schools.

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Play or musical	Margaritas	Drive thru	Sports bar and grill	Credit union
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David Butt makes a platelet donation on July 27 at Impact Life in Springfield. The machine next to him extracts the platelets and returns the rest of the blood products to the donor's system. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Saving lives one pint at time

Springfield man joins National Blood Donation Hall of Fame

HEALTH | David Blanchette

Springfield resident David Butt has donated enough blood to completely fill 33 human beings.

"After I retired, I made it my personal goal to be a maximum blood donor to the extent that my health would allow me to do that," said the 71-year-old Butt, the former emergency management director for Springfield and Sangamon County. "I hope to stay healthy enough to continue as a blood donor as long as I live, to literally donate for life."

Butt became a 50-gallon donor after reaching the 400 donations milestone during June. He timed that donation to coincide with World Blood Donors Day on June 14.

"That day fell on a Sunday and I had never donated on a Sunday before," Butt recalled. "But I made the appointment and got it done."

Butt's commitment inspired Impact Life,

the independent blood center where Butt donates, to nominate him for the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame. Butt will receive that recognition during a ceremony later this year at Impact Life in Springfield, and he will be one of 12 donors to be included in the Hall of Fame Calendar for 2027.

Fresenius Kabi is an international company that makes blood collection and processing products used worldwide, and 24 times per year Butt is hooked up to their products as he makes his regularly scheduled platelet, or Power Red, donations. Butt switched from whole blood donations, which can only be done every 56 days, to platelet donations in 2008 and has maintained a regular donation schedule ever since.

Butt's blood donation journey began in 1990 when he and his wife, Deborah, were expecting their first child and the doctor asked

David's blood type. Butt didn't know, so the physician recommended that he go to the Central Illinois Community Blood Center in Springfield to make a donation, and they would inform him of his blood type.

David is type B-Positive, which is in high demand for platelet donations, and Deborah is O-Negative, the universal donor blood type. But what was good for blood donation wasn't necessarily good for their child, as certain parental blood types in combination can cause pregnancy complications.

"With our positive and negative blood types my wife needed to get a shot. When our second child was due, she also had to get a shot," David recalled. "When that baby was born, I made a donation in recognition of his life."

That donation started a commitment that Butt intended to keep. Butt had an arrangement where his Sangamon County

employer allowed him to donate blood at 7 a.m. if Butt was at his desk by 9 a.m.

"The workday started at 8 a.m., so I was donating using one hour of my time and one hour of Sangamon County's time. But as an emergency manager I was on call 24/7, so I really thought the arrangement was fair," Butt said. "Since I retired, I do not go at 7 a.m. because that time should be reserved for people who are working."

On Jan. 20, 2009, David's younger son, Erick, asked his father to take him to make his first blood donation on the national day of service for President Barack Obama's inauguration. Father and son watched the inauguration on TV while Erick donated. Erick later became president of the National Honor Society at Springfield High School and was the only high school student donor at Central Illinois Community Blood Center, now known as Impact Life, to reach the two-

gallon milestone before graduation.

In the summer of 2024 Dr. Erick Butt began his medical career serving rural populations in southern Illinois. He continues to regularly donate blood.

All of his blood donations are special and potentially life-saving, but David said that occasionally he is made aware that a donation is heading straight from his arm to someone specific.

"On my second donation in February this year I was told I had a targeted donation. That

on an annual basis. Those who collect and distribute blood products hope to improve upon that statistic.

New guidance from the Food and Drug Administration in 2023 now allows some gay men to be blood donors, reversing a long-standing rule. According to redcross.org, blood donation is now more inclusive for the LGBTQ+ community, and many are now able to donate blood through a new screening process that expands blood donor eligibility and eliminates questions based on sexual

recruitment and engagement for Impact Life, which now encompasses the former Central Illinois Community Blood Center.

"We want the most amount of people to be able to give," Matheson said. "It's always good news when the FDA allows this to happen."

Matheson said that when she started in her job 25 years ago, if you got a tattoo you had to wait a year to donate blood.

"We worked with our state legislators to get a law in Illinois where tattoo parlors need to get licensed and regulated to ensure their safety," Matheson said. "Once that happened, it reduced the risk. So now when you get a tattoo from a licensed and regulated tattoo parlor you can donate once that tattoo site has healed."

There have also been some guideline modifications regarding blood donation and travel. Previously, those who visited certain countries had to wait a year before donating blood, but those restrictions have now been reduced to a three-month wait.

"We had some travel regulations go from one year to three months and that is very helpful for those who travel," Matheson said. "My in-laws were going to Nicaragua every year. My mother-in-law donated regularly before they started doing that, and we lost her because she would travel there every year and she wouldn't be eligible to donate. Now it's three months and she's ecstatic; she's able to give now."

"There is a constant need for blood donation."

The relaxed donor guidelines help, but there continues to be a need for more blood donations. The American Red Cross declared an emergency blood shortage in July because the blood supply fell by nearly 25% during June. The Red Cross had seen a steady decline in blood donations since the end of May and distributions to hospitals were nearly 3,500 units higher per week than expected, according to Eustice, from the American Red Cross of Illinois.

"Summer is the height of the trauma season when there is an increased demand for blood due to injuries and other medical emergencies," Eustice said. "So a readily available blood supply is essential. We continue to push for donors so doctors can focus on what they really need to do without worrying about whether life-saving blood products will be available to them."

Springfield is part of the American Red Cross' South and West Central chapter, which stretches from Quincy to Decatur to Marion and includes 33 counties.

"The need for blood is constant throughout the year. Blood is perishable, it cannot be stockpiled in advance," Eustice

said. "It's something we have to continually replenish, and that's why there is a constant need for blood donation."

The universal blood donor type is O-Negative but there is always a critical need for O-Positive as well, Eustice said. In addition, blood organizations are always looking for people to make a Power Red, or platelet donation, where the blood is taken out, gets put through a centrifuge which separates the platelets, and gives back the plasma and other blood products, he added.

"People are distracted, especially during the summer months, because they're out spending time with family and friends and blood donation is not necessarily at the front of their minds," Eustice said. "We always stress how important blood donations are, that they can help cancer patients, new mothers, premature babies, people battling sickle cell disease. These individuals are sometimes in fights for their lives and have to rely on the generosity of others coming out, rolling up their sleeves, and making blood donations."

Impact Life's Matheson said there's a simple reason why people may not be donating blood.

"The No. 1 reason people don't give is because no one has ever really asked them," Matheson said. "We want to encourage new people to give. Our Baby Boomers were our biggest chunk of donors but now they're getting older and they have health considerations. Our younger donors aren't replacing them at the same rate that the Baby Boomers drop off."

Matheson said that people can donate blood at age 16 with a parent's consent, but once they reach the age of 17 they can donate as often as they wish.

"People can sign up for an appointment online at bloodcenter.org, and they can go to



Khara Koffel of Jacksonville makes a blood donation July 17 during an American Red Cross blood drive at Visions 1908 in Springfield. Jason Miranda of the Red Cross helps get the process started. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

meant my platelets were an exact match for somebody in the system who needed them right away," Butt said. "My second donation in March and my second in April were also targeted. I was elbow to elbow with somebody who needed exactly what I had."

The average human body contains one and a half gallons of blood, or 12 pints. Each blood donation is one pint. Very few people will donate 50 gallons, or 400 pints of blood, but those who collect and distribute the precious commodity hope that more people will consider making that first vital donation.

"They opened up donation to more people."

More people than ever before are eligible to donate blood – up to 60% of the U.S. population – but currently only 3% do so

orientation.

"When they opened up donation to more people, we were happy to go along with that. We were excited to open up a new pool of donors," said Jayce Eustice, regional communications manager for the American Red Cross of Illinois. "You never know if your parent, sibling or child will be in need of life-saving blood until it happens, so having more potential donors is a plus."

Eustice said blood donations in Illinois have increased since 2023, but he's not sure whether the new FDA guidelines are the reason.

"I want to say since they've loosened the rules it's allowed more people to give and we are collecting more blood," Eustice said. "Our collections have grown, but I can't pinpoint it specifically to that reason."

Tara Matheson is the director of donor



Tara Matheson, Director of Donor Recruitment and Engagement, at Impact Life's Springfield donor center at 1999 Wabash. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE



Sandy Kirk of the Red Cross helps Marc Benner make a blood donation July 17. Benner and his wife, Khara Koffel, both donated during a blood drive at Visions 1908 in Springfield. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

any of our 22 donor centers across the region,” Matheson said. “We also have blood drives but we like to have appointments scheduled for those to better use our staff and resources. But of course, we will always accept walk-ins.”

Once at the donor center, the process is pretty straightforward.

“We register you, give you a mini-physical to make sure it’s safe for you to give blood to someone. We ask a bunch of questions to make sure you are a viable candidate for blood donation,” Matheson said. “If you pass all of that you hop into a donor chair and the process of giving blood doesn’t take long, it’s super easy.”

“We will move that blood to where it’s needed.”

Impact Life is an independent blood center, and a little over half of the nation’s blood supply comes through independent blood centers. Impact Life supplies blood to approximately 120 hospitals. These include nearly half of the hospitals in Illinois, including Memorial Health System and HSHS St. John’s, plus portions of Iowa, Wisconsin, and the Metro East and St. Louis areas.

Blood that is donated in Springfield is processed and tested locally to get it patient ready and then distributed to hospitals in the Impact Life system.

“If a hospital has some blood that we need to use at another hospital, we will move that blood to where it’s needed to better manage our blood supply,” Matheson said. “Donors

are giving us this blood to save people’s lives so we want to do our best to manage it in the best way possible because blood has a shelf life of 42 days.”

Impact Life also makes sure that emergency responders have the blood products they need.

“People always assumed that our EMS vehicles and helicopters carried blood products. They didn’t, but now they do,” Matheson said. “We’re starting to become suppliers of type O blood to these EMS services and they’re able to save more lives.”

Matheson is familiar with stories like those from champion blood donor David Butt and other “amazing humans” who donate, where the donor will sometimes be informed where their blood donation is headed. It starts when the Impact Life laboratory tests donors’ blood for certain antibodies, antigens and proteins.

“Some people who receive a lot of transfusions can have reactions if you don’t narrow it down to those specific things in the blood, so we have a team that identifies donors who are giving blood in order to match a specific patient,” Matheson said. “My team reaches out to those donors, and it’s an easy thing to convince someone to come in and give when you say there’s a patient in a hospital that they match specifically who needs their blood.”

Matheson has been with the Central Illinois Community Blood Center and Impact Life for 25 years of its 55-year existence.

“My father was a blood donor when I was growing up and I remember always seeing his donor plaques, so when this job opening came up, I ran to it,” Matheson said.

“My grandfather had leukemia and blood donations kept him alive for two years so he got to know his granddaughter. He died when I was 2 so I didn’t know him, but that was a story I grew up with, so I wanted to work here.”

Impact Life started as the Central Illinois Community Blood Center in Springfield in 1971. Around 2010 the local center combined resources with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in the Quad Cities and a year later brought in Champaign-Urbana’s Community Blood Services of Illinois. These three independent blood centers became Impact Life, a name change that made better sense for marketing purposes, Matheson said.

The Springfield Impact Life donation center at 1999 Wabash has been operating since 2015, and the organization also has an administrative building on 10th Street.

Springfield resident Ashley Welch gave blood at the local Impact Life donation center on July 24, an activity she has done since attending college 20 years ago.

“When I was a kid, my mom would always come in and donate blood and I would come with her and I thought it was interesting to watch,” Welch said. “Then my husband had a kidney transplant three years ago so now in return I donate blood for that.”

Welch encouraged people who have never donated to give it a try.

“A lot of my friends are afraid of needles but I tell them it’s not scary, it’s a tiny little pinch and then you’re done,” Welch said. “It’s an awesome feeling. My mom and I are both O-Negative so we’re universal donors, and there’s also something in our blood that allows them to donate it to babies, which isn’t always the case.”

“I give as frequently as I possibly can.”

The American Red Cross of Illinois has no blood center in Springfield – its closest such facilities are in Decatur and Quincy – but the organization hosts a number of mobile blood drives where it sends teams into the community.

One such blood drive was held July 17 at Visions 1908 on South 11th Street in Springfield, and two Jacksonville residents stopped by to donate a pint.

“I give as frequently as I possibly can. I just love the idea that it’s something that I can easily do,” said Khara Koffel. “If I can make blood, surely I should be able to give it to somebody else to help. To me it’s a very low-cost, great way of giving back to people.”

Koffel and her husband usually donate together and have some fun with it.

“We’re both pretty good at blood donation and we like to see who can go the quickest,

whose blood is flowing the best,” Koffel said. “It’s just a friendly little competition.”

Koffel’s husband, Marc Benner, is a relatively new blood donor.

“My wife has always done it and I have two friends who work in blood banks across the country, so it seemed like something good to do,” Benner said. “It makes me feel good, it’s nice to know that it’s going toward helping somebody, and the app I use tells me where it’s going.”

American Red Cross of Illinois’ Eustice said blood drives can be hosted at “local businesses, community centers, churches or schools, pretty much any place that has air conditioning and space where we can safely collect blood.”

To find a local blood drive visit redcross.org, click on find a blood drive, and type in your ZIP code. Donors seeking a blood drive can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

“You can do a whole blood donation every 56 days. The process usually takes a little less than an hour,” Eustice said. “You get checked in, go through a health screening, make the donation, get some snacks, and get sent on your way.”

Eustice said there’s not a competition between the Red Cross and independent blood centers, and all blood donations are appreciated.

“While we collect 40% of the nation’s blood supply and we have partners throughout the United States, at the end of the day our goal is the same, to make sure that people have access to blood products when they need them,” Eustice said. “It’s really about saving lives.” □

School spirit

Blood Donation Hall-of-Famer David Butt encourages anyone with Big Ten school ties to donate blood while helping their favorite institution.

The Abbott-Big Ten Blood Drive runs from Aug. 27 to Dec. 5 this year. The school receiving credit for the most donations will be awarded a \$1 million prize to advance student and community health.

“The University of Wisconsin, my alma mater, won the prize last year,” Butt said. “I’m hoping that enough University of Illinois supporters will donate this year to put the Fighting Illini on top.”

After donating blood, students, alumni and fans should visit bigten.org/abbott to register their donation. More than 80,000 blood donations were made during the 2025 competition.

THEATER



Cast of *Dark Lady* with Mike Sheedy, center. PHOTO COURTESY MIKE SHEEDY

Persistence pays for local writer

A family skit turns into a promising new musical

THEATER | Mary Young

A new jukebox musical, featuring the music of the iconic artist Cher, is on a hopeful trajectory for possible off-Broadway or better yet, Broadway fame. Before you say “not another jukebox musical” and ask, “Isn’t there already a Cher show?”, this one follows a very different plot and interesting origin story.

Writer Mike Sheedy is a Springfield area native who might be known to some as their family physician or a former winery operator. Presently, he is workshoping his new musical creation in anticipation of bringing it to a much wider audience.

For the past 14 years, Sheedy has been working on his original concept musical, *Dark Lady*, which follows a fictional storyline using Cher songs from six decades of her career. Inspired by his daughters’ new-found love of Cher’s music, he accepted a challenge from them to write a skit they could perform featuring her songs. Ultimately, *Dark Lady* evolved into a full-length musical as a follow through on that promise to his daughters.

After many years of figuring out the complexities of writing a new musical, Sheedy then had to navigate the intricacies of financing, making important connections, and getting the rights to some of Cher’s music, all while raising a family and running a business.

The result is a story which follows the strong-willed and gifted protagonist, Queen, at the turn of the 20th century in the South. Queen is “a young traveler in a wagon train with her fortune-teller mother, her preacher father, and her two best friends. After receiving an ominous and foreboding fortune of events to come, Queen is forced to



Dr. Bryan Albracht, left, with Mike Sheedy. Like Sheedy, Albracht is a Springfield-area physician and a supporter of the show. PHOTO BY SARAH ALBRACHT

make a devastating decision that alters the course of her future.”

With the story on solid footing and the rights secured, the next steps in the process involved readings with some local actors (including yours truly). Then it was on to workshoping the show to create the best possible version of it and the music.

More recently, Sheedy began working with a Broadway team to further develop the show. In addition to his original story, the production also features the work of an accomplished Broadway team including script consultation and additional book material by Karen Hartman, music direction, arrangements and orchestrations

by Sonny Paladino, and direction and choreography by Sara Edwards.

Sheedy credits lead producer and Springfield business owner Frank Vala as being “instrumental” in the show’s success so far. “This project would never have happened without Frank’s encouragement and support,” he said.

The continuing hard work of developing the show took many more months.

“I started with a table reading in New York City with Broadway actors, which basically involved an afternoon of different actors reading the script aloud,” Sheedy said. “Then five months later, I had a one-week reading in New York City, followed seven months later with a two-

week workshop, and one year later, a three-week workshop.”

The latest presentation of *Dark Lady* was held June 12 at the Open Jar Studios in Broadway’s Times Square. Sheedy described it as “an emotional and memorable experience, (made) even more special by the fact that I was able to share it with family and friends who made the trip to New York City.”

The entire show was staged in a studio with basic set pieces, props and Broadway actors and musicians performing the show.

One of the friends who made the trip to New York was Julie Staley, who has known Sheedy for more than two decades.

Staley said, “Besides having an excellent script, *Dark Lady* was very polished and produced well. Although it was performed as a workshop in a Broadway rehearsal hall with no stage lights, costumes or big sets, the story was told well with simple details that were brought together as events unfolded. Everything seemed to be integrated masterfully,” she said. “Mike’s story keeps you engaged right until the last note.”

As for what’s next, Sheedy has big dreams for *Dark Lady*.

“Regarding the show’s path from here, there is the option of an out of town run at a regional theater to help develop the show further, but ultimately I would love to see it off-Broadway or on-Broadway someday,” Sheedy said.

For supporter Staley, she also looks forward to what’s next. “Wherever it lands, I hope it’s somewhere that the show can really be showcased with large audiences. I can’t wait to see it again.” □

Slurping through a heat wave

Find some solace in chilled soba noodles on hot days

FOOD | Peter Glatz



Zaru soba – Cold buckwheat noodles with dipping sauce. PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

Buckwheat has been on my mind quite a bit this summer.

For a recent cheese-themed dinner at Prairie Fruits Farm and Creamery, my task was to prepare buckwheat crepes for the main course, serving two per plate for 80 guests. Working with buckwheat flour proved challenging, and it took a few failed attempts with a test batch before I perfected my method. As I scaled up the recipe, it became clear that the task would be incredibly time-consuming, though luckily, these crepes can be prepared a day in advance and stored in the fridge. My trials showed that each crepe required 2 ½ to 3 minutes of cooking time. Even with two pans going at once, I anticipated it could be a six-hour endeavor.

Cultivated primarily for its grain-like seeds, buckwheat is a highly nutritious and versatile flowering plant related to rhubarb. Despite its misleading name, it is neither a grass nor a variety of wheat. As it is not a true grain, buckwheat is safe for those with gluten sensitivities. However, because it lacks gluten, buckwheat dough is quite fragile when dry and less springy when boiled. To make it more manageable, buckwheat flour is commonly blended with wheat flour, which provides the

gluten necessary for structure, elasticity and a resilient texture in pasta and baked goods.

Buckwheat is well known as the base for soba, which are slender Japanese noodles. During the Edo period (1603–1868), the Japanese developed a meticulous, time-consuming method of kneading water into buckwheat flour, rolling it very thin, and slicing it into strands. Because pure buckwheat lacks elasticity, most soba sold in the West includes wheat flour for pliability, meaning it is not gluten-free. These noodles are commonly served chilled with a dipping sauce or stir-fried with meat and vegetables as yakisoba.

Years ago, I watched master artisan Shuichi Kotani hand-craft fresh soba at the now-closed Soba Totto in Manhattan. Using only buckwheat flour and water, he kneaded the dough until satiny, rolled it into a three-foot sheet about an eighth of an inch thick, folded it into four layers, and hand-sliced it into delicate strands. After being blanched, rinsed and cooled, the noodles were served on a traditional woven bamboo zura tray accompanied by a dipping sauce made with dashi, soy sauce and mirin.

Soba noodles have a warm nutty flavor with a clean, firm bite, and they are also incredibly

nutritious. According to Kotani: “Soba is high in protein, soluble fiber, vitamin B1, B2, as well as choline, which can prevent cancer and liver diseases.”

Living in my hippie bus while working in Champaign means going without air conditioning, making me very hesitant to use the stovetop on hot days. To manage the recent heat wave, I pre-cooked some store-bought soba noodles at my workplace and stored them in the fridge. Chilling soba noodles definitely improves them and makes them easier to handle, providing a quick, effortless, no-cook meal option. I love eating them cold with a soy dipping sauce, or utilizing them as the foundation for a refreshing cold salad.

Soba noodles are quite delicate and can easily be overcooked. They need to be briefly cooked in unsalted water, then drained and rinsed in cold water to remove excess starch, cooled in an ice bath, then drained again and tossed with a little oil to prevent clumping. The noodles can be cooked ahead and kept in the refrigerator for up to 3 days; they are actually better after chilling in the fridge. □

Zaru soba (Cold buckwheat noodles with dipping sauce)

Served cold, zaru soba is a traditional Japanese dish featuring buckwheat noodles presented on a bamboo tray. It is enjoyed alongside “mentsuyu,” a dashi-based dipping sauce. This refreshing meal is ideal for hot days!

Serves 2

Ingredients:

For the dipping sauce (Mentsuyu):

1 cup of dashi stock, either made from scratch (see note below), or prepared by dissolving 1 teaspoon of Hondashi instant dashi powder in 1 cup of water
¼ cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons mirin
½ teaspoon sugar

For the noodles and serving:

2 standard bundles dried soba noodles (200 grams or 7 oz)
Ice water bath (for shocking the noodles)
Toasted sesame oil or a neutral oil to prevent clumping after cooking

Condiments and toppings

1 sheet nori (dried seaweed), cut into thin strips (kizami nori)
1–2 scallions, thinly sliced
Wasabi paste (to taste)
Grated daikon radish (optional, squeezed of excess moisture)

Note: Instructions for making homemade dashi can be found here: <https://www.illinoistimes.com/food-drink/stock-recommendation-16586733/>

Preparation:

In a small saucepan, combine the dashi stock, soy sauce, mirin and sugar. Bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat to cook off the alcohol from the mirin and dissolve the sugar (about one–two minutes). Remove from heat and let cool completely. Chill in the refrigerator or set the pan in an ice bath to speed up the process.

Bring a large pot filled with unsalted water to a rolling boil. Add the noodles, reduce to a simmer, and gently stir to prevent them from sticking together. Cook the noodles according to the package directions, usually about four–five minutes until al dente.

Quickly empty the noodles into a colander and rinse them thoroughly under cold running water. Rinsing is crucial to eliminate surface starches, ensuring the noodles remain firm and springy instead of becoming gummy. Afterward, submerge the rinsed noodles in a bowl of ice water for 30–60 seconds to chill them completely, then drain very well.

Portion the chilled soba noodles onto two plates. Garnish the noodles by scattering the shredded nori over the top.

Distribute the chilled dipping sauce into small individual bowls, and serve alongside wasabi, scallions and grated daikon on the side.

Combine the scallions, wasabi and daikon directly into your own dipping bowl according to your personal preference. Using chopsticks, dip a bite-sized bundle of noodles halfway into the sauce. Slurp and enjoy!

A flurry of magic

Frozen – The Musical sparks joy at the Muni

THEATER | Courtney Wick



Stephanie Myre as Elsa. PHOTO BY MATT FRANKLIN

***Frozen – The Musical* continues its run at the Springfield Muni Aug. 6-9. Performances start at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are available at TheMuni.org, or at The Muni box office beginning 90 minutes before each performance.**

Transitioning an epic Disney blockbuster set in a frozen winter to an outdoor stage during a muggy, Midwest summer is no easy task — making this stunning directorial debut by Alyssa and DJ Shultz all the more impressive. *Frozen* at the Muni is big, beautiful and packed full of fun surprises and talented performers who bring the iconic characters to life.

“I felt a lot of responsibility doing a Disney show and getting first-time theatergoers, so we wanted to deliver something that would make people not just want to come back to the Muni but continue to go see community theater,” Alyssa said.

The Disney magic is especially important to this husband-and-wife director team who were married in Disney World, and Alyssa grew up going to Disney.

“My grandparents worked at the hot dog stand in Disney World so I got to go for free whenever because Disney is amazing to their employees,” she said.

If you’re one of the five people who escaped the *Frozen* phenomenon, here’s a recap: It is loosely based on the 1844 Hans Christian Anderson fairytale, *The Snow Queen*, and tells the story of two orphaned princess sisters and their devotion to one another. Also, one has magical ice powers.

Disney tried to adapt the story for decades, dating all the way back to Walt himself in the 1930s. The breakthrough finally happened when creators made the snow queen into the hero instead of a flat, evil character, changing the story into one of self-exploration and familial love.

The stage production opens much like the film, introducing us to young Elsa and Anna playing inside the castle. Delightfully portrayed by Genevieve Kent and Emmy Craven, respectively, both young actors bring a wonderful depth to their roles. They balance humor and sentimentality with ease, delivering beautiful vocal performances that immediately transport the audience into their magical world.

Flash forward to the girls all grown up, both dreaming of a different life, on Elsa’s coronation day. Brooke Seacrist makes a perfectly hilarious and madcap Anna. Her stunning vocals soar and the bubbly, social awkwardness of Anna is on full display. She meets and impulsively falls for Prince Hans, played aptly by Sam Steere, who delivers

Hans’s dual nature, making his transition from charming prince to calculating villain very believable.

Stephanie Myre takes on the difficult role of Elsa and will impress from the first notes of the sad and lovely new song, “Dangerous to Dream.” However, what will have kids and adults losing their minds is the classic “Let it Go,” as it is colossally awesome. Not only does Myre perfectly embody Elsa’s transition from nervous wreck to empowered ice queen, but the staging and special effects are a showstopping jolt of pure theatrical joy. Prepare for young theatergoers (and a few of us older ones) to be scream-singing along.

Olaf’s entrance is equally exciting, and Tim Conner nails the role. He so superbly captures the wide-eyed naïveté of the recently-created Olaf that it’s hard to believe he’s acting. One gets the notion that he may just wander off the stage and out of the theater, humming to himself in full costume.

Jack McLaughlin’s Kristoff is pitch-perfect Disney accurate and William Burg nimbly prances around the stage as Sven. The funniest part of the show takes place at Wandering Oaken’s Trading Post with Jimmy Tapocik’s hilarious portrayal of the cheerful Norwegian shopkeeper, Oaken. His song, the standout act-two opener, “Hygge,” is a campy, uproarious romp and he delivers it with flawless comedic timing and a tongue-in-cheek charisma.

“It is front to back joy with some nods to the adults bringing their kids in, so it’s a lot of fun,” said Tapocik.

Some other cast stand-outs are Gil Opferman, who remarkably resembles the animated Weselton, Patrick Regan as King Agnarr, and Gabi Dart and Cohen Clemmer in the dancing ensemble. Livy Craven and Wyatt Vespa are heartwarming as the hidden folk children, and Dequan Harrison lights up every dance number with exceptional talent.

The costumes are lush and professional; the set has many intricately painted moving pieces and the choral numbers sound full and lovely. Audiences of *Frozen — The Musical* at the Muni are going to be swept away into the emotional heart of this dazzling production.

“We tried to recreate the Disney vibe as soon as you walk through the doors. It was go big or go home, so we pulled out all the stops,” DJ said. □

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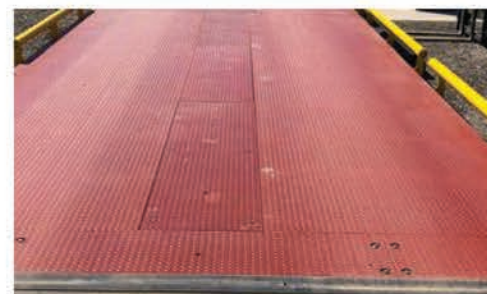
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A historic undertaking

Young business owner has plans to bring 1865 mansion back to life

HISTORY | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Springfield resident John Oxford once restored a 1,500-square-foot house built in 1903. He has now taken on a much bigger project as the new owner of the 8,600-square-foot red brick, Italianate mansion at Eighth and Cook streets, which was built in 1865.

“This will be a much larger undertaking,” he said. “I’m newly married, and my wife and I wanted something with sweat equity.”

Oxford purchased the 12-bedroom, eight-bathroom, three-story house in June for \$49,000. The property, which has been vacant for well over a decade, was described in the sale listing as being in “distressed condition” and requiring “an extensive full interior restoration.”

Oxford, 29, owns and operates a nearby business, A Cheap Tire and Auto Repair at 13th and Cook streets. He said, “I kept driving by the house and realized how beautiful it is and thought it would be nice to get it back to its original glory.”

He predicts the work will take at least two years, and he hopes to create apartments in the former mansion.

“It is a bit overwhelming, because the house is filled with both junk and antiques,” Oxford said. There are more than 30 couches, plus lamps, newspapers, magazines, refrigerators and cabinets full of items – “about everything you can think of is in the house,” he said.

The house stands just a block from the historic Elijah Iles house at Seventh and Cook streets. It was the home of Dr. Henry Wohlgenuth, who influenced Springfield in his work as a physician, city alderman and longtime president of Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Wohlgenuth was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1822 and had begun studying medicine at the age of 16, about the same time his father died. In 1845, he, along with his mother and siblings, emigrated to the U.S. Coming alone to Springfield, then a town of 3,000 people, he set up a medical practice.

Wohlgenuth married Mary Elizabeth Wolgamot in 1849, and through the years they had eight children. He also returned to medical study in 1854 and graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. Later, he became the first president of the Illinois Eclectic Medical Association.

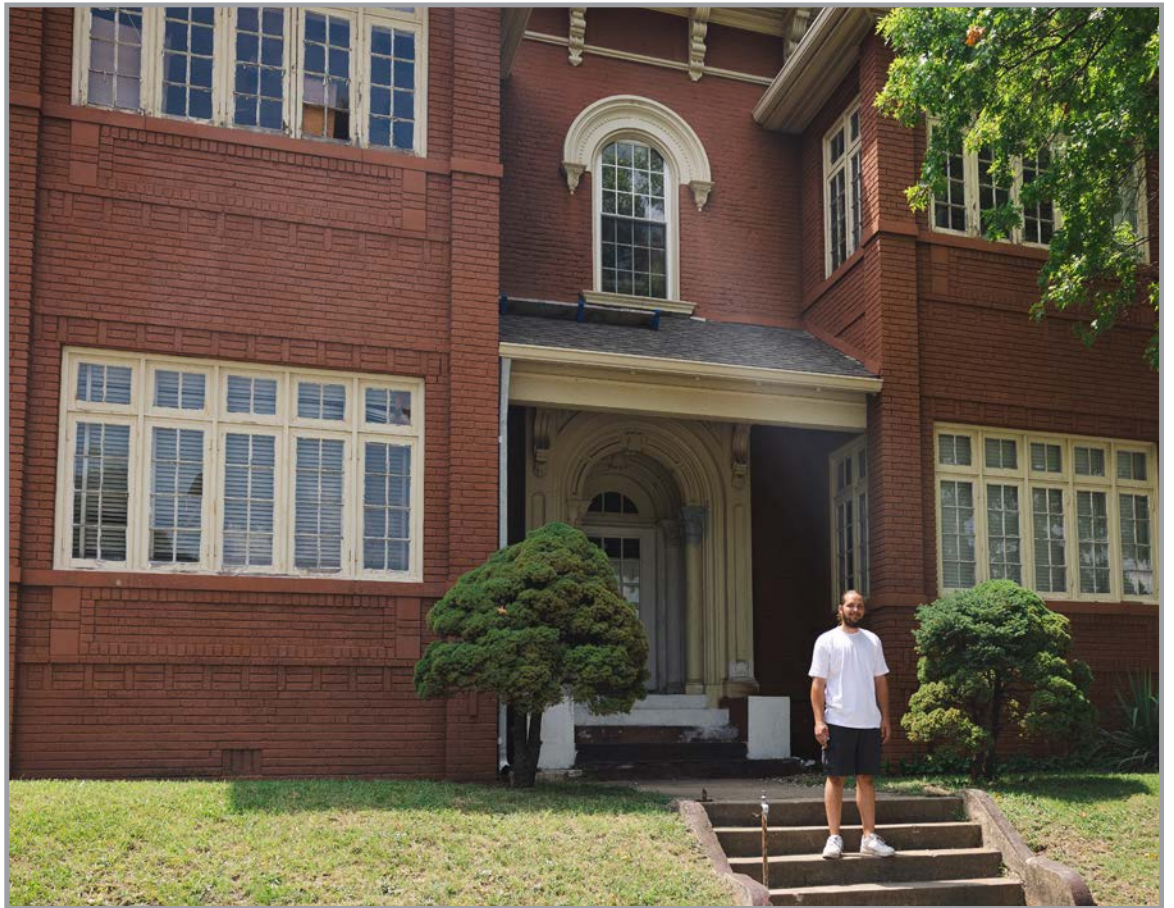
Springfield once had a city physician, and Wohlgenuth served in this capacity from

1856-1861. When the position was combined with the county physician, Wohlgenuth was appointed to the expanded role and served from 1861-1863. Ads in the local newspaper listed him as a “German and Eclectic Physician; Surgeon and Accoucheur, President of Eclectic Medical College” (accoucheur refers to an obstetrician).

By the time he turned 50 in 1872, he was the longest practicing physician in Springfield, and by 1881, the oldest physician in the county. Wohlgenuth continued his practice until 1905. His 1869 assessment of the health of the 22,000 residents of Springfield reported that there had only been 384 deaths during the year and so Springfield was “healthy.”

Wohlgenuth’s work as a doctor was just one of his many roles that helped improve Springfield. He was passionate about developing Oak Ridge Cemetery into the world-renowned cemetery it is today, as the second-most visited cemetery in the nation. Starting in 1864, he served on the board of managers for Oak Ridge, and then served several terms as president (1866-1870, 1873-1875 and 1878) until his death in 1905.

Wohlgenuth helped turn the Oak Ridge area from wilderness into a beautiful, park-like setting. He kept records and advocated for its continual development. Some of this work included incorporating the cemetery from the city of Springfield to the board of the cemetery (1869), building a gatekeeper lodge (1879) and working to move graves from the Hutchinson Cemetery (now where Springfield High School stands) to an area of Oak Ridge. No doubt, Wohlgenuth attended the dedication of the cemetery in 1860; it is



John Oxford, 29, recently purchased the 8,600-square-foot historic mansion at 703 S. Eighth St. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

believed Abraham Lincoln also attended.

During the same time, Wohlgenuth also served as an alderman (1863-1865) and on the Board of Education at a time when Springfield schools had an enrollment of 2,350 students (1866).

In 1865, he was appointed the head of the Water Commission and was instrumental in setting up the Springfield Water Works. Work had started as early as 1859 when an artesian well was dug at Washington and 19th streets, but even with digging down 1,100 feet, nothing was found.

Talk, but little action, had occurred over the years, but under Wohlgenuth’s direction, 30 acres of land (where Lanphier High School stands) was purchased in 1866 for a new reservoir to access water from the Sangamon River. This was completed in 1868 at a cost of \$460,000, and Springfield was hailed as the second Illinois city after Chicago to have

“pure water,” somewhat a misnomer due to occasions of pollution from various businesses and distilleries in the city.

Wohlgenuth practiced medicine until May 22, 1905, and died just a few months later.

Oxford has already begun work on the mansion, making it weather tight, patching up some brickwork and hauling out some of the items inside. He plans to do some of the work himself and also call upon friends and experts. The house will require updating the electrical system, replacing windows and the heating and air conditioning system, plus remodeling it into apartments.

“I just thought it would be a shame to see this house sit empty,” Oxford said. □

Cinda Ackerman Klickna applauds those who have taken on historic preservation and has written about the Marbold House in Greenview, the Condell house on Fourth Street and many others.



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

Dallas Whittaker
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 5:30-8:30pm

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

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

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm and 8pm.

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

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

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

Karaoke
Lock, Stock and Barrel, Decatur, 9pm-1am

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

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

Karaoke Night
The Railyard, 6-8pm

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

Jaigh Lowder
Stella Coffee & Tea, 11:30am-1pm

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

Karaoke
The Topsy Toad, 8pm-12am

The Filthy Heathens and Rob Leines
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 7pm

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

Friday Aug 7

Emily Hollingshed
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

John Drake
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

The Whiskey Killers
Boone's, 5:30-8:30pm

John Ford
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

First Friday
Butternut Hut, 4pm.

West End Boogie Project
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post 99, Decatur, 7-10pm

Everclear with Drew Cagle & The Reputation
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

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

Joel Honey
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 6-9pm

Emile, Katae, CuspofArrows, Lando Staber, Bee Santana
Dumb Records, 7pm

LowPhatt
George Rank's, 8pm

Natu Visinia
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 7-9pm

Micah Walk
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

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

Karaoke
The Lumpia House, 5-11pm

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

Bill Puhse
The Railyard, 6-9pm

Bustin' Loose
Rocco's, Decatur, 7-10pm

Maple St Misfits
The Blue Grouch, 6pm

Jason McKenzie
The Shed, Pawnee, 8-11pm

Positively 4th Street
Trading Post Saloon, 7-9:30pm

Saturday Aug 8

Karaoke
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 8pm-12:30am

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

James Crosby
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

Craig Russo Latin Jazz Project
Boone's, 6-9pm

Not Petty
Brentford Distillers, Decatur, 7-10pm

Blackout Betty: Armed & Dangerous
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7-10pm

Satellite
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-10pm

The Ex-Faces with Saints of Solomon and Deep Within
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

CAIN with special guest Band Reeves
The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 7pm

Dallas Whittaker
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

The Lovelorn, Doom Buggy, Arrowhead Drive
George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

OAT
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

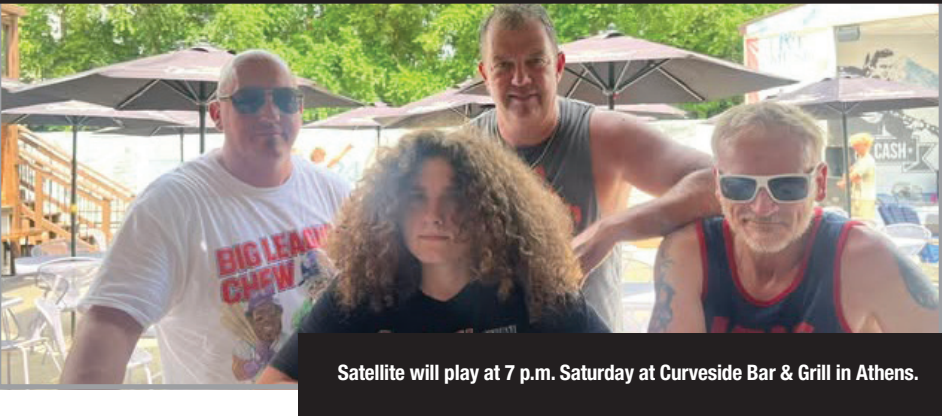
Hipbone Sam Band
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm

Midwest Revival
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

Rod Grant
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

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



Satellite will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at Curveside Bar & Grill in Athens.

Evie Rodenbaugh
Old Capitol Farmers Market, 10-11am

Jason McKenzie
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 7-10pm

Nova
The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 6:30-8pm

Ryan Seaton
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

Brandy Kristin Band
Spartan Sports Park, Chatham, 4-8pm

Springfield Uketopians
Stella Coffee & Tea, Second Saturday of every month, 12-2pm

David Lumsden, Reggie Britton and the Happy Blues Band
Sunset Inn Pub, 6-9pm

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

JackAsh
The Topp Hat, Girard, 4-7pm

Sunbeam & Moonlight
Wagon Wheel, Waverly, 8-11pm

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

Silas Tockey
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 1-4pm

John Ford
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

Sunday Aug 9

Mississippi Leghound
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Mid-October
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

T Minus 3
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

Not Petty
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

Rich Hogan
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 4-7pm

The Jonnie Concaroo Band
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Gold Maps
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Terry Brennan
Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 6pm

Devin C. Williams
Lucky's on the Square, Petersburg, 4-7pm

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

Dave Weld
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Steve Rothenberg
Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

3rd Street Strays
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

Seth Walker
Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 6pm

Thomas J Beverly
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 2-5pm

2nd Street Harmony
Weebles Bar & Grill, 3-6pm

Monday Aug 10

Polly O'Keary
The Alamo, 7pm

Prevention, Act With Empathy, Redemption, Severance
Dumb Records, 7pm

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

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

Tuesday Aug 11

Karaoke Night hosted by Alan Livengood
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

Open jam with Living Bratz
George Rank's, 8pm

Karaoke
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6pm.

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

Wednesday Aug 12

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

Butter Jam Wednesday
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

Open jam with Kristi White
Goodfellas Pub, 7pm

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

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Obed and Isaac's Microbrewery, 6-8pm

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

MUSIC



Gold Maps play this Sunday afternoon at It's All About Wine.

Robust August music-making

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

As we gear up for the first full weekend of August, the live music scene is in full throttle mode. With the pedal to the metal, the race is on to get to the Illinois State Fair, but first, let's take a pit stop for upcoming shows happening in the here and now.

Thursdays will be much quieter without the weekly Levitt AMP concerts rocking the Y-block until they return next summer, but that gives us time to look for more, less up front entertainment that's equally compelling. We can easily start with the phenomenal guitarist, singer and songwriter Jaigh Lowder making more marvelous music – he's been taking us to the higher levels of performance for 40 some years – for Stella Coffee & Tea's First Thursday show (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.). Then take a break until the evening hour when Robert Sampson hits at the Lincoln Stage for the Illinois Product Farmers Market at the state fairgrounds, Dallas Whittaker lands on the Casey's Pub patio at the west side K of C Hall and Harris Trio (Three siblings of the Harris Family Band) sets up shop at Mother Road Diner.

More choices include the always popular and well-attended Kortney and Friends open mic jam at The Blue Grouch, plus a full-scale, ticketed concert by The Filthy Heathens and Rob Leines at Twisted Tree Music Hall in nearby Jacksonville. How's that for a start to the weekend?

Friday, per normal, comes in scorching with 25 different listings to enjoy including solo acoustic shows by familiar faces Micah Walk upstairs at Harvest Market, John Drake by the waterside at Bar Bella and Joel Honey on the lake at Dockside, plus friendly full band outings with Soul Experience outside at Long Bridge, Positively 4th Street inside at Trading Post and Low Phatt going down in the round in George Rank's.

In the something different category,

Danenberger Family Vineyards presents in concert, Everclear with Drew Cagle & the Reputation and Dumb Records delivers a hip hop show with Emile, Katae, CuspofArrows, Lando Staber and Bee Santana, while Butternut Hut puts on its monthly First Friday event of "house beats, DJs and good energy" for a variety of Springfield area delights on a fairly fun Friday night.

With 40 listings on the books, Saturday night seems to be doing alright, including a rescheduled gig by David Lumsden and Reggie Britton fronting the Happy Blues Band at Sunset Inn Pub, Craig Russo's Latin Jazz Project drumming up business at Boone's and a Hipbone Sam Band reunion at the KC Lake Club chicken fry to rock it home.

For a good sample of original music by area artists, we have Nova playing at the Pharmacy Gallery as part of the opening reception for the "DREAMS" exhibit, The Lovelorn, Doom Buggy and Arrowhead Drive rock, rock, rockin' George Rank's and OAT getting to it at Harvest Market upstairs.

For super-sized, outdoor rock concerts, we can offer Power of Love (touring Huey Lewis tribute) with Decade of Decadence (area 80s rock cover band) at the Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Brandy Kristin Band at Spartan Sports Park near Chatham as part of the Pray for Hayes Fest and The Ex-Faces with Saints of Solomon and Deep Within at DFV by New Berlin.

Sunday comes in on a roll with Gold Maps discovering It's All About Wine, Steve Rothenberg doing up the Elks Lodge on the lake, T Minus 3 adding to the Curveside near Athens and Mid-October coming early at Buckhart Tavern to name a few of the many acts listed.

See you next week as we delve deep into the 2026 Illinois State Fair doings. □

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■ Special Music Events

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Celebration Concert

Sun., Aug. 9, 3-4pm. This free concert will feature pieces on organ, violin and other instruments. Springfield area musicians will preform in honor of Trinity's music director and organist, Laura Fliege. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S. Second St., 217-787-2323.

Everclear with Drew Cagle & The Reputation

Fri., Aug. 7, 8pm. Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Power of Love, Decade of Decadence

Sat., Aug. 8, 7-10:30pm. Power of Love is a Huey Lewis tribute band while show opener Decade of Decadence, from central Illinois, is "the ultimate 80s rock party." \$11 a week in advance,

\$15 at gate. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Dr., 217-496-2621.

Rodney Adkins and Joe Nichols

Fri., Aug. 7, 7pm. Rodney Adkins, an Academy of Country Music Award-winning artist, has one of the most recognized and powerful voices in country music. He has six No. 1 radio singles and three albums. Joe Nichols will open. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-422-5911.

■ Theater & Comedy

Rumble Fish

Fri., Aug. 7, 7:30pm and Sat., Aug. 8, 7:30pm. This stage version of S.E. Hinton's (author or "the Outsiders") classic novel explores the themes of gang culture and the search for identity. It tells the story of two brothers, brought up in social deprivation by their alcoholic father. Directed by Mark Buckholz. Theatre in the Park, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-725-0239.

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Disney's Frozen

Thu., Aug. 6, 8:30pm, Fri., Aug. 7, 8:30pm and Sat., Aug. 8, 8:30pm. A tale of sisterly love and self-discovery. Disney's *Frozen* melts hearts with its story of courage, compassion and acceptance. Directed by Alyssa and DJ Shultz. themuni.org. \$12-\$30. The Muni, 815 E. Lake Dr., 217-793-6864.

■ Dance

The Jungle Book

Fri., Aug. 7, 7-8pm and Sat., Aug. 8, 3-4, 5-6pm. The magic of Rudyard Kipling's beloved classic leaps from the page to the stage in this enchanting children's ballet presented by the Springfield Dance Theatre. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of show. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

■ Art & Architecture

"DREAMS" Opening Exhibit Fri., Aug. 7, 6-9pm and Sat., Aug. 8, 6-9pm. In this exhibit,

try to identify works that are dream-inspired. Live music Friday night by pianist Adrian Russo. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres available. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 720-447-4548 or 217-622-7903.

Design and Print Your Own Doohickey
Wed., Aug. 12, 1:30-2:30pm. Learn how to use Computer Aided Design (CAD) Software to make something with a 3D printer or with laser cutting. Nancy Huntley Computer Room, 326 S. 7th St., 217-753-4900.

Statewide: Illinois Art Showcase Opening Reception
Fri., Aug. 7, 5:30-7:30pm. This event will celebrate the talent and diversity of adult Illinois artists in multiple media reflecting the dynamic spirit of Illinois' art scene. Free. M.G. Nelson Family Gallery, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

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

Governor Duncan Mansion Ice Cream Social
Thu., Aug. 6, 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy ice cream and the Jacksonville City Band at this annual, community event. Governor Duncan Mansion, Jacksonville, 4 Duncan Place, 217-553-7023.

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.

Meet the Women of the Soldier's Aid Society
Fri., Aug. 7, 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.

Pint Talks: August Pint Talks: Clary's Grove and Tallula Families
Thu., Aug. 6, 7pm. Kathy Oleson is the presenter. Hand of Fate Brewing Company, Petersburg,

107 E. Douglas St., 217-691-1098.

Route 66/Carpenter Park Program
Wed., Aug. 12, 12-1pm. Angela Wolfgram will present the history of two important yet lesser known locations of Route 66 in Springfield. Wolfgram will offer an overview of the Carpenter Park Route 66 segment and also discuss the history of Lake Springfield in relationship to the Mother Road. Free. Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., 618-792-6572.

Fairs & Festivals
Annual Picnic
Sat., Aug. 8, 4-8pm. Gather for an afternoon filled with great food, fun activities and fellowship for all ages. Includes food and grilled favorites, bounce house, Free health screenings, music, games and more. Open to public. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Fundraisers & Galas
Fore the Arts Golf Outing
Thu., Aug. 6, 9am. Support the arts, network and enjoy the outdoors at this four-person scramble. Event includes challenge holes, contests and more. Registration includes golf, carts and lunch. Event benefits Springfield Art Association. \$500 per golf foursome, \$125 per single golfer. Piper Glen Golf Club, 7112 Piper Glen Dr., 217-523-2631.

Pray for Hayes Fest
Sat., Aug. 8, 4-8pm. Community fundraiser for Hayes Johnson and his family as Hayes recovers from a non-fatal drowning incident. Event includes live music, food, family activities, raffles, auctions and more. Spartan Sports Park, Chatham, 7250 Ironbridge Road, 217-415-5632.

Local Government
Sangamon County Board
Tue., Aug. 11, 6pm. Monthly meeting of the Sangamon County Board. Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., 217-753-6650.

Springfield City Council Committee of the Whole
Tue., Aug. 11, 5:30-9pm. The Committee of the Whole meets twice a month. Municipal Center West, 300 S. Seventh St., 217-789-2151.

Children's Corner
5th Annual Celebration in the Park
Fri., Aug. 7, 11am-2pm. 5th Annual Celebration in the Park.

Services for health, housing, recovery. IDs and more! Free haircuts! Food, Music, Games and Giveaways. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-544-9011.

Art Glass into Tie-Dye at the Dana-Thomas House
Saturdays, 10:30-12:30am. Through Aug. 8. Youth ages 5-15 and parents/guardians will take a short tour of the house and then youths will tie-dye their shirts. Supplies and materials (including shirts) provided. Meet guide at front door. Allow two hours for program. Reservations through Eventbrite recommended. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Back to School Walk-in Vaccine Clinic
Wed., Aug. 12, 8:30am-3:30pm. This clinic is presented by Sangamon County Department of Public Health. Parent/Guardian must be present with ID. Must bring student's insurance card. Not sure if your child needs vaccines? Call 217-535-3102. Sangamon County Health Department, 2833 South Grand Ave. E., 217-535-3102.

Eat A Rainbow! Week 9
Thu., Aug. 6, 10-11am. Bees, please! Enter the "hive mind," join in a fun "waggle dance" and sample five different kinds of honey. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Estella Chapter No. 3 OES Back to School Giveaway
Sat., Aug. 8, 10am-2pm. Back to School Party and Backpack Giveaway. Free food, vendors, giveaways and a bounce house. Historic Engine House 5, 1310 E. Adams St.

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.

Shine Brightly With Jesus Vacation Bible School
Thu., Aug. 6, 6:30-8pm. The theme this year is "Shine Brightly With Jesus," and there's something for every age group. Register online at subsplash.com/freshvisionscommunitychu/lb/ev/+hggz97j. Free. Fresh Visions Community Church, 1551 J. David Jones Pkwy., 217-726-5988.

Nature, Science &

Environment
AI 101
Wed., Aug. 12, 5:30-7:30pm. Learn about AI 101: a fast, clear introduction to how artificial intelligence shapes our world. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Birdwatching Adventures
Fridays, 8-9am. Through Aug. 7. Brian "Fox" Ellis transforms into John James Audubon to lead weekly hikes as part of the "History Comes Alive" series. Hear stories about birdwatching history and the lives of birds encountered while walking the sanctuary's trails. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 E. Clear Lake Ave., 309-696-1017.

Not So Far-out Space Rocks
Fri., Aug. 7, 1-4pm. This program covers the basic classification of meteorites regarding composition. Participants will learn which meteorite rocks are most like terrestrial rocks and get to write their own story for their own "meteorite." Materials will be provided during an activity to allow visitors to make their own take on the classic meteorite types. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-0061.

Sustainable Gardening Series: Harvesting Crops
Wed., Aug. 12, 5:30-7pm. Participants will learn when and how to harvest crops along with basic techniques for safely storing produce for later use. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Lectures & Meetings
Igniting the Next Generation — Empower Virtual Summit
Mondays-Fridays, 8am. Through Aug. 7. This summit equips parents, teachers, coaches and mentors with practical tools for guiding today's youth through identity, mental health and social pressure. Free and virtual. This year's lineup includes Hunter Price, a former basketball coach turned leadership speaker. Free.

Bulletin Board
Dan Crumrine Memorial Golf Scholarship Outing
Sun., Aug. 9, 12pm. Honor the life, dedication, and lasting impact of Dan Crumrine in this inaugural Dan Crumrine Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund Outing. 7am shotgun start and 1pm afternoon shotgun start. Proceeds will benefit the Dan Crumrine Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund. \$500 per four-player team. Lincoln Greens Golf Course, 700 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-786-4111.

The Elegant Wedding Expo
Sun., Aug. 9, 12-3pm. Meet central Illinois' top wedding

professionals, compare vendors, discover the latest trends, enjoy show-only specials and gather inspiration for the big day. Learn more and get tickets at ElegantWeddingExpo.com. Up to \$32. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-415-4414.

Food and Clothing Distribution
Second Saturday of every month, 9am-12pm. Through Dec. 26. Need free clothing or food? Bring an ID and plan to fill out a little paperwork. Free. The Frank and Linda Vala Dream Center of Sangamon County, 1480 N. Fifth St., 217-685-9375.

Free Produce & Meal
Sat., Aug. 8. Food Not Bombs Springfield, IL is sharing a free meal and fresh produce with anyone who wants it. Bring reusable bags and containers or use ones on site. No documentation required. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Midway Madness Pre-State Fair Party
Fri., Aug. 7, 11:15am-12:30pm. This pre-State Fair celebration is filled with food, drinks, prizes and entertainment by the Silver Steppers. Sponsored by Springfield Supportive Living. centralILseniors.org. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Parish Rummage Sale
Fri., Aug. 7, 8am-6pm and Sat., Aug. 8, 8am-6pm. Looking for great bargains while supporting a great cause? Shop a wide selection of gently used household items, home décor, kitchenware, books, toys, holiday decorations, furniture, linens, jewelry, purses, and much more! Sale presented by Cathedral Council of Catholic Women. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-522-3342.

Rochester Farmers Market
Second Sunday of every month, 12-3pm. Through Sep. 27. Local produce and products. Rochester Public Library District, Rochester, 1 Community Dr., 217-498-8454.

Westside Market
Second Sunday of every month, 2-5pm. Through Nov. 8. Features vendors selling a variety of items including crafts, food and more. Also includes music and community connection on the Westside. Parking lot of Papo's Cafe, 3290 W. Iles Ave.

Health & Fitness
Breast Cancer Support Group
Tue., Aug. 11, 5:30-6:30pm. This group is for anyone who has faced breast cancer,

including spouse/partner, friends and family. Lori Thomas from Jacksonville Memorial Hospital will speak about lymphedema and the oncology rehabilitation programs, including the breast cancer rehab program, at JMH. To join on your computer or mobile device (video), contact Tia Rapps at 217-588-5392 or rapps.tia@mhsil.com to receive a link to the meeting. Free. Edgar J. Curtis Memorial Learning Center, 228 W. Miller, 217-588-5392.

Free Farmers Market
Saturdays, 10-11am. Through Aug. 28. Find free, fresh organic produce at the market tent at the garden. Arrive early for best selection. No ID or income requirements. Do not pick from garden. Free. Enos Park Neighborhood Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-610-0720.

Warm Meal Wednesday
Wednesdays, 12pm. Through Dec. 31. Free meal every Wednesday at noon. Provided by community members. Intricate Minds, 619 North Grand Ave. East, 217-670-3520.

Sports
Los Angeles Queens vs. San Francisco Firebells
Sat., Aug. 8, 6:30pm. Women's Pro Baseball League action. \$20-\$37. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

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New York Heights vs. Boston Hunters
Sun., Aug. 9, 6:30pm. Women's Pro Baseball League action. \$20-\$37. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

New York Heights vs. San Francisco Firebells
Thu., Aug. 6, 6:30pm. San Francisco and New York battle in the Women's Pro Baseball League. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

San Francisco Firebells vs. Los Angeles Queens
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Real Estate Foreclosure

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.

24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. ASHLEY R. PRICE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000246
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: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 33 Windsor Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.
(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2026; Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, 2nd Floor, Committee Room 223, Springfield, Illinois 62701
(F) The terms of the sale are: 10% cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance within twenty-four (24) hours of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2025 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real

estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. LORETTA A. GRIFFARD AKA LORETTA GRIFFARD; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2025FC000193
Property Address: 825 N. Ohio Ave. Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on March 11, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 15, 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: 825 N. Ohio Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
P.I.N.: 14-26.0-180-023
First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$81,672.56
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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF SUZANNE BRINSFIELD, Deceased.
NO. 2026PRO00276
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Suzanne Brinsfield on April 10, 2025, in Woodland, California. Ancillary Letters of office were issued on July 29, 2026, to William Eddy of Woodland, California, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC, 944 Clock Tower Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court at the Sangamon County Courts Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before February 8, 2027, and any claim not filed by such 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 they have been filed.
Dated this 30 day of July, 2026.
Andrew G. White (#6284247)
Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC
Attorneys for Petitioner,
William Eddy
944 Clock Tower Drive
Suite A
Springfield, IL 62704
(217) 793-9300

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF ROBERT B. MEYER III Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-000281
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Robert B. Meyer III, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died on April 11, 2026, at Springfield, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 29, 2026 to Nicole M. Meyer, 66 Crusader Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC, 944 Clock Tower Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois or with the independent executor, or both, on or before February 8, 2027 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 independent executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 30th day of July, 2026.
Adam C. Conrady (6348142)
Bellatti, Barton, Cochran & White, LLC
Attorneys for Independent Executor,
Nicole M. Meyer
944 Clock Tower Drive, Suite A
Springfield, IL 62704
E-Mail: aconrady@bellatti-barton.com
Telephone: (217) 793-9300

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Nancy K. Staber, Deceased
Case No. 2026PRO00245
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Nancy K.

Staber. Letters of Administration were issued on June 29, 2026 to Kristal Lane as Administrator, 2625 Baronne Drive, Springfield IL 62704. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Jan. 30, 2027. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Administrator within 10 days after it has been filed.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF SANDY E. MAGEE, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-277
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of SANDY E. MAGEE. Letters of Office were issued to DAVID L. MAGEE, as Independent Executor, whose address is 941 Camp Sangamo Road Springfield, Illinois 62707. 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 30, 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 efile, 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 23, 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE ESTATE OF GEORGE E. BLASKIE DECEASED
Case No. 1985-P-151
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of GEORGE E. 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
8051-967263

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Jane Delano Foran, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-273
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Jane Delano Foran, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on July 21, 2026, to Sarah Delano Pavlik, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, PO Box 1948, Springfield, Illinois, 62705.

Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Jane Delano Foran of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Charles H. Delano, IV, Sarah Delano Pavlik, Cathleen D. Sweeten, John C. Delano, Ann D. Bun-nell, and Kevin R. Delano as the only heirs of Jane Delano Foran.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/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 contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 62695250
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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 JOAN S. HUGHES, DECEASED.
Case #2026-PR-272
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JOAN S. HUGHES. Letters of Office have been issued to RACHEL JONES, 3564 Benbrook

Drive, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 30, 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 22nd day of July 2026. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALDINE E. LANIER, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-275 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of GERALDINE E. LANIER. Letters of Office have been issued to JAMES R. LANIER and NIKKI B. LANIER, 1401 W. Edwards, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before February 5, 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 Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 22nd day of July, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Sara Sue Carline, Deceased Case No. 2026PR000264 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Sara Sue Carline. Letters of Administration were issued on July 14, 2026 to Debra J. Prather as Executor, 3320 Blueberry Lane, Springfield IL 62711. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Executor, on or before Jan. 30, 2027. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH A. CARLISLE, DECEASED Case #2026-PR-271 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of JUDITH

A. CARLISLE. Letters of Office have been issued to GARY L. MOORE, 10622 S. Main Street, Chatham, IL 62629, 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 February 4, 2027, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 21st day of July, 2026. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of BRUCE A. JAMESON, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-268 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Bruce A. Jameson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 21, 2026, to Melissa Sue Jameson, 1432 N. Shields Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, and Jamie Lynn Kaufmann, 2242 Lynnhaven Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, 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 representatives or both, on or before January 28, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 21st day of July, 2026. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: MARGARET A. MARKUSSON, Deceased. NO. 2026-PR-269 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Margaret A. Markusson of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 21, 2026, to Pehr Markusson, 2522 S. Lowell Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, Ill, 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 28, 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 21st day of July, 2026. Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT 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 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 62712, 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 ISAAH MINOR, Deceased. IN PROBATE No. 2026-PR-98 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE Notice is given of the death ISAAH MINOR, Letters of office were issued on July 14, 2026, to Antonette Cleveland, Independent Administrator of the Estate of ISAAH MI-

NOR, 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, or 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 Telephone: (217) 544-8491 Facsimile: (217) 544-9609 vmiles@bhslaw.com 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 5/516-21). 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

Divorce STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAYETTE COUNTY Re: the marriage of

Michelle Lynn Davis, Petitioner And Michael Davis, Respondent Case No. 2025-DN-000034 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Michael Davis, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 6th day of September, 2025, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Liliana Lopez Ramirez, Petitioner And Angel Miguel Pineda Rivera, Respondent Case No. 26 DC 111 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Angel Miguel Pineda Rivera, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of August, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of Tyrone Ross, Petitioner And Tonya Ross, Respondent Case No. 26 DN 104 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Tonya Ross, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 30th day of August, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition. Joseph B. Roesch Circuit Clerk

Foreclosure IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Planet Home Lending, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs. Stephen Willisie; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kelly L. McKean; Kelsie Bruning; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Kelly L. McKean (deceased) DEFENDANTS No. 2026FC000133 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kelly L. McKean Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claim-

ants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6 W Grand Ct Springfield AKA Jerome, IL 62704 and which said Mortgage was made by: Kelly L. McKean the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Low VA Rates, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2020R33409; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before September 8, 2026, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODLIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-26-03851 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3291731

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS HEARTLAND CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. BRIAN BRIGGS, JUDITH E. BRIGGS AND MEAGHAN BUHL, Defendants. CASE NO. 25-FC-82 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3029 LOUISE LN. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Brian Briggs, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 3029 Louise Ln., Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as: Lot 9 of Charles S. Wanless' Louise Lane Subdivision. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. ALSO, The East 50 feet of the West 460 feet of the South 25 feet of Lot 63, and the East 50 feet of the West 460 feet of Lot 64 in Wanless' Capital Heights 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. Permanent Index Number: 14-25.0-127-030 Permanent Index Number: 14-25.0-127-070

Commonly known as: 3029 Louise Ln., Springfield, IL 62702 UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before AUGUST 31, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Julie Beyers (#6217185) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law 601 East William Street Decatur, IL 62523 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 8051-967560

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WARREN-BOYNTON STATE BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. MIKE OWENS, a/k/a MICHAEL T. OWENS, a/k/a MICHAEL OWENS, JENNY L. OWENS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2026FC000153 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 September 2, 2026. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on July 22, 2026. 1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Warren-Boynton State Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2026FC000153. 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: Mike Owens, a married person 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The South 90 feet of Lot 68 of Devereux Heights Subdivision, said lot being a part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the West right-of-way line of Centre Street, said pin being 1130.00 feet North and 25.00 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, a common corner to Lots 67 and 68; thence with the line of Lots 67 and 68 West 224.20 feet to an iron pin in the East right-of-way line of Inter-Urban Avenue, a corner to Lot 67; thence with the right-of-way line of said avenue and the West line of Lot 68, North 34 degrees 33 minutes East 109.24 feet to an iron pin in said lot and right-of-way line; thence paralleling the South line of Lot 68 East 162.11 feet to an iron pin in the West right-of-way line of Centre Street and the East line of Lot 68; thence with the

East line of Lot 68 South 90.00 feet to the place of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 3445 Donna Street, Springfield, Illinois 62707 6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-11.0-478-027 7. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Michael T. Owens Name of Mortgagee: Warren-Boynton State Bank Date of Mortgage: October 1, 2018 Date of recording: October 15, 2018 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2018R21479 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-967517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS WEST CENTRAL BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. RAYMOND COLONIUS, JEFF NEMECEK, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2026FC000152 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 September 2, 2026. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on July 22, 2026. 1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: West Central Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; 2026FC000152. 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: Raymond Colonius 4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: North 41 feet of the South 80 feet of the East 136 feet of Lot 3 in Block 2 of Saunders Subdivision. A part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 16 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. 5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 2105 N. 17th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702 6. The Tax Identification Number for the real estate is as follows: 14-23.0-103-023 7. An identification of the mortgage sought

to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of Mortgagor: Raymond Colonius Name of Mortgagee: West Central Bank Date of Mortgage: October 16, 2024 Date of recording: February 4, 2025 County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 2025R01893 /s/ Joseph B. Roesch CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-967515

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 BROWN, HAY + STEPHENS, LLP Emmet A. Fairfield, Reg. No. 6180505 205 S. 5th Street – Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-8491 efairfield@bhsllaw.com 8051-967406

Notice by Publication

ADVERTISEMNT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; Monday the 24th day of August, 2026 at 10:00 AM, on that day will conduct a sale to the highest bidder, with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com, and payment to seller via credit/ debit card, the contents of spaces 10 Federal Storage, 2225 J David Jones Pkwy, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 600-2778 Dylan Dunlavy 218. Timothy Veith P19. Whitney Blakeman 247. Jermeral Grayson 134. Cole Oliver P37. Tracey Gragg 510. Jasmine Davis 462. Johnny Spain 323. Vanessa Rupe 189. Christopher Wallace 5. Robert Anderson 844. Rachel Loveless 300. Adam Kugler 491. Ray Loftan P73. Patricia Mann 243. DALTON INGRAM 12. Julie Ann Richards 447/448. Adam J Trader Trader 388/397. DALTON INGRAM 308/297. Marquis Mason 203. Charon James P62. Jasmine Campbell 709. Donte Hester 115. Emily Brandon 322. BRANDON REICHERT 37. Kirk Libby 44. Tracy Wells 48; 10 Federal Storage, 3500 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 387-3951 James Williams B187. Dante Williams B123. justin smith B162/ B163. Curt Foster A74/A75. Frans Fore B183. Lowell Porter A52. M Smith B126. Rhonda Wright A25/A26/A27. Dominic Stewart P71. Britney Dyer B212. Vivian Dennison B125; 10 Federal Storage, 900 E Straight St. Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 286-1550 Lashondra Davis F368/F469. Lashondra davis 197. Jennifer Brand 101. Janine Duff E344/E345. Troy Moews 74. cass smith E358/261. CassandraNicole Andrew 193. Carolyn Cummings 6. Joyce Tcheoulou 130. James Smith 72. Katherine Sims 32. Danita Wright 142. Clayton Hamilton E338/E339; 10 Federal Storage, 500 W Browning Rd. Springfield, IL, 62703 (217) 339-3865 Taylor Gill 219D. Nevaeh Orellana 91B. Cameron Jones 61B. Dale Abeln 168C/127C. Taylor Gill 130C/131C. Allie Holmes 216D/217D. Ashley Allgood 65B. Keonna Tucker 163C. Dewane Lowe 189D. Melissa Sterling 120C. Angie Davis 253E. Darren Howard 144C. Isaiah Evans 3A. Dale Abeln 22A. Elica Dadenporp 257E. Emily Quinn 250E. Emily Wheeler 145C. Terisa Wilson 202D

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: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 2 IN MELTON AND SNAPE'S SECOND 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: 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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LORETTA A. GRIFFARD AKA LORETTA GRIFFARD; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2025FC000193
Property Address: 825 N. Ohio Ave. Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on March 11, 2026, I, Sheriff Paula Crouch of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 15, 2026, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Building, Sangamon South Auditorium, 1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit:
LOT ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (173) OF HAY AND TRACY'S MELROSE SUBDIVISION.
EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.
SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 825 N. Ohio Ave., Springfield, IL 62702
P.I.N.: 14-26.0-180-023
First Lien Position; Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$81,672.56
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:
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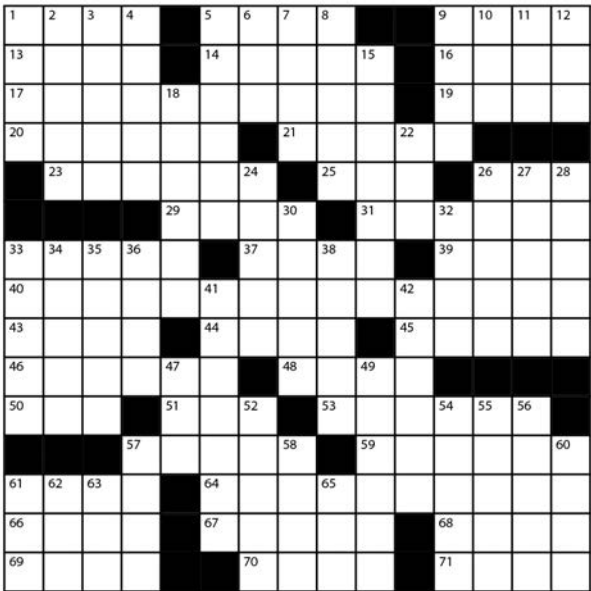
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
ASHLEY R. PRICE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2025FC000246
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:
United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467
(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
33 Windsor Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702
(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
Lot 20 in Morningside Place. Except all Coal and Minerals Underlying said Lot. 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 September 8, 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.
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Pairs

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- Across**
1. Parentheses, e.g.
5. Bit of physics
9. Baking sheet
13. First king of Israel
14. Nile Valley region
16. Digging, so to speak
17. Not reliable
19. Egg container
20. Film worker
21. Lukewarm
23. Fume
25. Clear (of)
26. Fed. property manager
29. "Yes, ___"
31. Lion
33. Chip dip
37. Wise men
39. French novelist
40. Torturous, perhaps
43. Hot spot
44. Nicholas II, for one
45. Jottings
46. Card carrier
48. Disorder
50. Beast of burden
51. Maid's cloth
53. Ticks off
57. Computer shortcut
59. Edit
61. ___ Strip
64. Everywhere
66. Big story
67. It may be at your fingertips
68. Needle case



69. Allocate, with "out"
70. Bungle, with "up"
71. "Nuts!"
Down
1. 1975 Wimbledon champ
2. Busts
3. Adorable one
4. List of candidates
5. Painter ___ del Sarto
6. Rum ___ Tugger ("Cats" cat)
7. Passing notice
8. Scrooge
9. Discovery
10. "The loneliest number"
11. "___ show time!"
12. Auction offering
15. Headache helper
18. Routine
22. Altar vow
24. Curses
26. Mosaic artist's material
27. Bristles
28. Seed coverings
30. Female, formally
32. Additionally
33. Pronunciation symbol
34. Environs
35. Slow times
36. Unload, as stock
38. Masters

41. Case for a lawyer
42. Invisible
47. Victorian, for one
49. Drifts
52. Fairy tale brother
54. Supplemented
55. Gozo Island is part of it
56. Use elbow grease on
57. Defensive spray
58. Kind of arch
60. Identical
61. Jewel
62. "Tarzan" extra
63. Clearasil target
65. "48 ___"

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #956

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

Sudoku answers from #956

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

JoshJosh answers from #956

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 957

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.

2÷		6+		3-	2-
11+		1-	2-		
6+	6+			2÷	120x
		3-			
13+		2÷		8+	
		3-			

Difficulty hard

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

Difficulty medium



AUG. 13-23

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BEER TENT

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

5:30PM-7:30PM

BRUSHVILLE

8:30PM-11:30PM

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

5PM-8PM

LICK CREEK

9PM-11:45PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

JOEL HONEY

1PM-4PM

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

5PM-8PM

LICK CREEK

9PM-11:45PM

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

ELVIS HIMSELVIS

1PM-4PM

BRUSHVILLE

4:30PM-7:30PM

X-KRUSH

8:30PM-11:45PM

MONDAY, AUG. 17

SUNS OF BEACHES

5PM-8PM

THE PLEIADES

9:15AM-11:45PM

***BEER TENTS OPEN
EVERYDAY AT 12PM**

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

MIKE BURNETT & FRIENDS

5PM-7PM

DANCE MONKEY

8PM-11:45PM

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

BRAT PACK

5PM-7:30PM

SUSHI ROLL

8:30PM-11:45PM

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

SUSHI ROLL

4:30PM-7:30PM

DANCE MONKEY

8:30PM-11:45PM

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

5PM-8PM

PINK'D:

PINK TRIBUTE

9PM-11:45PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

JOEL HONEY

1PM-4PM

CAPTAIN GEECH & THE SHRIMP SHACK SHOOTERS

5PM-7:30PM

DECADE OF DECADENCE

8:30PM-11:45PM

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

ELVIS HIMSELVIS

1PM-4PM

DECADE OF DECADENCE

5PM-8PM



AUG.13-23

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BEER TENT

THURSDAY, AUG 13

BRAT PACK

5PM-8PM

CAPTAIN QUIRK

8:30PM-11:30PM

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

THE COLLECTIVE

5PM-8PM

FOREPLAY

9PM-11:45PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

WILL CLARK

1PM-4PM

BRUSHVILLE

5PM-8PM

FOREPLAY

9PM-11:45PM

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

TIM HART

1PM-4PM

FOLSOM PRISON 5:

A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH

5PM-7:30PM

SUSHI ROLL

8:30PM-11:45PM

MONDAY, AUG. 17

CAPTAIN QUIRK

5PM-8PM

**MIKE BURNETT & THE SUNS
OF CIRCUMSTANCE**

9PM-11:45PM

***BEER TENTS OPEN
EVERYDAY AT 12PM**

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

SUNS OF BEACHES

5PM-8PM

HARMONY GRITS

8:30PM-11:45PM

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

STEREO TYPICAL

5PM-8PM

DANCE MONKEY

9PM-11:45PM

THURSDAY, AUG 20

RIVER CITY EAGLES:

A TRIBUTE TO THE EAGLES

5PM-8PM

CAPTAIN QUIRK

9PM-11:45PM

FRIDAY, AUG. 21

LONGMEYER BAND

5PM-8PM

LICK CREEK

9PM-11:45PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 22

BRUSHVILLE

5PM-8PM

LICK CREEK

9PM-11:45PM

SUNDAY, AUG. 23

X-KRUSH

4:30PM-8PM

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