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# Prairie problems

Springfield man receives city notice to cut native plants in his yard

CITY | Adrian Dater

Illinois is nicknamed the “Prairie State,” but the city of Springfield doesn’t want Wolfgang Arterberry to have an actual prairie as his front yard.

“Overgrown grass and weeds throughout entire property must be mowed,” reads a letter dated July 9 to Arterberry and his wife, Gina, from Dalton Kinison, a housing inspector with the city. “The above-referenced violation must be removed or abated by July 16. Failure to remove or abate the violation by the date set forth herein may result in a referral to Administrative Court and assessment of a fine against you in the amount of not less than \$150.”

Arterberry stood in his front yard Aug. 4 and told an *Illinois Times* reporter he had yet to hear more from the city. For the 38-year-old native of Edinburg, the absence of any reply from the city to his vigorous responses seemed to be more galling than the letter itself.

“Every native plant from Illinois, I planted here. I love Illinois,” said Arterberry, who works as a compliance officer for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. “I’m backed up by a law in Illinois to be able to do this. I would not be (acting) to garner attention to it if the city was not attempting to destroy the front yard portion without due process or legal standing.”

According to the Illinois Homeowners’ Landscaping Act of 2024, homeowner associations are barred from placing comprehensive bans on homeowners from “planting Illinois-native species on private residential lawns.” Arterberry, who lives on Churchill Road, is in the Jefferson Park subdivision on Springfield’s west side.

The law hasn’t stopped two letters of complaint from neighbors of Arterberry in the last two years, which by law are made anonymous to the public – and to Arterberry himself. After the first letter of complaint nearly two years ago, the city sent a notice of violation but did nothing to follow up. Arterberry thought that would be the end of the situation, until he received the July 9 letter.

He has since called and emailed the city voicing his opposition and citing the IHLA Act of 2024, but he said he hasn’t gotten a response. Neither has *Illinois Times*, whose efforts to reach Kinison were unsuccessful, as



**Wolfgang Arterberry stands in front of his home in the 2800 block of Churchill Road. He has 70 different species of native plants in his one-acre yard, but received a violation notice from the city of Springfield warning him to mow his property or face fines.** PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

were calls to the housing division manager for the Office of Public Works, Mitch Flynn.

“We’re in limbo. Technically, we’re over my time (to comply), but they won’t respond to my emails. I’ve reported them to the inspector general for the city, and the state’s attorney, because we have laws in Illinois to protect your right to have native landscaping,” Arterberry said.

Arterberry can understand why some neighbors might, at first glance, think his is a neglected, overgrown front yard. But that is far from the case. He said he spends a vast majority of his free time tending to the yard and the rest of his one-acre property. He said he has 70 species of native plants growing and uses a deer fence to protect the yard so the prairie can go to seed and serve as stock for his adjacent acre of land.

“My property serves as a watershed collection point for our neighborhood so I wanted to do what I could to mitigate that

while providing for the native wildlife that live here,” Arterberry said. “We have deer, turkey, fox, coyote, owl, hawk and many more native Illinois wildlife that live on my property. Dozens of wild bird species nest and raise young here. We have an ephemeral pond, upland prairie, lowland prairie and timbered and open wetland. It is a perfect microcosm of Illinois native potential.”

Arterberry and his wife bought the house in 2020. Growing up on a family farm, he got his love for all things botanical from his parents, but especially his grandfather in Carbondale, who he said won many ribbons for his massive flowers, vegetables and fruit at the DuQuoin State Fair. Along with all the flowers and plants, Arterberry also grows food on his prairie lawn, such as berries, eggplant, cucumber, corn, pumpkin, peppers and tomatoes.

In the winter, he does a lot of woodworking and removing invasive bush

honeysuckle around the property.

Now, if only he could keep going about his business without the threat of fines or an unexpected mow from the city – which is often what happens when property owners fail to respond to notices of violation. The maximum length for grasses on residential property is 10 inches.

Arterberry said after he received the first violation notice from the city two years ago he called and spoke with a woman at Public Works.

“She apologized and said they do this to see who’s the lazy folk who let their lawn grow without mowing, who do it intentionally,” Arterberry said. “She offered to have someone come over and look at everything and let me help them learn why this is done the way it is. They never followed up, but they did leave me alone for two years.”

Carey Smith, who manages the Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens and has been active in community efforts to create native pollinator patches, said she had a similar experience. Smith’s front yard is along the heavily traveled North Sixth Street corridor, and she also received a violation notice from the city a few years ago.

However, Smith said once she invited the housing inspector for that area to visit her property and show her where any weeds were present, she hasn’t had any further problems.

“It is nice for people to know that what you’re doing is for a purpose,” Smith said. “I love front yard pollinator gardens. I think they are so beneficial for the ecosystem, including humans.”

Smith said she did register her yard through the University of Illinois Extension’s Pollinator Pockets program and received a sign to display to let passers-by know the plants are there intentionally.

Arterberry said when he received his most recent violation notice he tried to contact the housing inspector, but ended up speaking with the same woman as before.

“She said the pictures she had were of just weeds, and that they had to be mowed,” he said.

Arterberry cut the call short and said he would consult a lawyer about his rights. He’s been waiting for the city’s next move since.

“I can’t be the only person who is getting these letters. I’m just the angriest this time,” Arterberry said. “This is a hill I will die on.” □

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David Yankee was arrested for meth possession on July 21 (mugshot on left). He was already on probation after he pleaded guilty earlier this year to child endangerment charges following the drowning death of a 7-year-old foster child in his home (2024 mugshot on right). PHOTO COURTESY SANGAMON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# More charges for David Yankee

Probation from death of foster son could be revoked following drug arrest

COURTS | Dean Olsen

A former Springfield City Council candidate who was sentenced to two years of probation for child endangerment after the 2024 drowning death of a 7-year-old foster child in his care could be headed to prison after being charged with methamphetamine possession.

David Yankee, 50, has pleaded not guilty to the felony drug charge and to a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He hasn't yet entered a plea on State's Attorney John Milhiser's petition to revoke Yankee's probation. Milhiser contends that Yankee's alleged criminal conduct involving drugs violates the terms of his probation.

Yankee failed to appear for an initial hearing Aug. 12 on the probation revocation request, prompting Sangamon County Associate Circuit Judge Jack Davis Jr. to grant Milhiser's request to issue a warrant for Yankee's arrest. But the judge agreed to cancel the warrant about an hour later, when Yankee's attorney, Dan Fultz, told the judge that Yankee was "in drug treatment."

The initial hearing on the probation revocation now is scheduled for Aug. 13. That hearing is expected to set the stage for a future hearing at which Davis could hear evidence and make a ruling on whether to revoke probation and possibly send Yankee to prison.

Fultz declined to comment to *Illinois Times*.

Yankee was arrested on meth possession on July 21 and released because defendants facing that charge aren't eligible for detention under the state's 2021 Pretrial Fairness Act and the Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today (SAFE-T) Act.

Yankee pleaded guilty on April 16 to three of the four child endangerment charges against him in the drowning case as part of a plea deal in which Milhiser dropped the fourth charge. The penalty associated with Yankee's guilty plea ranged from probation to a prison term of between two and 10 years, with the potential of a 50% reduction in time served with good behavior.

Yankee, a former financial adviser who ran unsuccessfully in 2023 to represent Ward 4, was charged with child endangerment in connection with the death of 7-year-old Barrett Koches and potential harm to two other foster children: Barrett's 4-year-old brother, Ryder, and an unrelated 10-year-old boy.

All three children were home without adult supervision for more than an hour at the home of Yankee and his husband, Michael Yankee, who wasn't charged, authorities said. During that time, Barrett drowned in

the home's uncovered, in-ground backyard swimming pool shortly before noon on March 16, 2024, in the 2300 block of Winnebago Drive.

Police said Michael Yankee was at work at Kohl's at the time of the incident. David Yankee left to go to Walmart on North Dirksen Parkway and later told police he planned to only stop at a bank inside the store so he "could take the children downtown," according to police reports.

Police said Yankee "got distracted in the clearance and Easter aisle, so he took longer in Walmart than expected."

Police and other emergency responders learned about the drowning after the 10-year-old boy ran to the front of the house and got the attention of a FedEx driver who then called for help.

According to police, the 10-year-old said Ryder threw a brick into the shallow end of the pool, which prompted Barrett to jump in to retrieve it.

Barrett threw the brick out of the pool and tried to get out but slipped in the shallow end and, "as a result, slid into the deep end," police reports said.

Yankee told *Illinois Times* in November 2022 that if he won his race for City Council, he eventually would like to run for higher

office to improve the state's foster-care system.

Yankee's recent arrest took place at about 8 p.m. July 21 in the Springfield Park District's Carpenter Park after an anonymous caller told police a man was smoking methamphetamine in the park's pavilion.

A Springfield Park District Police report said Yankee told an officer that he came to the park to smoke meth out of a glass pipe and "possibly meet with someone."

The report said police recovered a meth pipe and then found 8.5 grams of methamphetamine in the vehicle after Yankee told police that he wasn't sure what else was in the car except for "THC and sex toys."

Yankee, who now lives in the 1800 block of Gregory Court, was arrested without incident, police said.

If convicted on the meth possession charge, Yankee could be sentenced to probation or a prison sentence of between three and seven years, with 50% off for good behavior.

Barrett Koches' mother, Jamie Hartman, didn't respond to a request for comment. The boy's father, Jeff Koches, couldn't be reached. □

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# “Three Hot Days in August”

Springfield remembers the 1908 Race Riot

HISTORY | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Springfield is the home of Abraham Lincoln, known as the Great Emancipator. We should be proud of that. Yet, we must acknowledge that it was here, in his hometown, that a disturbing event occurred in 1908 – the race riot that lynched two innocent Black men, destroyed people’s homes and left a scar on our history. Out of this rose the formation of the NAACP, and today the truth of three days in August 1908 is being embraced.

Austin Randolph, president of the Springfield Chapter of the NAACP, vice president Candice Trees, Gwen Harrison, director of Lincoln Library, and many others have planned the second annual commemoration.

From 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, through Sunday evening, Aug. 16, programs, receptions, exhibits, guided walks, a vigil, and a play will be held in various locations throughout Springfield.

“This is about history, education and understanding the past, present and future,” Randolph said. “The NAACP was established in 1909 due to the event that happened here.”

“So few knew of this; it was never mentioned in school and to realize something of this magnitude occurred here means that it is important for people to know about the history,” Harrison said.

On Thursday through Saturday, a 9:30 a.m. walking tour, led by Sheila Ryan from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will start from the Lincoln statue at Sixth and Adams streets by the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office. The 90-minute walk will include the Union Station area and the Acts of Intolerance sculpture by Preston Jackson; it will not go to the actual race riot site. Participants should bring water.

The Illinois State Museum will present two programs on Aug. 13. “The Race Riot Aftermath” will be at noon and “The 1942 Lynching of James Edward Person” at 1:15 p.m.

A dessert reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. that evening at Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., with presentations, including one by Preston Jackson, and the film screening of *Springfield Had No Shame*.

Two events on Friday, Aug. 14, provide volunteer opportunities. From 9-11 a.m., volunteers can help prepare luminaries for that evening’s vigil at the Race Riot Monument. After helping with luminaries, people can participate in the soil collection remembrance



From left to right: Candice Trees, Austin Randolph and Gwen Harrison. PHOTO BY CINDA KLIKNA

from 11 a.m. to noon at 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison streets. It was here that Scott Burton was lynched. Participants will be given trowels and can help collect soil from the site and place it in a five-gallon jar, etched with Burton’s name.

Another jar of soil will be collected later from the William Donnegan lynching site, where the Illinois State Museum now stands, but that is not open to the public. The jars will be sent to the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama, joining the display of hundreds of jars of soil memorializing lynchings across the U.S.

There are also two programs scheduled for

Friday. “Joseph James” will be presented at noon by Pastor Tim Good at Trinity Lutheran Church, Second and Monroe streets. “Park in Progress: the Race Riot National Monument” will be presented at 2 p.m. by Quinn Gilly of the National Park Service, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center.

Friday evening in the Bunn Auditorium at HSHS St. John’s Hospital there will be a reception (5 p.m.) and program (6 p.m.) honoring William Donnegan, Scott Burton, Joe James and baby Samuel Payne. It will feature several area pastors, a community choir, praise dancers and blessings of the

Remembrance Jars. Following the program, there will be a silent march to the Race Riot Monument for the luminary vigil.

Friday and Saturday nights (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday (3 p.m.), the production of *Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908* by local playwright Tim Crawford will be presented at the Hoogland Center for the Arts. This is Crawford’s second adaptation of the play so it will be a new experience for those who saw his first play. Crawford received the 2024 Mayor’s Arts Award for performing artist.

Saturday offers more events. Volunteers can help remove luminaries from 9-11 a.m.

Two programs will be presented at noon in Lincoln Library: “In the Mob’s Wake: An Examination of the Damage Done by Rioters during the Race Riot” by Dr. Brian Mitchell, public humanities fellow at University of Illinois Springfield and “Historical Archaeology: Giving Voice to the Victims of the Race Riot and Creation of a National Monument” by Floyd Mansberger, founder of Fever River Research.

The planning group also wanted to include young people, which was done through an essay contest. The essay winners will be announced at the closing reception at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave. District 186 Superintendent Dr. Terrance Jordan will serve as master of ceremonies.

“Working on this commemoration is important to keep the history of Springfield alive,” Trees said. “This was an awful scar and yet there are still positive things such as the preservation of the Black firehouse and a national monument. Just think, if the railroad relocation hadn’t happened, we wouldn’t have all of this rich history.”

All three organizers are proud of the work being done, the plans that have been put together and the many who have helped.

“We hope people will come to the many events,” Randolph said. “Then we will give ourselves a few days and start planning for next year.”

For more information visit [lincolnlibrary.info/attend/1908](http://lincolnlibrary.info/attend/1908). □

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna has written about the Black Firehouse restoration and history and about Gertrude Wright Morgan (originally from Springfield) and her husband, who helped form the NAACP.*

# Keeping the peace

State Board of Elections pays off-duty SPD officers to oversee records examinations

STATE | Dilpreet Raju

The Illinois State Board of Elections has been paying off-duty Springfield police officers to provide security for records examinations, including the validation of candidate petitions.

Andrew Finko is a lawyer for Byron Sigcho-Lopez, a Chicago alderman who is suing the State Board of Elections in an attempt to get onto the November ballot for Illinois' open 4th Congressional District seat as an independent candidate. Finko told *Illinois Times* in early July that campaign watchers for Sigcho-Lopez noticed armed Springfield Police Department officers in the records examination room.

Finko, who has attended records examinations, said he thought it was unusual for police to be present for the typically uneventful process of having an elections officer cross-reference petition signatures with voter registration information.

"It's not a confrontational process. It's not a hearing. It's not anything that normally would require any level of security, so it is very unusual," he said. "Chicago's (elections office) used to have a police officer sitting in its lobby, and the guy was just basically getting paid to sit there."

The ISBE is headquartered at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., in the Town & Country Shopping Center. Upon hearing about police officers at the state's Springfield elections office, Finko submitted Freedom of Information Act requests to the ISBE and SPD.

"I submitted two FOIAs; the first FOIA was a general one because I didn't know a whole lot about what was going on... (SPD) said there was nothing and the State Board showed me some police records. I took information from that production and I incorporated it into a second FOIA to the city of Springfield," Finko said. "That one similarly had no responsive documents."

But there are relevant documents within the Springfield Police Department, as the State Board of Elections FOIA shows.

Nikki Monari, the communications liaison with the Springfield Police Department, did not respond to a voicemail from *IT* requesting clarification on the FOIA response.

The taxpayer-funded ISBE paid nine off-duty SPD officers a total of \$4,095 – a rate of \$70 per hour – for less than 60 hours of providing security to the state agency from June 9 to 17, documents from the Board of Elections show.

Bernadette Matthews, who has served as executive director of ISBE since 2022,



The Illinois State Board of Elections, headquartered in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Springfield, has been paying off-duty Springfield police officers to provide security for routine records examinations, citing "the current threat environment." CREDIT: CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS FILE PHOTO

informed *Illinois Times* the state agency has been utilizing some means of police security for at least a decade. In the past, it was mostly officers from Illinois State Police and the Department of Homeland Security, but the state agency began contracting with SPD in 2025.

Matthews said DHS stopped offering support after the 2024 election cycle.

"As threats against both public officials and election officials have increased significantly in recent years, security has been requested to address these concerns. While the agency is not aware of specific threats in recent months, the Springfield office received a suspicious package containing white powder in 2024," she wrote in response to an inquiry from *Illinois Times*. "Following this incident, and in response to the current threat environment, the agency has increased security over the last two years. This includes requesting law enforcement and/or a security presence when hosting public events."

"ISP continues to also assist with security when requested. DHS has not assisted since the 2024 election cycle as the agency has not offered this form of support in recent years," Matthews wrote.

David Amerson, executive director for the Police Benevolent Labor Committee, said the practice of businesses hiring off-duty police is common. He said some cities even mandate it.

"That's extremely common across the state," Amerson said. "Secondary employment is generally considered a pretty good benefit to the community. First off, businesses get actual skilled security guards and police presence," which he said retailers tend to prefer. "When these guys would otherwise be at home, instead you have a police presence that's privately funded, so to speak."

Ron Michaelson, former executive director of the ISBE for nearly 30 years until 2003, told *Illinois Times* he had never contracted out security work.

"I was director for 29 years and we never had to do that," Michaelson said.

He said the only times ISBE would request a police presence was to keep an orderly line when candidate filing opened. Michaelson said police officers were also used during the 1982 gubernatorial race to protect casted ballots, also known as the canvass, while the board verified results. That race came down to fewer than 5,100 votes, making it the closest race for governor in Illinois history.

"I don't even have any recollection if we paid the one single policeman who would stand at the end of the petition filing line on that first day," Michaelson said. "It just might have been a courtesy intergovernmental cooperation, but at any rate, that was really never an issue." □

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# Data center developer abandons plans for Christian County

Cites concerns that plant to supply power may never be built

DATA CENTERS | Dean Olsen

Eagle Rock Partners announced Aug. 12 that it will abandon its quest to build a \$6 billion data center in Christian County.

County Board President Bryan Sharp told *Illinois Times* that the North Carolina-based company's decision was rooted in its concern that the planned supplier of the 1,000-megawatt data center's power – a yet-to-be-built natural gas-fired power plant in Sangamon County near Pawnee – may never be built.

Eagle Rock didn't respond to questions from the newspaper.

But Sharp said Ken Loeber, a founder of Eagle Rock Partners, traveled to Christian County on Aug. 11 and told Sharp that the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act will make it harder for the developer of the long-delayed Lincoln Land Energy Center near Pawnee to obtain financing to build the center. That 2021 law mandates all natural gas-fired power plants in the state to close or reach 100% zero-carbon emissions by 2045.

Eagle Rock is not the developer of Lincoln Land Energy. But Loeber has said Eagle Rock has an agreement with Lincoln Land Energy to buy all of the proposed plant's power and use that power to operate the proposed Meridian Technology Park data center, on farmland southwest of Taylorville.

Lincoln Land Energy, to be fueled with natural gas, first obtained a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in 2022, but construction hasn't begun.

According to Sharp, Loeber said the state law, unless it's modified, would leave Lincoln Land Energy with too short of a lifespan to attract investors who would help finance



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

construction.

The proposed power plant's previous owner and developer, New Jersey-based Kindle Energy LLC, recently transferred development authority to the original developer, Canadian-based EmberClear, according to Ryan McCrady, president and chief executive officer of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance.

Officials from Kindle and EmberClear officials haven't responded to requests for comment.

An Aug. 12 news release from Eagle Rock said the decision to abandon the Christian County project was made "after careful

consideration."

"Due to circumstances beyond our control, the delivery of the power infrastructure on which the project depended is no longer certain," the release said.

The release also said, "We are deeply grateful for the thoughtful, transparent leadership and engagement shown by Christian County officials and community stakeholders throughout this process, and we wish Christian County continued success as it evaluates future economic development and energy opportunities."

Eagle Rock never filed a formal request for zoning approval with Christian County

officials to build the data center, and the County Board never took a formal stand on the plan.

But word of Eagle Rock's interest prompted local residents opposing the idea to post on social media, and about 400 people, most of them opposed to the project, turned out at a June 16 County Board meeting to voice their disapproval.

Sharp said Loeber didn't cite citizen opposition as a factor in Eagle Rock's decision to drop its interest in Christian County.

"I know they were very aware of it, but I don't think that had an effect on their decision," Sharp said.

Sharp said Loeber also didn't say whether the change of ownership of the Lincoln Land Energy project played a role.

Christian County officials continue to study what changes to make in the county's zoning ordinances to balance consumer protections with the need to promote economic growth, Sharp said.

Because Christian County is part of a part of downstate Illinois with easy access to high-capacity electric lines, the county probably will attract more large-scale data center proposals, Sharp said.

"Christian County has the infrastructure and a willing seller," he said.

With Eagle Rock's announcement, there's a "sigh of relief, I guess, for my community on one hand. The other side of the coin is that Christian County still needs some type of development."

He said the county's population is aging and declining, and the supply of good jobs makes it difficult to keep young people from moving away. □

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# Retired doctor donates \$1M to HSHS NICU

Hospital to buy more lifesaving transport equipment

MEDICAL | Dilpreet Raju



Dr. Babu Prasad speaks to reporters in the lobby of HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital on Aug. 11. PHOTO BY DILPREET RAJU

Former HSHS anesthesiologist Dr. Babu Prasad has donated \$1 million to St. John's Children's Hospital to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Dr. Beau Batton, director of newborn services at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital, said the donation will fund upgrades to specialized respiratory and temperature control equipment that's critical for transporting newborns in need of medical care. The neonatal intensive care unit cares for about 800 babies each year, with about 45 newborn inpatients on any given day, Batton said.

"One of the many things we do around here is provide neonatal transport from essentially two hours in every direction. Sometimes those transports are by helicopter and sometimes those transports are by ground," Batton said.

"We do about 150 of these transports a year."

Aryn Hunter, chief administrative officer at HSHS St. John's Children's Hospital, said the hospital's NICU is a lifeline for young families across much of central Illinois.

"Dr. Prasad's gift will help provide lifesaving equipment and technology including an additional temperature-controlled, encased bed specifically crafted for ambulances transporting newborns to the children's hospital from outlying areas," Hunter said.

Prasad retired more than 20 years ago from a career in anesthesiology and previously donated \$1 million to the neonatal intensive care unit in 2020.

"I want to make Springfield one of the best cities to live here in the

country," he said. "I am blessed to be here; I am blessed to be a part of St. John's Hospital... we should hope others will come forward and help the community," Prasad said.

Ali Farmer, director of the HSHS St. John's Foundation, praised the former anesthesiologist's journey and generosity.

"Dr. Prasad arrived in the United States from India in 1971 with little more than his medical degree and the hope of building a new life here. He found opportunity here. He built a distinguished career at St. John's Hospital and has chosen to extend the same promise of opportunity to babies beginning their life here," she said.

Some of the donation will go toward supporting other NICU programs the hospital offers, such as home care. □

## "DOGtors on Call" at Memorial Hospital

MEDICAL | IT Staff



Bandit, an 8-year-old Corgi handled by Maureen Brusnighan, is one of four new therapy dogs used at Springfield Memorial Hospital. PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Springfield Memorial Hospital has expanded its animal-assisted therapy program with four newly certified therapy dogs, thanks to a \$4,500 grant from the Springfield Memorial Foundation. The program, called "DOGtors on Call," pairs hospital staff members who volunteer their time and their dogs to interact with patients.

"We were delighted to help fund the DOGtors on Call program," said Pam Hulten, director of the Springfield Memorial Foundation. "The joy it brings to our patients and colleagues is priceless."

The program expansion builds on the work of Kylo, a 6-year-old German shepherd who has visited patients weekly alongside his handler, Michelle Geiss, a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Positive patient response to Kylo's visits prompted nursing leadership to pursue broader programming.

"Patients adore Kylo," Geiss said. "They love to hang out with him in the activity room, play fetch with him and give him belly rubs. He brightens their mood and provides comfort and companionship."

The four new DOGtors include:

- **Bandit:** an 8-year-old Corgi handled

by Maureen Brusnighan, a member of the environmental services team. Brusnighan rescued Bandit from a Missouri breeder. Bandit passed his certification exam first among the four dogs.

- **Huck:** a 3-year-old golden retriever handled by registered nurse Ashley Ferris. Ferris adopted Huck after seeing him available on social media. Her previous dog, Willow, was also a certified therapy dog.

- **Lucy:** a 2-year-old goldendoodle handled by Christine Waldhauser, SMH director of nursing. Waldhauser and her husband spent 14 weeks training with Lucy before certification.

- **Stirling:** a 9-year-old red and white tri-colored Australian shepherd handled by Craig Frank, a mental health technician who has worked at SMH for 43 years. Frank said Stirling helps patients open up and provides a calming presence in high-stress areas.

The foundation grant covered Alliance of Therapy Dogs membership fees, background checks and handler uniforms. All dogs and handlers completed months of training and earned certification through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs before beginning patient visits. □

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### KEEP QUESTIONING

Maybe people are starting to actually wake up and question their county and city boards and look into whether these are a boon or bust for their communities ("Future uncertain for data centers," July 30). Bravo!

*Tracey Shellhammer Diczban*  
Via [Facebook.com/illinoistimes](https://www.facebook.com/illinoistimes)

### FLAWED SYSTEM

The current battle over AI data centers exposes the "Absolute Insanity" of supporting vital public services with property taxes. As a result of the current system, some tiny school district will see its tax revenue increase many fold. It can now afford to build a new school building every other year while a neighboring district can't afford maintenance on an aging building.

Now might be a good time for rational people to develop a more equitable tax system.

*Richard Leary*

*Springfield*

### WORTH THE COST

I hope that former Mayor Jim Langfelder's letter to the editor (July 30) got the undivided attention of the new developers of the latest plans for the Y Block.

He suggested that it should include the amenities of the original plan, (which included) water fountains and an ice skating rink along with a café where the skaters could warm their hands with a cup of coffee.

It would be twice as expensive as the most recent plan, but it would be well worth it for future generations to enjoy.

*Mike Shepherd*

*New Berlin*

### KEEP GOING

We fell short in getting the 6,359 signatures of Sangamon County voters to put on the



The Logan County village of Latham would see an increase in its annual revenues 27-fold to 38-fold, allowing it to install a sewer system and other municipal improvements, with promised revenues from Hut 8 Corp. if village trustees agreed to annex and rezone land for a proposed \$5 billion data center west of the village. However, the Village Board's scheduled Aug. 3 meeting was canceled. Hut 8 initially applied to Logan County for zoning approval, but county officials have said they don't plan to consider or vote on the request this month. CREDIT: PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN

November ballot the binding referendum on whether our county should have recall for the county sheriff and other county elected officials.

But all is not lost. Almost 20 dedicated volunteers have been hitting the bricks hard and are well on their way to collecting the needed signatures. While recall won't be on the November ballot, the next election is only five months later on April 6, 2027, when we elect mayors, alderpersons, school board members and other local offices.

I urge all recall circulators and others who want recall to work hard between now and the Jan. 4 filing deadline to collect signatures from our fellow Sangamon County registered voters. Petitions can be downloaded from [sangamonrecall.org](http://sangamonrecall.org), and completed,

notarized petitions should be turned in to my law office at 915 S. Second St., Springfield.

The need for recall hit us hard after the tragic killing of Sonya Massey by former – and now convicted – deputy Sean Grayson. We learned that our elected sheriff had been very negligent in ignoring all the red flags that should have stopped him from hiring Grayson. Despite a tremendous outcry for his resignation, he initially refused to resign, and there was no way to force him out of office because we do not have recall.

The need for recall was just underscored again last month when disgraced former state Rep. Harry Benton resigned from his state office but refused to resign from his other elected office of Wheatland Township highway commissioner, despite

the unanimous vote of the township board calling on him to resign. Without recall there is no way to force him out, and his term runs to 2029.

Citizens in Aurora filed 9,000 signatures Aug. 3 to put a binding referendum on recall on their November ballot. Thirty-nine states have recall for local elected officials, including Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. Recall is a safety valve that should rarely be used, but needs to be available for those rare times when the people have lost confidence in their elected official.

*Sam Cahnman*

*Sangamon County Board, District 18*

### Letter from Ron Dougan to daughter Jackie

"At the risk of establishing a precedent, I take my pen in hand! About detasseling, we are letting out most of the boys but keeping on 7 or 8. They are older this year, high school seniors. The corn has come out all at once and we are getting it detasseled cheaper and better than usual. There is nothing new of course, things happen every day. You heard about the skunks getting descended and then having them get out the same night they got home? The standing order is to have the men chase any skunk they see, but it is difficult when they are fast as lightning and nippy with their teeth. It will be nice to have you home again. We must move a corn crib. Shall we wait until you can participate in the great rat hunt? Or doesn't that type of mayhem appeal? Love, Daddy."

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# Welch discusses Benton investigation

POLITICS | Rich Miller

House Speaker Chris Welch sat down for interviews with some selected reporters last week. He told most of them that his office had conducted an “informal investigation” into sexual harassment allegations against former Rep. Harry Benton (D-Plainfield) in 2023.

Welch’s staff has not responded to our request for an interview (same goes for the *Chicago Tribune*). But nobody asked whether he and his staff spoke to anyone other than Benton and the 22-year-old district office staffer who accused Benton of sexual harassment during that informal investigation after she’d resigned to avoid more harassment. Benton resigned last month.

Jessica Dixon Heitman also worked in Benton’s office at the time and has said she left because of the treatment of the young woman. But, as far as I can tell, nobody talked to her in 2023. Heitman was recently appointed to replace the disgraced Benton.

So, based on talking to just two people, Welch concluded that this was a he-said, she-said dispute and, therefore, since no formal complaint was filed, Benton “was entitled to a constitutional right to due process,” Welch told WGN. “I had to support a member, and I supported a member.” His caucus committee contributed \$1.4 million to Benton’s reelection campaign.

Set aside for a moment the constitutional right to receive \$1.4 million in campaign contributions after an overly narrow informal probe. Welch also told WGN, “we had to respect the wishes of the survivor, even though she didn’t want to go through a formal complaint process.”

However, as the *Tribune* has reported, the accuser’s main reason for coming forward was to make sure that no other woman would be harassed by Benton.

At least two more women were sexually harassed by Benton after that, according to the legislative inspector general.

And despite what Welch reportedly told the House Democratic Women’s Caucus last month and then WGN TV last week, the Illinois AFL-CIO issued a remarkably forceful response to a question I asked by releasing a statement saying, “Any suggestion that Harry Benton — or any elected official — controlled labor’s support for a candidate or caucus is false.”

Last month, I informed subscribers that Welch told members of the Women’s Caucus, “Harry Benton went around telling union people that the speaker retaliated against him and should have given more support in his last [2022] race,” a member paraphrased Welch’s response at the time.

The *Tribune* reported last week that the

paper had learned from participants in the meeting that “Welch assisted the now-disgraced former lawmaker’s 2024 reelection campaign with \$1.4 million to prevent Benton from actively working to curb organized labor support to the speaker’s war chest.”

And Welch told WGN TV last week that, while he regretted supporting Benton, “labor was a big advocate of Benton. As a union member himself, he had a lot of support.”

Some folks I talked to said it looked like Welch was throwing labor under the bus, so I reached out to the Illinois AFL-CIO and asked for its reaction to last week’s stories.

“The Illinois AFL-CIO has no tolerance for sexual harassment, in the workplace or anywhere else,” the labor umbrella organization declared. “We were deeply disturbed by the legislative inspector general’s report and by recent reporting on former Rep. Harry Benton’s egregious conduct, and we agree with his decision to resign. Any suggestion that Benton — or any elected official — controlled labor’s support for a candidate or caucus is false. It is clear the General Assembly needs to take further action to strengthen its policies and procedures

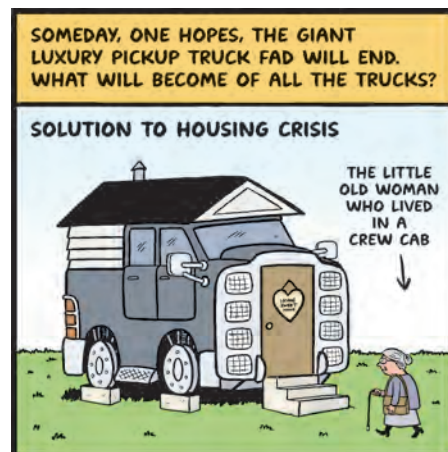
to combat harassment and support the brave victims who come forward.”

The *Tribune* also quoted some Democrats close to organized labor who accurately noted that “Benton had little power to influence organized labor or its massive fundraising apparatus.”

Labor did support Benton in 2024, and a big reason was Benton’s Republican opponent was Gabby Shanahan. At the time, Shanahan worked for the anti-union Illinois Policy Institute. I’ve written several times (including in my syndicated newspaper column in 2024) that there was no way on this Earth that organized labor wanted an IPI staffer in the General Assembly. Shanahan is running again this year, but she no longer works for the IPI.

Now, a question could be asked about what would’ve happened if Welch or someone in his organization had told union leaders about the 2023 sexual harassment allegations against Benton by a 22-year-old district staffer.

But remember, Welch’s “informal investigation” included talking to only Benton and the staffer. And then the matter was closed. □



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# 'The wrong side of justice'

Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit has been responsible for dozens of questionable cases, while acting outside of public view and with little oversight.

**COURTS | David Jackson, Injustice Watch**

*This story was produced by Injustice Watch, a nonprofit newsroom in Chicago that investigates issues of equity and justice in the Cook County court system.*

Curtis Lovelace was walking out of his law office in downtown Quincy, Illinois, when he spotted the stranger waiting by his car.

"I recognized him to be a police officer," Lovelace recalled about the day in August 2014 that flipped his life upside down. "So my natural inclination was to reach out and shake his hand. 'What can I do for you, officer?'"

Lovelace had spent seven years as an assistant Adams County prosecutor before moving into private practice, and had worked closely with local cops for years.

"His first words were: 'Put your hands on the car. You're under arrest for the murder of your wife.'"

Cory Lovelace had died on Valentine's Day eight years earlier, at age 38. Curtis found her on their bed that morning.

They were high school classmates who married after they graduated from college in 1991. Cory was a full-time mother to their four children, dancing with them to ABBA and corralling them for school and sports programs.

Her cause of death had been ruled

"undetermined," but at the time she died, Cory had a severe liver disorder and other health issues.

Because Lovelace had previously been a prosecutor there, the Adams County state's attorney's office had an obvious conflict of interest that disqualified it from bringing the allegations to trial.

Instead, the case was dispatched to Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit.

The unit's attorneys are supposed to be a select group, brought in when local prosecutors have personal or political conflicts. They are supposed to be lawyers beyond reproach.

But in Lovelace's case, the special prosecutors failed to disclose that it took five tries for their lead investigator to find a pathologist who would testify that Cory was murdered. Withholding potentially exculpatory evidence is a violation of the so-called Brady rule, a constitutional obligation prosecutors have to turn over any information that might point to a defendant's innocence.

Lovelace's case exemplifies a wide range of alleged misconduct and miscarriages of justice by Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit over the past two decades.

The unit has tried murder cases that evaporated because the special prosecutors

withheld evidence or used discredited jailhouse informants. Its prosecutors have been accused of favorable treatment of political insiders, conflicts of interest, and ethical breaches. At the same time, the Special Prosecution Unit has evaded public scrutiny through a law passed by legislative allies that exempts it from the state's Freedom of Information Act.

To examine the unit, Injustice Watch reviewed thousands of pages of court documents and interviewed dozens of people, including defendants who were wrongly charged, victims who never saw justice, unit veterans, and legal experts.

The two dozen lawyers of Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit are mostly former county state's attorneys, many with powerful political connections. All are white, most are men.

Since its creation in the 1980s, the unit has been the primary way criminal cases in Illinois are handled when local state's attorneys are disqualified because of conflicts. Its prosecutors took on more than 1,000 cases in 2024, far more than were pursued through other methods of appointing special prosecutors, including referrals to the state attorney general, private attorneys, or prosecutors from neighboring counties.

The Special Prosecution Unit is housed in an obscure, insular state agency, the Office of the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, or ILSAAP, which operates with little oversight.

ILSAAP has had just two directors over the past 35 years, including one whose two sons and grandson have held key positions in the office. The agency is not scrutinized by any inspector general and does not answer to the governor or the state attorney general.

Illinois is an outlier among states in having a unit of special prosecutors who try local government corruption cases without meaningful oversight from any elected official, Injustice Watch found.

The board that governs the agency is made up of state's attorneys from across Illinois – the very same officials who call on the special prosecutors to step in when they or their offices have a conflict of interest. But even they provide only superficial oversight, holding only brief periodic meetings.

ILSAAP Director Patrick Delfino declined to comment for this series. While the agency said it strives to be transparent, and Delfino provided basic data on cases the unit handled in 2024, he did not respond to detailed written questions about

Injustice's Watch's findings.

Lovelace was ultimately acquitted, but the charges devoured years of his life. He spent 21 months shuttled between county jails, separated from his new wife and kids. Teachers at his children's schools waged bets on the trial outcome, Lovelace recalled. Townsfolk with no apparent connection to his case delivered harsh judgments about him on social media. Lovelace family cars were egged and tires flattened, once with a saw blade left hanging from the wheel.

"Family, people I thought were friends – relationships [were] broken and done that are never going to be mended," Lovelace said.

Lovelace, 57, said he believes a lack of accountability is the fundamental structural flaw with Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit.

"Ordinary state's attorneys run for election every four years, so voters provide a basic if fragile check and balance on that prosecutor," Lovelace said. "When it comes to the state Special Prosecution Unit, you don't even have that."

### 'Shopping' for an expert witness

Adam Gibson was a canine officer with the Quincy Police Department until his dog retired in 2013.

He took a short training course, then was promoted to detective. On his own initiative, he began to peruse closed case files – including Cory Lovelace's.

The forensic pathologist who conducted Cory's autopsy noted her preexisting conditions, including decades of alcohol abuse and bulimia, and marked steatosis of the liver – a buildup of fat that can lead to liver failure and death. Quincy police had closed the case without any indication of foul play.

But as Gibson reviewed the photos of Cory in the case file, he concluded she had been suffocated. He was struck by the way her arms were slightly raised above her chest.

"It did not appear to me that this could've been a natural death," Gibson told "48 Hours" in 2016.

But a first responder had moved Cory's arms to attach a probe after arriving at the scene, court records show.

Today, Gibson told Injustice Watch he could not comment on the case "based on a court agreement. No one will be able to comment."

After reopening Cory's case, Gibson zeroed in on her husband as the prime suspect, court records show. Nine months later, it was Gibson standing by Lovelace's car, waiting to arrest him in downtown Quincy.

"I was thinking, this is going to be cleared up by the end of the day. There has to be some big mistake here," Lovelace recalled.

Instead, his case was assigned to Edwin Parkinson, who had joined Illinois' Special Prosecution Unit in 1994 after a decade as the Morgan County state's attorney.

Lovelace was an unlikely suspect for an unlikely murder. A hometown high school



Quincy police detective Adam Gibson is questioned by defense attorney Jon Loevy at the Curtis Lovelace murder trial March 8, 2017, at the Sangamon County Courthouse. Lovelace, a former Adams County assistant state's attorney, was charged with first-degree murder in the 2006 death of his first wife, Cory Lovelace. His first trial ended with a deadlocked jury and the retrial was moved to Sangamon County due to extensive publicity. PHOTO BY MICHAEL KIPLEY/THE QUINCY HERALD-WHIG VIA AP, POOL

football star and co-captain of the University of Illinois team, he was a civic leader who had served 12 years on the Quincy School District board.

But that didn't stop special prosecutors from requesting a \$5 million bond – meaning Lovelace would have to pay \$500,000 to get out of jail, an impossible sum.

To build their case, Gibson and a deputy coroner, James Keller, "began to shop around for a forensic expert who would bolster the case against Curt," in the words of a later federal appellate court opinion that recounted their actions.

The first two experts were emphatic that Gibson was misinterpreting the evidence, but Gibson made no record of their opinions, the appellate court ruling said.

Gibson next turned to Dr. Jessica Bowman, the initial pathologist, but "she refused to change the official cause of death from 'undetermined' to suffocation, even in the face of Gibson's intensive lobbying in the form of numerous phone calls and several multi-hour meetings," the appellate court said. "Gibson, yet again, made no report memorializing Dr. Bowman's skepticism. But he did later assert, apparently without any factual basis, that Bowman 'felt during the initial autopsy that suffocation was the cause of death.'"

A fourth potential expert, Dr. Shaku Teas, also concluded that the condition of the liver and other evidence made a natural death most likely. "Dr. Teas saw no reason to believe Gibson's murder-by-suffocation hypothesis. Gibson instructed Dr. Teas not to prepare a report, but she was troubled by his approach to the case and did so anyway. She later testified as a witness for Curt's defense," the ruling said.

In their fifth attempt, Gibson and Keller "took a more aggressive approach. Rather than providing Dr. [Jane] Turner with an accurate and complete picture of the evidence and allowing her to draw her own conclusions, they provided her with selected background 'facts.'"

None of these behind-the-scenes investigative maneuvers were disclosed to the judge, jury, or defense at Lovelace's 2016 trial, court records show.

As the jury deliberated, Parkinson took Lovelace's attorneys aside and offered a plea deal, Lovelace recalled.

"I would potentially only have to serve seven years," Lovelace said. "They said: 'You're probably not going to see your children graduate, but if you do this, at least you might be able to go to their weddings or see your grandchildren.'"

But Lovelace's new wife, Christine, whom he married just months before he was arrested,

was adamant. "She said: 'Absolutely, absolutely not. You're not going to plea.' And I said, 'I don't know what we're going to do,' and she said, 'We'll figure that out.'"

After two days of deliberations, the jury was deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial. Special prosecutor Parkinson decided to retry the case.

### The retrial

Lovelace's second trial was moved to Sangamon County, due to the extensive publicity surrounding the case in Quincy.

This time the Lovelace defense had help from an unexpected source. Evan Parke, a lawyer who grew up in Quincy then moved to Washington, D.C., had been following local news reports about the trial.

Parke had never met Lovelace, but he was skeptical about the prosecution's handling of forensic experts and wanted to understand the facts. Parke filed dozens of public records requests that eventually unearthed the emails from experts warning Gibson that his suffocation theory was unsupportable. Parke gave the emails to Lovelace.

The emails' disclosure briefly halted the retrial and led to a flurry of closed-door meetings with the judge. Gibson said he attempted to give a key email to Parkinson during a bathroom

break between hearings, court records show. Parkinson denied any handoff of the emails.

Avoiding questions about a possible Brady violation being aired in open court, Parkinson agreed to a stipulation that his investigator, Gibson, was not telling the truth about having disclosed his emails to prosecutors. This time, the special prosecutors turned over all the exculpatory evidence that had been hidden in the first trial.

Just before the retrial was set to begin in 2017, the special prosecutors offered Lovelace a new deal, Lovelace recalled: He could plead guilty to felony gross negligence, get credit for time served, and walk free that day.

In chambers, the judge admonished Lovelace to accept. “The judge is like, ‘Mr. Lovelace, come on. I’ve been involved in a lot of these cases. You’re going to regret not taking this,’” Lovelace recalled.

Lovelace said he couldn’t plead guilty to a murder that never happened. So they went to trial again.

This time the jury acquitted him after just two hours of deliberation.

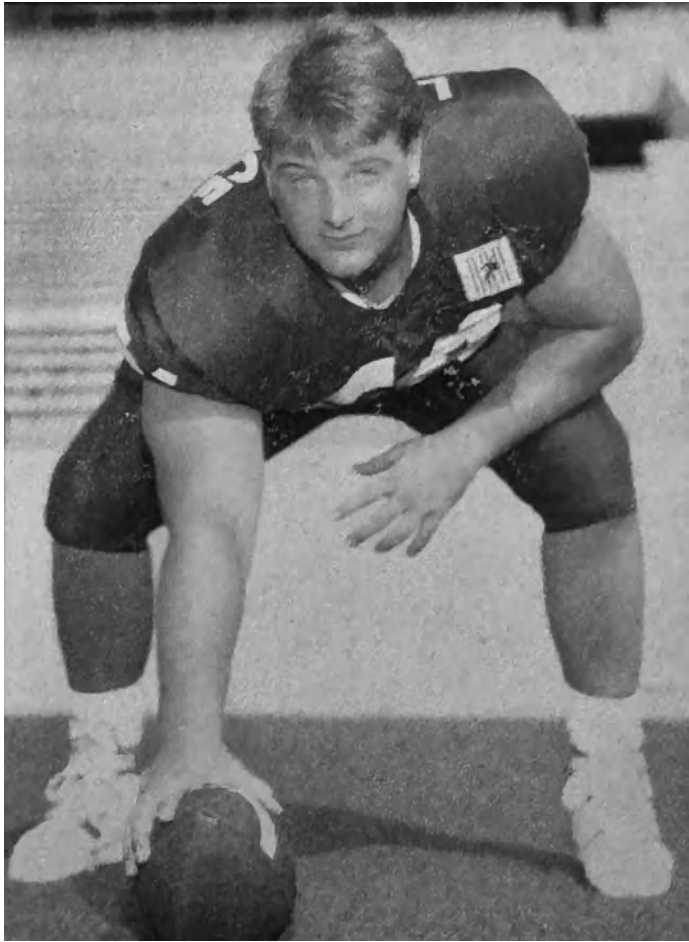
Lovelace later filed a lawsuit against the Quincy Police Department and Adams County. In the course of that lawsuit, the federal appellate court issued its stinging opinion detailing misconduct by Gibson, Keller, and Parkinson. Local authorities ultimately settled the case for \$4.5 million, while denying wrongdoing.

But aside from that opinion, there was no public reckoning for the devastation inflicted by the Special Prosecution Unit on Lovelace and his family. No lawyers were disciplined, no hearings were held, and no government officials demanded accountability.

Keller, the deputy coroner who worked with Gibson to build the case against Lovelace, resigned in 2018 amid criticism over his practice of keeping poor people’s remains until their relatives could pay \$1,000, according to local news reports. Keller was charged later that year with having hydrocodone in his home without authorization. That case was handled by the Special Prosecution Unit, which negotiated a plea deal for 24 months of non-judgment probation that enabled him to travel to Cancun,



Curtis and Christine Lovelace on a trip to the Rocky Mountains in 2023. COURTESY OF CURTIS LOVELACE



Curtis Lovelace was a hometown football star and co-captain of the University of Illinois football team. COURTESY OF CURTIS LOVELACE

Mexico, for a vacation shortly afterward. Keller declined to comment.

Parkinson and the other special prosecutors fought giving depositions in Lovelace’s 2018 civil case but were ultimately forced to answer questions under oath. Parkinson said in his deposition that he took his obligations to disclose exculpatory evidence “very” seriously. He said he still believes Lovelace was guilty.

“We thought we had a solid case,” he testified. “I was always convinced.”

Parkinson remains a contract attorney for the Special Prosecution Unit, handling 19 cases in four counties in 2024, the last year for which

data is available.

Now practicing law in Texas, Lovelace represents defendants in postconviction hearings as he works to rebuild a life blown apart by Illinois’ Special Prosecution Unit.

He said he has learned from people who stood on the other side of the prison bars and bright legal lines he once enforced as an assistant state’s attorney.

“These are people with enormous strength and durability,” Lovelace said. When he is introduced to an exonerated former inmate today, he finds himself saying: “I could have easily been you.”

*Disclosure: The law firm that represented Lovelace in his 2017 retrial, Loevy & Loevy, has also represented Injustice Watch in Freedom of Information Act litigation.*

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# Cantaloupe creations

Three ways to prepare and enjoy the popular orange fruit

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

My household has been under a compulsory cantaloupe consumption mandate for the past week. I'd ordered four of them from Humphrey's Market to use in fruit salad for a large catering order, thinking I'd get standard volleyball-sized melons. The fruit that arrived was positively enormous, as large as watermelons, and they immediately filled the kitchen with a heady fragrance that made my mouth water. One of them was sufficient for the fruit salad, so over the following days the rest have been making their way into other dishes and have been a source of constant late summer snacking. I've embraced the classics, wrapping succulent sweet wedges with salty prosciutto and upgrading our hydration by adding the vivid orange cubes to pitchers of water, but have also been happily inspired by necessity to come up with fresh new ways to enjoy them.

Our pet goats and chickens have been enjoying this melon glut also, greedily gobbling up both the rinds and the nutrient rich seeds with gusto. A member of the cucurbit or gourd family of plants, cantaloupes are part of a broad category of muskmelons that originated in the Middle East. They're an ideal treat for folks who want to maximize their nutrition: a cup of cantaloupe has just over 50 calories and an entire day's worth of vitamins A and C and is a good source of potassium and folate.

Tasty as it is, cantaloupe does require a bit of extra consideration from a food safety perspective. Because melons grow on the ground they can more easily be contaminated in the field. They inherently present a greater bacterial risk due to possible contamination from any number of sources. Cantaloupes are especially problematic because of their signature netted rind, which traps bacteria and makes it more difficult to remove. The bacteria can then be transferred to the interior flesh of the melon when cut and can contaminate other foods that may come into contact with your knife or cutting board. And because the best melons are grown in alluvial riverbed soil, it's not unusual to find them a bit sandy. For this reason, it's important to thoroughly wash your hands, knives and cutting board before and after handling melons.

To properly clean a cantaloupe prior to cutting, scrub the melon with a clean vegetable brush under cool running water, then blot it dry with a clean kitchen towel before placing it on the cutting board. When done, wash your knife and cutting board before you move on to preparing other ingredients to avoid cross



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contamination. Cut melon has a relatively short refrigerator life of about four days, but a whole uncut melon will easily keep in the refrigerator for up to two weeks, depending on its ripeness, variety and growing conditions.

## Grilled cantaloupe

This low-calorie side dish is delicious alongside grilled pork chops or can be diced up along with lime, cilantro and red peppers for a smoky, fruity salsa.

Ingredients:

- 1 lime zested and juiced
- 1 tablespoon agave syrup, honey or maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon Tajin seasoning
- ½ a cantaloupe (not too ripe), washed and rind removed

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Fresh cilantro

Preheat the grill to medium high. Whisk together the lime zest and juice, agave syrup and Tajin and set aside.

Slice the cantaloupe into slices about ½-inch thick. Lightly brush the cantaloupe with the olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Grill the cantaloupe slices for two-three minutes until lightly charred, then transfer to a platter. Drizzle with the lime-Tajin dressing and scatter roughly torn cilantro leaves over the top before serving.

## Cantaloupe salad with cucumber and shrimp

Cooked rock shrimp is a convenient choice

for this weeknight friendly meal, but it's also delicious made with crab or grilled mahi-mahi. Ingredients:

- ½ or 1 cantaloupe (depending on size), washed with rind and seeds removed
- 1 cucumber, peeled
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup each mint and basil, thinly sliced
- 2 hot red chilis, such as Thai bird chilis (to taste), seeded and thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely grated
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ pound cooked rock shrimp, chilled
- ¼ cup roasted unsalted peanuts, chopped

Cut the cantaloupe into quarters, then into slices about ¼ inch thick. Transfer the cantaloupe to a serving platter. Use a vegetable peeler to pare long strips of cucumber, stopping when you get to the seedy core. Scatter the cucumber strips along with the sliced onion and herbs over the cantaloupe slices. Scatter the cooked shrimp over the salad and drizzle the dressing on top. Sprinkle with the chopped peanuts and serve with additional lime wedges.

## Cantaloupe granita

Similar to sorbet, granita is an icy Sicilian treat that's easy to make at home, no ice-cream maker required.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup ice cubes
- 4-6 cups diced cantaloupe
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Combine the sugar and water in a saucepan and bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally until the sugar dissolves (this can also be done in a microwave). Remove from the heat and transfer the sugar syrup to a heatproof bowl. Add the ice to the syrup and stir until the syrup is cold.

Combine the chilled syrup, cantaloupe and lime juice in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Pour the mixture into a metal or glass baking dish and transfer to the freezer for one hour. Use a fork to break up the ice crystals and stir the mixture into an icy slush. Return it to the freezer for another hour until it is firm but not solid, about one hour more. Scoop the granita into glasses or bowls and serve immediately. □

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# More than fair music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Entering into the 2026 Illinois State Fair, we can safely say that music rules on the fairgrounds. Lest we get too taken by the plethora (I allow myself to use that word once a year) of performances inherent and even incumbent to the fair, remember we also have a whole bunch of shows happening all over town along with those at the ISF. Let's venture out to see what we find, fair enough?

Here's a heads up that our Best of Springfield nominations started Aug. 6 and end mid-fair on Aug. 17. Culled from these votes, the second and final round goes Sept. 10-21, with winners announced in our Oct. 29, issue. Then the annual BoS party happens that night in a happy acronym coincidence at where else, but the BoS Center.

Before we head to the fair, one of my biggest influences as an artist, friend, mentor, editor and all-around good person, William "Bill" Furry, presents "Outcroppings" as a retrospective live performance of his 50 some years of writing, performing and collecting songs in the Sangamon Valley at Three Pines in Petersburg this Sunday, Aug. 16, from 4-5:30 p.m. Joined by special guests Sally McDaniel Smith, Megan Thornberry, Steve Staley, Bill Rintz and John Van Orman on hand, expect to learn a lot and reap great joy while celebrating the continuing legacy of William Joseph Furry. Thank you, Bill.

Another legacy show happens this weekend on Friday night at the Library Pizza and Sports Bar (former Crows Mill) when Damon Soper, Joe Calandrino and their Rochester class of '86 Pop Concert Band called Live Wire reunites after 40 years to join with UNCHAINED, another Rochester High group to rock the school house. Damon says Live Wire's last gig was at Lincolnfest in 1985 to give us a perspective of the "time capsule of tunes" they'll be playing. Pass it forward, folks.

Now to be fair it's time for the fair stuff and with literally hundreds of acts participating, there's no way to come close in mentioning them all here. Fair or not, our intrepid calendar person Daron Walker has done his darndest to get every one of them in our IT listings, and if they don't all make it in print be sure to look online to see the amazing amount of music at the ISF.

My special fair mention goes to Marina V, our Russian native (with Ukrainian roots), Illinois College grad and longtime Los Angeles-area resident, who continues to flourish, creating a remarkable career in



Marina V plays the Illinois State Fair Village of Cultures stage this Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
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music. She plays for the first time in our area since 2017, this Saturday, Aug. 15, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Village of Cultures. Her accomplishments are many and amazing (available to peruse at MarinaV.com) with a few recent highlights including the 2026 release of her 13th full album called *Labyrinthe Rose* (available on limited release vinyl and streaming), a song placed in *Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man* (Marvel on Disney) and a couple of cool TV show song placements as well plus an animated children's YouTube channel launched called *Violet & Mikey* with original kids songs. Welcome back Marina (Nick and Violetta, too), we miss you.

Of all the nearly overwhelming amount of music at the fair, it's always refreshing to hear someone different. Here are two rather random choices playing the Expo Building stage. There's Isaac Biver, an award-winning thumbpicker, fingerstyle, acoustic guitarist from Freeburg, Illinois, this Saturday at 3 p.m., plus Noelle Toland, a touring, up and coming, country artist out in support of her latest single, "Handmade," on Wednesday, Aug. 19, also at 3.

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**Kev & Mal**  
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**Greg Williams**  
Artisans Building, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 4pm

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

**Storm Front**  
Busch Light Tent, 5pm

**Menace to Sobriety**  
Busch Light Tent, 9pm

**Timothy Duggan**  
Columbian Grand Hall  
Knights of Columbus 364,  
5:30-8:30pm

**The Brat Pack**  
Coors Light Tent, 5pm

**Capt. Quirk**  
Coors Light Tent, 8:30pm  
and Aug. 17, 5pm

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

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

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

**Six Gun Sally**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 2pm

**Casey Donahew**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 7:30pm

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

**Aidan Burke**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 12pm

**Ryan Leggott**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 3pm

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

**Blue Stone Phoenix Band**  
The Lincoln Stage, 3pm

**Captain Geech and the  
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Miller Lite Tent, 5pm, Aug.  
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**Brushville**  
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**Harris Trio**  
Mother Road Diner, Route  
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**Open mic with Silas  
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Spirited Republic/Limerick  
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**Kevin Lucas Experience**  
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## Friday Aug 14

**Randy Erwin**  
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Buckhart Tavern,  
Rochester, 8-11pm

**Branded**  
Busch Light Tent, 5pm

**Kapital Sound**  
Busch Light Tent, 9pm

**The Collective**  
Coors Light Tent,  
5-8pm

**Foreplay**  
Coors Light Tent, 9pm and  
Aug. 15, 9pm

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

**Jason McKenzie**  
Dockside Grill at Lake  
Springfield Marina,  
6-9pm

**Lola Blu & The Boys**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 2pm

**Mike Tramp of White Lion**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 7:30pm

**Blue Note Quintet**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6-9pm

**Roger Whitsell & Andy  
Spiro**  
Illinois Building, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 1pm

**Conner Loveless**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 12pm

**Brian Elder**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 3pm

**Logan Allen**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 6pm

**Live Wire with special  
guest UNCHAINED**  
The Library Pizza and  
Sports Bar, 7-10pm

**Carl Bopp**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**Dallas Da Drummer**  
The Lincoln Stage, 12pm

**Kelli Bonomo**  
The Lincoln Stage, 1pm

**Karaoke**  
The Lumpia House,  
5-11pm

**Captain Geech and the  
Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Miller Lite Tent, 5pm

**Lick Creek**  
Miller Tent, 9pm and Aug.  
15, 9pm

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

**New TWANG City**  
Surfside Social Club on  
Route 66, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 5pm

**The Jesse Williams Band**  
Surfside Social Club on  
Route 66, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 8pm

**Karaoke Night**  
The Hangout, Palmer,  
8pm

**Micro Spice**  
The Next Stop Saloon,  
Mount Pulaski, 7-10pm

**The Get Down**  
VFW Lafore Lock Post 755,  
6:30-9pm

**144th Army Band**  
Village of Cultures, 12pm  
and Aug. 16, 2pm

**Cloven Peacock**  
Village of Cultures, 2pm

**MexiCuba Band**  
Village of Cultures, 7pm

## Saturday Aug 15

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

**Devil's Daughter & The  
Black Water Band**  
AMVETS Post 100,  
Jacksonville, 8pm-12am

**Garrett Jacobs**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 12pm

**Subseed**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 2pm

**Chris Roberts**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 4pm

**Raelynn Alyse**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 6pm

**Dave Littrell and Micah Walk**  
Artisans Building, Illinois  
State Fairgrounds, 4pm

**DreamCatchers**  
Brentford Distillers,  
Decatur, 7pm

**Stumpy Joe**  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester,  
8-11pm

**Harmony Grits**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis,  
7-10pm

**Bustin' Loose**  
Busch Light Tent, 1pm

**Cody Lee**  
Busch Light Tent, 1pm

**Midwest Revival**  
Busch Light Tent, 5pm

**Tyson Schulte**  
Busch Light Tent, 9pm

**Greg Bickers Band**  
Camouflage Bar, VFW Post  
99, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

**Will Clark**  
Coors Light Tent, 1pm

**Brushville**  
Coors Light Tent, 5pm

**Foreplay**  
Coors Light Tent, 9pm

**Micro Spice**  
Copper and Oak, Lincoln,  
6-9pm

**Good N' Rowdy**  
Curveside Bar & Grill,  
Athens, 6-9pm

**Living Bratz**  
Dockside Grill at Lake  
Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

**Karaoke**  
Goodfellas Pub, 8pm.

**Alannah McCready**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 2pm

**The Sweet**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 7:30pm

**Blue Country Revue**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6-9pm

**Pepper Brooks**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 12pm

**Isaac Biver**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 3:30pm

**Mark Taylor**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 5:30pm

**Carl Bopp**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10pm

**Land of Lincoln Chorus**  
The Lincoln Stage, 5pm

**Broken Stone**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee,  
6-10pm

**Karaoke with Future  
Entertainment**  
Lucky's on the Square,  
Petersburg, 8pm-12am

**Captain Geech and the  
Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Miller Lite Tent, 5pm

**Joel Honey**  
Miller Tent, 1pm

**Lick Creek**  
Miller Tent, 9pm

**Larry Watson**  
Mother Road Diner, Route  
66 Hotel & Conference  
Center, 6-9pm

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

**The Larson Brothers**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet,  
3-5pm

**Silas Tockey**  
The Railyard, 9am-12pm

# CITIZEN CITY

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| Jan. 23  | Junior Marketplace       |
| Feb. 27  | Maps & Neighborhoods     |
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## Chamber Job Fair

**Tuesday, August 25, 2026**  
**4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center  
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL

Job seekers will find employers hiring for a variety of positions:

- Administrative
- Construction
- Education
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Management
- Manufacturing
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An updated list of participating employers can be found at [www.gssc.org](http://www.gssc.org).

**Job seekers do not need to pre-register!**

**The Chamber Job Fair is sponsored by:**

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Capitol Media Group, Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center, Illinois Times, Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance at Illinois workNet Center, Springfield Business Journal & Woodward Community Media.

## MUSIC

**Chris Hawkins**  
The Railyard, 6-9pm

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

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

**Nova**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

**Taylor Steele & The Love Preachers**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 5pm

**Skylar Rogers**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 8pm

**Springfield Municipal Band**  
Village of Cultures, 12pm

**Marina V**  
Village of Cultures, 2pm

**SamaSama Project**  
Village of Cultures, 7:30pm

**Shawn Smith**  
Dockside Grill at Lake Springfield Marina, 1-4pm

**John Eason & Ramblin Suns**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois State Fair, 2pm

**Lakeview**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois State Fair, 7:30pm

**Sista and The Misters**  
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

**Pepper Brooks**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 12pm

**Brother John**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 3pm

**Tanner Romine**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 6pm

**Tina Thornhill**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Catfish Willie Band**  
The Lincoln Stage, 5pm

**Elvis Himselfis**  
Miller Tent, 1pm

**Brushville**  
Miller Tent, 4:30pm

**X-Krush**  
Miller Tent, 8:30pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Duo plus One**  
Mother Road Diner, Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center, 5-8pm

**Gerome Durham**  
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

**The Guilty Boys**  
Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

**Calum Beckett Band**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 5pm

**B3stie Boiz**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 8pm

**William Furry**  
Three Pines, Petersburg, 4-5:30pm

**Alex Pearce**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

**144th Army Band**  
Village of Cultures, 2pm

**Jason Zhang Group**  
Village of Cultures, 4pm

**The Happy Wanderers**  
Village of Cultures, 7pm

## Monday Aug 17

**Chris Duarte**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Riley Holtz**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 12pm

**West End Junction**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 2pm

**Hunter Peebles**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 4pm

**Kevin Gruen**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 6pm

**The Rick Mari Band**  
Busch Light Tent, 5:30pm

**Capt. Quirk**  
Coors Light Tent, 5pm

**Michael Burnett and Sons of Circumstance**  
Coors Light Tent, 8:30pm

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

**Big Shake Daddies**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois State Fair, 2pm

**Shake Baby Shake**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois State Fair, 7:30pm

**Joey Figgiani**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 12pm

**Ptuck**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 6pm

**Silverstrings**  
The Lincoln Stage, 12pm

**Whiskey Weekend**  
The Lincoln Stage, 5pm

**Suns of Beaches**  
Miller Tent, 5pm

**The Pleiades**  
Miller Tent, 9pm

**Reginald Lewis Quartet**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 5pm

**New Souls**  
Surfside Social Club on Route 66, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 8pm

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

**Waterloo German Band**  
Village of Cultures, 2pm

**Hippies of the Heartland**  
Village of Cultures, 4pm

**FOURSquared Multiple  
Woodwind Quartet**  
Village of Cultures, 5:30pm

**Samba Llamas**  
Village of Cultures, 7pm

**Tuesday  
Aug 18**

**Riley Holtz**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 12pm

**Lara Bell**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 2pm

**Kev & Mal**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 2pm

**Tracy Inman Band**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 6pm

**Feudin' Hillbillies**  
Busch Light Tent, 5pm

**Chris Duarte**  
Busch Light Tent, 9pm

**Suns of Beaches**  
Coors Light Tent, 5pm

**Harmony Grits**  
Coors Light Tent, 8:30pm

**Karaoke Night hosted by  
Alan Livengood**  
Fluid Lounge, 7pm

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

**Open jam**  
George Rank's, 8pm

**Claudey Blue**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 2pm

**The Creekers**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 7:30pm

**Cramer and Horn**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 12pm

**Thomas Guest**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 3pm

**Nick Sanzeri**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 3pm

**Alex Pearce**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 6-8pm

**Ellisa Sun**  
The Lincoln Stage, 12pm

**Alex Pearce**  
The Lincoln Stage, 3-4pm

**Hugo's Elvis Tribute**  
The Lincoln Stage, 5pm

**Karaoke**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6pm.

**Michael Burnett & Dion Doss**  
Miller Tent, 5-7pm

**Dance Monkey**  
Miller Tent, 8pm

**The Kitchens with Nino**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &  
Grill, Museum & Entertainment  
Complex, 6-9pm

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

**Hot Club of Urbana**  
Surfside Social Club on Route  
66, Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
8pm

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

**Waterloo German Band**  
Village of Cultures, 12pm

**Mariachi Solista Gabriel y  
Ayelen Gabriel**  
Village of Cultures, 2pm

**Def Leprechaun**  
Village of Cultures, 4pm

**Chicha Roots**  
Village of Cultures, 7:30pm

**Wednesday  
Aug 19**

**Sinead Angele**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 12pm

**West End Junction**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 2pm

**Raelynn Alyse**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 4pm

**Smokestacks**  
The Apex Stage, Illinois State  
Fairgrounds, 6pm

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

**Satellite**  
Busch Light Tent, 5pm

**Voodoo Exiles**  
Busch Light Tent, 9pm

**Butter Jam Wednesday**  
Butternut Hut, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Clique, 9pm-1am

**Stereo Typical**  
Coors Light Tent, 5pm

**Dance Monkey**  
Coors Light Tent, 9pm

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

**Robert Sampson**  
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6pm

**Sushi Roll**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 2pm

**The Band Perry**  
Grand Central Stage, Illinois  
State Fair, 7:30pm

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

**Cody Galloway**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 12pm

**Noelle Toland**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building,  
3-5:30pm

**TyJon Charlie**  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Exposition Building, 6pm

**TyJon Charlie**  
The Lincoln Stage, 3pm

**Square of the Roots**  
The Lincoln Stage, 5pm

**The Brat Pack**  
Miller Tent, 5pm

**Sushi Roll**  
Miller Tent, 8:30pm

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

**The Speakeasy Trio**  
Obed and Isaac's  
Microbrewery, 6-8pm

**Dave Littrell**  
Sangamo Brewing, Chatham,  
5:30pm

**Merry Travelers**  
Surfside Social Club on Route  
66, Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
5pm

**3rd Wednesday Open Mic**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran,  
6-9pm

**Def Leprechaun**  
Village of Cultures, 12pm

**The Neverly Brothers**  
Village of Cultures, 3pm

**Prairie Winds Flute  
Ensemble**  
Village of Cultures, 5pm

**Kevin Lucas Experience**  
Village of Cultures, 6pm

**Jutta & The Hi-Dukes**  
Village of Cultures, 7pm

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## THE CALENDAR



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**Illinois State Fair**  
Thursday, Aug. 13  
through Sunday, Aug. 23  
Illinois State Fairgrounds,  
801 Sangamon Ave.  
statefair.illinois.gov  
217-782-6661

### FAIRS AND FESTIVALS | Top state fair returns to north end

**it** Yes, it's that time again, Springfield! It's time to get a corndog at Vose's, see a Grandstand show or two and take that ride on the Sky Glider. The Illinois State Fair begins bright and early today at 7 a.m. Today's big event, of course, is the Twilight Parade from Lincoln Park to the fairgrounds at 5:30pm. Once again this year, the Grandstand has a great lineup of shows with Bailey Zimmerman on Friday, Lainey Wilson on Saturday and Matchbox Twenty on Sunday. Besides the Grandstand shows, there is tons of music at the beer tents and various stages, including the Grand Central Stage. This weekend features lots of harness racing. Speaking of racing, auto racing will return Aug. 22-23 with the USAC Bettenhausen 100 on Aug. 22 and ARCA 100 + Sportsman Nationals on Aug. 23. Today's opening day admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 seniors and children ages 12 and younger are free

### ■ Special Music Events

#### 38 Special with Warrant

Mon., Aug. 17, 8pm. Free. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Bailey Zimmerman

Fri., Aug. 14, 8pm. Multi-platinum singer-songwriter Bailey Zimmerman, from Louisville, Illinois, is one of country music's brightest stars. He's known for his chart topping hits and authentic gritty sound. \$55-\$130. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Dual Piano

Fri., Aug. 14, 7pm, Sat., Aug. 15, 7pm and Sun., Aug. 16, 2pm. Damien Kaplan and Mark Gifford will work their magic on your favorite music as only they can. hcfta.org. \$20-\$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

#### Lainey Wilson with Tigirlily Gold

Sat., Aug. 15, 8pm. Country music trailblazer Lainey Wilson has been named Entertainer of the Year, Female Artist of the Year, Album of the Year, and Artist-Songwriter of the Year. Ticketmaster.com.

\$88-\$128. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Matchbox Twenty with Grace Enger

Sun., Aug. 16, 8pm. Sing all of the hits including "3AM," "Bent" and "If You're Gone." Tickets go on sale at 10am Friday on Ticketmaster. \$75-\$150. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Two By Two

Sun., Aug. 16, 6pm. Part of the Concerts in the Park series hosted by the Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Big Bandstand. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main, 217-243-5678.

#### Wiz Khalifa

Wed., Aug. 19, 8pm. Wiz Khalifa is a multi-platinum rapper and global hitmaker. \$55-\$70. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Organ Concert

Sun., Aug. 16, 4 p.m. This summer organ concert will feature Peter Roeder. Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 815 S. Second St., 217-544-5135.

### ■ Books & Authors

#### Book Discussion

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am-12pm. Participants will discuss Brian Klaas' book *FLUKE*. DeFrates Room, Lincoln Library, 326 S. 7th St., 217-753-4900.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

#### Outraged: Terror in Springfield 1908

Fri., Aug. 14, 7:30pm, Sat., Aug. 15, 7:30pm and Sun., Aug. 16, 3pm. This play by local playwright Timothy Crawford is an award-winning drama set against the backdrop of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot that terrorized the Black citizens of Springfield. Presented in partnership with "3 Hot Days in August," the second annual citywide commemoration of the events of 1908. hcfta.org. \$21-\$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

### ■ Dance

#### La Esquina del Movimiento

Saturdays, 5-8pm. Through Aug. 29. La Esquina del Movimiento

is a free pop-up Latin dance party featuring salsa, merengue, bachata and free beginner-friendly lessons. Wild Rose/ Abe's Old Hat, 115 N. Sixth St., 217-572-1884.

#### Springfield Social Dance Club Rhythm & Recharge

Sat., Aug. 15, 6-10pm. Join special guest instructor Heather Fronczak for an evening of group classes and a social dance featuring west coast swing. Schedule: Intermediate lesson, 6-6:45pm; Beginner lesson, 7-7:30pm; and dance, 7:30-10:30pm. For tickets, go to YoungDanceInc.com. \$10. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-416-5597.

### ■ Art & Architecture

#### Dual Opening Art Reception

Fri., Aug. 14, 5:30-7:30pm. This reception is for two art exhibits, "Interludes and Transitions," featuring Tracey Maras and Scott Day, and "Moments Captured," featuring Gay Sybert. Includes artist talk at 6 p.m. and refreshments. Free. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

#### Yart Sale

Sat., Aug. 15, 9am-3pm. The SAA will be selling supplies and equipment in metals, ceramics, painting, photography, pastel, paper arts and much more. As people clean out their closets and donate supplies and equipment from a forgotten hobby, the SAA offers them to the public at low prices. Free admission. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### ■ Food & Drink

#### Taste of Cultures

Sat., Aug. 15, 1-4pm. Arrive hungry and ready to experience cultures through food and tradition. Includes live entertainment, games, raffles and museum tours. Presented by the Jacksonville African American History Museum. Adults \$15, children 8 and younger \$5. Jacksonville African American History Museum, Jacksonville, 859 Grove St., 217-370-2859.

### ■ History

#### 1908 Springfield Race Riot Walking Tour

Thu., Aug. 13, 9:30-10:45am, Fri., Aug. 14, 9:30-10:45am and Sat., Aug. 15, 9:30-10:45am. This guided walking tour offers opportunities for learning and reflection as part of Three Hot

Days in August, a citywide observance of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. Meet at Lincoln statues on Adams Plaza (south of Old State Capitol). Free. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Fifth and Sixth streets at Adams, 217 785 5030.

#### "1908 The Aftermath Part 2"

Sat., Aug. 15, 12-2pm. Presentations by Brian Mitchell and Floyd Mansberger. Mitchell will present "In the Mob's Wake: An examination of the damage done by rioters during the Springfield Riot of 1908." Mansberger will present "Historical Archaeology: Giving Voice to the Victims of the 1908 Race Riot and the Creation of a National Monument." Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

#### Joseph Rodney: Freedom Seeker on the Illinois Central Railroad

Sun., Aug. 16, 1:30-3pm. Author and historian Darrel Dexter will present "Joseph Rodney: Freedom Seeker on the Illinois Central Railroad." chmoorehomestead.org. Free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

#### Opening reception for "3 Hot Days in August: Annual City-Wide Observance of the 1908 Race Riot" 1908 Three Hot Days Opening Reception

Thu., Aug. 13, 5-7pm. Presentation starts at 5:30pm. The film, *Springfield Had No Shame*, will be shown. Featured speaker Preston Jackson will share his inspiration and creation of the sculptures "Acts of Intolerance" in Union Square Park that pay tribute to the victims of the 1908 Race Riot. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

#### "The Springfield 1908 Race Riot: The Aftermath"

Thu., Aug. 13, 12pm. Doris Bailey will make this hourlong presentation exploring the lasting impacts of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot and consider its relevance today. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

### ■ Fairs & Festivals

#### Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade

Thu., Aug. 13, 5:30pm. Parade begins in Lincoln Park and proceeds on Sangamon Avenue and through the fairgrounds. \$5 to enter fairgrounds. Free. Illinois Building, Gate 1 (Main Gate),

Illinois State Fairgrounds, 1101 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

#### Rooted In Resources Community and Family Resource Fair

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am-2pm. A day filled with free resources, family fun and opportunities to help the community thrive. Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist, 1800 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., 217-269-5826.

### ■ Fundraisers and Galas

#### Be Like Emma Dress Resale

Sat., Aug. 15, 12-3pm and Sun., Aug. 16, 12-3pm. Looking for gently used HoCo and Prom dresses that are affordable, sustainable and stylish? Options in a variety of styles, colors and sizes available at this event. Cash or check only. All sales are final. All proceeds go to the Emma Shafer Peace & Justice Fund. \$30-\$50. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-494-8361.

### ■ Community Organizing

#### Central Illinois Mobile Home Owners Alliance

Sat., Aug. 15, 3:15-4:45pm. Mobile home owners can attend and get informed about city and county ordinances that affect them. Meet neighbors and make new friends. Bring questions. RSVP at mobilehomealliance@yahoo.com. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-331-3689.

#### Democracy Rising Rally

Sat., Aug. 15, 12-1:30pm. Rally is intended to encourage community solidarity while promoting and protecting the principles upon which the country was founded. Includes music by Albert Capati, Debbie Ross and Mark Gifford. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-741-8453.

### Children's Corner

#### Back 2 School JAM in the Park

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am-3pm. This event features a school supply giveaway, free hot dog meals for kids, vendors with food and drinks, bounce house, vendor clothing and a basketball skills tournament. Presented by Shaunassey Hatchett Jr. Comer Cox Park, Capitol Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, 217-381-0863.

#### Back to School Bingo

Wed., Aug. 19, 2-3pm. Make new friends and win fun school supplies. Younger children may

need caregiver assistance to participate. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

#### Free School Physicals

Tue., Aug. 18, 9am-3pm. Free school physicals for the 2026-7 school year. For those in kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades and children new to district 186. A parent or guardian must be present. Sponsored by Molina and Springfield Clinic. Compass for Kids Office, 1201 S. 4th St.

#### Girls Glory Free Hair Braiding for Kids

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am-3pm. Hair braiding is free. No weave will be added. Arrive with child's hair freshly washed and detangled with a blow dryer. Free. 1908 Innovation & Coworking Center, 1100 South Grand Ave E, 217-741-7312.

#### Backpack Giveaway

Sun., Aug. 16, 9-10:30 a.m. Diamond in the Rough Outreach Inc. will give away 100 backpacks to students. First come, first served. First Church of the Brethren, 2115 Yale Blvd., 217-638-5049.

#### ■ Lectures & Meetings

##### 1908 Race Riot Memorial Service and Silent March

Fri., Aug. 14, 5-7:30pm. Service will be followed by a silent march from the HSHS Bunn Auditorium to the 1908 Race Riot Monument site. HSHS Bunn Auditorium, 800 E. Carpenter St., 2176797801.

##### Closing Reception of the "3 Hot Days in August: Annual City-Wide Observance of the 1808 Race Riot"

Sat., Aug. 15, 3pm. This gathering marks the conclusion of a series of events dedicated to remembrance, reflection, and education about the lives impacted, the history that shaped the city, and the ongoing pursuit of justice and reconciliation. During the ceremony, the winners of the "3 Hot Days in August" Essay Contest will be announced, and their essays will be shared through live readings. African American History Museum Springfield, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

##### Helping Parents Heal Springfield Affiliate Support Group

Second Thursday of every month, 6-7:30pm. This non-profit organization assists parents whose children have passed. Through support and resources, it helps individuals become

"shining light parents," meaning a shift from a state of emotional heaviness to hopefulness and greater peace of mind. Hosted by Mark and Kynda Canada. Free. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-299-1099.

##### Helping Parents Heal Springfield Area Support Group

Second Thursday of every month, 6-7:30pm. The Helping Parents Heal Springfield Area Support Group shares support and resources with parents who are on a journey to help move together from a state of emotional heaviness to hopefulness and greater peace of mind. Hosted by Mark and Kynda Canada. Free. Unity of Springfield, 417 Cordelia, 217-299-1099.

##### LLCC's Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) Annual Kickoff

Thu., Aug. 13, 1-3pm. This event, at the student union, is open to the public and is an opportunity for those curious about lifelong learning to attend and learn more about the programs and special interests groups available to people 50 and older. Register at <https://www.llcc.edu/ALL-Registration>. Free. Student Union, Menard Hall, Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

##### "Park in Progress: Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument"

Fri., Aug. 14, 2-3pm. Presentation by Quinn Gilly of the National Park Service in the visitors center. Free. Lincoln Home NHS Visitors Center, 426 S. Seventh St., 217-492-4241.

##### A Special Reunion with Sister Regina Marie

Sat., Aug. 15, 2-4pm. Beloved Ursuline Academy art teacher Sister Regina Marie (1968-1975) is returning to Springfield for one day and hopes to reconnect with many former students, colleagues and friends. Historic Ursuline Campus, 1400 North Fifth St., 217-741-2489.

##### Vigil at 1908 Monument Site

Fri., Aug. 14, 8pm. Part of the "3 Hot Days in August" citywide observance of the 1908 Race Riot. Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument, 400 N. Ninth St.

#### ■ Bulletin Board

##### Loss of a Spouse GriefShare seminar

Sun., Aug. 16, 1-3pm. This one-time grief support session is designed for people

grieving a spouse's death. It features video interviews with counselors, grief experts and widowed men and women. There will be a group discussion with other participants. Pre-registration is required. Email [trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com](mailto:trinitygriefshare@yahoo.com) or call. Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 515 S. MacArthur Blvd., 217-899-9418.

#### ■ Health & Fitness

##### Healing in the Park: Breathe & Bloom

Sun., Aug. 16, 10-11:30am. This community wellness experience presented will feature herbal tea, gentle breathwork, guided reflection and meaningful conversation in nature. This gathering is designed to help women slow down, reconnect with themselves, and build community in a welcoming space. Space is limited to 15 participants. Bring a blanket or yoga mat. Presented by Naturalista Healing House and Prissy Tea Passion. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 312-405-7862.

##### Walk With a Doc

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am. This month's walk with Dr. John Belz highlights Immunization Awareness Month. Enjoy light physical activity while engaging with a physician in a relaxed, informal setting. Starts at south playground shelter. Preregistration encouraged at <https://walkwithadoc.org/rsvp/?id=208299>. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-528-7541.

#### ■ Sports

##### Boston Hunters vs. New York Heights

Thu., Aug. 13, 6:30pm. Women's Pro Baseball League action. \$20-\$37. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

##### Boston Hunters vs. New York Heights

Sun., Aug. 16, 6:30pm. Women's Pro Baseball League action. \$20-\$37. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-679-3511.

##### Los Angeles Queens vs. Boston Hunters

Sat., Aug. 15, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF ARTHUR E. WILSON A/K/A ARTHUR EUGENE WILSON; ADAIR WILSON, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. WILSON, DECEASED; ADAIR WILSON; AMBER WILSON; JOSHUA WILSON; ARZELLUS WILSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 25 FC 122  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 6, 2026; Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on September 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.  
Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.  
Commonly known as 2316 Eastview

Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-203-005  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$147,357.78. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Bid Amount contact:  
Sole Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
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(847) 291-1717  
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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207  
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119)  
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Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-967956

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.  
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](http://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](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com)  
8051-967809

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 en-

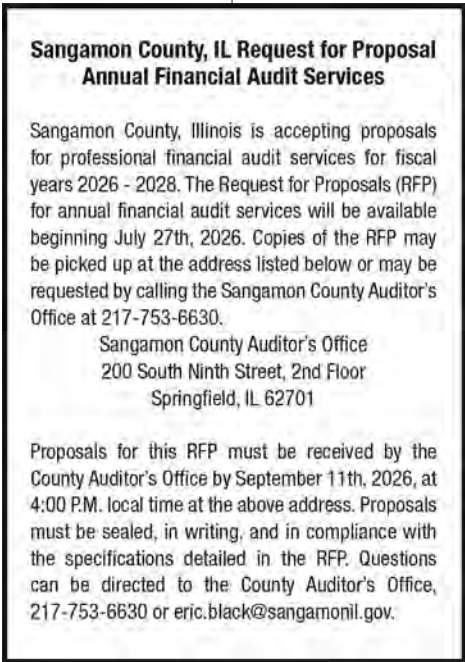
tered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.  
(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information 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.  
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@bhslaw.com](mailto:efairfield@bhslaw.com)  
8051-967714

### Sangamon County, IL Request for Proposal Annual Financial Audit Services

Sangamon County, Illinois is accepting proposals for professional financial audit services for fiscal years 2026 - 2028. The Request for Proposals (RFP) for annual financial audit services will be available beginning July 27th, 2026. Copies of the RFP may be picked up at the address listed below or may be requested by calling the Sangamon County Auditor's Office at 217-753-6630.

Sangamon County Auditor's Office  
200 South Ninth Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62701

Proposals for this RFP must be received by the County Auditor's Office by September 11th, 2026, at 4:00 P.M. local time at the above address. Proposals must be sealed, in writing, and in compliance with the specifications detailed in the RFP. Questions can be directed to the County Auditor's Office, 217-753-6630 or [eric.black@sangamonil.gov](mailto:eric.black@sangamonil.gov).



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Legal DBA**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:  
Yanqiu Wu intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Everlasting Spa and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 509 Dawson Street; Springfield, IL 62702

**Death Claim**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN NEWSAM, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-294  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of MARY ANN NEWSAM. Letters of Office have been issued to ELIZABETH BRUNK, 2413 E. Oaks Road, Urbana, IL 61802, 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 23, 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 6th day of August, 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 CHARLENE L. WILKIN, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-295  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of CHARLENE L. WILKIN. Letters of Office have been issued to SANDRA BETTIS, 2207 Berrywood Lane, Bloomington, IL 61704, 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 23, 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 6th day of August, 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 RE THE ESTATE OF DONALD GENE JONES  
DECEASED  
Case No. 2026-PR-282  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given of the death of DONALD GENE JONES. Letters of Administration were issued on July 30, 2026, appointing KIM L. VOGEL, 1012 Fountainwood Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633, as Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew R. Trapp 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 Courthouse, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. 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: August 5, 2026  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sangamon County Complex  
200 S. Ninth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
8051-967989

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA M. MERCER, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2026-PR-292  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Linda M. Mercer, deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on August 5, 2026, to Jeff A. Corder, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 27th day of February, 2027, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. 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 6th day of August, 2026.  
Prepared By:  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Brandon R. Clark  
Registration No. 6329553  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
Telephone: (217) 544-8491  
Facsimile: (217) 241-3111  
[blclark@bhslaw.com](mailto:blclark@bhslaw.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED J. ECKHARDT, JR., DECEASED.  
NO. 2026-PR-284  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of FRED J. ECKHARDT, JR., of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on to CHRISTOPHER J. ECKHARDT of 1601 Brenda Ct, Springfield, IL 62702 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S 9th St., Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 13th day of August, 2026, being

the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 5th day of August, 2026.

CHRISTOPHER J. ECKHARDT, Executor of the Estate of FRED J. ECKHARDT, JR., Deceased  
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J DelGiorno, Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J DelGiorno (ARDC 6277358)  
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
2160 South Sixth Street, Suite D-1  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel: (217) 773-5337  
Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY NYDEGGER, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-290  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of TERRY NYDEGGER. Letters of Office have been issued to JACQUELINE MARIE RUSSELL, 454 Firehouse Court, Longboat Key, FL 34228, 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 18, 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 4th day of August, 2026.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BURKE, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-289  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT L. BURKE. Letters of Office have been issued to BARBARA A. BURKE, 6423 Camino De Burlon, Rochester, IL 62563 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 17, 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 3rd day of August, 2026.

Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD E. WELLING, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-286  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of HOWARD E. WELLING. Letters of Office have been issued to JODI RAE McBRIDE, 3405 S. 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, 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 17, 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 3rd day of August, 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  
ESTATE OF SUZANNE BRINSFIELD, Deceased.  
NO. 2026PR000276  
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.

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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. 2026PR000245  
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:  
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1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-

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| <b>ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR THE SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                            |
| BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| Section 1: That whereas it was passed by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the statute.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| THEREFORE, there is hereby levied on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation as the same is assessed or equalized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in the sum of \$104,844.58 for the following purposes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 1. Administrative Expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
| Trustees' Salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3,000.00                                   |
| Attorney's Fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,000.00                                   |
| Publication Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,200.00                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8,200.00                                   |
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$91,751.99                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8,000.00                                   |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$107,951.99                               |
| ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$ 8,000.00                                |
| Section 2: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT upon its passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof or file a Certificate of Levy for the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT with the County Clerk of Sangamon County as provided by the statutes of the State of Illinois, in such case made and provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| Section 3: The Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            |
| PASSED: 8/3/2026 ADOPTED: 8/3/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| ATTEST:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
| /s/ Vicki Jones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| Vicki Jones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            |
| President, Board of Trustees Southlawn Fire Protection District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| /s/ Corey Hillen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| Secretary, Board of Trustees Southlawn Fire Protection District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| STATE OF ILLINOIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
| COUNTY OF SANGAMON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| I, Corey Hillen, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Southlawn Fire Protection District in Sangamon County and do further certify that, as such, I am the keeper of the seal, records, including records of the ordinances of said Southlawn Fire Protection District, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance of Southlawn Fire Protection District entitled, "An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Southlawn Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027," passed by the Board of Trustees of said Southlawn Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, the same appears by and from the records in my office as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Southlawn Fire Protection District. |                                            |
| IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| DATED this 3rd day of August, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| /s/ Corey Hillen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| Corey Hillen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| Secretary, Board of Trustees Southlawn Fire Protection District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| <b>BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and through the President of said Board, has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
| WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance prior to final action thereon which said Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, Notice of such Public Hearing having been given publication at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing and Certificate of Publication having been presented and filed, all as required by statute in such case made and provided, and all legal requirements having been complied with:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| Section 1: That the following Budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as, the Budget for said SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| 1. Cash balance beginning of year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$ 8,000.00                                |
| 2. Taxes for 2025 to be received during this fiscal year and available for appropriation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$99,851.99                                |
| 3. Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 100.00                                     |
| 4. Taxes to be Received from 2026 levy:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
| Amount of 2026 levy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| Less estimated amount not available before end of fiscal year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$104,844.58                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$104,844.58                               |
| Estimated amount to be available in this fiscal year on 2026 levy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$0.00                                     |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | \$107,951.99                               |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 1. Administrative Expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
| Trustees' Salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3,000.00                                   |
| Attorney's Fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,000.00                                   |
| Publication Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,200.00                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8,200.00                                   |
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$91,751.99                                |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8,000.00                                   |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$107,951.99                               |
| ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| Section 2: That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes herein specified to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                            |
| 1. Administrative Expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                            |
| Trustees' Salaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3,000.00                                   |
| Attorney's Fees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4,000.00                                   |
| Publication Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1,200.00                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8,200.00                                   |
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$91,751.99                                |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8,000.00                                   |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$107,951.99                               |
| Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval and publication as provided by law.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| PASSED: 8/3/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| APPROVED: 8/3/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| /s/ Vicki Jones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |
| Vicki Jones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                            |
| President, Board of Trustees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| ATTEST:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                            |
| /s/ Corey Hillen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| Corey Hillen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| Secretary, Board of Trustees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                            |
| SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| <b>ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SOUTHLAWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                            |
| Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$8,000.00                                 |
| RECEIPTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                            |
| 7/10/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 121.11                         |
| 7/18/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sangamon County 2,632.14                   |
| 7/31/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 19.81                             |
| 8/11/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 20.81                          |
| 8/15/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sangamon County 2,360.63                   |
| 8/29/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 12.35                             |
| 9/12/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sangamon County 36,085.38                  |
| 9/30/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 8.41                              |
| 10/1/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Illinois Municipal League 3,536.48         |
| 10/9/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 125.39                         |
| 10/17/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sangamon County 2,387.93                   |
| 10/31/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Interest 13.81                             |
| 11/24/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sangamon County 1,607.57                   |
| 11/28/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Interest 12.46                             |
| 12/9/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 99.33                          |
| 12/31/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Interest 3.07                              |
| 1/12/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 120.27                         |
| 1/30/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 2.82                              |
| 2/27/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 2.64                              |
| 3/9/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Comptroller 38.00                          |
| 3/31/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 3.03                              |
| 4/10/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 62.74                          |
| 4/30/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 2.86                              |
| 5/11/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Comptroller 154.36                         |
| 5/22/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sangamon County 10,075.66                  |
| 5/29/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 3.57                              |
| 6/12/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sangamon County 44,005.81                  |
| 6/30/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Interest 14.21                             |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$103,532.65                               |
| DISBURSEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| 8/4/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Illinois Times - Publication 168.75        |
| 8/4/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Vicki Jones - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00       |
| 8/4/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Victor Muchow - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00     |
| 8/4/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Mary Sneed - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00        |
| 8/4/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sorling Northrup - Attorney's Fee 4,000.00 |
| 10/10/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Illinois Times - Publication 612.00        |
| 11/14/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | City of Springfield - Contract 39,543.50   |
| 6/30/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | City of Springfield - Contract 56,208.40   |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 103,532.65                                 |
| /s/ Mary Sneed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| Mary Sneed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |
| Treasurer, Southlawn Fire Protection District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| STATE OF ILLINOIS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                            |
| ss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| COUNTY OF SANGAMON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| I, Mary Sneed, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and says that she is the duly elected and acting Treasurer of the Southlawn Fire Protection District; that she has caused the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Southlawn Fire Protection District to be prepared; and that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Southlawn Fire Protection District for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is true and correct.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| /s/ Mary Sneed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| Mary Sneed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                            |
| Treasurer, Southlawn Fire Protection District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                            |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 4th day of August, 2025.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                            |
| /s/ Sarah R. Austin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                            |
| Notary Public:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                            |
| My Commission Exp April 4, 2029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                            |

ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR THE SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That whereas it was passed by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with the statute.

THEREFORE, there is hereby levied on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation as the same is assessed or equalized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, in the sum of \$168,610.28 for the following purposes:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES    |          |
| 1. Administrative Expense |          |
| Trustees' Salaries        | 3,000.00 |
| Attorney's Fees           | 4,000.00 |
| Publication Costs         | 1,200.00 |
|                           | 8,200.00 |

|                                                                                  |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract | 148,314.14   |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                   | 8,000.00     |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                  | \$164,514.14 |

ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR \$ 8,000.00

Section 2: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT upon its passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof or file a Certificate of Levy for the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT with the County Clerk of Sangamon County as provided by the statutes of the State of Illinois, in such case made and provided.

Section 3: The Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED: 8/3/2026 APPROVED: 8/3/2026

Ben Liehr

President, Board of Trustees

SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Judy Gordon

Judy Gordon

Secretary, Board of Trustees

SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

I, Judy Gordon, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Southside Fire Protection District in Sangamon County and do further certify that, as such, I am the keeper of the seal, records, including records of the ordinances of said Southside Fire Protection District, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance of Southside Fire Protection District entitled, "An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Southside Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027," passed by the Board of Trustees of said Southside Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, the same appears by and from the records in my office as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Southside Fire Protection District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2026.

/s/ Judy Gordon

Judy Gordon

Secretary, Board of Trustees Southside Fire Protection District

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and through the President of said Board, has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance prior to final action thereon which said Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, Notice of such Public Hearing having been given publication at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing and Certificate of Publication having been presented and filed, all as required by statute in such case made and provided, and all legal requirements having been complied with:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the following Budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as, the Budget for said SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

|                                                                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                                       |              |
| 1. Cash balance beginning of year                                                        | \$8,000.00   |
| 2. Taxes for 2025 to be received during this fiscal year and available for appropriation | 156,414.14   |
| 3. Interest                                                                              | 100.00       |
| 4. Taxes to be received from 2026 levy:                                                  |              |
| Amount of 2026 levy                                                                      | \$168,610.28 |
| Less estimated amount not available before end of fiscal year                            | \$168,610.28 |
| Estimated amount to be available in this fiscal year on 2026 levy                        | \$0.00       |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                              | \$164,514.14 |
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                                   |              |
| 1. Administrative Expense                                                                |              |
| Trustees' Salaries                                                                       | 3,000.00     |
| Attorney's Fees                                                                          | 4,000.00     |
| Publication Costs                                                                        | 1,200.00     |

|                                                                                  |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 8,200.00                                                                         |              |
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract | 148,314.14   |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                   | 8,000.00     |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                  | \$164,514.14 |
| ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR                                     | \$ 8,000.00  |

Section 2: That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes herein specified to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES    |          |
| 1. Administrative Expense |          |
| Trustees' Salaries        | 3,000.00 |
| Attorney's Fees           | 4,000.00 |
| Publication Costs         | 1,200.00 |
|                           | 8,200.00 |

|                                                                                  |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract | 148,314.14   |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                   | 8,000.00     |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                  | \$164,514.14 |

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: 8/3/2026 APPROVED: 8/3/2026

/s/ Ben Liehr

Ben Liehr

President, Board of Trustees

SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

/s/ Judy Gordon

Judy Gordon

Secretary, Board of Trustees

SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS SOUTHSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

|                                               |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance, July 1, 2025               | \$8,000.00                                 |
| RECEIPTS                                      |                                            |
| 7/10/2025                                     | Comptroller 4,717.42                       |
| 7/18/2025                                     | Sangamon County 5,213.60                   |
| 7/31/2025                                     | Interest 37.64                             |
| 8/11/2025                                     | Comptroller 810.55                         |
| 8/15/2025                                     | Sangamon County 3,655.42                   |
| 8/29/2025                                     | Interest 24.82                             |
| 9/12/2025                                     | Sangamon County 51,158.86                  |
| 9/30/2025                                     | Interest 14.01                             |
| 10/1/2025                                     | Illinois Municipal League 6,130.98         |
| 10/9/2025                                     | Comptroller 4,884.06                       |
| 10/17/2025                                    | Sangamon County 4,862.79                   |
| 10/31/2025                                    | Interest 23.26                             |
| 11/24/2025                                    | Sangamon County 5,120.02                   |
| 11/28/2025                                    | Interest 21.49                             |
| 12/9/2025                                     | Comptroller 3,869.23                       |
| 12/31/2025                                    | Interest 4.16                              |
| 1/12/2026                                     | Comptroller 4,684.74                       |
| 1/30/2026                                     | Interest 4.67                              |
| 2/27/2026                                     | Interest 5.83                              |
| 3/9/2026                                      | Comptroller 1,480.09                       |
| 3/31/2026                                     | Interest 6.99                              |
| 4/10/2026                                     | Comptroller 2,443.94                       |
| 4/30/2026                                     | Interest 7.17                              |
| 5/12/2026                                     | Comptroller 6,012.58                       |
| 5/22/2026                                     | Sangamon County 20,027.25                  |
| 5/29/2026                                     | Interest 9.71                              |
| 6/12/2026                                     | Sangamon County 58,223.27                  |
| 6/30/2026                                     | Interest 26.47                             |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                                | \$183,481.02                               |
| DISBURSEMENTS                                 |                                            |
| 8/4/2025                                      | Illinois Times - Publication 168.75        |
| 8/4/2025                                      | Judy Gordon - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00       |
| 8/4/2025                                      | Jim Sullivan - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00      |
| 8/4/2025                                      | Jerry Gaston - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00      |
| 8/4/2025                                      | Sorling Northrup - Attorney's Fee 4,000.00 |
| 10/15/2025                                    | Illinois Times - Publication 612.00        |
| 11/14/2025                                    | City of Springfield - Contract 73,752.66   |
| 6/30/2026                                     | City of Springfield - Contract 101,947.61  |
| 183,481.02                                    |                                            |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                           |                                            |
| /s/ Jim Sullivan                              |                                            |
| Jim Sullivan                                  |                                            |
| Treasurer, Southside Fire Protection District |                                            |
| STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF SANGAMON          |                                            |
| STATE OF ILLINOIS                             |                                            |

I, Jim Sullivan, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is the duly elected and acting Treasurer of the Southside Fire Protection District; that he has caused the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Southside Fire Protection District to be prepared; and that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Southside Fire Protection District for its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is true and correct.

Jim Sullivan

Treasurer, Southside Fire Protection District

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 2026.

/s/ Sarah R. Austin

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 4-4-29

ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAXES FOR THE WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2026 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2027

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That whereas it was passed by the Board of Trustees of the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2027, in accordance with the statute.

THEREFORE, there is hereby levied on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, subject to taxation as the same is assessed or equalized for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2027, in the sum of \$221,249.94 for the following purposes:

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES    |          |
| 1. Administrative Expense |          |
| Association Dues          | 325.00   |
| Trustees' Salaries        | 3,000.00 |
| Attorney's Fees           | 4,000.00 |
| Publication Costs         | 1,200.00 |
| Treasurer's Fees          | 1,000.00 |

|                                                                                  |               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract | 9,525.00      |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                   | 201,289.23    |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                  | \$ 218,814.23 |

ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR \$ 8,000.00

Section 2: The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT upon its passage and approval of this Ordinance, shall file a duly certified copy thereof or file a Certificate of Levy for the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT with the County Clerk of Sangamon County as provided by the statutes of the State of Illinois, in such case made and provided.

Section 3: The Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED: 8/3/2026 ADOPTED: 8/3/2026

/s/ Steve VonLanken

Steve VonLanken

President, Board of Trustees Woodside Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

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Connie Sebok

Secretary, Board of Trustees Woodside Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

I, Connie Sebok, do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Woodside Fire Protection District in Sangamon County and do further certify that, as such, I am the keeper of the seal, records, including records of the ordinances of said Woodside Fire Protection District, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance of Woodside Fire Protection District entitled, "An Ordinance Levying the Annual Taxes for Woodside Fire Protection District for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2026 and Ending May 31, 2027," passed by the Board of Trustees of said Woodside Fire Protection District at a meeting held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, the same appears by and from the records in my office as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Woodside Fire Protection District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2026.

/s/ Connie Sebok

Connie Sebok

Secretary, Board of Trustees Woodside Fire Protection District

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2026 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2027

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT has prepared a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, and through the President of said Board, has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance prior to final action thereon which said Public Hearing was held on the 3rd day of August, 2026, Notice of such Public Hearing having been given publication at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing and Certificate of Publication having been presented and filed, all as required by statute in such case made and provided, and all legal requirements having been complied with:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the following Budget containing an estimate of revenue and expenditures be, and the same is hereby adopted as, the Budget for said WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2027.

|                                                                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                                       |               |
| 1. Cash balance beginning of year                                                        | \$ 8,000.00   |
| 2. Taxes for 2025 to be received during this fiscal year and available for appropriation | 210,714.23    |
| 3. Interest                                                                              | 100.00        |
| 4. Taxes to be received from 2026 levy:                                                  |               |
| Amount of 2026 levy                                                                      | \$221,249.94  |
| Less estimated amount not available before end of fiscal year                            | \$221,249.94  |
| Estimated amount to be available in this fiscal year on 2026 levy                        | \$0.00        |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS                                                              | \$ 218,814.23 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                           |          |
| 1. Administrative Expense                                                        |          |
| Association Dues                                                                 | 325.00   |
| Trustees' Salaries                                                               | 3,000.00 |
| Attorney's Fees                                                                  | 4,000.00 |
| Publication Costs                                                                | 1,200.00 |
| Treasurer's Fees                                                                 | 1,000.00 |
|                                                                                  | 9,525.00 |
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract |          |

|                                              |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 3. Provision for contingencies               | 201,289.23    |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES              | \$ 218,814.23 |
| ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND AT END OF FISCAL YEAR | \$ 8,000.00   |

Section 2: That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes herein specified to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2027.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 1. Administrative Expense |          |
| Association Dues          | 325.00   |
| Trustees' Salaries        | 3,000.00 |
| Attorney's Fees           | 4,000.00 |
| Publication Costs         | 1,200.00 |
| Treasurer's Fees          | 1,000.00 |
|                           | 9,525.00 |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2. Payment to City of Springfield for fire protection for district, per contract | 201,289.23    |
| 3. Provision for contingencies                                                   | 8,000.00      |
| TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES                                                  | \$ 218,814.23 |

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED: 8/3/2026 APPROVED: 8/3/2026

/s/ Steve VonLanken

Steve VonLanken President, Board of Trustees

Woodside Fire Protection District

ATTEST:

/s/ Connie Sebok

Connie Sebok

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Woodside Fire Protection District

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2026

|                                 |                                                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance, June 1, 2025 | \$8,000.00                                              |
| RECEIPTS                        |                                                         |
| 6/13/2025                       | Sangamon County 73,864.37                               |
| 6/30/2025                       | Interest 32.69                                          |
| 7/10/2025                       | Comptroller 2,078.88                                    |
| 7/18/2025                       | Sangamon County 6,407.06                                |
| 7/31/2025                       | Interest 43.21                                          |
| 8/11/2025                       | Comptroller 357.20                                      |
| 8/15/2025                       | Sangamon County 7,143.33                                |
| 8/29/2025                       | Interest 36.59                                          |
| 9/12/2025                       | Sangamon County 70,244.45                               |
| 9/30/2025                       | Interest 40.55                                          |
| 10/1/2025                       | Illinois Municipal League 7,756.93                      |
| 10/9/2025                       | Comptroller 2,152.32                                    |
| 10/17/2025                      | Sangamon County 7,665.08                                |
| 10/31/2025                      | Interest 51.27                                          |
| 11/24/2025                      | Sangamon County 6,352.69                                |
| 11/28/2025                      | Interest 46.11                                          |
| 12/9/2025                       | Comptroller 1,705.23                                    |
| 12/31/2025                      | Interest 4.93                                           |
| 1/12/2026                       | Comptroller 2,064.64                                    |
| 1/30/2026                       | Interest 5.01                                           |
| 2/27/2026                       | Interest 4.88                                           |
| 3/9/2026                        | Comptroller 652.30                                      |
| 3/31/2026                       | Interest 5.72                                           |
| 4/10/2026                       | Comptroller 1,077.08                                    |
| 4/30/2026                       | Interest 5.64                                           |
| 5/11/2026                       | Comptroller 2,649.84                                    |
| -5/22/2026                      | Sangamon County 25,213.26                               |
| 5/29/2026 Interest              | 7.93                                                    |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                  | \$217,669.20                                            |
| DISBURSEMENTS                   |                                                         |
| 8/5/2025                        | Illinois Times - Publication 168.75                     |
| 8/5/2025                        | Steve VonLanken - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00                |
| 8/5/2025                        | Tom Lewis - Treasurer's Fee 1,000.00                    |
| 8/5/2025                        | Connie Sebok - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00                   |
| 8/5/2025                        | Valerie K. Strayer - Trustee's Fee 1,000.00             |
| 8/5/2025                        | Sorling Northrup - Attorney's Fee 4,000.00              |
| 9/10/2025                       | Safeguard Business Services - checks 156.84             |
| 10/14/2025                      | Illinois Times - Publication 612.00                     |
| 11/14/2025                      | City of Springfield - Contract 168,611.35               |
| 12/14/2025                      | Assoc. of Fire Protection Districts (Annual Membership) |

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| 325.00                                   |            |
| 5/29/2026 City of Springfield - Contract | 39,795.26  |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                      | 217,669.20 |

/s/ Tom Lewis

Tom Lewis

Treasurer, Woodside Fire Protection District

STATE OF ILLINOIS

as

COUNTY OF SANGAMON

I, Tom Lewis, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he is the duly elected and acting Treasurer of the Woodside Fire Protection District; that he has caused the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Woodside Fire Protection District to be prepared; and that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Woodside Fire Protection District for its fiscal year beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026, is true and correct.

/s/ Tom Lewis

Tom Lewis

Treasurer, Woodside Fire Protection District

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August 2026.

/s/ Sarah R. Austin

Notary Public

My Commission expires 4-4-2029

522-3173  
E-Mail: jrenlow@sorlinglaw.com

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. Bunnell, 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/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or contact your local Circuit Clerk's office.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC

Attorneys for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

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. CARLSLE, DECEASED  
Case #2026-PR-271  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JUDITH A. CARLSLE. 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. Markussen of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 21, 2026, to Pehr Markussen, 2522 S. Lowell Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79,

Springfield, Illinois 62705.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before 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

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 Fayette County, in Vandalia, Illinois on or before the 6th day of September, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Kathy Emerick  
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  
25-103522  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS MIDFIRST BANK PLAINTIFF, -vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF ARTHUR E. WILSON A/K/A ARTHUR EUGENE WILSON; ADAIR WILSON, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. WILSON, DECEASED; ADAIR WILSON; AMBER WILSON; JOSHUA WILSON; ARZEL-LUS WILSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS  
NO. 25 FC 122  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 6, 2026; Jack L. Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff's Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, will on September 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.  
Said property is legally described as follows: A PART OF LOTS 103 AND 104 IN FRED W. WANLESS' EAST VIEW ADDITION, THIRD PLAT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOT 103 A DISTANCE OF 79.40 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 103, THENCE NORTHEAST 69.62 FEET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOTS 103 AND 104, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY RADially TO THE CURVE OF EAST VIEW DRIVE 123.23 FEET, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON THE SOUTHEAST STREET LINE OF EAST VIEW DRIVE A CHORD DISTANCE OF 49.15 FEET, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 118.55 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.  
Commonly known as 2316 Eastview Drive, Springfield, IL 62702  
Permanent Index No.: 14-23.0-203-005  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.  
The judgment amount was \$147,357.78.  
Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Bid Amount contact:  
Sale Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2801 Lakeside Drive, Suite 207

Bannockburn, IL 60015  
ILNOTICES@logs.com  
(847) 291-1717  
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LOGS Legal Group LLP  
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ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg  
(6277119)  
Michael N. Burke (6291435)  
Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452)  
Laura J. Anderson (6224385)  
Thomas Belczak (6193705)  
Debra Miller (6205477)  
Amy Aronson (6206512)  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-967956

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 pay-

able to the Sheriff of Sangamon County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit [www.dallegal.com](http://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](mailto:midwestpleadings@dallegal.com) 8051-967809

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. 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](mailto:efairfield@bhsllaw.com) 8051-967714

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Planet Home Lending, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs. Stephen Willsie; 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 Claimants 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. CODILIS & 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@hsbattlys.com](mailto:Non-CookPleadings@hsbattlys.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](mailto: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](mailto:efairfield@bhsllaw.com) 8051-967515

Notice by Publication CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF Kemani Leon Vasey, Minor Child No. 2026-GR-000145 To: Desi Woods Jr. and All Persons Having A Right To Notice: Please be notified that Melissa Hendricker has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Kemani Leon Vasey a minor child. You are required to answer said Petition before Sept. 13, 2025 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter. Dated: Aug. 13, 2026

Notice of Solicitation of Proposals for Sale of Certain Real Property Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2 Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Village of Grandview Board of Trustees duly enacted Ordinance 26-10 at a regular board meeting of the Village Board on September 1, 2026. The Ordinance authorizes the sale of a vacant and unimproved parcel owned by the Village, commonly known as 2515 E Keys Avenue, Grandview, IL 62702 (the “Property”). As such, the Village hereby gives public notice that it is soliciting proposals relating to said Property. The brief legal description of said Property is: Wanless 2nd N Grand PL, W 70' E 190' L 49. The Parcel Number is 14-24.0-302-014. The property is located in the Village's residential zoning district and must conform to the residential zoning district standards of the Village. The Property is being sold “as-is” for a sum determined to be appropriate by open bid, with a starting minimum bid of \$8,000. The Village makes no representation as to the condition of the Property. The winning bid will be responsible for all costs associated with closing, any costs from a title company associated with securing the conveyance of good, marketable title, any costs of survey, and any and all other usual and customary costs associated with the sale of real property. Any person may submit a written sealed bid for the purchase of the Property. The Village will consider all bids to purchase the Property received no later than 5:00 PM CST on September 1, 2026. There is a starting minimum bid of \$8,000. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any technicalities in the bidding if it should be deemed in the public interest. These decisions will be final and not subject to recourse. This request for proposals does not obligate the Village to pay any costs incurred by any bidder in the submittal of a bid or in making necessary studies or designs for the preparation of that bid. Bids for the Property shall be submitted in hard copy, in a sealed envelope marked “SEALED PROPERTY BID” and must be received by the Village Clerk no later than 5 PM CST on September 1, 2026. Any bids received after 5 PM CST on September 1, 2026 shall not be considered. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Village Clerk

Heather Becker, Grandview Village Offices, 2377 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702. Submission of a sealed bid shall be considered indication of the bidder's commitment to maintain the property in accordance with the Village Ordinances. Sealed bids shall be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on September 1, 2026 at 5:30 PM CST at 2377 E. Reservoir, Springfield, IL 62702. The Board may accept the high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the Village by a vote of 3/4 of the Board, or may reject any and all bids by a majority vote.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) invites qualified SIGNAGE Contractors, to submit sealed bids to furnish all labor & material to complete requirements of bidding for INTERIOR WAYFINDING - PHASE 3. Sealed bids must be delivered to the attention of MR. TIM ERVIN, Director of Construction & EHS, Lincoln Land Community College, Construction & EHS Office – Mason Hall, 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62794-9256 (Southeast corner of the LLCC Main Campus), on or before TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. Vendors are responsible for ensuring that bids are received by the above office prior to the deadline. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Contractors who have submitted a bid are invited, but not required, to attend the bid opening. All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/) and the Drug Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/). All contractors and subcontractors shall demonstrate experience on projects of similar size and type. While this project is not administered by the Capital Development Board all contractors and subcontractors must be pre-qualified with the CDB for a minimum of 45 days. All contractor contact and questions regarding any matter concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing to MR. DOMINICK DEMONICA, DEMONICA KEMPER ARCHITECTS, 100 HARRISON STREET, PEORIA, IL 61602, by AUGUST 24, 2026. Submittals of questions may be emailed to [DDEMONICA@DKA-DESIGN.COM](mailto:DDEMONICA@DKA-DESIGN.COM), please put “INTERIOR WAYFINDING PHASE 3” in the subject line.) No questions will be addressed after 2:00 P.M. (CST), on AUGUST 24, 2026. Other questions regarding the bid documents will be addressed at a mandatory pre-bid meeting for contractors, which shall begin promptly at 2:00 PM Central Standard Time (CST), AUGUST 20, 2026, at either MASON HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM on the LLCC main campus or via web- conference. For invitation to web-conference, please contact Dominick Demonica at the e-mail address above. Failure of Prime Bidders to be present at either in person meeting at Mason Hall or on web- conference when the meeting begins may result in the bidder being disqualified. Further information concerning the specifications of this invitation to bid resulting from questions submitted, either in writing or resulting from the pre-bid meeting/site visit, will be communicated in the form of an addendum. E-mail or verbal responses to questions are not a part of the bid documents and only formal addendum will govern. Bid Documents will be available to qualified contractors from the offices of DEMONICA KEMPER ARCHITECTS on or after AUGUST 17, 2026. Qualified contractors may obtain documents by depositing \$50 per set, refundable upon return of documents in good condition within one week of Bid Due Date. The Central Illinois Builders' Non-Cash Security Method for request of documents will be accepted on this project, as well. The bidder shall furnish a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the amount bid in the

form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond, made payable to Lincoln Land Community College.

The Lincoln Land Community College, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, income-level, or LEP in consideration for an award.

LLCC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, or to permit timely correction of minor deficiencies in bids whenever such rejection or waiver is in the interest of LLCC and to accept the bid or bids being most favorable to LLCC after all bids have been examined and evaluated.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE Wishing to avail themselves of the provisions under the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, the below storage facility gives notice of the sale under said act; 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. Isalah Evans 3A. Dale Abeln 22A. Elica Dadenporp 257E. Emily Quinn 250E. Emily Wheeler 145C. Terisa Wilson 202D

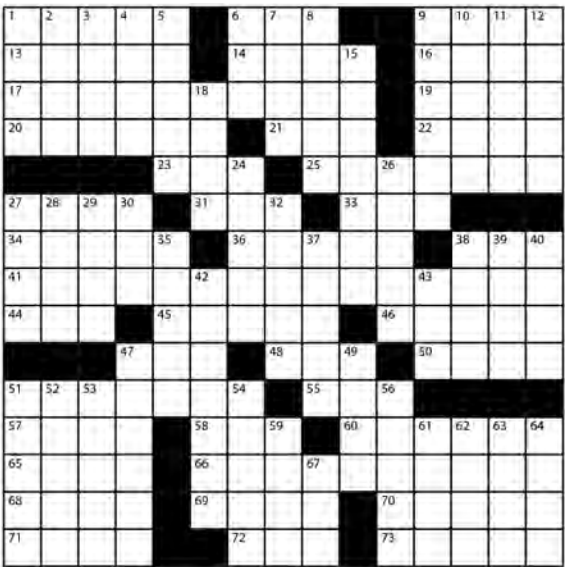
SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
2027 PHA PLAN SUBMISSION  
2027 MTW Supplement  
Close out of 2022, 2023 & 2024 Capital Fund Programs  
ILO6P004501-22  
ILO6P004501-23  
ILO6P004501-24  
Revisions to Admissions & Continued Occupancy Plan & Public Housing Lease, Administrative Plan and Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
As required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, there will be a 45-day public comment period starting Monday, August 3, 2026, through Friday, September 18, 2026. Copies of the plan for public review can be obtained at the following locations:  
SHA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
200 North Eleventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Public Hearings will be held during the 45-day public comment period to gather public input at the following times and locations:  
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, @ 11:00 AM  
Hildebrandt Hi-Rise  
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, @ 3:00 PM  
Villas at Vinegar Hill  
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, @ 5:00 PM  
Brandon Office  
Wednesday, September 2, 2026, @ 5:00 PM  
- 200 North Eleventh Street  
Thursday, September 3, 2026, @ 11:00 AM  
Bonansinga Hi-Rise  
Thursday, September 3, 2026, @5:00PM  
Johnson Park Office  
Comments may be mailed or e-mailed to: SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY  
ATTN: Chief Executive Officer's Office  
200 North Eleventh Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
melissah@sha1.org  
Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 created the public housing agency five (5) year and annual plan requirement. The five-year plan describes the mission of the agency and the agency's long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period, and their approach to managing programs and providing services for the upcoming year. THE PHA Plan also serves as the annual application for grants to support improvements to public housing buildings (Capital Fund Program) and safety in public housing (Public Housing Drug Elimination Program).

Juvenile Division  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Jensen Nelson, Petitioner  
and  
Sela Cronin, Respondent  
Case No. 2025-FA-000049  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Sela Cronin, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois on or before the 13th day of September, 2026, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

## Frequent flyers

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 958

- Across**  
1. Mint and sage  
6. Oolong, for one  
9. Defensive spray  
13. Destroyer destroyer  
14. "Not to mention ..."  
16. Arab League member  
17. Ghost story reaction  
19. Drove  
20. Make beloved  
21. Be in session  
22. A chip, maybe  
23. "Stupid me!"  
25. Packed  
27. Fizzles out  
31. \_\_\_ bit  
33. Annoy  
34. Go off script  
36. Civil rights org.  
38. Lennon's widow  
41. Old-timer, perhaps  
44. A pint, maybe  
45. "\_\_\_ of Two Cities"  
46. Care for  
47. "A pox on you!"  
48. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."  
50. "Dam!"  
51. Dangerous diet pill ingredient  
55. Keep out  
57. Lab vessel  
58. "Aladdin" prince  
60. Work on a musical score  
65. "I'm \_\_\_ your tricks!"  
66. Get down to business



68. Astute  
69. Border lake  
70. Angler's gear  
71. Mini-whirlpool  
72. "Gee whiz!"  
73. Inclines
- Down**  
1. Bigger than big  
2. Black, in poetry  
3. Cross  
4. Bottom  
5. Lieu  
6. \_\_\_ cross  
7. Shade trees  
8. Savory jelly  
9. Mr. T's hairstyle  
10. Change, as the Constitution  
11. Garcon's list  
12. Broke off  
15. Big bird  
18. Forehead  
24. Reddish brown  
26. A yellow pigment  
27. Comic Carvey  
28. False god  
29. "If all \_\_\_ fails..."  
30. Small intake  
32. Colonel's insignia  
35. Pigtail, e.g.  
37. Biting  
38. Creole vegetable  
39. Home, informally  
40. Half of binary code  
42. Go over again  
43. Scoundrel  
47. Serious crime  
49. Carry on  
51. Bring to mind  
52. Yearned  
53. More than unpopular  
54. Sleep spoiler  
56. Get up  
59. Hipbones  
61. Hammock holder  
62. Like, with "to"  
63. Be inclined  
64. Looks at  
67. Barbie's beau

## JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 958

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.

|     |     |    |    |    |    |
|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 13+ | 10x |    | 2÷ |    | 1- |
|     |     | 3- | 5- | 6+ |    |
| 1-  |     |    |    |    | 1- |
| 24x |     |    | 6x |    |    |
| 3-  | 2÷  | 6+ | 1- | 1- |    |
|     |     |    |    | 2- |    |

Difficulty hard

## Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | R | C | S |   | A | T | O | M |   | F | O | I | L |   |   |   |   |
| S | A | U | L |   | N | U | B | I | A |   | I | N | T | O |   |   |   |
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| E | D | I | T | O | R |   | T | E | P | I | D |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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Crossword answers from #957

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

Sudoku answers from #957

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

JoshJosh answers from #957

## Sudoku

No. 958

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

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

Difficulty hard

# Ride to the

SHADED TIMES = WEEKDAYS ONLY  
UNSHADED TIMES = WEEKDAYS + SATURDAYS

ILLINOIS  **STATE FAIR**  
AUGUST 13 - 23, 2026

## 1 North 5th

| Transfer Center Stop B | State Fair Main Gate (outbound) | Peoria Rd Qik-N-Ez (outbound) | State Fair Gate 4 @ 8th & Sangamon (inbound) | Transfer Center Stop B |
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| Stop ID 2315           | Stop ID 2015                    | Stop ID 2020                  | Stop ID 23                                   | Stop ID 2315           |
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## 2 North 9th

| Transfer Center Stop B | 11th & Sangamon (outbound) | Peoria & Joles (inbound) | Transfer Center Stop B |
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## FARES

**Ages 5 & over: \$1.25**  
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## 801 State Fair Shuttle

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

| Transfer Center Stop C | State Fair Main Gate | Peoria & Joles | Transfer Center Stop C |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Stop ID 2316           | Stop ID 70           | Stop ID 1333   | Stop ID 2316           |
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| 9:30 PM                | 9:45 PM              | 9:50 PM        | 10:00 PM               |

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