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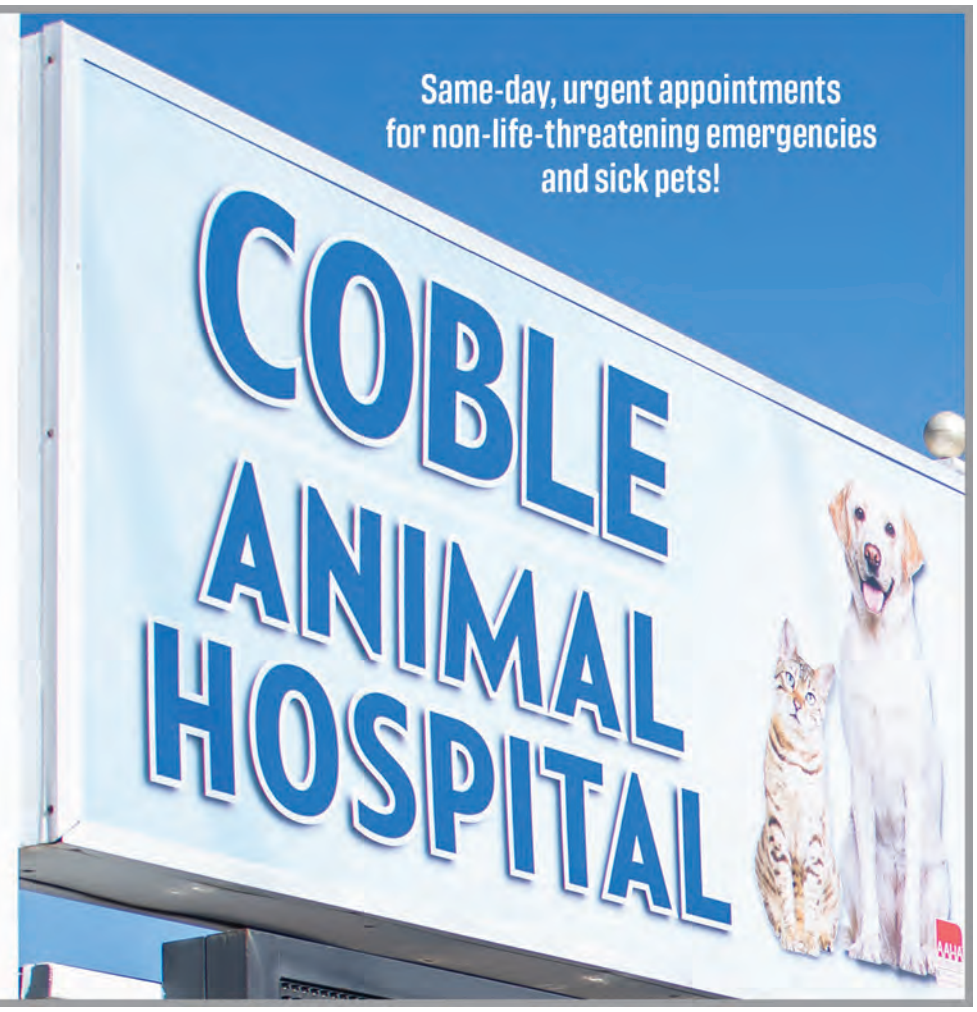





Springfield resident Quonie Barney, left, struggled with finding housing after being released from prison and is advocating for new legislation that would help others in similar circumstances. Right, Ahmadou Drame is director of the Illinois Justice Project, one of the groups lobbying for passage of a bill to create a statewide program offering assistance finding jobs and housing. PHOTOS BY ZACH ADAMS

"A chance to get out and stay out"

Home for Good Coalition lobbies for legislation to help those being released from prison

PRISON REFORM | Scott Reeder

Quonie Barney had a job in Springfield and a deadline to leave his halfway house. What he lacked was an address. As the deadline approached, he said, a staff member told him that if he couldn't find somewhere to live, he would have to go back to prison.

He found a couch. He slept there while he saved money for a place of his own. Some landlords turned him down because of his record, Barney said. Others wanted more money. In some cases, he said, the extra charge was about $500, more than he could afford. He eventually found a place through the Springfield Housing Authority.

On Nov. 17, the first day of the fall veto session, members of the Home for Good Coalition went to the Illinois Capitol to ask senators to tackle the problem Barney faced. House Bill 624 would create a statewide program offering rental assistance, transitional and permanent affordable housing and services such as job training and help obtaining identification.

The House passed the bill in April. It was sent back to the Senate Assignments Committee in May, and advocates want a vote before the veto session ends Dec. 3. Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford, and Sen. Adriane Johnson, D-Buffalo Grove, are the sponsors. The coalition says it includes more than 70 organizations across Illinois.

State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said he had heard little about the bill in the Senate and would be surprised if it moved during the veto session. He questioned whether the state could afford the program and whether it would face liability if someone it helped house committed another crime.

Barney's time in the Springfield halfway house followed a federal prison sentence. The proposal covers people released from Illinois state prisons beginning Jan. 1 and would allow them to enroll for up to five years after release. Community organizations would assess people's risk of homelessness and other needs before they leave prison.

Illinois prisons release about 15,000 people a year, according to the bill's findings. A 2025 Loyola University Chicago study cited in the bill found that between 66% and 80% of people in state prison had experienced homelessness or unstable housing in the three years before they were incarcerated. The coalition says nearly four in 10 people released from Illinois prisons return within three years.

Ahmadou Dramé, director of the Illinois Justice Project, said the proposal would build on existing state programs. The Illinois Housing Development Authority would provide subsidies tied to individual renters as well as subsidies tied to particular units. That would give some people a chance to settle in a different community and give local providers a way to get someone into a unit quickly, he said.

The housing authority would also help finance the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing and train nonprofits to develop and run it. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority would support local organizations that help people find work, get to appointments or connect with healthcare. Dramé said those organizations vary in number and capacity across Illinois, one reason the coalition wants the state to invest in training as well as housing.

The coalition is separately asking lawmakers for $50 million, Dramé said. The bill points to up to $35 million in existing state grant funding set aside for a broader range of uses that includes reentry services, civil legal aid and economic development. In its news release, the coalition cited an Illinois Justice Project analysis projecting $477 million in public savings and economic activity over the program's first three years.

McClure called the argument that housing aid would reduce repeat offenses and save the state money "a very naive perspective that is not based on the facts." He said the state should do more to provide addiction treatment and mental health care in prison, where he said some people spend their entire sentences waiting for drug treatment.

The bill would also allow local providers to connect people with behavioral health services after release.

McClure said the state already has resources for people leaving prison and argued that a program specifically for them would be unfair to others who struggle to afford housing. He singled out victims whose losses have left them without a place to live.

"What about someone who is a victim of a crime," McClure asked, "and because of that crime, they were never made whole, and they're out on the streets now?"

Rachelle Conley, 53, of Springfield, remembers a landlord who turned her down after seeing a felony retail theft conviction on her record. She told him, "It's for retail theft. I'm not gonna steal your toilet."

Other landlords turned her down, too, she said. She had wanted to get a job and a place to live after her first stint in prison. Instead, she said, she went back to the streets and to stealing to feed herself and support a drug addiction. She said she went to prison six times for retail theft.

Today, Conley draws blood as a phlebotomist at Decatur Memorial Hospital and runs a ministry called Prison to Purpose. She said a place to sleep gives someone time to look for a job, figure out transportation and save money.

Barney, 54, stayed in Springfield. He went on to work as a community organizer and now volunteers with Fully Free, a campaign that works to remove barriers facing people with criminal records. He said he completed supervised release this year and is pursuing a master's degree in human services. He's also looking for work again and worries about keeping his apartment now that he's used up the rent assistance he had.

He wants the people coming out behind him to have, as he put it, "a chance to get out and stay out." □

Lyssa Stevens, a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College (on top of the heart), and Vada Wendling, a junior at Riverton High School, with their gingerbread artwork. Austin Wells, an art teacher at Riverton High School, currently has Vada in his advanced drawing class and Lyssa is a former student.
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CWLP to conduct Integrated Resource Plan

Environmental groups call for public involvement as CWLP prepares future energy planning

UTILITIES | Maria Gardner Lara

Environmental groups are calling for City Water, Light & Power, the city's publicly-owned utility company, to allow more public involvement in the development of its energy planning and forecasting as their concerns about lack of commitment to a clean energy transition grow stronger.

CWLP is in the process of selecting a vendor to spearhead the utility's development of an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which is an analysis of available power sources and outlook for future demands over a 20-year time period. It also includes a five-year action plan.

Under the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act (CGRA) that went into effect this year, CWLP must begin its IRP process in 2027 and submit an updated report every five years.

CWLP produced its first IRP in 2020 and held eight public meetings throughout the development of the IPR that took two years.

Under CGRA, CWLP would only be required to hold two public meetings, said Lori McKiernan, a member of the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future. In addition to calling for CWLP to increase the number of public meetings, the coalition wants public engagement early on in the process.

McKiernan said the challenge with the traditional public meeting format is "the public doesn't have any chance to read through the documentation and prepare intelligent questions."

She said public engagement introduced early in the development of the IRP helps to broaden the scope beyond what CWLP sets forth.

"An IRP should not just be an engineering report," McKiernan said. "It shouldn't just say 'Gas costs this much, renewables cost this much and then give their recommendation on what the best solution is. The IRP process should include community goals, benefits to the community and public health inputs, and how our jobs are going to be affected by it."

According to McKiernan, the vendor CWLP chooses to develop the IRP is not likely to be local and to have this kind of information or insight.

"So, we want the public to be able to contribute towards those ideas to get a really strong IRP process," she said.

The coalition also wants CWLP to incorporate milestones for phasing out the coal plant by 2045 as laid out by the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker in 2021.



City Water, Light & Power's Dallman Generating Station is next to Lake Springfield and Interstate 55.
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"That's the law," McKiernan said. "So they need to create a plan that starts working toward that, based on the recommendations that the IRP report gives them."

McKiernan said so far CWLP has been unwilling to define a clean energy goal, and it's come at a cost with the denial of a Small Utility Clean Energy Planning grant for $200,000 toward planning and purchases in line with meeting the CEJA's stated goal. The funds are administered through the Illinois Finance Authority with federal dollars provided under the 2024 Inflation Reduction Act.

"They would not state within that grant that they were going to transition to clean energy. So, it was just so poorly written," she said.

McKiernan said the Coalition for Springfield's Energy Future offered to help rewrite the grant application, but were told CWLP has chosen not to refile.

Illinois Times requested an interview with CWLP leadership and instead received a written response from CWLP spokesperson Amber Sabin on Nov. 20.

"We've met with the Coalition a few times over the last year or two on this topic and most recently this summer, where we specifically discussed our upcoming request for proposal for the Integrated Resource Plan," Sabin wrote. "We have robust public engagement planned and that was included in the scope that went out in the RFP."

Regarding the state grant that CWLP was denied, Sabin said the grant "would limit the scope of the IRP and options to study if forced to follow CEJA goals rather than the CEJA requirements."

She referenced the state's own IRP that was released on Nov. 16, which recommends less robust measures toward achieving carbon-free emissions as the demand for energy due to data centers grows.

According to a joint press release from Illinois Commerce Commission, the Illinois Power Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, their reports recommend "extending closure deadlines from gas and oil units – not from coal units."

The agency still calls for meeting the closure deadline for coal-fueled power because they "produce more pollution."

Even so, Sabin writes, "The state of Illinois, in its IRP that just came out this week, also isn't following CEJA goals, just the requirements. In addition, these are requirements they are now considering changing...," she wrote.

Illinois Times interviewed Scott Rogers, CWLP's chief engineer, in August about the utility's sense of urgency to meet the 2045 deadline for carbon-free energy.

"So, we would not take any action on something that's now projected 20 years out, because technology is going to change, legislation is going to change," he said. "When you change governors in the state of Illinois or you change the presidency, you don't know their mandates or what their ideas are on the energy side and being carbon neutral or not."

Rogers said he's agnostic as to the energy source the city relies on "as long as it's cheap, reliable and affordable." □



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Stevenson Drive strip mall damaged by fire

BLH Computers to reopen electronics recycling service next week

BUSINESS | Maria Gardner Lara

Several businesses in a strip mall on Stevenson Drive, including a company that contracts with the city of Springfield to recycle electronics, were heavily damaged by a fire that broke out Sunday morning.

BLH Computers, 1832 Stevenson Drive, offers electronics repairs, refurbished computers and parts, and serves as a drop-off location for Springfield residents who want to responsibly dispose of TVs, computers and other electronics as part of the city's recycling program.

General manager Leo Hill said the business plans to have a truck in the parking lot with boxes alongside it for Springfield residents to drop off their recycling material by next week.

As to whether they'll be operating the other aspects of their business, Hill said, "We just might have to think outside the box a little bit when it comes to the Springfield residents and how they handle the purchases and service for that."

The business is the largest electronic recycler in Springfield with other locations in Jacksonville and Taylorville. The 15 employees who worked out of the Springfield location will be temporarily placed at the other stores, Hill said.

Hill and married couple Brian and Heather Dickerson opened BLH Computers in November of 2000, using the initials of their first names as the company name. The business was sold in 2012 to Chicago-based USM, one of the largest scrap metal wholesalers and processors in North America.

Kristina LoRusso, the waste and recycling division manager for the city's office of Public Works, said the city has held a contract with BLH for electronic recycling services for at least six years.

"The current one right now ends at the end of May 2027, but they are the only recycler that takes computer screens and TVs, so we're going to end up renewing it," she said.

Several other businesses in the Laketown Shopping Center also suffered extensive fire damage, including Rock Candy, 217 Comics Cards & Games and Yanni's Gyros.

Rock Candy, a specialty store dedicated to fossils and minerals, stated in a Facebook post: "We will not be open for this holiday season." A friend of owners Debbie and Dennis O'Bryan has launched a GoFundMe, noting "their life's work was completely decimated by fire."

217 Comics Cards & Games originally stated on social media it hoped to reopen on Monday but later made a post saying the business would be "temporarily closed until further notice," although it is offering curbside pickup for customers wanting to purchase products.

Yanni's Gyros posted on Facebook that the business is "waiting to assess the next steps."

The strip center has been owned by Malibu Development Corp. since the early 1990s, a company overseen by Springfield real estate developer Robert J. Barker.

Barker told *Illinois Times* he's thankful for the "brave firefighters and other first responders" and that there were no serious injuries but declined to comment further.

The Springfield Fire Department arrived on the scene of the fire at 7:52 a.m. Sunday, according to Assistant Fire Chief Julie Plunk.

Plunk said 33 firefighters were involved in suppressing the fire that was extinguished at 6:38 p.m.

Two firefighters injured in the fire were transported to the hospital and later released.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. □





Downtown hotel legislation moves forward

Illinois House expected to approve bill creating Capital Area Tourism Authority

TOURISM | Dean Olsen

State Sen. Doris Turner says she expects the Illinois House to approve legislation next week or in January creating a new unit of local government that would leverage state, county and Springfield revenues to build a new $140 million hotel downtown.

"My colleagues on both sides of the aisle and from throughout the state are very supportive because they spend a lot of time in Springfield, and they have concerns, as well, about our downtown and what it has become," Turner, D-Springfield, told *Illinois Times*.

Turner's statements pointed to the scheduled Dec. 1-3 conclusion of the General Assembly's veto session and the as-yet-unscheduled lame duck session in early January.

Her comments came after the Sangamon County Board voted Nov. 17 to pay a Dallas-based company $3.8 million for preparatory work in advance of final designs related to a $60 million expansion of Springfield's publicly owned convention center, the BOS Center.

If the General Assembly approves House Bill 4496 and Gov. JB Pritzker signs it into law – creating the Capital Area Tourism Authority – supporters of the effort plan to ask the Sangamon County Board and Springfield City Council to pledge local revenues that would help finance the proposed upscale hotel and connect it to an expanded BOS Center.

The legislation would allow for diversion of the state's share of sales tax in the 62701 ZIP code as one of several funding sources for construction of the hotel. Earlier this year, the legislation was part of a larger bill that would help keep the Chicago Bears in Illinois.

Even if the General Assembly delays a decision on Turner's bill beyond January or votes the measure down, the BOS Center expansion, financed with an increase in hotel taxes countywide, will move forward, according to Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter.

The Republican-controlled County Board's 21-1 vote on Nov. 17 for the BOS Center expansion preparation, with Republican Lanae Clarke of Pawnee the lone dissenter, means the work can proceed on schedule, and the county can avoid inflation-related increases in construction costs associated with any delays while waiting for the legislature to act on the hotel plan.

The $3.8 million for a "pre-development" agreement will be paid to Garfield Public/Private, the consulting group hired by the county to guide the expansion project. Garfield will expand its work to include the new hotel if the legislature gives final approval to the Capital Area Tourism Authority in December or January, Van Meter said.

The agreement with Garfield will be paid for with county revenues generated by the 3% increase in the hotel tax put in place countywide after a 20-5 vote by the County Board on Sept. 1.

The increase also will be used to pay off debt that the county will incur for up to 30 years through the issuance of low-interest bonds to pay for the expansion.

The increase was opposed by the Springfield Hotel & Lodging Association and the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association.

Supporters of the project include Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance; Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council Aaron Gurnsey; Downtown Springfield Inc. Executive Director Jay Shanle and HSHS St. John's Hospital and HSHS Central Illinois Market President and CEO Brian Brennan.



State Rep. Mike Coffey, Sangamon County Board Chair Andy Van Meter, Mayor Misty Buscher and state Rep. Doris Turner at an Aug. 25 press conference to announce plans to fund the expansion of the BOS Center through a 3% hotel-motel tax. CREDIT: PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

Construction on the expansion of the BOS Center into space now used as a county-owned parking lot immediately south of the building is expected to begin in fall 2027 and last for two years.

The new hotel would be built on the same parking lot site along Ninth Street and connected to the BOS Center expansion.

The County Board voted in October to approve a $135,000 contract with the consulting firm Conventions, Sports & Leisure International to come up with suggestions on ways to improve the BOS Center's use of space as the facility is renovated and expanded. Half of the contract cost will be covered by the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority (SMEAA), the public entity that receives property taxes and runs the center.

The BOS Center covers about 65,000 square feet and first opened in 1979. It underwent an $18 million renovation in 2013.

"The expansion would approximately double the space, increasing the ability of the center to attract conventions and, at the same time, hosting entertainment," county officials said in an August news release. "Current plans include a 30,000- to 40,000-square-foot master ballroom that would allow the BOS Center to pursue larger conventions and events."

The news release said studies conducted by the county "found that adding a headquarters hotel would increase the project's economic impact, but that the expansion alone justifies moving forward."

Van Meter, a Springfield Republican, said the county may be able to scale back the 3% increase if the General Assembly approves HB 4496 and the hotel project moves forward.

The Illinois Senate voted 38-19 to approve the bill and sent it to the House, where it remains, for concurrence. All Republicans voted against it in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

In the Democratic-controlled House, Assistant Majority Leader Jay Hoffman, D-Swansea, is listed as the legislation's main sponsor. The co-sponsors are Reps. Mike Coffey Jr., R-Springfield, and Wayne Rosenthal, R-Morrisonville.

Coffey is the longtime chairperson of the SMEAA Board, and his family owns Saputo's, a restaurant at 801 E. Monroe St. and about a block south of the BOS Center.

State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, who voted against the hotel legislation, said it's not fair for other hotels in Sangamon County to help pay for a competing hotel by having to charge their customers higher room rates.

McClure said he doesn't believe county-funded studies — which he believes are biased — that say a new upscale hotel will draw more conventions to Springfield and lead to more revenue for all hotels and economic benefits throughout the region.

McClure said he doubts anything positive will come from a new downtown hotel until a long-term solution is found for the shuttered and deteriorating former Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, a block from the BOS Center. The boarded-up Wyndham is an eyesore and will detract from any tourism-improvement efforts, he said.

The 30-story, 370-room Wyndham was damaged by internal flooding and has been closed since March 2025.

"The painful thing for me to see downtown is nobody is addressing the Wyndham," McClure said.

However, Van Meter said, "The consultants have told us that the derelict Wyndham would not deter potential operators of a new hotel. They are accustomed to operating near transitional properties."

The building's out-of-town owner, Al Rajabi, is going through a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding in Texas and hopes to sell the hotel through the court proceeding. A representative of a Northbrook-based company handling the potential sale on behalf of the bankruptcy court hasn't said whether there have been any bidders for the 53-year-old property at 700 E. Adams St.

Van Meter said Sangamon County government has "no plans to bid for the Wyndham at this time."

Regardless of uncertainty surrounding the Wyndham, Turner said she believes a new hotel would be a boon to downtown Springfield.

"I feel really good about getting it over the finish line," Turner said. "This legislation passed the Senate because I think everybody understands and realizes what a significant impact it is going to have on the Springfield economy." □



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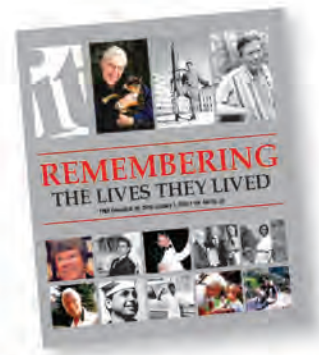

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Levitt AMP to temporarily relocate popular concert series during state construction

COMMUNITY | Adrian Dater



Attendees gather on the Y Block during the 2026 Levitt AMP concert series. CREDIT: ZACH ADAMS

The Levitt AMP Springfield Music Series has been a big bright spot for a downtown that has taken a few hits to its reputation in recent years. For 10 weeks every Thursday in the summer, crowds have packed the Y Block next to the Governor's Mansion to see a wide variety of national musical acts. Local musicians and dance groups open the shows, with food trucks and community organizations on hand as well.

The Levitt AMP Springfield Music series for 2027 and possibly 2028, however, will be held at a still-to-be determined location, an official with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources told *Illinois Times*, because of state construction of a new $4.3 million urban park and amphitheater.

"To allow for project planning, design, environmental review and future construction activities, IDNR is not scheduling public events at the site during 2027 or 2028," Brandon Damm, IDNR public information officer, told *IT*. "Should project milestones advance more quickly than anticipated, IDNR will evaluate future opportunities for public use once it can be done safely and without impacting project delivery. The state has engaged the city of Springfield and the Levitt Foundation to discuss potential alternative locations during construction and is committed to working with stakeholders to minimize disruptions. Ultimately, an alternative site will be decided by the city and Foundation."

The city of Springfield paid $1.5 million to purchase the property from the state during the administration of former Mayor Mike Houston, then the Springfield City Council voted in July to transfer ownership of the 2.25-acre site back to the state. An amendment from Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams that would have required the state to give a firm deadline to complete the work and guarantee the property's future use as a public park did not pass.

The Levitt Family Foundation sponsors yearly concert series in 35 states and since 2019 has brought a festival to Springfield. The foundation's website says, "Music Connects Us," and its chief goal is to create "an America filled with thriving public spaces, where the power of music creates community and human connections that extend into daily life**."**

The foundation's other chief goal is to bring its free-of-charge concert series to areas that could use some financial help and renewal, and the long-dormant Y Block has fit that bill.

The fact that the Y Block will be officially under state supervision for a master plan of renewal is good news to Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, whose ward includes the land. Reached Wednesday night by *Illinois Times*, Gregory said the two-year waiting period is a tradeoff he's comfortable accepting.

"I'm excited to hear that we are seeing real movement toward development of the Y Block in 2027. I'm happy to support it and thank Gov. JB Pritzker, Sen. Doris Turner, Deputy Gov. Andy Manar and IDNR for helping move this forward," Gregory told *IT*. "While I don't have any information to share yet about where Levitt will temporarily call home at this time, I will do everything I can to help ensure a smooth transition and have that information made available to the public as I get it. One thing is certain: when the Y Block is complete, Levitt will return to its true home for all to enjoy as Levitt AMP has proven music brings us all together right here in Ward 2."

So, where will the Levitt AMP series be held for the next two years in the Springfield area? Nothing has been finalized, but organizers told *IT* that they are committed to holding the concerts downtown or in an adjacent location, in keeping with the broader goal of activating underutilized spaces.

Andrew Schneider, program director for the Springfield Area Arts Council, which now serves as the host organization for the Levitt AMP concerts, told *IT* that he, too, believes a two-year waiting period for the concert series to come back to the Y Block won't stall the momentum it has gathered.

In its first season, the 2019 concert series attracted more than 7,700 attendees and was voted "Best Free Entertainment" by *Illinois Times*' readers. In 2025, Levitt AMP Springfield welcomed more than 16,700 attendees, which represented a 116% increase in attendance from the first year. This year's season set attendance records, including the Juneteenth concert – which featured a drone show afterward – that became the series' largest single concert attendance.

"We continue to work together to ensure the series has a home throughout our current three-year grant cycle, 2026–2028, while IDNR develops a beautiful new public space downtown. Our priority is keeping free, live music a welcoming place for our community to come together," Schneider said.

Scheider told *IT* that all the bids for the construction of the new urban park are now closed. Interviews to determine the winner, he said, will be held in January. Schneider said the series' sponsors are on board to continue through the construction period.

"We have multi-year commitments from our partners. This is a good, positive development for Springfield, reaching a broader audience in the longer term," Schneider said. "The message is: don't mess with our party. It's been such a great success, and people here know that. We are heading toward a bigger party for the future." □

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The Springfield Catholic diocese is exploring opening a second Catholic high school that could open as early as fall 2027, potentially in the former elementary school building on the campus of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. CREDIT: PHOTO BY MICHELLE OWNBEY

LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to editor@illinoistimes.com.

WORK TOGETHER

I wish the diocese would work with Sacred Heart-Griffin instead of opening another high school ("A second Catholic high school for Springfield?" Nov. 12). SHG is already a great school and if the diocese could work with them to make it more affordable, then more Catholic students could continue their Catholic education in high school.
Ali Nicole
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NO COMPETITION

A classical education is a different model than a traditional school. There should not be competition between the two schools, but it should be looked at as a choice you can make for your child's education.

My kids go to a classical academy. They are steeped in the arts; every student has to participate in art, drama, choir, dance, Latin, theology and philosophy along with all their core academics. They integrate the beauty of our faith into their learning across the board. They learn how to think logically and not just accept what the teachers tell them, They participate in Socratic discussions, often getting quite divided, but also learning at the end we can disagree and still love each other. The biggest downside is my kids are now very good at pleading their case to me.
Sandi Long
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

A NICHE AUDIENCE

This sounds like a very specialized curriculum which would appeal to a small, niche group of largely homeschooling Catholic families. It doesn't sound at all competitive with Sacred Heart Griffin's well-established and results-oriented college prep-focused programming. With Bishop Thomas Paprocki's imminent retirement notice this upcoming August, I would be interested in the perspective of new diocesan leadership as this idea is vetted and formed.
Megan DeFrain
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

HARD NO

It sounds much closer to the model of Darren Bailey's private Christian fundamentalist school than that of SHG or public schools. The G.K. Chesterton (circa 1930s) school curriculum mentioned in the article is one built on a supremacist European culture as the center of the universe, as if a far vaster world didn't exist, as if civilization began 2,000 years ago instead of 300,000, and as if Jesus had been white.

Isn't that the ideological and theological framework that led the church to its worst moments in its history – the Crusades, its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade and its "neutrality" during the Holocaust?
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes
Beth Langen

NEED BETTER VISION

I don't believe that SHG is maxed out. Until that happens, another high school would just be competing for the same students. That's not a vision. An empty building does not a high school make.

Consider instead the homeless community in Springfield. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has an obscene amount of vacant space in the school and rectory. Renovate, open your doors, partner with Inner City Mission, Westside Christian Church and other established agencies to address the homeless population.

The Cathedral property in downtown Springfield is a prime location for this ministry. Now that's a vision.
Joan Kutz-McKinney
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

WASTE OF MONEY

The diocese doesn't have enough students in the elementary schools to feed a high school. And they didn't want to intervene when Ursuline closed. Seems like a waste of money.
Dawn Stearns
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

TO EACH HIS OWN

Why so much hate for this idea? If it doesn't seem right for you or your family, no one is forcing you to send your children there. It's just another option for Springfield.
Lindsay Heckenkamp Kovski
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

NEED OPTIONS

Why not say what everyone is thinking? The diocese is answering a demand for better education and higher personal standards. The public schools are failing.
Marty Crews
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

Restraint

When my dad went to the hospital,
for some routine surgery, this time
his nurses reported that he did not say:
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2026 Jacqueline Jackson

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Susan Hope Harris

1942 - 2026



Susan Hope Harris, 84, died November 18 in Tempe, Arizona.

Born in September 1942 in Muscatine, Iowa, to Henry and Anna Hope, Susan grew up in Humboldt, Iowa. She studied music at Cornell College and spent several summers on staff at Interlochen in Michigan, among the happiest times of her life.

Susan married David Harris (later divorced), and they had a son, Scott. The family moved to Springfield, and Susan taught music and kindergarten in New Berlin and Loami until retiring.

At First Presbyterian Church, she sang in the choir and served on the organ committee and session.

Susan visited museums and historic sites across the United States and Europe, with France and Spain as favorites. She loved classical music, especially Berlioz.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Becky Short and Anne Miller. Survivors include her son, Scott (Barb); granddaughter, Berkley Harris-Jensen (Nick); and great-grandson, Whitaker, all of Tempe.

A celebration of life at First Presbyterian will be announced later. Memorial donations may go to First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62701, or lincolnschurch.org.

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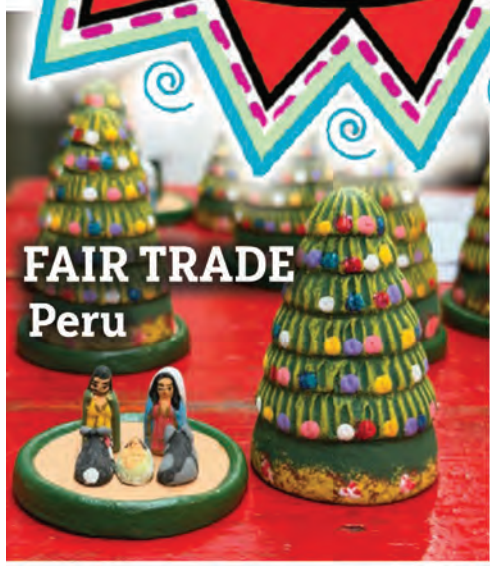

















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Buckner's 15-point plan

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I hate being wrong about things I've written. It can be horribly embarrassing.

But I actually kind of enjoy being wrong about private opinions I've formed that I haven't actually shared with more than a few people. Gaining that extra bit of insight which helps me set aside some notions that I had before always feels like a victory to me.

And that brings us to Rep. Kam Buckner (D-Chicago). Buckner was named house speaker pro tempore by Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch.

Welch told me months ago that the appointment did indeed signal that Buckner was at least one of his favorites to replace him as the chamber's leader. To me, that was a big strike against Buckner. Welch was one of now-imprisoned House Speaker Michael Madigan's favorites, and I thought it unwise to repeat that formula this time around. A fresh start, perhaps with the state's first female legislative leader? Women make up the vast majority of the House Democratic caucus, after all.

Buckner has also been one of Welch's go-to members to tackle big projects, like the Bears stadium deal and mass transit reform.

Buckner did put in a lot of work with other legislators, but his bills never made it to the governor's desk. The Senate refused to vote on his Bears bill and his transit bill's funding sources were rejected by the Senate and the governor. Gov. JB Pritzker finally intervened with a somewhat "painless" funding plan that was eagerly passed by both chambers.

But then Buckner released a 15-point plan last week about how he would govern if elected House speaker. My associate Isabel Miller wrote about it for our subscribers and I was quite impressed with the thought and care Buckner put into his proposal.

To be clear, I'm not in any way endorsing Buckner's candidacy. That's up to the House. But I do strongly believe that many if not all of his ideas ought to be incorporated or at least addressed by whomever does win the top job.

"The Speaker's first job is not to accumulate power, but to share it," Buckner told colleagues in his email. What a novel and encouraging concept that is.

More from Isabel's story:

"On legislation, Buckner wants policy development, negotiations and oversight moved back into standing committees, reducing reliance on working groups. Subcommittees would gain explicit authority to hold hearings, examine legislation and formally recommend action to their parent committees."

The working groups have gotten way out of hand. They do all their work in private, rarely involve the Senate and the governor's office and members tend to wait until the last minute to unveil their final project, when it's too late for the other chamber to weigh in.

"The plan would give deputy House majority leaders specific assignments, such as labor, infrastructure or education, with authority and responsibilities beyond their titles. Buckner also wants stronger independent House budget analysis; revenue forecasting; policy research and oversight, including a return to adopting legislative revenue estimates — lawmakers' assessment of how much money is available to spend.

"As he has said before, Buckner would eliminate the internal 60-vote rule, which requires sponsors to demonstrate enough support to pass legislation before it reaches the floor. That would not guarantee every bill a vote. Buckner says members would remain responsible for building support, while the speaker would have to explain why a bill could not advance and identify a path forward when one exists.

"'No member should spend weeks working a roll call for legislation that leadership has already determined will not advance,'" he wrote.

Buckner also wants to establish a procedure for removing a member from the Democratic caucus. Welch abruptly kicked Rep. Fred Crespo out of the caucus for using House resources to develop some alternative budget ideas – many of which Welch and the other leaders used to balance the budget.

"Technology upgrades would include a member app, bill tracking, digital documents and automated notifications. Members would receive communications plans tailored to their districts, with regional media expertise and help with local newspapers, digital content and op-eds," Isabel wrote.

And Buckner would change the way staff complaints against members are handled, which was one of the straws that broke the camel's back with Welch. He wants protections for whistleblowers, clear workplace standards and independent reporting channels, some of which he details in his letter.

There's lots more, so I encourage you to follow this link: https://shorturl.at/jDGU6 □



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ASSURANCE

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SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES	6,500
NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE CENTERS	33

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	1,491
PART-TIME	81
NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	1,120
PART-TIME	853

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)	
EDUCATIONAL	3.327200
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.619400
BOND & INTEREST	0.359400
TRANSPORTATION	0.253500
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.134000
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.142200
WORKING CASH	
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	
TORT IMMUNITY	0.140800
CAPITAL PROJECTS	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.142100
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The ASA must be posted on the school district's website and published in a newspaper of general circulation no later than December 1, 2026. Refer to Section 10-17 and Section 10-20.44 of the School Code.

Annual Statement of Affairs Instructions

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:

Payments to certified personnel	Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47
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Financial Data	Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server How to access Cerberus Server

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Emily Hergett
Algerita Allen
Logan Baskett
Laken Rockford
Charles Cross
Daryan Helton
Fred Pryor
Autumn Tiller
Christopher Hunt
Ulysses Price
Janell Childers
Martin Sharp
William Huckeby
Rachel Ginsberg
Rahmon Rose
Jennifer Zake
Brian Nunn
Courtlan Banks
Gracie Hampton
Bridget Dawdy
Carolyn Eck
Kathryn Edwards
Tracey Johnson
Tiara Quarles
Margaret Thurman
Akhtar Abbasi
Samuel Nichols
Aisha Qadeem
Wendell Meeks
Gina Curry

Jihye An
Laverne Hooker
Catherine Black
Laura Strachan
Marilyn Piper
Draven Rieman
Amy Hallmark
Tives Gardner
Joshua Seguin-Akadiri
Christine Daugherty
Misti Evangelista
Kenna Shelton
Nadou Lawson
Bridgete Walton
Lenardo Keuchler
Matthew Lewis
Lori Theilen
Dejai Holmes
Crystal Templeton
Lacey Truter
Tyrone Pettit
Shawntell Coleman
Kellie Carlisle
Tombe Kemayo
Alachyana Anderson
Kent Cull
Sarah Lawhorn
Glenda Herrin
Patricia Upshaw
Lynne Triggs
Edward Jordan
Lee Smith
Angela Hayes
Brina Coburn
Chris Herrod
Amber Hovey
Kristy Riddley
Latoya Phillips
Tiffany Dorsey
Makenzie Marshall
Lillian Johnson
Robin Freemon
Katrina Stover
Cassie Turner
Toni Strong
Jailah Jackson
Kelly Northrop
Kiara English
Carter Herman
Jeremy Kimble
Earneisha Mccray
Alisha Hoyt
Paige Harbin
Angel Schmitt
Darnitia Coston
Lydia Mclaughlin
Jennifer Budd
Darrian Shelby
Annamarie Dumonceaux
Amanda Pelzek
Latoya Woods
Lisa Shepherd
Richard Eck
Heather Goldsberry
Rochelle Daniels
Jessica Billek
Kathryn Petty
Alizay Scott
Krystal Ferran
Jennifer Rooney
Kayla Gallaher
Sarah Kwedar
Rontae Norman
Heather Burkhart
Thomas Maybury

Malissia Thrasher
Margaret Butchek
Chelyce Hayes
Aldann Barrett
Skyla Santiago
Tyreka Hill
Jeffrey Smith
Sharon Jones
Nicolas Jacob
Hazel Wilkins
Patty Bryant
Barbara Salmon
Morgan Doyle
Amy Johnson
Alandria Nalling
Bridgeford
Tammy Bates
Barbette Coleman
Anthony Laubenstein
Theresa Cook
Susan Welch
Adam Combs
Cristiana Merrifield
Shayne Logsdon
Breanna Rainey
Jezer Kasongo-
Owandjolela
Justin Harris
Jastine Doss
Isis Thompson
Amanda Joyce
Demillio Lesfer
Michelle Deming
Jeff Barr
Odel Burnes
Nancy Kapp
Anne Mcallister
Kelly Shane
Katherine Lalnum
Rita Easton
Maranda Mckinney
Zachary Morton
Brice Jackson
Sarah Link
Latrisha Crumb
Timothy Ryan
Clifford Bell
Sean Jackson
Hind Tamam
James Hashman
Scott Hoffman
Kailey Mccall
Laura Taylor
Janet Milburn
Valancia Joiner
Mahogany Bunch
Carla Trader
Kyle Stillwagon
Rebs Love
Patty Florence
Tiffany Ramsey
Janet Lalnum
Mary Taylor
Denise Bandelow
Dawn Bretz
Jennifer Koslofski
Janie Seebold
Kristen Perkins
Andrea Larson
Nicole Lutchman
Andrew Sill
Zachary Call
Cheri Kilpatrick
Margaret Oltman
Jessica Mcclelland

Grace Bibb
Leslie Curry
Elijah Buckhold
Molly Fleischli
Holly Tucker
Amanda Overmeyer
Megan Kapusta
Karen Gill
Laurie Marlow
Judaea Hopson
Pungki Bullock
Azure Primer
Eleanor Woodworth
Kizzie Jackson
Samantha Burgess
Angela Cleeton
Stacy Estes
Taurean Rush
Manda Horrighs
Angelia Beard
Lashea Asbury
Doris Chambers
Sharona Causey
Helen Stokes
Rachel Buragas
Steven Alicea
Patrick Johnson
Michelle Carroll
Kari Kinison
Sandra Moore
Digivonna Thomas-
Anderson
Michael Holmes
Christina Painter
Phyllicia Matthews
Sean Rockwell
Susan Audi Menendez
Traci Maniece
Jerald Tyus
Ja'meillia Harris
Jill Potter
Iryna Ratterree
Leah Mcallister
Sara Prather
Amber Furlow
Michelle Moreno
Leecretia Mathews
Melissa Bright
Jacob Hull
Lora Prentice
Monica Stone
Kelly Underwood
Dawn Barkley
Linda Patton
Monica Bowling
Kristina Garske
Marta Jimerson
Rachel Foster
Caitlin Boatman
Lori Burk
Estella Thomas Shanklin
Angelica Larrota-Florez
Erskine Route
Amy Brandon
Kerri Poland
Tasha Gaffigan
Kimberly Briggity
Gary Hughes
Marlyn Townsend
Savannah Baker
Angela Passmore
Pamela Bonjean
Shawn Dycoco
Sean Newman
Sanya Kushak

Vanessa Hendricks
Melissa Davis
Lisa Bracco-Tabora
Aryana Butler
L'sonya Jones
Corey Cumberworth
Michelene Russell
Kindall Stepney
Peter Mchugh
Amanda Wegner
Kyle Simmons
Nancy Rosse
Ann Pastrovich
Cathy Koskey
Aleda Coleman
Denise Williams
Stephanie Mcnally
Diana Shreves
Mark Janas
Ashley Clenin
Elisabeth Akers
Daniela Kreuznacht
Dawn Holloway
Dawn Carvalho
Kenyatta Bush
Jessica Pokora
Madison Fletcher
Veronica Menossi
Robin Blasko
Jennifer Ramirez
Christina Basil
Larissa Mitchell
Shawn Terrell
Beverly Barbee
Armiece Carson
Pauline Ignas
Craig Law
Hannah Brennan
Rosa Parra
Jeff Marcy
Odarian Jordan
Jordan Baer
Danielle Tennant
Emily Clements
Tiffaney Stinson
Evenne Bennett
Jennifer Hamilton
Carrie Hashman
Cassandra Green
Herbert Klauzer
Kendra Coleman
Rocky Asbury
Erynn Balmer
Whitney Reeves
Gabriella Botto
Catherine Eck
Jermain Jefferson
George Wilson
Marjuan Alexander
Justin Lee
Trey Donald
Roddrick Napier
James Wyse
Antonio Thomas
Malik Williams
Trevyon Williams
Desmond Smith
Travionne Morton
Aaron Griffin
Benno White
Kyle Sholtis
Jordan Benson
Tiffany Stevens
Marsha Jett
Meagan Meyer

Ashley Branham
Shelly Shaw
Nichole Higgins
Angela Ausmus
Lisa Rowden
Christi Becker
Brenda Skenandore
Dawna Hull
Orlando Conner
Jennifer Veith
Keri Mounce
Elizabeth Sullivan
Eugene Willlba
Sasha Priddy
Makayla Williams
Kendra Logan
Ariel Crawford-Rush
Lisa Herrin
Janice Farah
Tyler Yoho
Camden Poole
Mariah Smylie
Melissa Young
Fulisa Rogers
April Kendall
Haydee Franklin
Brianne Sheppard
Samara Bell
Kristina Hoffman
Natasha Walker
Kenyatta Smith
Lovily Thomas
Cassandra Pettis
Franklin Duodu
Jazmin Jackson
Hailey Glaub
Susan Lowe
Suzette Portee
Anthony Carey
Michele Vanbebber
James Ballard
Terrance Crawford
Stephen Dixson
Anna Worthy
Racy Lasley
Levar Medley
Maurice White
Dominique Lee
Ezra Casey
Michael White
Ramon Juanso
Matthew Monahan
Shaunassey Hatchett
Terrance Walls
Domonique Acres
Lynne Cripe
Abigail Holden
Nichol Antonacci
Kelly Fannin
Tylere White
Cecelia Benkse
Faith Kennon
Brayta Lindsey
Cassie Gray
Neha Mhaskar
Brittany Schneller
Dannell Aldridge
Kasair Suiton
Grady Brown
Niko Gerard
Sharri Bloomberg
Sana'a Abduilh
Samuel Blair
Stacy Lawrence
Vickie Fitzgerald

Segun Fagbiye
Kathleen Walter
Kim Cordery
Kyle Bagwell
Laura Boualavong
Andrew Catalano
Amy Harris-Long
Raniyah Dowdell
Brittney Johnson
Shawntae Scantlin
Kylie Hufford
Tracy Bramer
David Boyd
Jairus Montgomery
Kyra Hill
Kathleen Koopman
Patricia Landers
Sharon Hopson
Cathrine Gochenour
Logan Hull
Felicia Whitaker-Currie
Laterra Fairlee
Gabriel Martinez
Felicia Farmer
Mark Koonce
Monique Hargrays
Teresa Nolting
Kenya Dickerson
Talore Rowl
Susan Dowell
Dawn Tacker
Wende Stem
Denise Schlemm
Leann Huffstedtler
Bobbi Ownbey
Regina Hunter
Jaelyn Urbas
Mary Richards
Delaney Cordum
Harold Mcneil
Alexis Davis
A'tyia Jones-Shephard
Anthony Crawford
Ceaira Mcgrone
Vernon Stemmons
Lakeesha Holmes
Amy Eberding
Anthony Fennessee
Gary Wilson
Jarrett Anderson
Dana Sanders
Robert Churchill
William Hopkins Iv
Wendell Day
Melissa Allen
Elizabeth Hartman
Peggi Trees-Gant
Richard Mason
Robin Roth
Ashton Clark
Debbie Schoppenhorst
Deborah Cable
Melanie Stutler
Anne Short
Jennifer Lester
Tammy Lawson
Marzell Givens
Amy Morgan
Jean Rockford
Michael Epright
Shannon Loveless
Olivia Middleton
Kendra Daniels
Pamela Day
Paula Pappademos-

Boeker
Latonia Hoskins
Jeanne Hurley
William Aldridge
Jared Lamkey
Shanese Jackson
Amy Weaver
Michael Fannin
Nathan Weems
Daniel Duda
Shawn Pettit
Theresa Walz
Ava Mccormack
Ben Sutton
Marcel Upshaw
Kimberly Riley
Paula Sponsler
Kayly Winchell
Christopher Tople
Nicholas Rechner
Brittney Guerrero
Wayne Tyler
Lawrence Collins
Linda Bryant
Ness Young
Lindsey Mooney
Clera Graves
Jeremiah Schaeffer
Charles Scoby
Lloyd Burris
Jerry Robinson
Charles Werner
David Underwood
Matthew Hallesy
Arreanna Crawford
Darcy Baker
Kelly Schultz
Victoria Mckay
Anna Pavelko
Anthony Jellison
Karen Epley
Sara Panting
Gary Robinson
Carla Sturdivant
Jennifer Blakley
Clifton Jones
Ricky Kampfl
Brandon Hale
Caleb Blas
Jeff Norris
Anfernee Tiller
Carl Holder
Michelle Watson
Benjamin Hale
Eric Eberding
Steven Termine
David Wesselman
Ziquan Pitts
Christine Dennison
Talena Wilson
Patricia Carpenter
Tony Daniel
Valencia Robinson
Rebecca Moore
Kenyatta Mcallister
Chanta Mickiel
Jasmine Whitt
Brooke Williams
Jaunice Walker
Emma Turley
Michael Solomon
Player Morgan
Ruby Wright
Jennifer Knepler
Brenda Thomas

Shirley Robinson
Timothy Smith
Michael Taylor
Justin Smith
Dewayne Williams
Shelly Kaufman
John Andrew
Carolyn Streeter
Danielle Bogden
Travis Hudspeth
Ronald Singleton
Amy Brust
Robin Stubbs
Amanda Woods
Shawn Brooks
Maria Aguas
Gabrielle Mosley
Lily Corpstein
Charlene Crawford
Cartelz Fowler
Jon Hay
Emmanuel Ward
Morgan Davis
Latoya Wright
Shannon Mckinney
David Robinette
Debra Epright
Tamara White
Christa Rother
Artez Harmon
Anthony Fairlee
Amy Riedell
John Bogden
Mark Harris
Jackie Butler
William Oliver
John Smith
Randall Brown
Larry Nash
Avryl Craig
Garrett Williams
Heather Chockley
Abigail Bender
Amya Middleton
Grant Wilson
Robert Wardell
William Plummer
Martin Porter
Andrew Kirkham
Whitney Haynes
Scott Russell
Aisha Stemmons
Jessica Parnell
Jeffrey Millican
Naomi Miller
Douglas Coffin
Stephan Douglas
Adayshia Avant
Deniese Simmons
Sandra Shomidie
Gerry Pettersen
Jada Ellis
Cory Rawlings
Ruby Goodmanlee
Gary Taylor
Florine Brooks
Gregg Treadwell
Eric Hale
Angela Gerberding
Brittany Rummans
Ahna Gooch
Meganne Kontio
Maurice Thomas
Terrell Roberson

Luke Melton
Morris Williams
Tammi Fitzgerald
Duran Gibbs
Sharon Burtle
Shelley Hay
Andrew Mcallister
James Hofman
Dustin Rogers
Stanley Jenkins
Arlando Crawford
Bradley Motley
Lance Bennett
Ben Sturdivant
Demetrus Jones
Michael Kitchen
Catlin Phoenix
Linda Woollen
Gina Harris
Sharon Williams
Shawn Behl
Rick Gantt
Corrie Hay
Charlyne Shanklin
Jade Chambers-Jones
Michelle Morris
Scott Patton
Jeremy Stubbs
Terrance Herrington
Jessica Johnson
Nadina Walters
Jason Eckhoff
Melissa Gillespie
Clarence Williams
Robert Gristy
Clarence Pye
Stephen Wilson
Tami Rhodes
Donald Jacobs
Corey Entinghe
Aaron Harrell
Isaiah Timms
Danene Cunningham
Keja Jordan
Mark Goeringer
Brandi Spradlin
Heidi Krekel
Skylyn Gullo
Jammie Robinson
Lindsay Campbell
Julia Drake
Demetra King
Michele Romence
Derick Briscoe
James Whitmore
Teresa Mccarthy
Buffy Pennell
Gloria Williams
Corey Drake
Rebecca Cowan
Kristen Kirberg
Sharon Malone
Zachery Williams
Caleb Gant
Qunda Price
John Connor
Kendra Overbey
Samantha Fickas
Amanda Combs
Tina Allen
Regina Davis
Manuel Davis
Thomas Christell
Jaira Easley
Robert Patton

Joshua Taylor
Jennifer Stapleton
Cheron Ward
Jessica Hanson
Brian Tacker
Devin Davis
Justin Flanagan
Cathi Marshall
Ethan Cole
Gregory Roberts
Lori Small
Jaclyn Davis
Julie Leibbrand
Kenneth Higgins
Zachary Becker
Caleb Jones
Blaine Reiss
Marcus Bender
Catherine Cripe
Julie Pitchford
Victoria Johnson
Ronson Bell
Tyler Strode
Randi Woods
Lillian Marinich
Imran Tahir
Clarissa Brown
Carissa Chrysokos
Breanna Bolden
Hope Pitts
Brady Hooper
Lynn Heimberger
Denise Perry
Joshua Hollinshead
Frank Trowbridge
Hannah Knight
Julie Hammers
Alvin Ewing
Rileigh Whittaker

Salary Range: $40,000 - $54,999

Tami Schlueter
Jesse Casson
Rebecca Kidd
Robert Morton
Lamaar Williams
Brian Schultz
Gabrielle Kilby
Shai Miller
Tracy Day
Candice Bacon
Jessica Wilson
Jakaylah Spearman
Caleb Goetz
Rachel Dyas
Jaylie Staple
General Holloman
Americk Capers
Wilanda Wofford
Joanna Thompson
Penelope Grizzle
Montez Collins
Michelle Davis
Jacob Drone
Angel Claycomb
Katherine Hofman
Nicole Iriam
George Robinson
Megan Mcmillan
Shalonda Bias
Susan Dodd
Joshua Thompson
Joseph Fallen
Patrick Mclaughlin

Logan Tacker
Michael Iriam
Kimberly Lowe
Jerome Bogdanic
Bartholomew Griffith
Catherine Garrett
Cleveland Atkins
Tomas Schaver
Kevin Roberts
Latasha Doss
Brendan Linehan
Richard Riech
John Moats
Janetta Townsend
Jaml Schroeder
Evonite Smith
Lester Ward
Scott Underwood
Jessi Trees

Salary Range: $55,000 - $74,999

Timothy Price
Stephen Minich
Anthony Ingoglia
Cheryl Rice
Justin Vanfossan
Robert Craig
Edwin Lind
Jasmin Woolfolk
Angela Burris
Debbie Tuttle
Ursuria Prewell
Maureen Brand
Destiny Jones
Sarah Lockard
Amy Bartolomucci
Patricia Neal
Timothy Allen
Mohammad Tahir
Juanita Jones
Calvin Austin
Lisa Boyd

Salary Range: $75,000 and Over

Craig Sim
Nancy Shellhammer
Darren Planck
Rodney Conaway
Michael Kunn
Chase Horchem
Alysa Tobin
John Patterson
Charles Kinison
Patrick Davis
Dwayne Davis
Aaron Glossop
James Perry
Nicholas Johnson
Thomas Rebbe
Anthony Branham
Kevin Carter
David Mackey
Johnie West
Jarrett Vandorn
Xavier Hall
Justin Cain
Troy Westfall
Matthew Nagel
Seth Ralston
Bryan Keys
Thomas Freer
Carl Wray
William Whitener

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OF $1,000 TO $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

This listing must include expenditures from any revolving fund maintained by the school district.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
HEMINGWAY SR., LARRY	1000
HID GLOBAL CORPORATION	1583
HINCKLEY SPRINGS	1040.49
HOPE KING TEACHING RES	2409
HOWIES ATHLETIC TAPE	1712.9
HY-VEE	1740
I3-MPN LLC	1000
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF	1550.69
INK 186	1337.57
JACKSON, LUECRESHA	1393
JAMELLAH L WOMACK	1405.8
JAMES T SCHEFFERS	1187.53
JASON G WIND	1548.45
JMS SAFETY	1239
JONES SCHOOL SUPPLY CO	1566.68
JOSTENS INC	1461.18
K & R SOLUTIONS GROUP	1194
KATELYNN ELIZABETH ROD	1056.59
KATHERINE M BRYANT	1130.86
KEENAN KITTELL	1493.26
KEVI D JACKSON	1774.48
KINSEL, MISSY	2265
KONA ICE	1484
LADONNA Y LEWIS	1111.1
LAKETOWN SCHOOL	2131.96
LANDMARK FORD TRUCKS I	1173.87
SPRINGMATH ACCELERATE	1700
STACEY BARNES	1272.73
STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER	1099.76
SUE HANDY SCHOLARSHIP	2479
SUPEREVAL	1890
SWEETWATER SOUND, LLC	1663.34
TEACHER SYNERGY LLC	1650
TEACHER'S DISCOVERY	2063.89
TEAM FITZ GRAPHICS, LL	1740
TERRANCE D JORDAN	2175.1
THE AUSSIE POUCH CO IN	1187.39
THE JUICE LLC	1125
THE ORIGINAL SEAT SACK	2073.5
THERESA N WALZ	1013.34
TIMI'S TOURS	1970
TINA JANNAZZO	2182.38
TMI - THERMAL MECHANIC	1140.99
TONI SCHRAGE	1222.26
TRACY L GORDON	1073.31
UNDERWOOD DISTRIBUTING	1837.5
VENTRIS LEARNING	1789.75
VINCENT R TURNER	1060.9
WALSWORTH	1901.51
WDS - WHITE DISTRIBUTI	1846.96
WILLIAM TODD TAYLOR	2302.8
WPS	1850
WROBBEL CONSULTING, LL	1417.5
ZANER-BLOSER EDUCATION	1251.4

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER $2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSRO	4050
8TH STREET GYM	4500
95 PERCENT GROUP INC	143985.8
A & B PRINTING SERVICE	2609
AAA SPRINGFIELD PEST C	50525
ABATECO INC	14600
AC SYSTEMS INC	11598.06
ADDAMS SCHOOL	5143.49
AFFORDABLE SHRED	2975
AFLAC GROUP INSURANCE	16657.72
AFLAC INC	16365.47
ALABAMA CHILD SUPPORT	3677.02
ALISE E ZAFFIRI	2749.58
ALLEN SERVICES CORPORA	92836.46
ALLIANT GROUP, LP	45000
ALPHA BAKING COMPANY I	166692.58
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CH	4100
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CH	26982113.06
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE	381684.17
AMCO FENCE COMPANY INC	9370
AMELIA M ZIBUTIS	3499.99
AMEREN CILCO	250552.37
AMEREN ILLINOIS	92379.21
AMERICAN EXPRESS TRS C	36493.5
AMERICAN FIDELITY ADMI	43710.45
AMERICAN SPEECH LANG.	4320
APPLEWOOD CENTERS, INC	44687.05
APPTEGY	110059
ARBITER SPORTS LLC	3657
ARROW TRAILER & EQUIPM	6752.17
ATOLLETC, LLC	25000
AVID CENTER	166619
B & B ELECTRIC	5150
B & H PHOTO-VIDEO INC	5226.19
BABINGTON, TONY	2915.22
BACON & VAN BUSKIRK GL	4642.87
BANK OF SPRINGFIELD CE	9210.1
BARNES & NOBLE STORE #	54295.01
BATTERY CONTACT INC	5690.5
BEHRMANN COMPANY	3699.48
BELLEFAIRE JEWISH CHIL	232375
BENCHMARK EDUCATION CO	24559
BIO CORPORATION	4839.3
BIOZONE	9088.75
BLACKHAWK SCHOOL	4658.43
BLDD ARCHITECTS INC	696785.07
BLICK ART MATERIALS	41099.6
BLITT AND GAINES PC	22704.02
BLUE CHIP ATHLETIC	3951.27
BLUE SOURCE ONE INC	5800
BODY QUEST STORE	40032
BORMIDA MECHANICAL SER	22105.26
BRADFORD SYSTEMS CORPO	78792.61
BRAIN POP	4779
BRAUER SUPPLY CO	19663.07
BRIGHTSTAR CARE OF SPR	57633
BROWN HAY & STEPHENS L	178763.93
BSN SPORTS LLC	111323.3
BULK BOOK STORE	4828.9
BUSINESSOLVER, INC.	8033.2
BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHO	2516.35
CANTON UNION SCHOOL DI	29121.09
CAPITAL AREA CAREER CE	1443668.56
CAPITAL CITY FIRE EXTI	16936.75
CAPITOL READY-MIX INC	4317
CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS	53550
CAREERSAFE, LLC	2800
CARGILL INC	27484.25
CARITAS HALL ASSOCIATI	18046.84
CARNEGIE LEARNING	307865.55
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SU	6806.56
CARSON-DELLOSA PUBLISH	4857
CATALYST FOR EDUCATION	23503.5
CCMSI	1454074
CDS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIE	63344.15
CDW-G	199335.33
CENGAGE LEARNING	214460.27
CENTAR INDUSTRIES INCO	6480.76
CENTRAL STATE EIGHT CO	4000
CHADDOCK	41165.91
CHEMSEARCH	4314.61
CIGNA IMPRESS FUNDING	2937183.46
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD	15619
CITY WATER LIGHT & POW	138752.41
CITY WATER LIGHT AND P	3838197.9
CLARIS INTERNATIONAL I	18400
CMRS POC #8014001	47088.61
COATED OUTDOOR FURNITU	4746.21
CODEHS INC	5500
COMBS-SKINNER, MARSHA	3343.74
COMCAST CABLE	52761.3
COMCAST CABLE COMMUNIC	2945.22
COMMERCE BANK	111843.59
COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN	103457.2
COMPASS FOR KIDS	114581.73
COMPASSIONATE GROWTH C	2662.5
CONNOR CO	11925.12
CONSOCIATE HEALTH	30491710.38
CONSTELLATION NEW ENER	301230.65
CONSTELLATION TELECOM	107881.76
CRAIG ANTENNA SERVICE	27841.17
CREATION GARDENS INC	492091.95
CRISIS PREVENTION INST	84661.1
CSD ENVIRONMENTAL SERV	3000
CTI (CONFERENCE TECH	3402
D & K BENNETT INC	23680
DAS CONSULTING SERVICE	4010
DEDUCTIBLE RECOVERY GR	18752.5
DELL TECHNOLOGIES	15772
DEMCO INC	11468.67
DESIGNED ROOFING SYSTE	898982
DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	10711.26
DOLLAR DAYS INTERNATIO	5623.89
DPCP CORPORATION	6500
DUBOIS ELEMENTARY SCHO	5657.79
E L PRUITT COMPANY	13600
EAI	21893.25
EDPUZZLE	5368.98
EDUCATION 2000 WIPEBOO	3158.17
EMBRACE EDUCATION	170249.34
ENABLING DEVICES	4031.9
ENOS SCHOOL	5460.79
ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR	8896.61
ERICA R FILIPIAK	3302.73
EVAN-MOOR CORP	4080.74
EVANS CONSTRUCTION CO	435315.87
EVERWAY, LLC	14509.6
F J MURPHY & SON INC	5491.25
FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT	5379.15
FARM AND HOME SUPPLY C	4284.28
FARMS OF ILLINOIS, LLC	9739.8
FARNSWORTH GROUP INC	150560.04
FASTENAL COMPANY	3282.9
FEITSHANS ACTIVITY ACC	5898.79
FIRST EDUCATIONAL RESO	4670
FIRST ELECTRIC MOTOR S	14536.15
FIRST STUDENT INC	20478444.06
FIRST TO THE FINISH	6990.59
FITCLUB	14992.2
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	19818.25
FOCUSED SCHOOLS	22950
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTI	103897.56
FOLLETT SOFTWARE LLC.	57445.04
FOSTER BROS WOOD PRODU	17495.5
FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	4650
GAME ONE	4494.44
GENERAL WASTE SERVICES	21277
GERBER LIFE INSURANCE	39568.4
GLENCOE/MCGRAW HILL PU	26773.3
GOODHEART-WILLCOX PUBL	14899.2
GOPHER SPORTS	98618.99
GRADECAM LLC	3900
GRAHAM & HYDE ARCHITEC	1425104.12
GRAINGER PARTS OPERATI	8994.47
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPA	22462.86
GREAT LAKES ACE HARDWA	6578.77
GREEN ASSOCIATES	60259.5
GREEN TOYOTA INC	20570.7
GUARDIAN	985855.74
HAGGERTY FLEET COMMERC	70000
HAND2MIND INC	75840.22
HANGSAFE HOOKS	2541
HAPPY NUMBERS INC	3478
HAROLD O'SHEA BUILDERS	54607357.57
HARVARD PARK ELEMENTAR	8245.66
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REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING $25,000 AWARDED DURING FY2026

In conformity with sub-section (c) of Section 10-20.44 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.44], the following information is required to be submitted in conjunction with publication of the Annual Statement of Affairs [105 ILCS 5/10-17].

INSTRUCTIONS: Double click attached document "Contracts Exceeding $25,000 Guidance" (pdf) below for additional guidance and definitions.

Contract Guidance

The schedule below (Items 1-4) must be completed for contracts exceeding $25,000.

If school district/joint agreement does not have any contracts exceeding $25,000, please add zeros (0) to cells "D24"-"D29"

ITEM 1. – Count only contracts where the consideration exceeds $25,000 over the life of the contract and that were awarded during FY2026 and record the number below in the space provided. Do not include: (1) multi-year contracts awarded prior to FY2026 ; (2) collective bargaining agreements with district employee groups; and (3) personal services contracts with individual district employees.

ITEM 2. – Aggregate the value of consideration of all contracts included in Item 1 and record the dollar amount below in the space provided.

ITEM 3. – Count only contracts where the consideration exceeds $25,000 over the life of the contract that were awarded during FY2026 to minority, female, disabled or local contractors and record the number below in the space provided. Do not include: (1) multi-year contracts awarded prior to FY2026 ; (2) collective bargaining agreements with district employee groups; and (3) personal services contracts with individual district employees.

ITEM 4. – Aggregate the value of consideration of all contracts included in item 3 and record the dollar amount below in the space provided.

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	26
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	$12,918,684.93
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses: *If there are no contracts of this nature, please enter "0" in box to the right.	0
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by person with disabilities, and locally owned businesses: *If there are no contracts of this nature, please enter "0" in box to the right.	$0.00

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An opportunity to give and receive

After six years, local Toy Swap has expanded to include much more

HOLIDAY | Tamara Browning

Dezirae Bohlen's enthusiasm meets the excitement a little boy exudes while he's shopping one sunny Sunday morning in mid-November at the Toy Swap Bohlen founded six years ago.

The Toy Swap is at North 19th Street and East Ridgely Avenue in Springfield, property owned by Bohlen and her husband, Zach.

The land hosts a giving garden of produce such as tomatoes, corn and zucchini in the summer, but from the first week in November until the first week in December, it's the Toy Swap, where there's nonperishable food, clothing, household items and – toys.

And the little boy couldn't be happier.

"Hi," the little boy yells excitedly at Bohlen.

"Hi … Grab a bag. Grab a bag and grab some toys. See the bags hanging? Grab some toys," Bohlen tells him.

A woman later asks Bohlen if she wants her to bring more bags.

"Yes."

Again, Bohlen's attention turns to the little boy, who's enchanted with a large ring toss game.

"Pick up some toys. You take whatever you want, OK? You take them all," Bohlen says.

People are welcome to take and give at the Toy Swap.

"I just came up with it in bed one night," Bohlen says. "We own this lot, and we have a garden in there. We give away produce, and I'm like, 'Well, what's going on out here (in the front yard)? We can do something out here.'

"I did bring my kids' old toys over, and that's how it started."

Toy Swap is promoted on Facebook. It's gotten bigger every year, Bohlen says.

"My kids go to Fairview (Elementary School) down the street here, and 80% of those kids are low-income," Bohlen says. "This is just a perfect, busy spot here for people to swing by on their way to school, and parents come after they drop their kids off. Well, it's just become a big thing."

Unlike other seasonal assistance programs, which require paperwork such as identification for everyone in the household and proof of income, this operates on the honor system.

Bohlen, who lives two blocks from Toy Swap, has lived on the north end of Springfield her whole life.

"We grew up very poor, too, so I know this helps," Bohlen says.



Dezirae Bohlen, right, has been organizing Toy Swap at the corner of 19th Street and Ridgely Avenue for six years with the help of her friend Nicole Horner, left, and children Oliver, 9, and Addie, 16 (not pictured). PHOTO BY ZACH ADAMS

One Sunday morning in mid-November, people could help themselves to an array of goodies.

Stuffed animals were packed in totes. There were boys, girls, women's and men's clothes; kids' and adults' shoes; books; dolls; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational games and supplies; and a variety of toys.

"We started just with toys, but we've got food and now clothes have become a big thing, too, and winter coats," Bohlen says. "We put out the Dollar Tree elves, too, for 'Elf on a Shelf.' We usually have those hanging. I haven't hung those up yet."

The giant tree and décor at the site aren't to be taken, nor laundry baskets, hangers, bins, fence decorations, tables and totes.

Donations are accepted on-site, and bikes especially are needed. Not allowed at Toy Swap are broken toys, trash, expired car seats and stained items.

Reliable Rolloff Services donates a dumpster.

"I wouldn't do it if I didn't get that dumpster because there's a lot of trash left," Bohlen says.

She hopes to secure support from other businesses as well.

"I would love help from companies. I want to get a toy shed there in the lot, so I can collect toys all year long," Bohlen says. "I want to get ahold of Lowe's, places like that to maybe help me buy one of those. That would be super helpful."

Grocery stores' involvement is welcome, too.

"We make these turkey dinner bags, and it's just enough for two, but it's all nonperishable food, so we make those up at home. We've got a recipe in there," Bohlen says.

Toy Swap is a team effort. Bohlen's husband, Zach, sets up Toy Swap's tables and tents and does handyman duties. Bohlen's friend, Nicole Horner, helps with signage, tents, organization and promotion.

Bohlen's children Addie, 16, and Oliver, 9, also help.

"They bring their toys, and they shop for new toys, too. They can't wait for this time of year. Everybody loves it," Bohlen says.

When Toy Swap is over for the year, Bohlen sets out a sign that says "Free" and "No More Donations."

"I also ask the Lasagna Lady, she does a Christmas Santa thing, too, so I ask her if she wants any of the toys," Bohlen says, referring to Beth Rees, who has become known for providing free lasagnas to individuals and families in need throughout the year.

"I ask her first, and then any of the Beanie Babies, I ask Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery if they want them. They do a holiday store where they sell Christmas stuff and the kids go and they shop, so that raises money for them," she says. Bohlen takes anything else to Salvation Army or Goodwill.

"There's usually not much left over at the end." □

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Holiday happenings

HOLIDAY | Stacie Lewis

The city sidewalks are dressed in holiday style, and all around town everyone is joining in the hustle, bustle and excitement of festivities, shopping and reliving warm traditions. Here are a few upcoming activities to get you in the holiday spirit.

White Oaks Mall Wintree Wonderland
Explore the festive forest of trees and window murals at White Oaks Mall. Make a craft at Santa's workshop and decorate a Christmas cookie, both of which are fundraising opportunities for local charities. Be sure to check out all the special holiday events in the mall, ride the A.L. Express Train and shop at Mini O'Bierne Crisis Nursery's Holiday Store for children. Open through Christmas Eve.

Village of Jerome Festival of Trees
Jerome is hosting its second annual Festival of Trees on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29. The Jerome Civic Center at 2901 Leonard St. will transform into a Christmas wonderland filled with beautifully decorated trees, festive fun, holiday treasures and memories waiting to be made. Visit with Santa and take a selfie with him, enjoy the hot cocoa station, holiday cookie decorating and kid's crafts, and place your bids in a silent auction of custom-decorated trees.

Holiday Zoo Lights
Every Friday through Sunday, Nov. 27 through Dec. 20, and on Monday, Dec. 21, and Tuesday, Dec. 22, take a stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and themed lighted displays. Sip hot chocolate or roast a marshmallow over the fire pit and enjoy a s'more. The hours are 5-9 p.m. each night. Admission is $5.50 for ages 3-12 and ages 62 and older. Children ages 2 and under are free and all others are $7.50.

Santa House at the Springfield Park District
The holiday season is Santa's big scene, and he is going to be one busy guy over the next few weeks.

Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Nov. 29, 12-3 p.m., Nelson Center at Lincoln Park

Dec. 5 and 6, 5-8 p.m., Henson Robinson Zoo

Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Dec. 13, 12-3 p.m., Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon in Washington Park

Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Dec. 20, 12-3 p.m., Kiwanis Park

Admission to see him will be free and, if you bring your own camera or phone, you will have a chance to get a selfie with him.

You can also join Santa and his elves at the **Holiday Ice Jamz** at the Nelson Center from 6-8 p.m. on Dec. 19. Enjoy festive fun on the ice, win prizes during the Ugly Sweater Contest, get creative at a craft table and enjoy a free hot chocolate bar. The cost is $9 per person, $11 with skate rental or $6 with a nonperishable food donation.



White Oaks Mall Wintree Wonderland PHOTO BY ANN SILTMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Old Capitol Holiday Walks and Tree Lighting
The season kicks off Nov. 28 with the official lighting of the downtown holiday tree at 4:30 p.m. There you will find hot cocoa and gingerbread cookies from Whimsy Tea Company, performances by the Springfield Choral Society and Springfield Dance, plus lights and music from SMTD's Holly the Holiday Bus. Then the Holiday Walks continue every Wednesday and Saturday through Dec. 19.

ALPLM activities
From free skating and festive performances to holiday shopping, dazzling lights and family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Union Square Park will shine brighter than ever with expanded holiday light displays and festive decorations. While you're there, snap a photo with a friendly snowman, and be sure to visit the Gold Star Family Christmas Tree inside the museum, honoring Illinois military heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Lace up your skates and glide into the holiday season at Union Square Park, where skating and skate rentals are free. The rink features synthetic ice, which is a great option for beginners and anyone still finding their skating legs. Skating will be offered from 1-4 p.m. on most Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 14, plus special skating hours Dec. 4-6, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 and Dec. 31.

Experience the magic of the holidays as Copper Coin Ballet presents highlights from *The Nutcracker* in the ALPLM's Union Theater. Shows will be held at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 19. In addition, museum admission will be free from 4-7 p.m. those days.

Illinois Product Holiday Market
Enjoy three festive days of shopping, family fun and holiday cheer at Union Station, Dec. 4-6. Market hours are 4-9 p.m. Friday, 9 am.-9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Showcasing Illinois-made and Illinois-grown products, including regional award-winning wines, you will find thoughtful gifts, stocking stuffers and must-haves for holiday entertaining. Be sure to bring the whole family for kid-friendly activities, free ice skating, festive crafts and a chance to visit Santa.

Holiday Historic Home Tours
Soak up the historic holiday atmosphere in four of Springfield's landmark homes, each bedecked in their Christmas finery and offering glimpses of stunning architecture and hints of stories from the past:

• **Edwards Place Holiday Open House** - On Dec. 5, see Edwards Place dressed for the holidays while listening to carols around a piano once heard by Abraham Lincoln and meeting a Civil War-era Santa Claus. Gingerbread and cider will be offered.

• **Elijah Iles House Christmas Candlelight Tour** - The trees have been trimmed, the stockings have been hung by the chimney and the doors open at 5 p.m. on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 to welcome visitors to see how Christmas was observed in 19th through early 20th century.

• **Festive Fridays at Dana-Thomas House** - Through Jan. 15, enjoy the ambiance of the holiday decorations on this special evening guided tour, then join others in the courtyard for cocoa and s'mores. Reservations are suggested for this popular event.

• **Governor's Mansion Holiday Tours** - These 30-minute guided holiday tours, held every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 20, feature stunning decorations throughout the first two levels of the mansion. Make reservations at governorssmansion.illinois.gov.

Springfield Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade
The Holiday Lights Parade will be back in downtown Springfield on Saturday, Dec. 5. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. at Seventh and Jefferson streets and heads west, then turns south on Fifth Street, east on Monroe Street, north on Sixth Street and ends at Sixth and Washington streets.

Breakfast with Santa at Kidzeum
On Dec. 12, gather around festive tables for a morning filled with delicious food, holiday crafts and a little Christmas magic. Enjoy the build-your-own-pancake bar, hot chocolate and coffee to keep everyone warm and cozy, festive crafts and time to explore the museum. Tickets are on sale for seatings at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., so reserve yours at kidzeum.org/breakfastwithsanta.

Caroling at the Carillon
Everyone of all ages is invited to gather around a roaring bonfire and sing holiday carols accompanied by the bells of the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon in Washington Park from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. Enjoy complimentary cookies and hot cocoa, and Santa might make a surprise visit. This is an outdoor event, so dress accordingly.

Stacie Lewis is the former calendar editor for Illinois Times *and still tries to keep up with what's going on around town.*

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On stage this winter

HOLIDAY | Mary Young

Winter's cold, dark days may be fast-approaching but area stages are planning to keep things merry and bright with a packed lineup of music, dance and theater. Here's what's on tap for performances lighting up the area over the next few months.

***Annie,* Nov. 20-Jan. 9**
Annie is 50 and you have 18 chances to catch this celebrated musical at the Legacy Theatre. Bright lights, big hearts and boundless optimism burst from the stage in this beloved Broadway musical. Set in 1930s New York, *Annie* follows a fearless orphan whose outlook transforms everyone she meets, from scrappy kids to the president of the United States. Sparkling with unforgettable songs, energetic dances and boundless silliness, *Annie* proves that hope never goes out of style.

***White Christmas*, Dec. 4-13**
Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation presented by Springfield Theatre Centre tells the story of World War II veterans and song-and-dance partners Bob Wallace and Phil Davis. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "Sisters" and "Snow," along with the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

***It's the Most Wonderful Time*, Dec. 4-6**
The Land of Lincoln Chorus presents its annual Christmas show featuring a mix of sacred and secular seasonal favorites and local barbershop quartets. Catch it at the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

***The Nutcracker*, Dec. 5-6**
Copper Coin Ballet Company brings the timeless magic of *The Nutcracker* to the UIS Performing Arts Center. Set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, this full-length production features beautiful classical choreography, imaginative storytelling and dancers from throughout our community.

Holiday at the Movies, Dec. 11
Capital City Improv is bringing the laughs, the holiday chaos and a little cinematic nonsense. Expect holiday movie magic with an improv twist, hilarious scenes, unexpected plotlines and absolutely no guarantee that your favorite Christmas movie will survive the night unscathed. *This show may contain mature content.*

Hoogland Education presents *FLAKES!,* Dec. 12-13
A big blizzard is brewing, and a group of jazzy, finger-snapping snowflakes is ready to take center stage. When a snowplow mixes snow with dirt to create slushy "Snirts," the Snirts join forces with the Flakes to help the Littlest Snowflake discover an important lesson: no two snowflakes are alike, and everyone is special in their own way. Presented by Hoogland Education.



***The Nutcracker* Dec. 5-6, UIS Performing Arts Center** PHOTO BY PATRICK RUSSELL

Christmas with the Alley Cats, Dec. 14
This show at the Hoogland Center for the Arts will blend holiday music, vocal harmonies and comedy. The Alley Cats began at Fullerton College in California and landed their first professional gig at Disneyland's "Blast to the Past." They have appeared with Jay Leno and been favorites at the Illinois State Fair for years.

Dual Piano Christmas, Dec.18-20
Always a holiday favorite, this show at the Hoogland Center for the Arts will present some of your holiday favorites coming from two Steinway Grand Pianos, four hands and two talented, creative brains letting loose for an evening of fun.

First Night Springfield, Dec. 31
Downtown will be filled with dazzling fireworks, captivating performances and nonstop fun for all ages from 12-8 p.m. on New Year's Eve. This is the 40th anniversary for this annual celebration of the arts.

Mystery Movie Monday
On the first Monday of the month from January through May, viewers won't know the title of the film until the red velvet curtain opens on The Legacy Theatre's grand screen. The series showcases movies from across the spectrum of genres: comedy, drama, suspense, musical, romance, westerns – everything but horror. Films may span from the early days of the 20th century to contemporary titles. Tickets include free popcorn and a post-film discussion.

***Frost/Nixon*, Jan. 15-24**
British talk-show host David Frost was a lowbrow laughing stock and Richard M. Nixon has just resigned the presidency in total disgrace over Vietnam and the Watergate scandal. Determined to resurrect his career, Frost risks everything on a series of in-depth interviews in order to extract an apology from Nixon. Nixon is equally bent on redeeming himself in his nation's eyes. Springfield Theatre Centre presents this intriguing drama based on true events.

Hoogland Education presents *Cats*, Jan. 22-24
On one special night each year, the Jellicle Cats gather for the Jellicle Ball, where they share their unique stories for their wise leader, Old Deuteronomy. One cat will be chosen to ascend to the Heaviside Layer and begin a whole new Jellicle life. *Cats* celebrates individuality, community and the power of second chances.

***I Never Saw Another Butterfly,* Jan. 28, 30, 31**
Ground Floor Productions at University of Illinois Springfield presents a play based on the poetry, drawings and experiences of children imprisoned in the Terezín concentration camp during World War II. It follows their experiences through a story centered on hope and courage amid the conditions of the concentration camp. The production will also feature live music performed by UIS music faculty and is intended for audiences of all ages.

The Good News Experience, Jan. 30
This concert welcoming back the Napier family and friends will feature local talents highlighting the progression of Gospel music in the African American community and cultivate an interactive environment for all.

Hoogland Education presents *Legally Blonde Jr. - The Musical*, Feb. 5-14
Follow the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. As Elle begins outsmarting her peers, she realizes that law may be her natural calling after all.

Hoogland Performing Arts Education Creators presents *The Little Mermaid,* Feb 19-21
Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated Disney film, *The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages.

***Dear Evan Hansen*, Feb. 19-21 and 24-28, March 3-7**
Presented by The Legacy Theatre, *Dear Evan Hansen* is the Tony-winning musical about connection, belonging and the messy truth of growing up. With a soaring, unforgettable score, it's a deeply moving story that will stay with you long after the curtain falls.

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Find Santa Claus in Indiana

Small town celebrates Christmas year-round

HOLIDAY | Mary Bohlen

Children in a small southern Indiana town don't have to wait all year for Santa Claus to come to town. They also better not pout or cry in the place named for that jolly man.

You shouldn't either, if you visit Santa Claus, Indiana, 263 miles southeast of Springfield. While many families head there in the summer for the massive Holiday World theme park, Splashin' Safari water park and campground, visitors also will find plenty to see and do in the Christmas season.

After all, any place named for Santa Claus is bound to do the holidays in a big way, from special December weekends, a light show and a parade to a huge Christmas store, an arts and crafts show and plenty of prime photo spots. If you are a little Grinchy and get your fill of Christmas quickly, you can take in an abbey/monastery and even an Abraham Lincoln site nearby.

Most winter visitors, however, focus on Santa Claus, says Melissa Arnold, executive director of the visitors' bureau. "Santa Claus, Indiana, provides a classic Christmas, a more quaint version without all the glitz and glamor. It is a neat way to break away from the craziness of everyday life."

Arnold points to the opportunity for photos with Santa and the chance to write and mail a letter to him as popular activities. Dozens of volunteer "elves" respond to 20,000-30,000 letters a year with the special Santa Claus postmark.

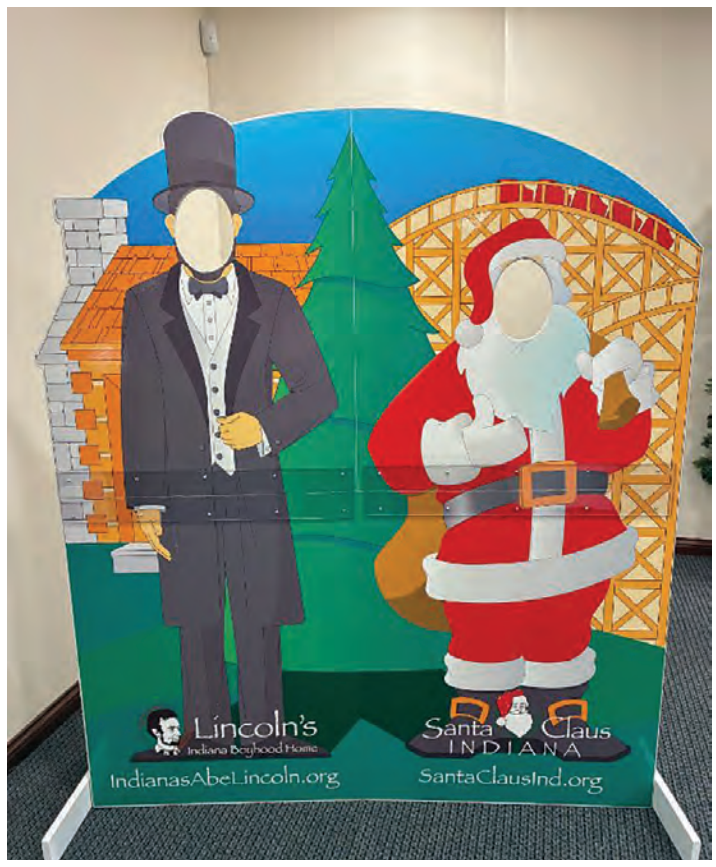
That postmark originated in 1856, when the U.S. Postal Service accepted the village's official name. After first naming their spot Santa Fe, villagers realized another Indiana had a similar name so they had to think of a new one.

According to a local legend, villagers gathered in a small church on a cold night in December to pick a new name. When a wind gust blew open the doors and sleigh bells rang out, a child said it must be Santa Claus. Those attending decided to make him their town's namesake.

You can capture the Christmas spirit with a first stop at the Spencer County Visitors' Center. The smell of evergreens, twinkling lights on multiple decorated trees, Christmas music and baskets full of candy canes will greet you. Pick up a village map and event schedule if you haven't already downloaded them.

Head to the Santa Claus Museum and Village to learn the town's story, see the original 1856 post office and pose in front of a 22-foot concrete Santa. The 40-ton statue dates to 1935 and is recognized as the oldest large-scale Santa statue in the U.S.





The original 1856 post office in Santa Claus, Indiana, helped put the small southern Indiana town on the map. Right, The Spencer County Visitors' Bureau in Santa Claus, Indiana, offers visitors a chance to pose as the area's two top draws: Abraham Lincoln, who spent part of his childhood in the area, and Santa Claus, for whom the small town was named in the 1850s. PHOTOS BY MARY BOHLEN

Another must-stop is the giant Santa Claus Christmas Store, where you can become fully immersed in all things Christmas. Those include thousands of collectibles, lights, decorations, wreaths, nativities, angels and ornaments. You can pick up some fudge there or get your sweet treats at Santa's Candy Castle. Another shop specializes in toys.

A large campground resort at Lake Rudolph turns its grounds into a 1.2-mile drive-thru Land of Lights show telling the story of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Another evening experience is tasting freshly roasted chestnuts on Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at Santa's Candy Castle.

Dec. 12 brings the Santa Claus Christmas parade through the town, breakfast with Santa and the annual arts and crafts show at the nearby Heritage Hills Middle School. Storytelling events, food trucks, musical entertainment and children's activities throughout the area add to the holiday spirit.

For a peaceful break from all that Christmas bustle, you can stop at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey a few miles away. Take a walking tour of the grounds, see the church and its shrines and visit the gift shop for inspirational books, music and gifts. If you call ahead, you can attend Mass with the Benedictine monks who have called Saint Meinrad home since the mid-1850s.

Springfield-area folks also should make a pilgrimage to the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, the Lincoln State Park and the Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum, all within a few miles of Santa Claus. Together they tell the story of Lincoln's time in Indiana after his family left his birthplace in Kentucky and before the move to Illinois.

The national site re-creates a 1820s homestead on land owned by Abraham's father, Thomas. The visitors' center includes exhibits, a film, bookstore and Lincoln quotations carved in limestone. Trails take you such spots as the pioneer cemetery, a cabin site memorial and a spring that may have led Thomas to settle there.

Abraham's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, was buried there after dying of milk sickness in 1818, when he was 9. His father then married Sarah Bush Johnston, and Abraham came to thrive under her care.

Lincoln State Park offers a nature center, trails and other outdoor activities, including a musical drama in the summer. While it is open in the winter, the park may be more enjoyable during warmer times of the year.

South of Santa Claus in Rockport, the Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum gets dressed up for the holidays with cabins decorated in pioneer themes. Artifacts from Lincoln's time in Indiana, the Civil War and World War II fill the museum.

For more information about Santa Claus, Indiana, and surrounding areas, contact the Spencer County Visitors Bureau at SantaClausInd.org. □

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This is a follow up to my mother's obituary as it told a limited part of her life. I was 37 and she was 78 the day she developed a lung infection and spent weeks being heavily sedated in St. Francis ER in Peoria where I had been sleeping in the visitor's lounge at night. One day she got a 'get well card' from a friend and as I was reading it, although sedated she sat up in bed, looked at me and made the praying sign with her hands. At that point I knew she was done so I told the doctors to keep her comfortable and she died that evening. One thing she had taught me was that we go to a better place and I know she is there now.

When I was born in 1953 mom was 41 and she named me Jerald, with a J. In 1929 she had Juanita and in 1934 she had Janet, all J names. Janet was born with a cleft pallet and likely heart defects because she only lived for a year. I cannot imagine what that must have been like to have Janet for a year then 18 years later find out you were again pregnant. Long story short, I am 73 and she showed me how to live life and accept what life gives you.

My Mom's mother, was deaf mute so Mom learned sign language as a young child. Her life was dedicated to helping the deaf to speak and be heard. At an early age she signed at their weddings, funerals, and any time they had to go to court. She did it all for free because it was her calling and in 1933 her father was helping his brother farm near Rochelle, Illinois when he fell under a disc being pulled by his brother and died in 1933 at 58. I cannot say for sure but it is likely that mom signed for his funeral, she would have been 21. My Mom likely moved in with her mom so Gram could take care of my sister Juanita who was only 4, Janet would be born the next year. My mother's life would demonstrate that you are not given more than you can handle.

The rest of Mom's story includes that she was married twice, her first husband was Emit Bill who was the father of Juanita and Janet and died in 1943 at 36. She went to work at Hiram Walkers in Peoria and told me she had spent time at the TB Sanitarium near Iowa City. She married my father, Kennth Jacobs, on October 9, 1948 and I was born in 1953. Dad died July 11, 1981.

I told Mom I would have her story printed, I hope you are happy Mom. Thank you for showing me how to make lemonade.

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Lower the bar this holiday season

How to focus on what really matters for your family

HOLIDAY | Pamela Savage

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's also the most "everyone–everywhere-all-the-things" time of the year. Though they are charming and fun, the holidays can stir up a lot of feelings while also requiring a lot of work – especially for the "magic-makers" among us. But rather than succumbing to a Scrooge-ish demeanor, I propose that we try to approach this holiday season with as much cheer as we can scrounge up and accept the season for what it is. Rather than expecting perfection, we can choose to concentrate on what actually counts: spending time with our favorite people, savoring small joys and giving generously to others.

To start the holiday season with the best intentions, it's first necessary to decide what those intentions are. What are the feelings you are hoping to have this season, and how do you plan to go about accessing them? Rather than spreading yourself thin over 12 to 20 days, pick a handful of nonnegotiable holiday events or outings that are most important to you and put those on the calendar before the season sweeps you away. This way you are focused on the things that matter most, instead of bouncing between less-important obligations.

Once you've scheduled your nonnegotiable holiday traditions, go ahead and put down your phone. As tempting as it is to hop on social media or Pinterest and find one more fun cookie recipe or craft project, you are probably already doing enough. We are all aware that comparing ourselves against a perfectly curated reel isn't great for our self-esteem, so while we are already working hard, let's not deplete our own energy.

At this time of year, it's all too easy to try to do everything on our own, but that makes it even more important that holiday magic-makers outsource some of the labor whenever possible. If you are hosting, don't do everything. Assign your invitees a task, whether it's something simple such as bringing the paper plates, or bigger, like preparing a showcase side for the meal.

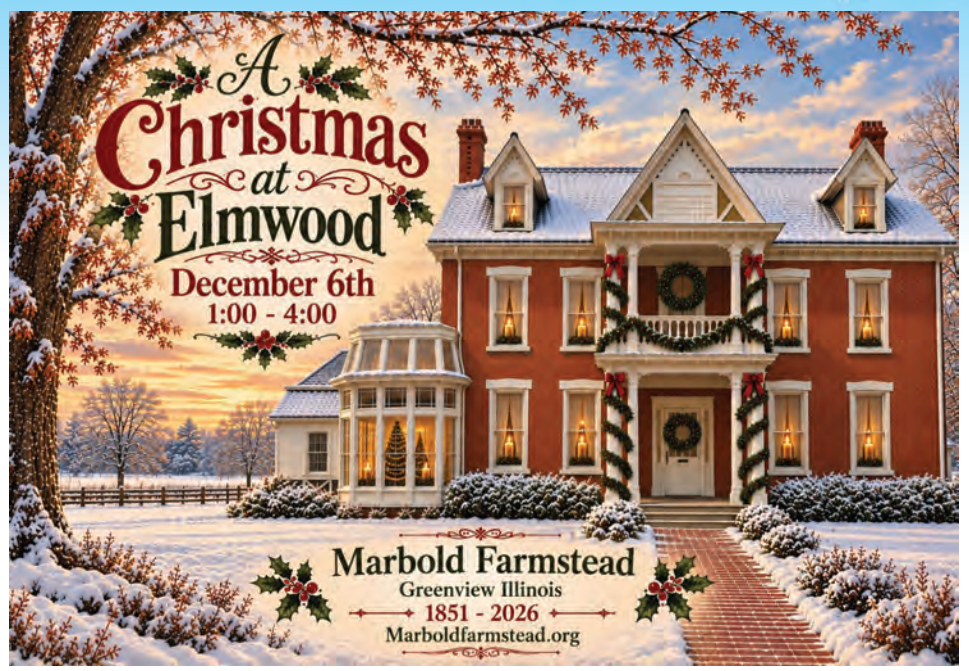
Next, if your kids are old enough, have them manage their own holiday wish lists. Rather than continuing to be the main information hub that texts links, sizes and favorite colors to well-meaning relatives, allow your tech-saavy kids a couple of extra minutes on your phone to make their wishes (and appreciation) known.

One more way to outsource some of your work is to keep an eye open for opportunities to have your gifts wrapped by either a vendor or by local group in exchange for a small donation (A tip for local shoppers – Little Lincoln's Toy Shop will wrap all of your Little Lincoln purchases for free). And if you take the kids to the Mini O'Beirne Holiday Store – located on the lower level of White Oaks Mall this year as part of the Wintree Wonderland festivities – the elves will help your kids shop for gifts for siblings and other relatives, plus wrap them.

Remind yourself that holiday work is actually work, and that it is worthy of blocking out your time rather than trying to shove a ton of tasks into the margins of your already-busy life, Plan an "Elf Day" for the Chief Magic-Maker in your home. Put this day (or half day) on the calendar, assign it no other tasks and commit only to doing those things that you want to do for your family's holiday. Whether it is decorating your home, baking things ahead to freeze, running errands or wrapping gifts, make yourself a coffee or a cocoa, put on a cozy movie or playlist in the background and enjoy uninterrupted time to focus on your elf chores.

Lastly, it's just the holidays. We all have a family memory or two of holidays gone awry or astray. Often these stories are the ones retold with humor around the table for years to come, so don't worry too much about the pie looking "rustic" (ahem, burnt) or the dog stepping in the cake. Embrace good enough, because whatever you do with good intentions *is* good enough. Allow your inner voice to be as kind to yourself as you would be to a good friend. Enjoy these sweet days with your people and put your feet up beside the fire knowing that whatever you have or have not finished, you have created actual magic for your families, which is no small task. □

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer living in Springfield. She is looking forward to a whirlwind but wonderful holiday season. She wishes you and your family peace and comfort this holiday season.



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Wintree Wonderland
Nov. 14-Dec. 24. Wintree Wonderland, a holiday tradition, is returning to White Oaks Mall. Explore the festive forest of decorated trees and creative window murals and vote for a favorite. Includes Santa's Workshop and Cookies and Cocoa each weekend. Free admission. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-871-7112.

Santa at White Oaks Mall
Nov. 14-Dec. 24. Make magical memories with Santa Claus. Santa will be in Center Court under the giant Christmas tree. Walk-ins and visitors welcome. Photo packages available. Reservations available at WhereIsSanta.com. Visits are free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

Festival of Wreaths
Nov. 23-Dec. 12. This inaugural holiday event features wreaths created by student art organizations and classrooms. The collection will be viewable during the Old State Capitol's normal hours. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

WonderClubs
Thursdays, 4-5pm., through Dec. 17. WonderClubs are a series of free and fun STEAM programs for children ages 3-11. Participants will experience hands-on challenges and fun crafts all while learning and wondering at our world. Registration recommended. wonderclubsOSC.eventbrite.com. Free. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

Light Up The Park
Thursdays-Sundays, 6-9pm, through Dec. 27. A local holiday tradition. Get ready to be wowed by the nearly one-mile drive through hundreds of thousands of lights and beautiful displays. $5 per vehicle donation requested. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-415-8513.

Jacksonville Festival of Lights
Through Dec. 31, 5-9pm. The Festival of Lights has moved to downtown Jacksonville. The lights will be turned on from dusk until 9pm daily. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Edwards Place Historic Home Guided Tours
Tuesdays-Saturdays, 1-2, 2-3pm. Take this guided tour of the first and second floors. The home, interpreted to 1857, is furnished with examples of Victorian furniture including many pieces that belonged to the Edwards family. edwardsplace.org. $12 adults/$10 SAA members, military and seniors; children younger than 10 free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Festive Fridays
Fridays, 4-7pm. Through Dec. 18. Enjoy the ambiance of the Dana-Thomas House holiday decorations on this special evening tour and more festive fun in the courtyard. On "Festive Friday" evenings, participants can take a 20-30 minute guided experience and enjoy the music of either Ben Bedford or Tom Irwin and Amy Battles during the tour. Reservations recommended. bit.ly/48scVUh. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Holiday Zoo Lights
Fridays-Sundays, Dec. 4-Dec. 20, 4-9pm, and Dec. 21-22, 5-9pm. Take a stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and themed, lighted displays. Last admission is at 8pm. springfieldparks.org. Adults $7.50, children 3-13 $5.50. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

Old Capitol Holiday Walks
Sat., Dec. 5, Wed., Dec. 9, Sat., Dec. 12, Wed., Dec. 16 and Sat., Dec. 19. Explore downtown and look for special dishes, promos and events throughout the holiday season. Check with individual businesses for hours and details. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-544-1723.

Holiday Walk stop at Lincoln-Herndon Law Office
Saturdays, 12-3pm. Through Dec. 19. Enjoy a hot cocoa bar, a Simply Creative ornament workshop and holiday movies. No reservations needed. Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, 112 N. Sixth St., 217 785 9363.

Yule Be Laughing Comedy Hour
Sat., Dec. 5, 6:30pm, Sat., Dec. 12, 6:30pm and Sat., Dec. 19, 6:30pm. Presented by Rolling Laughs and Downtown Springfield, Inc., this show will feature local and national touring comedians. Part of the Old Capitol Holiday Walks. Free. Floyd's Thirst Parlor, 210 S. Fifth St., 217-717-5654.

Building With Brick: The Art of Lego Exhibit
Dec. 2-Feb. 28. This fifth annual exhibit will feature original and LEGO kit creations from all ages. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St., 217-408-1197.

250 Years of American Stories
Through Jan. 31. In recognition of America's 250th anniversary, this exhibit brings together a selection of objects from that reflect the many ways individuals and communities have shaped the nation. Presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free with admission. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Miles of Memories: Stories of Route 66
Through April 4. This exhibit brings to life the experience of living, working and traveling along Route 66 in celebration of the highway's centennial anniversary. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-5955.

Capitol Creations
Saturdays, 10am-12pm. Through Dec. 19. Join All Paint + Studio on 6th inside for guided painting projects suitable for all ages. Bring a snack and non-alcoholic drink to enjoy while the paint dries. Advance registration required. Supplies and instruction included. allpaintshop.com. $5-$120. Old State Capitol State Historic Site, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-9363.

Winter Holiday Floral Show
Saturdays, Sundays, 12-5pm and Mondays-Fridays, 12-4pm. Through Dec. 19. View the poinsettia collection nestled in among the decorated fresh evergreens and lush tropical foliage. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Holiday Tours
Saturdays, Sundays, 1-4pm and Wednesdays, 4-7pm. Through Dec. 23. Register to visit the Governor's Mansion to see the holiday decorations on a 30-minute guided tour. Tours will run on Saturday and Sunday afternoons starting Nov. 28 and three Wednesday evenings in December. Identification required for adults. Free. Illinois Governor's Mansion, 410 E. Jackson St., 217-782-6450.

Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market
Sat., Dec. 19, 8am-12pm, Sat., Jan. 2, 8am-12pm, Sat., Jan. 16, 8am-12pm, Sat., Feb. 6, 8am-12pm and Sat., Feb. 20, 8am-12pm. The market supports small farms and local growers by providing an open-air venue to sell their goods in the heart of downtown. Free admission. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-544-1723.

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Holidays with the Edwards Family
Thu., Dec. 3, 6pm. This lecture focuses on how the Edwards family and others like them would celebrate holidays in the U.S. in the 19th century. Sarah Adams will discuss letters and items left behind by the family. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

The Second American Revolution: An Evening with the Curator
Thu., Dec. 3, 6:30-7:30pm. Historian Manisha Sinha will talk about how emancipation during the Civil War constituted a second American revolution and how Abraham Lincoln became the first American president to publicly endorse black citizenship, the cornerstone of Reconstruction after the war, before his death. Her book, *The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic: Reconstruction, 1860-1920*, will be available for purchase. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

"Christmas through the Decades"
Fri., Dec. 4, 5-8pm, Fri., Dec. 11, 5-8pm and Fri., Dec. 18, 5-8pm. Candlelight tours are self-guided so visitors can arrive anytime between 5 and 7:30pm. Doors close at 7:30pm. The Museum Gift Shop will be open. Enter house through front door. $10 for adults, ages 6-18 $5, age 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

LLCC Choir Concert "Americana"
Fri., Dec. 4, 1-2pm. The LLCC Choir, directed by Dr. See Tsai Chan, will perform pieces from jazz, musicals, folk, traditional hymns, gospel and works by American composers to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the nation. In A. Lincoln Commons. llcc.edu. Free. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Book signing
Fri., Dec. 4, 1:30-3pm. Mark DePue will sign copies of his new book, *Elusive Victory: The Equal Rights Amendment Fight in Illinois*. Books on the Square, 427 Washington St., 217-965-5443.

Illinois Product Holiday Market
Fri., Dec. 4, 4-9pm, Sat., Dec. 5, 10:30am-9pm and Sun., Dec. 6, 10:30am-5pm. Stock up for the holidays at this market and kick off the season celebration. Sample regional award-winning wines, pick up local artisan food and gifts and stock up on wine directly from Illinois wineries. Union Station, 500 E. Madison, 217-557-4588.

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Fri., Dec. 4, 6-8pm and Sat., Dec. 5, 6-8pm. This is a drive-through Nativity in the church's parking lot. Includes a narration of Jesus's birth story that participants can listen to as they drive through looking at the scenes. Event includes live animals. parkwaychristian.church. Free. Parkway Christian Church, 2700 Lindbergh Blvd., 217-787-3445.

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"
Fri., Dec. 4, 7pm and Sun., Dec. 6, 2pm. This concert by the Land of Lincoln Chorus will feature a mix of sacred and secular seasonal favorites and local barbershop quartets. $10-$18. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

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If you live in Sangamon, Christian, Logan, Menard, or Montgomery Counties, call the Springfield Center for Independent Living (SCIL) at 217-523-2587, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment. PLEASE, NO WALK-INS.

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Be sure to bring your Medicare (red, white, and blue) card and, if you have one, your current Part D or Medicare Advantage plan ID card.

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Fri., Dec. 4, 7:30pm, Sat., Dec. 5, 7:30pm, Sun., Dec. 6, 2pm, Fri., Dec. 11, 7:30pm, Sat., Dec. 12, 7:30pm and Sun., Dec. 13, 2pm. Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 Irving Berlin songs. springfieldtheatrecentre.com. $23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Skating in Union Square Park
Most Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4pm through Feb. 14. Special times follow: Dec. 4, 4-9pm; Dec. 5, 10am-9pm; Dec. 6, 10am-5pm; Dec. 12, 4-8pm; Dec. 19, 4-8pm; Dec. 31, 1-8pm; Jan. 18, 1-4pm; and Feb. 15, 1-4pm. Skating is back on a special artificial surface in Union Square Park this winter. Skates available. Free, donations accepted. Union Park, Auburn, 115 E. Madison, 217-558-8844.

Christmas Market
Sat., Dec. 5, 9am-3pm. Shop more than 50 local vendors while enjoying live music and food from cottage bakers. Santa Claus will make a visit. $3 each or $5 for a family, children younger than 12 free. The Brinkerhoff Mansion, 1500 N. 5th St., 217-361-5555.

"Messiah"
Sat., Dec. 5, 7:30-9:30pm. Hear the Springfield Choral Society and Illinois Symphony Orchestra perform music from Handel's "Messiah" to the "Te Deum" settings of Haydn and the gentle warmth of John Rutter's "Nativity Carol" and "Myn Lyking." Purchase tickets at www.springfieldchoralsociety.org. Door sales limited. $25. Blessed Sacrament Church, 1725 S. Walnut St., 330-472-3671.

Capital City Showcase
Sat., Dec. 5, 9am. See eight high school basketball games in this annual event. Ticket office opens at 8am. See schedule at BOS center website. $10, children 5 and younger free. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Seventh and Adams streets, 217-788-8800.

VFW Auxiliary Vendor & Craft Fair
Sat., Dec. 5, 9am-3pm. See Santa and Mrs. Claus while finding your holiday treasures. Free. American Legion Post 279, Jacksonville, 903 W. Superior Ave., 217-243-5678.

Dinosaur Adventure
Sat., Dec. 5, 9am-8pm and Sun., Dec. 6, 9am-7pm. This immersive dinosaur exhibit features life-sized animatronic dinosaurs, fossil digs, raptor training sessions, baby dinosaur meet and greets, bounce houses and more. $33.08. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 651-504-2000.

Attention to Detail
Sat., Dec. 5, 10am-12pm. An extended-length specialty tour. Join an experienced volunteer guide for an in-depth look at the Dana-Thomas House and discussion about Frank Lloyd Wright's career. Reservations required. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Christmas with Santa
Sat., Dec. 5, 10am-3pm. See Santa in the barn and enjoy live music, coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and children's activities. Free, donations accepted. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Route 125, 217-481-4430.

Mission Day
Sat., Dec. 5, 11am-2:30pm. Board games for kids ages 4-16. All kids receive a gift. Winners of game tournaments receive a special prize. Adult volunteers to supervise games are welcome. Parents are asked to donate only store-bought cookies. Sponsored by Freedom in Holiness Mission. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Springfield Watch & Clock Show & Swap Meet
Sat., Dec. 5, 11am-2pm. This show and sale provides a great opportunity to buy, sell or simply look and learn about mechanical clocks and watches. Free. Casey's Pub, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-241-7101.

Christmas Remembrance Ceremony
Sat., Dec. 5, 1-3pm. Remember the Illinoisans still listed as POW/MIA from the Vietnam War. Program will include remarks, a reading of the names of those listed as POW/MIA, musical presentations and placement of ornaments on a nearby tree. Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Oak Ridge Cemetery, 217-782-2717.

Holiday Open House
Sat., Dec. 5, 1-4pm. See Edwards Place in holiday finery while listening (and singing!) carols around a piano once heard by Abraham Lincoln and meeting a Civil War-era Santa Claus. edwardsplace.org. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Of Glass and Wood
Sat., Dec. 5, 1-3pm. An extended-length specialty tour. Join an experienced volunteer guide for an in-depth look at the Dana-Thomas House and discussion about Frank Lloyd Wright's career. Reservations required. eventbrite.com. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

The Nutcracker
Sat., Dec. 5, 2-4pm and Sun., Dec. 6, 2-4pm. Celebrate the magic of the season with Copper Coin Ballet Company's beloved production of *The Nutcracker*. $10-$70. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

The Nutcracker Ballet
Sat., Dec. 5, 2, 6pm and Sun., Dec. 6, 6pm. Begin the 2026 holiday season at SHG Auditorium for the Springfield Youth Performance Group's production of *The Nutcracker Ballet*. Arrive 30 minutes before the show for activities inside lobby. $15-$25. Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, 1200 W. Washington, 217-787-9732.

Holiday Lights Parade
Sat., Dec. 5, 5:30-6:30pm. Kick off the 2026 holiday season in style with Springfield Jaycees' Holiday Lights Parade. Parade route: Begins at Seventh and Jefferson streets. Heads west on Jefferson. Turns south on Fifth Street. Goes east on Monroe Street. Turns north on Sixth Street and ends at Washington Street. Free. Downtown Springfield, 1 Horace Mann Plaza,



Margaret Joan Herr

November 22, 1937 - November 15, 2026



Margaret Joan Herr 88, of Springfield, died at her home on Sunday, November 15, 2026. She was born November 22, 1937, in Springfield, to George W. and Margaret M. O'Leary Stieren. She married Raymond E. Herr on May 16, 1992, and he preceded her in death in 2002.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy (Bob) Searcy of AR, Beth Buckley of Springfield and Kathleen (Mark) Walden of Girard; one son, Christopher Neale of Springfield; one step-son, Michael (Nina) Herr of Athens, Former Son-in-law, Patrick Buckley; 9 grandchildren, Amy (Marc) Baker, Ryan (Miranda) Buckley, Daniel Buckley, Courtney (Ben) Gorden, Cassidy Neale, Anthony (Jocelyn) Herr, Miles Herr and Mark (Darian) Herr; 7 great-grandchildren, Shianne (Jacob) Pope, Alexia Baker, Colton Baker, Ava Buckley, Lincoln Buckley, Bella and Theo Herr and Brian Copp and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five siblings, Virginia Smith, Mary Merkle, Elizabeth Rick, Dorothy Hollis and George Stieren and five infant siblings, Margaret, Robert, William, Richard Joseph and Richard Stieren.

Margaret was a devoted catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Church where she was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She was also a member of ALL Writers Club and published two children's books. She was a YWCA lifeguard and swim instructor. Margaret was an avid reader, loved animals and enjoyed gardening and quilting, as well as music and was an accomplished piano player.

Visitation: 9:00 am – 10:00 am, Monday, November 23, 2026, at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield with a rosary service being held at 10:00 am. Funeral Mass: 11:00 am, Monday, November 23, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Brendan Gibson officiating. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to W.I.L.D Canine Rescue.
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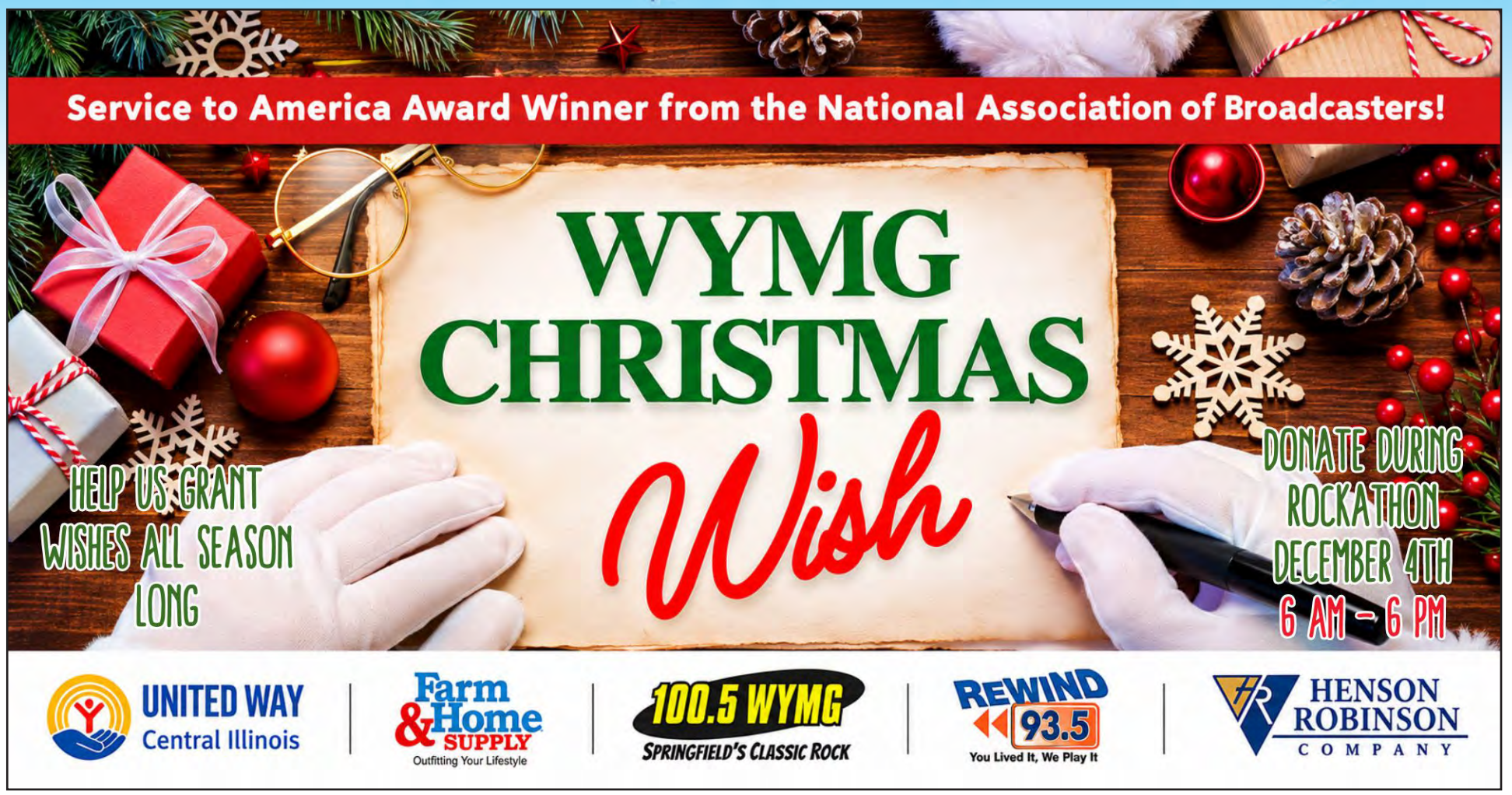

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Caring Santa
Sun., Dec. 6, 9-10:30am. Caring Santa is a sensory-friendly Santa experience making the holiday season more inclusive and enjoyable for families with special needs. The event takes place prior to White Oaks Mall opening to limit stimulation. Enter through lower level east door next to Springfield Learning Academy. Reservations preferred. www.WhereIsSanta.com. Free. Photo packages are available. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

First Sunday Market
Sun., Dec. 6, 10am-2pm. Browse a wide variety of vendors offering antiques, collectibles, vintage items, handmade goods, crafts, unique treasures and more. Free. Marian Banquet Hall, Riverton, 335 South 4th St., 217-361-8212.

41st Annual Pilot Club Holiday Home Tour & Tea
Sun., Dec. 6, 1-5pm. Visit beautifully decorated homes and then end the tour with tea at Twisted Tree Music Hall. Event is sponsored by the International Pilot Club of Jacksonville. Purchase tickets at Hy-Vee in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau or any Pilot Club member. You can also purchase tickets at the door. $20. Twisted Tree Music & Event Hall, Jacksonville, 1061 E. Morton Ave., 217-243-5678.

Christmas at Elmwood
Sun., Dec. 6, 1-4pm. Celebrate the season here where holiday warmth meets historic charm. Event features the German traditions of the Marbold family with a cozy indoor setting reminiscent of holidays past with all the sensory delights of the season. Santa will be on hand with craft activities for children along with sweet treats and warm beverages. Free, donations accepted. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 State Highway 29, 217-202-2917.

Vondra Christmas Market
Sun., Dec. 6, 3-6pm. Enjoy a Christmas book pop-up, festive food and beverages, photo spot, coffee stand and more at this event. Presented by Vondra Social House and Elderberry & Plumb Bookstore. Vondra Social House, 724 E. Edwards St., 217-416-3668.

From Longing to Hope: Taizé prayer service
Sun., Dec. 6, 3:30-4:30pm. An afternoon of Taizé prayer – simple songs, steady rhythms and time to center the heart. Participants can come as they are. All are welcome. Free. Sacred Heart Convent Chapel, 1237 W. Monroe, 217-787-0481.

"The Holiday Season" Christmas Concert
Sun., Dec. 6, 6pm. Performed by The Capital City Men's Chorus. Tickets available at the door. $10. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 South Grand Ave. W., 217-494-8859.

Read, Reflect and Create: Line Drawing with Ben Bedford
Mon., Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30pm. Artist Ben Bedford will lead participants in a class on drawing as a means of reflecting on something you've read. All materials will be provided. Participants welcome to bring their own reading passage or use the one provided by the instructor. Reservations required. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Fall Concert
Mon., Dec. 7, 7-8pm. The LLCC Band will perform. Free. A. Lincoln Commons, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

Mary Bryant Choir Holiday Celebration
Wed., Dec. 9, 11:30am. Welcome the holiday season with the sounds of the season by the Mary Bryant Choir. Includes complimentary punch and cookies. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-503-4643.

Art Night: Paint Your Snowman to Life
Thu., Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30pm. Monica Zanetti of Wild Rose hosts this painting class. Reservations required. eventbrite.com. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Hip Hop from the Land of Lincoln
Thu., Dec. 10, 6:30-7:30pm. Dr. A.D. Carson will read from his new book, *Being Dope: Hip Hop & Theory through Mixtape Memoir*, published in 2026. Learn how a rap album he created served as his doctoral dissertation to earn a Ph.D. Registration required. A book signing will follow. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Katrina Brown and Tim Laffey
Thu., Dec. 10, 7:30pm. The Pub & Grub Comedy Tour returns to The Grainery. $25, $40 for couples. The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 210 W. Route 125, 217-626-2508.

Live Nativity
Fri., Dec. 11, 6-6:30pm. Experience the wonder of that holy night through live actors, animals and the telling of the Christmas story. Free. First Christian Church Jacksonville, 2106 S. Main St., 217-243-5678.

Holiday Pops in the Heartland
Fri., Dec. 11, 7:30-9pm. Lights, camera, holiday cheer! Celebrate the season with a festive blend of cinematic magic and holiday tradition featuring music from *Home Alone*, *The Snowman, The Polar Express,* and more. ilsymphony.org. $35-$70. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Ha Ha Holiday at the Movies
Fri., Dec. 11, 8pm. Expect holiday movie magic by Capital City Improv with a twist, hilarious scenes, unexpected plotlines and absolutely no guarantee that your favorite Christmas movie will survive the night unscathed. Show may contain mature content. $15. Hoogland Center for the











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Holiday Cookie Walk
Sat., Dec. 12, 8am-12pm. Shop a wide variety of homemade cookies, candy and treats. All profits are donated to local missions and ministries. douglasavenue.org. Cookies $8.50/lb., candy $12.50/lb. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

26th Annual Cookie Walk, Raffle and Gift Gala
Sat., Dec. 12, 8:30-11am. Find homemade cookies, candy and bread available for sale. Event includes raffle, gift merchants and selfies with Santa. Donations for the selfies will be donated to Holy Family Food Pantry. Free. St. John Vianney Church Activity Center, Sherman, 902 Saint Johns Dr.

Breakfast with Santa
Sat., Dec. 12, 9, 10:30am. Enjoy a cozy breakfast, festive crafts and a Polaroid keepsake with Santa. Every guest needs a ticket, grown-ups included. Tickets are limited. kidzeum.org. $20-$25. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

Santa at the Library
Sat., Dec. 12, 11am-1pm. Meet Santa between 11am and 1pm, get a free book and make a craft from 11am to 1pm. Children's book sale from 10am to 3pm. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900.

Santa Claus Holiday Tea
Sat., Dec. 12, 1pm. Learn about popular tea customs while participating in a special program based on *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus* by L. Frank Baum. Includes tea, tea foods, gifts, and original programming. edwardsplace.org. $30-$35. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Christmas Candlelight Tours
Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, 5-8pm. See Springfield's oldest home as it would have been decorated for the season in the 1850s. Free, donations accepted. Elijah Iles House, 628 S. Seventh St., 217-492-5929.

***The Nutcracker* highlights**
Sat., Dec. 12, 5:30, 6:30pm and Sat., Dec. 19, 5:30, 6:30pm. Experience the magic of the holidays as Copper Coin Ballet presents highlights from *The Nutcracker* in the museum's Union Theater. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Bert Kreischer: Permission to Party
Sat., Dec. 12, 7pm. Comedian Bert Kreischer will deliver his signature unfiltered comedy. $57.50-$172.95. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Flakes
Sat., Dec. 12, 7pm and Sun., Dec. 13, 2pm. When a snowplow mixes snow with dirt to create slushy "Snirts," the Snirts join forces with the Flakes to help the Littlest Snowflake discover an important lesson: no two snowflakes are alike, and everyone is special in their own way. This is a musical presented by the Hoogland Performing Arts Education Dreamers (children in first and second grades). $10-$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Caroling at the Carillon
Sun., Dec. 13, 3-5pm. Gather around a roaring bonfire and sing Christmas carols accompanied by the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Christmas With the Alley Cats
Mon., Dec. 14, 7pm. Relax and enjoy a night of great singing and comedy courtesy of The Alley Cats. $21-$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Dual Piano Christmas
Fri., Dec. 18, 7pm, Sat., Dec. 19, 7pm and Sun., Dec. 20, 2pm. The duo that Illinois Times called "improvisational and strategically comedic" is back for more mischief and music. Comedy runs amuck throughout their programs and no one knows what is going to happen next – including Mark Gifford and Damien Kaplan. hcfta.org. $21-$23. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

"'Tis the Season to Celebrate" Concert
Sat., Dec. 19, 3-5pm. Hear the joyous sounds of the festive Christmas season at this audience favorite concert. Santa promises to appear. Presented by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Illinois College Rammelkamp Chapel, Jacksonville, 215 Park St., 217-245-3000.

The Heart of Christmas
Sat., Dec. 19, 5pm. This holiday concert will feature vocalists, groups and musicians from around Springfield. Free, donations accepted. Third Presbyterian Church, 1030 N. Seventh St., 217-528-0457.

1850s Community Carol Sing
Sat., Dec. 19, 6-7pm. Travel back in time to the 1850s this Christmas season and join Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln for special music, worship and a carol sing. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln will greet visitors. Attend in period costumes along with the musical guests. Free, donations accepted. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

Holiday Ice Jamz









Sat., Dec. 19, 6-8pm. Join Santa and his elves for festive fun on the ice, win prizes during the Ugly Sweater Contest, get creative at a cozy craft table and enjoy a free hot chocolate bar. $9, $11 with rental scates, $6 with non-perishable food donation. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

Jerry Seinfeld
Sat., Dec. 19, 7pm. America's premier comedian, Jerry Seinfeld, will perform his newest stand-up routine. $67.50-$400. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

First Night Springfield
Thu., Dec. 31, 12-8:30pm. Look for children's activities, live performances and special around-the-world midnight countdown, ice skating at Union Square Park, live performances and arts activities and a fireworks spectacular. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-753-3519.

Noon Year's Eve Party
Thu., Dec. 31, 12pm. Celebrate the start of a new year! The ball drops at noon. Doors open at 9am. Admission. Kidzeum of Health and Science, 412 E. Adams St., 217-679-2123.

Ken Bradbury New Year's Eve Joke Show
Thu., Dec. 31, 5-6pm. A cast of characters will bring in the new year with a laugh. All proceeds benefit the Ken Bradbury Foundation, which supports local youth and theater organizations. $10. K's Creek Golf Club & Restaurant, Jacksonville, 1265 Sandusky Road, 217-473-5969.

Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol
Thu., Dec. 31, 7:30pm. This is a heartwarming musical featuring music and lyrics by 11-time Grammy winner Dolly Parton and book by David H. Bell, adapted by Bell, Couch and Curt Wollan. $39-$129. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

JANUARY

Mystery Movie Monday
First Monday of every month, 7pm. Through May 3. Attendees won't know the title of the film until the red velvet curtain opens on the Grand Screen. Movies from across the spectrum of genres will be shown: comedy, drama, suspense, musical, romance, western - everything but horror. Free popcorn. 5 movies for $40. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

"Stomp"
Tue., Jan. 5, 7:30pm. In "Stomp," an eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments – matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps – to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. $29-$109. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Harlem Globetrotters Rivalry Tour
Wed., Jan. 6, 7pm. The Harlem Globetrotters face The Washington Generals and new lineup of rivals. $34.90 and up. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Seventh and Adams streets, 217-788 -8800.

The Magic of Motown
Sat., Jan. 9, 7:30pm. This show is hailed as "the #1 Motown show in the country" and "more than two hours of Detroit city magic." $35-$79. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Springfield's Original Bridal Show
Sun., Jan. 10, 11am-2pm. Featuring premiere vendors. Pre-registration is now open. Free gift bag for first 100 brides. Free admission. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-247-3132.

"A Matter of Taste"
Fri., Jan. 15, 7:30am-9pm. This is an evening designed to delight the senses. Resident Conductor Jacobsen Woollen will lead the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. ilsymphony.org. $30. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-206-6160.

Frost Nixon
Jan. 15-16, 7:30pm; Jan. 17, 3pm; Jan. 22-23, 7:30pm; Jan. 24, 3pm. The interview that sealed a president's legacy. Adapted into the Oscar-nominated 2008 film starring Michael Sheen and Frank Langella, this searing political drama chronicles a pivotal moment in U.S. history. springfieldtheatrecentre.com. $23, $21 students and seniors. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Cats
Fri., Jan. 22, 7pm, Sat., Jan. 23, 2, 7pm and Sun., Jan. 24, 2pm. Presented by the Hoogland Center for the Arts Performing Arts Education Achievers, this production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved musical features high school students under the direction of Craig Williams II. $16-$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

The Good News Experience
Sat., Jan. 30, 7pm. Presented by the Napier Family and friends, this concert will feature local talents highlighting the progression of Gospel music in the African American community and cultivate an interactive environment for all. $20-$22. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

The Elegant Wedding Expo
Sun., Jan. 31, 12-3:30pm. Meet central Illinois' top wedding professionals, compare vendors, discover the latest trends, enjoy show-only specials and gather inspiration for the big day. Get tickets at ElegantWeddingExpo.com. Up to $32. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-415-4414.

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Vegetarian recipes for the holiday

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

To be clear, I'm an avid meat eater. From reveling in the 12-hour process of smoking a succulent brisket to intricately boning a delicate Cornish hen, I thoroughly enjoy both eating and preparing carnivorous dishes. But often the foods that I really crave and find the most profoundly delicious are completely vegetarian or even vegan. Vegetables can require a bit more nuance and technique to prepare well, but the payoff is well worth it.

Whether you're looking to accommodate a vegetarian or vegan and your holiday table or just looking to add some gorgeous color and flavor to your diet, these seasonal recipes are as tasty as they are gorgeous.

Spiced carrot spread

Ingredients:
2 pounds carrots, scrubbed and cut into 1-inch chunks
5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
Salt and black pepper
1-2 cloves garlic
¼ cup tahini
Juice of one lemon
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon cumin
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon Kashmiri chili powder or paprika

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Toss the carrot chunks with olive oil and season generously with salt and black pepper before spreading them out onto a parchment lined baking sheet. Roast the carrots in the oven for 20-25 minutes until they have browned slightly and are fork tender. Remove the roasted carrots from the oven and set aside to cool to room temperature.

Transfer the cooled carrots to a food processor and add the garlic, tahini, lemon juice and spices. Add the remaining olive oil while the motor is running and process until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper and additional lemon juice as needed. Serve with toasted baguette.

Showstopper mushroom pâté

This recipe is admittedly a bit of a process, but it's truly one of the most delicious things I know how to make. Dried porcini mushrooms can be found in bulk at Food Fantasies on Wabash Avenue, and you can pick up a wide variety of specialty mushrooms like shitake and oyster just up the street at Asian Market.

For the pâté:
1 1/2 cups water
1 ounce dried porcini mushrooms



Mushroom paté. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER.

½ cup unsalted butter
¾ cup minced shallot
3 garlic cloves, minced
¼ cup dry sherry or vermouth
2 pounds sliced mushrooms (I use a mixture of crimini, shitake and oyster mushrooms)
1 cup heavy cream
4 eggs
¼ cup sliced almonds, toasted
½ cup fresh breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon dried thyme
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
Juice of one lemon
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon finely ground black pepper

For the topping:
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 cups sliced mushrooms
¼ cup sherry or white wine
½ cup sliced almonds, toasted
½ cup roughly chopped flat leaf parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

First make the pâté. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a loaf pan then line the bottom and sides with parchment paper and butter the parchment.

Bring the water to a boil in a small saucepan, then remove from the heat and add the dried porcini and set aside to soak for 30 minutes. After the porcini have soaked, remove them from the soaking liquid and transfer to a blender. Return the saucepan with the soaking liquid to the stove and bring to a boil. Simmer until the liquid has reduced to about ¼ cup then add it to the soaked porcini in the blender.

Melt two tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When the butter is hot, sauté the mushrooms in batches and add more butter as needed, being sure not to overcrowd the pan, until they are golden brown. Transfer the sautéed mushrooms to the blender. Add another tablespoon of butter to the pan and add the onions and garlic. Sauté until the onions are softened and slightly golden, about five minutes, then add the sherry and cook until most of the liquid has evaporated. Add the onion mixture to the mushrooms in the blender, then add the cream, eggs and almonds. Purée until very smooth, then stir in the breadcrumbs, herbs, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Pour the mushroom mixture into the prepared loaf pans and set the loaf pan inside a larger pan. Add boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the pan. Bake for 50-55 minutes, until the pâté is set one half inch from the edges of the pan (it won't be completely set in the center). Remove the pan from the bigger pan and let cool to room temperature before covering and refrigerating for at least six hours. Allow to come to room temperature before topping and serving with toasted baguette.

While the pâté comes to room temperature, make the topping by sautéing the remaining mushrooms and almonds and cook until the mushrooms are tender and have stopped giving off liquid. Transfer to a bowl then add parsley and season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve, unmold the pâté by running a knife along the paper and the sides of the pan, then invert a serving plate over the loaf pan onto a plate. Peel off the paper, then mound the topping over the pâté and serve.

Vegan root vegetable tagine

Ingredients:
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, diced
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
Salt
1 cinnamon stick
1 teaspoon each coriander, turmeric and cumin
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 cup vegetable stock or water
3 carrots, peeled and chopped into ½-inch chunks
1 sweet potato, peeled and chopped into ½-inch chunks
2-3 beets, peeled and chopped into ½-inch chunks
1 can chickpeas (don't drain)
1 28-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes in juice
¼ cup golden raisins
Juice of one lemon
Toasted sliced almonds and chopped cilantro, to serve
Cooked couscous or quinoa, to serve

Heat the oil in a large heavy bottomed pan. Add the onion and garlic, season with salt and sauté until the onion and garlic are soft and fragrant. Stir in the spices and cook for an additional minute. Add the water, vegetables, chickpeas, tomatoes and raisins and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook until the vegetables are very tender, about 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt, pepper and lemon juice as needed. Serve over couscous or quinoa and topped with almonds and cilantro. □

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Menace to Sobriety plays Weebles for Thanksgiving Eve this Wednesday.

Thanks for giving us music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Welcome one and all to the Thanksgiving weekend edition of *Now Playing*. We've got you covered from the special night before the big day on through all the fun-filled moments of merriment, compliments, entertainment and possibly a platter of other "ments" too. Let's see what's on the table.

As readers of this column likely know by now, *Illinois Times* comes out on the Wednesday before the Thursday that's Thanksgiving, allowing us to cover what has become one of the biggest party nights of the year, Thanksgiving Eve. We're especially fond of that here because it means lots more live music – an incredible 37 listings listed – in the middle of the week, so let's take a peek for what we seek.

Giving thanks first for our regular weekly Wednesdays, Robert Sampson gets down at Fulgenzi's, while Al Kitchen and Tricia Giacomini cover Mother Road Diner for continuing music shows. We also have the long-running Boone's Open Mic with your hosts with the most, Joel Honey and Silas Tockey, along with our Midweek Music Meetup open mic at Harvest Market where I guide the goings on as all sorts of open mic-ers get a night before Turkey Day boost.

Now prepare yourself for the onslaught of Wednesday night gigs with Avery Kern at Locals in Pawnee, Dave Littrell at the Bird, Rod Grant at the Tap Room in Chatham, Taylor June at Rocki's in Auburn and Hippies of the Heartland at Walby's in Ashland. Then we gravitate to gobs of groups like The Pleiades starring in original rock songs at DH Brown's, Captain Trip and the Space Cadets orbiting at The Alamo, Mississippi Leghound puttin' on the dog at Trails End in Curran, Menace to Sobriety living up to their name at Weebles, Storm Front getting turbulent at Motorheads and Deja Voodoo doin' what they do so well at the Curve Inn.

Taylorville gives thanks galore with Brandy Kristin Band (big winners in our 2026 BoS) going ape at the Funky Monkey, Antics getting crazy at Y-Zoe's Bar and Not Petty damning torpedoes and picking wildflowers in The Backyard. Other small towns around keep the party rolling when Aubrey Reed and the Undecideds decide to play The Rusty Bucket in Greenview, Broken Stone rocks the rock at The Hideout in Mason City and Exit 52 ramps it up at the Roundhouse in Roodhouse.

Let's catch our breath and head for Friday when everything starts up again as Hipbone & Hawkeye reunite at Curve Inn, Tom & Geoff cruise to Whiskey Ridge Saloon in Breckenridge, Gracia graces Buckhart Tavern, Blue Note Trio jazzes up Harvest Market, Joel Honey flies into the Bird, The Cocktails shake and stir it at Goodfellas and OAT Band with Tim Harte on drums go a round or two at George Rank's.

Here comes Saturday night with the Frank Trompeter Trio featuring David McEathron and Ben Taylor being all about jazz at It's All About Wine, Downstate takin' it to The Stadium Smokehouse, Scott & Cyd famously playing Legends Entertainment, Hat Trick rockin' out at The Grainery in Pleasant Plains, Sequoia Drive taking the curve at Kuhl Tyme Korner in Jacksonville and Keith Dunlap playing cool songs at the Curveside Bar & Grill in Athens.

Sunday might be known as "the day of rest" to some, but not for live music fans when over a dozen acts are dishing it out on the last day of our Thanksgiving weekend for 2026.

Please take a look at all the other music out there for you to enjoy and be sure to give thanks for your local musician while you're doling out the thanksgiving blessings. Onward toward December. □









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Nov. 20-21 | Downtown Jacksonville

FESTIVAL OF TREES
Nov. 21 | Pathway Services

HOLIDAY WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST
Nov. 24-Dec. 12 | Downtown Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE
Nov. 27 | Downtown Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Nov. 27-Dec. 31 | Downtown Jacksonville

VFW AUXILIARY VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
Dec. 5 | American Legion

PILOT CLUB HOLIDAY HOME TOUR & TEA
Dec. 6 | Twisted Tree Music Hall

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"Hello Girls"- American Female Switchboard Operators in World War I
- Presented by Rosemary Connolly, April 21

"There's no crying in baseball"- Women's Baseball in Illinois and the Midwest
- Presented by Anna Sielaff, June 16



"I think every woman should have a blowtorch."
- Leslie Goddard as Julia Child, August 25

"So, you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this Great War"
- Joyce Huggins as Harriet Beecher Stowe, October 20





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Wednesday
Nov 25

Josh Holland
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 7:30-10:30pm

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

Captain Trip and the Space Cadets
The Alamo, 6pm

Not Petty
The Backyard, Taylorville, 7-10pm

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

Branded
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis,

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

Deja Voodoo
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

The Pleiades
DH Brown's, 9:45pm

Joel Honey
The Filling Station, Rochester, 7-11pm

Robert Sampson
Fulgenzi's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm

Brandy Kristin Band
The Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 8pm-12am

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

Broken Stone
The Hideout, Mason City, 8pm

Robbie Mitchell
JB's Hideout, Blue Mound, 7pm

Avery Kern
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

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

Taylor June
Rocki's, Auburn, 8-11pm

Storm Front
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 7pm

Aubrey Reed and The Undecideds
Rusty Bucket, Greenview, 8-11pm

Rod Grant
The Tap Room, Chatham, 7-10pm

Dave Littrell
The Bird Tavern, 6-9pm

Mississippi Leghound
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 6-10pm

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

Menace to Sobriety
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Antics
Y-Zoe's Bar, Taylorville, 8pm

Friday
Nov 27

Mid-October
48 Inn Sports Bar & Grill, Decatur, 8-11pm

John Cannon
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

Rod Grant
Bar Bella, 7-9pm

Ryan Montgomery
Boondocks, 9pm

Gracia
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Hippies of the Heartland
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6pm

Hipbone and Hawkeye
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Exit 52
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 7-11pm

Ben Bedford
Dana-Thomas House, 4-7pm

OAT Band with Tim Harte and special guest Samuel Irwin
George Rank's, 8-11pm

The Cocktails
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

Blue Note Trio
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Joel Honey
The Bird Tavern, 6-9pm

Tom & Geoff
Whiskey Ridge Saloon, Breckenridge, 6-9pm

The Meerkats
The Winery, Decatur, 8:30-11:30pm

Saturday
Nov 28

Mississippi Leghound
Brookhills Golf Club, 7-10pm

Midwest Revival
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 8-11pm

Tom Grassman Band
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 7pm

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

TyJon Charlie
Copper and Oak, Lincoln, 6-9pm

Boots & Harmony
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

Keith Dunlap
Curveside Bar & Grill, Athens, 2-5pm

Hat Trick
The Grainery, Pleasant Plains, 7pm

Avery Kern
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Frank Trompeter Jazz Trio
It's All About Wine, 5-8pm

Sequoia Drive
Kuhl Tyme Korner, Jacksonville, 8pm

Scott & Cyd
Legends Entertainment, 6:30pm

Karaoke
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 9pm

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

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

Dave Littrell
The Range Bourbon & Brew, Chatham, 6-9pm

Neon Rodeo
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 8pm

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

Downstate
The Stadium Bar & Grill, 6:30pm

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

Andrew Bell
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

Sunday
Nov 29

Hippies of the Heartland
BB's BFE, Latham, 1pm

Kortney Leatherwood
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 3-6pm

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

Curt Smith
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 1-4pm

OAT
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

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

Dave Littrell
Oogie and JJ's Bar, Glenarm, 1-4pm

Greg Glick
Pop's Place, Decatur, 3-6pm

Keith Dunlap
The Shed, Pawnee, 3-6pm

Al and Kathy Kitchen
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-6pm

The Mother Road Bones
Trinity Lutheran Church, 3pm

Monday
Nov 30

Kelli Baker
The Alamo, 7pm

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

Tuesday
Dec 1

Karaoke
Burger Bar and Back Door Lounge, 8pm-12am

Karaoke
Fluid Lounge, 7-11pm

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

Open jam with Casey Cantrall
George Rank's, First Tuesday of every month, 8-11pm

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

Karaoke hosted by Danny Suter
The Tipsy Toad, 6pm-12am

Wednesday
Dec 2

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

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

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

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

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





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MUSIC



Master pianist Jeremy Denk performs Béla Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 2 (1933), a notoriously rigorous work, at the Nov. 20 "Pictures in Motion" concert by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. PHOTO BY JAVED RASSI

Passion and variety at ISO concert

MUSIC | Scott Faingold

Friday's "Pictures in Motion" concert at the recently remodeled UIS Auditorium found the Illinois Symphony Orchestra in fine form. It was a high-energy performance that ran the gamut from frenzied, jazzy rhythms to dissonant, precise virtuosity to sumptuously layered melodic splendor, giving music lovers of all stripes something to chew on and to revel in.

Things got underway with the North American premier of "Con Moto" by Austrian composer Bernd Richard Deutsch. ISO's music director and conductor Taichi Fukumura had met Deutsch during the prestigious Mahler Competition in Bamberg, Germany, in 2023, in which Maestro Fukumura won second prize. "(Deutsch) was commissioned by the competition to write a brand-new piece, and I fell in love with it," said Fukumura, who will also be presenting its premier in Japan later this year. "It is very, very exciting to share this work."

As performed in Springfield on Friday, "Con Moto" was a thrilling experience, with constantly shifting time signatures and a series of jazz-inflected, cascading crescendos. At eight minutes, the piece hit like a sonic tornado and was over before one could fully grasp its complexities.

Speaking of complexity, Béla Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 2 (1933) is a notoriously rigorous work (described by Fukumura as "a lesser-performed concerto, but something everyone should hear"). Fortunately for the ISO musicians and audience, the evening's guest artist was the world-famous master pianist Jeremy Denk, who proved more than up to the task. The concerto is a circuitous journey through many sonic landscapes, including soaring melodies, startling percussive interjections, and mind-bending solo passages where Denk's expert fingers seemed to become a blur against the piano keys. An enthusiastic standing ovation brought the virtuoso back for an unaccompanied encore, surprising and delighting everyone with a smoothly rollicking, ragtime-inflected Scott Joplin piece, providing an ideal palate cleanser and a fitting lead-in to the second half of the evening.

After a brief intermission, the audience was treated to an epic rendition of Ravel's much-loved orchestration of Mussorgsky's 1922 "Pictures at an Exhibition." Beginning with a majestic brass theme which threads its way through the 35-minute composition, Fukumura and the ISO musicians utilized all of the colors of the orchestra to provide a guided tour through an imagined art show. Making the evening even more special was the inclusion of actual "pictures at an exhibition," art submitted by members of the community inspired by Mussorgsky's melodies. Paintings and drawings submitted by artists of "all ages and experience levels" were available to view in the auditorium lobby as well as projected onto the video screens flanking the stage.

As the conductor said during his introductory comments, the evening's program was an expression of "what it means to be able to enjoy art and enjoy music, and for all of us here to be in this space together." □

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Leapin' lizards, it's Christmastime already!

Annie arrives at the Legacy Theatre

THEATER | Courtney Wick

Fifty years after its Broadway premiere, *Annie* returns to Springfield for the holiday season. With its memorable tunes, old-fashioned comedy and overwhelming "aww" factor, it's no wonder The Legacy Theatre chose to stage the classic now.

"We wanted to do an authentic production for the 50th anniversary. The show takes place during Christmas, and we wanted to make it a gift for the community," said director Laura Mitchelle. That idea proved to be well-timed, as Broadway recently announced a revival of *Annie* slated for fall 2027 – a move that will restrict local licensing. This may be the only time to see *Annie* 'round these parts for a long while.

For those who never belted "Maybe" out a bedroom window, praying Daddy Warbucks would arrive to fund a Limited Too shopping spree, here's the gist: set at Christmas in Depression-era New York, *Annie* follows a group of plucky orphans and a lot of adults making questionable choices. Tough-yet-nurturing 11-year-old Annie holds onto the hope that her parents will return, until she unexpectedly lands at the Fifth Avenue estate of billionaire Oliver Warbucks for a holiday PR stunt.

Rich Beans plays Warbucks to perfection. In lesser hands, the role can skew dictatorial or downright creepy, but Beans' genuine warmth shines from the start. Paired with gorgeous vocals, he is everything an audience could hope for in a Daddy Warbucks.

Warbucks isn't the only scene-stealer – if there's one thing Springfield audiences love, it's kids in the arts and a homeless dog, and *Annie* delivers both. In fact, it has two groups of kids (and unfortunately only one dog). Rather than relegating some of the girls to understudy duties, Mitchelle double-cast the orphans into two teams, titled red and blue, that alternate performances every other night.

Chrissy Mauck, who plays Grace Farrell true to the character's namesake, praised how the theater prepared its young cast.

"The Legacy set things up so well," Mauck said. "They had these orphan boot camps for all of the girls, and got through all of their stuff very early on in the rehearsal process. They're all such stars."

That early prep pays off onstage. The orphan cast features Kadence Haynes, Jane Holzmacher, Brinley Lobb, Georgia Mitchelle, Mary Iris Selinger and Nylah Stimage on the Red Team and Corinne Brooks, Emmy Craven, Livy Craven, Annie Croke, Isla Kohlrus and Magdalena Osterhuber on the Blue Team. Both ensembles deliver tight vocals and impressive stage presences wrapped up in spunky, small packages.

There is only one Annie, though, sung beautifully by Rose Lyman in her Legacy debut. Lyman belts out each tune in a pitch-perfect straight tone that sounds as though someone walked into the room and hit play on a Broadway cast recording. Even when a few adults needed line reminders during final dress rehearsal, Lyman never faltered, staying right on cue while wrangling her four-legged co-star, Sandy (played by Pippa). It's an impressive feat for such a young performer. Pippa held her own, too – though unlike Lyman, she was rewarded with treats for the bare minimum of stage time.

Lori Ann McCabe shines again as the drunken, surly orphanage madam, Miss Hannigan. Her banter with the orphans feels genuinely playful, as if everyone knows they're free to ham it up. When a button snagged on an orphan's dress during rehearsal, the ever-professional McCabe yelled in character, "You dang dress-rippin' orphan, now everyone will see my bra!"

Broderick Elder brings slimy charisma to Miss Hannigan's villainous brother, Rooster, a con man who may or may not have a problem murdering orphans. Though a Legacy veteran, this is Elder's first show with a large cast of kids.

"The energy is ramped up all the time," Elder said. "There's a lot more chaos, but it's fun chaos."

Alongside him, Grace Hughes delivers one of the funniest Lily St. Regis performances imaginable, pairing a hilariously ditzy blonde act with squeaky-voiced charm.

A standout that also must be mentioned is the "Star-to-Be" soloist, Lydia Ressler, who belts out her "N.Y.C." feature sounding and looking like a true star already. She was fantastic.

The Legacy's *Annie* is pure holiday comfort food. It's heartwarming, family-friendly and doles out a much-needed dose of festive nostalgia. This show is a wonderful reminder that optimism is always in style and you're never fully dressed without a little Christmas spirit. □

Annie, *directed by Laura Mitchelle and produced by Scott Richardson, continues its run at the Legacy Theatre Nov. 20- Jan. 9. Performances start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets and cast information are available at atthelegacy.com*



Rose Lyman as Annie and Rich Beans as Oliver Warbucks and adult ensemble PHOTOS BY TOM ZOSCHKE



Rose Lyman as Annie and Pippa as Sandy



Heritage Stollen Workshop
Saturdays, Nov. 28,
Dec. 5, 12 and 19, 10-11 a.m.
Dana-Thomas House
217-782-6776
dnr.historicspringfield@illinois.gov

EVENT | Learn how to make holiday sweet bread

Enjoy a fascinating presentation from baker Sam Forness and learn how to bake stollen – a traditional German holiday sweet bread. According to event organizers, there is a family history of breads connected to the site. "Mary Lawrence was known for the bread she baked – it's one of the things architect Frank Lloyd Wright remembered about her, and Mrs. Lawrence even won awards for her baking at the Illinois State Fair. Her daughter, Susan Lawrence Dana, shared recipes with friends and neighbors during the holiday season," according to a promotional state website for the event. Take home both a recipe, a sample and the confidence to try it. No baking will be done on site. Reservations are required as space is limited. bit.ly/4t2ZKSZ.

■ Special Music Events

"Equal Parts"
Sun., Nov. 29, 3pm. The Mother Road Bones trombone quartet will present this concert featuring the best of both classical and jazz. The quartet is going to include some Christmas tunes, too. Free. Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S. Second St., 217-787-2323.

Advent Allegro Concert Series
Wed., Dec. 2, 12:15-1pm. In this concernt, the Jacksonville High School Madrigal Choir will provide Christmas favorites in rich harmony. Free. Faith Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, 1385 W. Walnut St., 217-245-8919.

Brown Bag Concert
Wed., Dec. 2, 12:15-12:45pm. This week's concert will feature Justin Johnson, bass. Bring a lunch or purchase a brown bag lunch for $5. lincolnschurch.org. Free. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

LLCC Music Student Celebration and Honors Recital
Wed., Dec. 2, 7-8pm. LLCC Music will celebrate music students with an Intermediate Recital at 4 p.m. and an Honors Recital at 7 p.m. in Menard Hall, Room 2250. llcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

LLCC Music Student Celebration and Intermediate Recital
Wed., Dec. 2, 4-5pm. LLCC Music will celebrate music students with an Intermediate Recital at 4 p.m. and an Honors Recital at 7 p.m. in Menard Hall, Room 2250. llcc.edu. Free. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-786-2200.

■ Books & Authors

Book signing
Sat., Nov. 28, 10am-3pm. Carrie Steinweg and Cindy Ladage will be signing their cuisine guidebook, *Unique Eats and Eateries of Illinois: The People and Stories Behind the Food* during the Sugar Creek Vendor Fair. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church, Chatham, 1022 New City Road, 217-483-2270.

■ Theater & Comedy

Yule Be Laughing Comedy Hour
Sat., Nov. 28, 6:30pm. Presented by Rolling Laughs and Downtown Springfield, Inc., this show will feature local and national touring comedians. Part of the Old Capitol Holiday Walks. Free. Floyd's Thirst Parlor, 210 S. Fifth St., 217-717-5654.

Annie
Sat., Nov. 28, 7 p.m., Sun., Nov. 29, 2 p.m., Wed., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. (2027). Leapin' lizards! "Annie" is 50! See this 50th anniversary celebration of this beloved musical. The sun will come out: bright lights, big hearts and optimism burst from the stage in this beloved Broadway musical. Set in 1930s New York, "Annie" follows a fearless orphan whose outlook transforms everyone she meets, from scrappy kids to the president. $28-$35. atthelegacy.com/. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 217-528-9760.

■ Art & Architecture

Festive Fridays
Fridays, 4-7pm. Through Dec. 18. Enjoy the ambiance of the Dana-Thomas House holiday decorations on this special evening tour and more festive fun in the courtyard. Reservations recommended. bit.ly/48scVUh. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Read, Reflect and Create: Line Drawing with Ben Bedford
Mon., Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30pm. Artist Ben Bedford will lead participants in a class on drawing as a means of reflecting on something you've read. All materials will be provided. Participants welcome to bring their own reading passage or use the one provided by the instructor. Reservations required as space is limited. Free. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

■ Food & Drink

Illinois Local Holiday Market
Sat., Nov. 28, 9am-4pm. Shop local and discover unique gifts, handmade goods, food and more from Illinois small businesses. This family-friendly event will include Santa, Bluey and Bingo, live entertainment from SYPG, Dayna's Dance Revolution and Springfield Theatre Centre. $5 for age 13 and older. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217 210 1589.

■ History

Open house
Sun., Nov. 29, 2-4pm. Learn about Gov. Richard Oglesby during a tour of his home. $5. Governor Oglesby Mansion, Decatur, Decatur, 421 W. William, 217-791-1385.

■ Holiday Happenings

"Christmas through the Decades"
Fri., Nov. 27, 5-8pm. Candlelight tours are self-guided so visitors can arrive anytime between the hours of 5 and 7:30pm and take as much or as little time as desired exploring the historic house. Doors close at 7:30pm. $10 for adults, ages 6-18 $5, age 5 and younger free. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, Clinton, 219 E. Woodlawn St., 217-935-6066.

Jacksonville Christmas Parade
Fri., Nov. 27, 6-7pm. Welcome Santa Claus to Jacksonville by lining the Downtown Square for WJVO's annual parade filled with lights. Parade begins from the lot across from the Municipal building and proceeds around the downtown square. Free. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Light Up The Gables
Fri., Nov. 27. Parade and tree lighting at 5pm featuring Santa & Mrs. Claus, Abraham and Mary Lincoln and more. Includes children's events from 3 to 5pm. Free. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Dr., 793-3344.

Light Up The Park
Thursdays-Sundays, 6-9pm. Through Dec. 27. Through Dec. 27. A local holiday tradition. Get ready to be wowed by the nearly 1-mile drive through hundreds of thousands of lights and beautiful displays. Donation benefits Chatham Friends of the Park. $5 per vehicle donation requested. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-415-8513.

Old Capitol Holiday Walks
Sat., Nov. 28 and Wed., Dec. 2. Explore downtown and look for special dishes, promos and events throughout the holiday season. Downtown Springfield, Downtown, 217-544-1723.

Santa House
Sat., Nov. 28, 9am-12pm and Sun., Nov. 29, 12-3pm. See the Santa House, a local tradition for more than 40 years. Share Christmas wishes, take photos with Santa and enjoy the holiday cheer. Free admission. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-546-4103 ext. 1012.

Solid Rock the Holidays Open House, Raffle
Wed., Dec. 2, 5:30-7:30pm. Celebrate the season of giving at this inaugural holiday celebration. Enjoy an evening of music, joy and community spirit while supporting young adults aging out of foster care. Event includes holiday raffle (ticket sales ongoing through Dec. 1). $25-$100. Solid Rock Youth Transitional Services, Springfeld, 620 N. Walnut St., 217-572-1269.

SRC Ugly Sweater Run/Small Biz Saturday
Sat., Nov. 28, 8-10am. Besides the run, enjoy Mel-o-Cream Donuts, hot cocoa (regular and spiked), coffee, an ugly sweater contest and prizes. Springfield Running Center, 2943 W. White Oaks Dr., Ste. 1, 217-787-4400.

Tree Lighting
Sat., Nov. 28, 4:30pm. This annual event, part of the Old Capitol Holiday Walks, will happen between 4:50 and 5pm. Event includes performances by the Springfield Choral Society and Springfield Dance. Free. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-544-1723.

Wintree Wonderland
Through Dec. 24. Wintree Wonderland, a holiday tradition, is returning to White Oaks Mall. Explore the festive forest of decorated trees and creative window murals and vote for a favorite. Includes Santa's Workshop, a make-it/take-it opportunity and Cookies and Cocoa each weekend. Free admission. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-871-7112.

■ Children's Corner

Santa's Workshop
Sat., Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 29, 12-4:30 p.m. Santa's Workshop at Wintree Wonderland this weekend features holiday candy savings jars presented by Made Wright. Made Wright, a youth development organization, builds poverty-free lives through mentorship and academic support. Profits go to gifts, hats and gloves for the underserved in the community. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-871-7112.

■ Fairs & Festivals

Christmas at Sugar Creek Vendor Fair
Sat., Nov. 28, 10am-3pm. Start that holiday shopping here. Features more than 40 vendors. Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry. Used book sale and bake sale. Free admission. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church, Chatham, 1022 New City Road, 217-414-7691.

■ Lectures & Meetings

Ukraine, Russia and U.S. National Interests: Talking to Americans on Cross-Country Cycle Rides
Tue., Dec. 1, 5:30pm. George P. Kent, U.S. Foreign Service Officer and former U.S. ambassador to Estonia, will talk about how his cross country "Ride4Ukraine" the past two summers supported the purchase of vehicles for Ukraine's defense against Russian invaders. Reception 5:30pm, dinner 6pm. Reservations due by Nov. 24 by sending to WACCI, Box 2233, Springfield IL 62705 or online at www.mywacci.org. Dinner $45 for WACCI members, $55 for non-members. Program only free. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 546-4614.

■ Bulletin Board

Kringle Market
Sat., Nov. 28, 11am-4pm. Discover unique gifts, handmade goods, festive décor and seasonal treasures from local makers all in one of Springfield's most charming venues. The Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.



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Annual POW/MIA Christmas Remembrance Ceremony

December 5, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.
Vietnam Veterans Memorial
1500 Monument Ave., Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL

Remembrance
Ornament Placement and Reading of Names
Musical Presentations

All are welcome.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul the Apostle

Old English Christmas



Pictures with Nicholas
Bring the family to meet St. Nicholas, the REAL Santa!
Saturday November 28, 9:00AM-3:00PM
Fun activities for the kids. Cartoon Sketch Artist. Silent Auction. Christmas Market with local makers of handmade gifts!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday. December 13, 4:00PM
An hour of Scripture and Song in an historic and timeless setting. Come and prepare your heart nd mind for the birth of Our Lord.

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve Mass:
Music begins at 5:00 PM, Mass at 5:30 PM
Midnight Mass:
Music begins at 10:30 PM, Mass at 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Mass:
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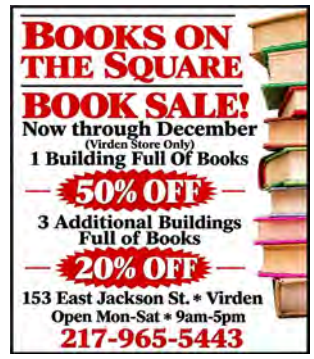

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of October, 2026 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:
Anna Sohm
intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:
Building Financial Foundations LLC
and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at:
201 S. Walnut St., Suite 305D; Rochester, IL 62563

Death Claim

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
ERNEST L. HART, JR.,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-415
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Ernest L. Hart, Jr. of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 18, 2026, to Michael Hart, 2432 S. Holmes Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 25, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 18th day of November, 2026.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STACY MARRIOTT AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN DALE AUSMUS, Deceased.
Case No.: 26-PR-398
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of KEVIN AUSMUS, Deceased, Letters of Office were issued on November 17, 2026, to Stacy Marriott, whose address is 307 Douglas, Edwardsville, IL 62025 as Independent Administrator.
The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1979, Ch. 110 ½ par. 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 Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Independent Administrator or both, within six (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 Independent Administrator within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 17th day of November, 2026.
STACY MARRIOTT, Independent Administrator of the Estate of
KEVIN DALE AUSMUS, Deceased.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DAVID LUTTRELL AND GERALDINE LUTTRELL
a/k/a GERI LUTTRELL,
Plaintiffs,
-vs-
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESTER
WATSON, SR., a/k/a LESTER WATSON, II,
Deceased,
LESTER WATSON JR., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000219
Property Address: 1312 E. Reservoir Street, Springfield, IL 62702
NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LESTER WATSON SR a/k/a LESTER WATSON II:
Notice is given of the death of Lester Watson Sr. The Court has appointed Theodore J. Harvatin as Special Representative for Lester Watson Sr., deceased, in the above entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 1312 E, Reservoir Street, Springfield, Illinois. The address of the Special Representative is: Theodore J. Harvatin, Harvatin & Goebel, P.C., 1100 So. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.
/S/ THEODORE J. HARVATIN, Attorney
Special Representative for Lester Watson Sr. a/k/a Lester Watson II, Deceased
8051-971285

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
BARBARA R. JARVIS,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-414
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of BARBARA R. JARVIS. Letters of Office were issued to SHANNON W. JARVIS, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1135 S. First Street Springfield, Illinois 62704. 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 May 26, 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 November 17, 2026.
Attorneys for Independent Administrator:
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Springfield, IL 62705
Telephone: 217-544-1144; Fax: 217-522-3173
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
Cynthia Danenberger, Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000379
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Cynthia Danenberger. Letters of Administration were issued on Nov. 12, 2026 to Deborah Ruwe as Administrator, 12826 SE Pinehurst Court, Hobe Sound FL 33455. 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 Administrator, on or before May 19, 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 OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DIANE G. ROGERS, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-409
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of DIANE G. ROGERS. Letters of office have been issued to DEBRA S. GREENAN, 2348 Yale Blvd., 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 May 26, 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.
Notice is also given to MICHAEL D. ROGERS, JOSHUA ROGERS, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DIANE G. ROGERS, Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 12, 2026. You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Letters Testamentary.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.
Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after November 12, 2026.
Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701.
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Dated this 13th day of November, 2026.
Patrick J. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GREGORY B. BALDER, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-406
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
Notice is given of the death of GREGORY B. BALDER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2026, to RACHAEL DONELSON, 12900 Edgewater Way, New Berlin, IL 62670. The attorney for the Independent Administrator is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Building Complex, 200 S 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the of November 19, 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 13th day of November 2026
RACHAEL DONELSON, Independent Administrator of the Estate of GREGORY B. BALDER, Deceased
BY: DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/Anthony J. DelGiorno
Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel
Attorneys for Estate of GREGORY B. BALDER:
Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
RICHARD C. MARTINEAU, JR.,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-408
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Richard C. Martineau, Jr. of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2026, to Dawn Marie Dawkins, 134 Front Porch Drive, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732, 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 May 20, 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 13th day of November, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of:
DAWN ARMSTRONG,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-410
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Dawn Armstrong of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2026, to John Armstrong, 17 Winston Road, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before May 19, 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 12th day of November, 2026.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SANGAMON
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GARY W. CLARK, DECEASED.
NO. 2026-PR-390
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS
NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of GARY W. CLARK, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 12, 2026, to JOHN CATHCART of 1516 West Vernon, Springfield, IL 62704 whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; P.O. Box 52, Springfield, IL 62705.
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, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from November 19, 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.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to the unknown heirs of the decedent, if any, as the names or addresses of one or more heirs may be unknown or cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry; and that, unless you file an appearance in this proceeding or otherwise make your interest known to the Court within six months from the date of the order appointing the administrator of the estate, you may be defaulted and bound by any orders of court entered in this estate, including any order declaring heirship and orders approving accountings and distributions, as provided by the Illinois Probate Act of 1975.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htmto 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.
You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will

to probate.
Dated this 12th day of November 2026
JOHN CATHCART, Executor of the Estate of
GARY W. CLARK, Deceased
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno
Anthony J. DelGiorno
Attorneys for Estate:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
NORMA M. BRANDON,
Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-407
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of NORMA M. BRANDON, of the City of Springfield, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, on August 27, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 5th day of November, A.D., 2026, to ELIZABETH JANE OLSON, of 19 Pickering Lane, Springfield, Illinois, 62712, as Executor, whose attorney of record is R. Stephen Scott, Scott & Scott, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the Executor, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 11th day of November, A.D., 2026.
Estate of NORMA M. BRANDON, Deceased,
By: ELIZABETH JANE OLSON, Executor
PREPARED BY:
R. Stephen Scott (02533391)
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C.
By: /s/ R. Stephen Scott
R. STEPHEN SCOTT
SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., Her Attorneys
Attorneys at Law
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD HAYNES Deceased
Case No. 26PR338
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Richard Haynes of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 10, 2026, to his Independent Administrator, Sharrell Johnson, whose attorney is Maria Kanney at The Law Offices of Frederick W. Nessler & Associates, Ltd., 536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62702.
On September 10, 2026, Honorable Judge Robin Schmidt ordered that Sharrell Johnson be appointed Independent Administrator of the Estate of Richard Haynes, Deceased and ordered that Letters of Independent Administrator be issued.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 S 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both on or before May 19, 2027 which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2026
Maria Kanney
The Law Offices of Frederick W. Nessler & Associates, Ltd.
536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite One
Springfield, IL 62702
217 698-0202
217 698-0203 (fax)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF KATHRYN FELDMAN, Deceased
Case No. 26PR232
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Kathryn Feldman of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 18, 2026, to her Independent Administrator, John Estill, whose attorney is Maria Kanney at The Law Offices of Frederick W. Nessler & Associates, Ltd., 536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite 1, Springfield, Illinois 62702.
On June 18, 2026, Honorable Judge Robin Schmidt ordered that John Estill be appointed Independent Administrator of the Estate of Kathryn Feldman, Deceased and ordered that Letters of Independent Administrator be issued.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 S 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701 or with the representative, or both on or before May 19, 2027 which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2026
Maria Kanney
The Law Offices of Frederick W. Nessler & Associates, Ltd.
536 N. Bruns Lane, Suite One
Springfield, IL 62702
217 698-0202
217 698-0203 (fax)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
CAROL ANN DOVE
DECEASED
Case No. 2026-PR-401
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of CAROL ANN DOVE. Letters Testamentary were issued on November 4, 2026, appointing STEVEN T. DOVE, 3617 Bounty Circle, Springfield, IL 62711, as Executor, 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 Court, 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: November 5, 2026
Clerk of the Circuit Court
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
8051-970997

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA A. GOODWIN, DECEASED
Case #2026-PR-403
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of MARTHA A. GOODWIN. Letters of Office have been issued to MELISSA SUSAN COADY, 143 Circle Drive, 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 May 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 November, 2026.
William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of:
James E. Hughes., Deceased
Case No. 2026-PR-000312
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of James E. Hughes. Letters of Office were issued on Oct. 14, 2026 to Brian B. Biggs as Executor 421 E. Market St., Taylorville IL 62568.
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, May 12, 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
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MORTON BARRY FAYE, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NO. 2026PR000399
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Morton Barry Faye, Deceased.
Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2026 to Norman Faye, 477 Crescent Road, Wyncote, PA 19095, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of May, 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 2nd day of November, 2026.
Gregory P. Sgro
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP
1119 S. 6th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 789-1200

Divorce

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Brittany Thomas, Petitioner
And
Joseph Thomas Jr., Respondent
Case No. 2026-DN-000131
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Joseph Thomas Jr., 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 12th day of December, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Joseph B. Roesch
Circuit Clerk

Name Change

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Autumn Ann-Marie Cole
For change of name to
Autumn Ann-Marie Loman
Case No. 2026-MR-000155
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 5, 2027 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Autumn Ann-Marie Cole to Autumn Ann-Marie Loman pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Nov. 19, 2026

Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TERRION L. TABORN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2026FC000231
Property Address:
240 STEPHENSON LN, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
Tract 1:
Tract 8 and part of Tract 9 as shown on the Plat of Survey in April, 1959 by William G. Walschleger, Jr., Surveyor, said survey being the South part of the East Fractional Quarter of Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian in Sangamon County, Illinois, described as follows:
From a point 29.2 feet East of the stone in the Southwest corner of said tract and 464.64 feet North of the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Fractional Quarter of said Section 27, North 48 degrees 40 minutes East for a distance of 286.60 feet, thence North 13 degrees 19 minutes West for a distance of 484.07 feet, thence North 65 degrees 21 minutes East for a distance of 109.92 feet, thence South 22 degrees 00 minutes East for a distance of 25 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 22 degrees 00 minutes East for a distance of 100 feet, thence North 68 degrees 00 minutes East for a distance of 70 feet, thence North 22 degrees 00 minutes West for a distance of 103.24 feet, thence South 65 degrees 21 minutes West for a distance of 70.07 feet to the point of beginning.
Tract 2:
Easements for road purposes described as follows:
Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Fractional Quarter of Section 27 aforesaid, thence North along the West line of said East Half of said Quarter Section 7.04 chains or 464.64 feet, thence East 20 feet, thence South parallel to the West line of said Half Quarter Section 7.04 chains or 464.64 feet to the South Section line of Section 27, thence West to the place of beginning, as described in deed from Edward Baker and Delcena Baker, husband and wife, to Bertha Ruch, dated September 13, 1905, recorded December 23, 1905 and recorded in Volume 126, at Page 298.
Tract 3:
Easements for road purposes described as follows:
A 50 feet easement being 25 feet on each side of the following line: Commencing 29.2 feet East of a point on the West line of the East Half of the Southeast Fractional Quarter of Section 27 aforesaid, 7.04 chains North of the South Section line of said Section, thence North 48 degrees 40 minutes East 286.60 feet, thence North 13 degrees 19 minutes West, 484.07 feet, thence North 65 degrees 21 minutes East 213.15 feet, thence South 54 degrees 45 minutes East, 230.95 feet, thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes East 230 feet, thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes East, 126.90 feet to a point which is South 16 degrees 40 minutes West 25 feet from a round concrete block which is the Southeast corner of Tract 2 in said Southeast Fractional Quarter by survey of Morgan P. O'Brien, Surveyor, in October, 1958, of the said Southeast Fractional Quarter. The said easement for road purposes is for the benefit of all property in the said Southeast Fractional Quarter of Section 27 aforesaid, which is 7.04 chains North of the South line of said Section and South of the North Fork of the Sangamon River. Except all coal and minerals underlying said land with the right to mine and remove the same.
Commonly known as: 240 STEPHENSON LN, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707
Names of the titleholders of record: Terrion L. Taborn.
Date of the Mortgage: October 3, 2024.
Name or names of the mortgagors: Terrion L. Taborn.
Name of the mortgagee: Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans.
Date and place of recording: October 9, 2024; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of SANGAMON County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R17220.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before December 19, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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Meaghan Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
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ARDC # 6340688

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT ROBERTS; KAREN ROBERTS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- SANGAMON COUNTY; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants
Case No.: 2026FC000204
Property Address:
1803 N 8TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,
KAREN ROBERTS
defendant, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendant, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:
LOT 2 IN BLOCK 2 IN SAMUEL CARPENTER'S SUBDIVISION. ESCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as: 1803 N 8TH ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
Names of the titleholders of record: SCOTT ROBERTS and KAREN ROBERTS.
Date of the Mortgage: July 24, 2008.
Name or names of the mortgagors: SCOTT ROBERTS and KAREN ROBERTS.
Name of the mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A..
Date and place of recording: August 1, 2008; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 2008R29618.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before December 19, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
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Meaghan J. Diaz de Villegas, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 38990

Notice by Publication

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, December 17th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers, Room 222, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, Illinois, to hear the testimony for the petition of Lane Taylor Sturdy, contract purchaser of property commonly known as 5251 Sturdy Rd., Rochester, IL 62563 and:
PIN: 24-29.0-100-002
Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcel 1: pursuant to Chapters 17.68 and 17.12, a rezoning from "A" Agricultural District to "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.36.010(B) to allow an accessory structure to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the maximum height of eighteen (18) feet allowed in the "R-1" Single-Family Residence District; and, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot Depth) to allow the lot depth to be greater than two and one-half (2.5) times the width. Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

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PIN: 24-20.0-300-007, 24-20.0-300-009, and 24-20.0-300-010
Petitioner requests for Proposed Parcels 1 and 2: pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.030 to allow one (1) parcel less than forty (40) acres (approximately 20 acres). Also in attendance to hear the testimony will be the members of the Zoning & Land Use Committee of the Sangamon County Board.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2026
Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals
CHARLES W. CHIMENTO, CHAIRMAN

LEGAL NOTICE
The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, December 3, 2026: Iles Business Park – Redivision of Lot 3 and Part of Lot 4 - Location and Sketch Map and Variance Section 153.158(b)(2) - Pt. of the W ½ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 12, T15N, R6W – Located on the southeast corner of Iles Avenue and Koke Mill Road – Martin Engineering Company

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LEGAL NOTICE
The Land Subdivision Committee of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following subdivision at 1:30 PM in the Carnegie Room North of the Lincoln Library, Thursday, December 3, 2026: Redivision of Lot 7 of the Redivision of Lot 1A of the Resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, and 5 of Capital City Shopping Center Subdivision - Location and Sketch Map and Variance Section 153.158(b)(2) - Pt. of the W ½ of the SW ¼ of Sec. 12, T15N, R5W – Located along South Dirksen Parkway, north of Adlai Stevenson Drive – CESO Inc.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
Plaintiff,
vs.
2023 CHEVROLET MALIBU
VIN # 1G1ZD5ST4PF212612
Holly Heyen
No. 26-MX-593
26-AF-29
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. John C. Milhiser, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on June 2, 2026. UNLESS YOU file a verified Claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW.
Joe Roesch
Clerk of Court
J.W. Pierceall
Assistant State's Attorney
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 753-6690
Sangamoncounty.SAO.civil@sangamonil.gov

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for variation of Sections: 155.061, Basic Yard Requirements (for proposed lots 1, 3, and 4), 155.114(b), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities (for proposed lots 1, 2, and 4), 155.001, Definitions – Lot (for proposed lots 2, 3, and 4), 155.114(a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities (for proposed lots 1, 2, 3, and 4), 155.010(c), General Provisions, (for proposed lot 4), and 155.068 (a), Garages Accessory Buildings or Structures (for proposed lot 4), of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance.
The Subject Property is commonly known as 1401 Concordia Court, located on tax parcels 14-27.0-283-002; 14-27.0-283-003; 14-27.0-429-058; 14-27.0-429-057; 14-27.0-429-003, containing approximately 18.12 acres. Petitioner proposes to subdivide property as described in Exhibit A of the petition into four (4) separate lots. A sketch map and proposed Concordia Campus Subdivision Plat is attached to the Petition as Exhibit B. With the proposed subdivision, it is not anticipated that there will be a change to the number of or location of the existing structures on the proposed Lots. The intended use of the existing structures varies from the current use, which is vacant, no current use, but each intended use upon subdivision is permitted within the R-5(b) zoning classification. The petition lists intended use of Proposed Lots upon subdivision as : Lot 1: Non-commercial gymnasium permitted in R-5(b), Lot 2: Vacant, no current or intended use, improved with two office buildings, Lot 3: Vacant, no current or intended use, improved with six vacant structures, Lot 4: Single family residential, church, and administration / offices, all permitted uses in R-5(b). In connection with the proposed subdivision of the Subject Property, Petitioner respectfully requests variance of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance as follows: For Proposed Lot 1: A variance of Section 155.061, Basic Yard Requirements, to permit a rear yard setback of 10 feet, instead of the 20 feet required per code; a variance of Section 155.114(a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit parking on adjacent proposed lots 2 through 4, and on the existing parking lot property commonly known as 631 N. 14th St., and a variance of Section 155.114(b), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit off-street parking within the 20 foot front yard setback of proposed Lot 1. For proposed Lot 2: A variance of Section 155.001, Definitions – Lot, to permit two principal buildings on a single proposed zoning lot consisting of two office buildings instead of the one permitted per code; a variance of Section 155.114(a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit parking on adjacent proposed lots 1, 3 and 4, and on the existing parking lot property commonly known as 631 N. 14th St.; and a variance of Section 155.114(b), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit off-street parking within the 20 foot front yard setback of proposed Lot 2. For proposed Lot 3: A variance of Section 155.001, Definitions – Lot, to permit multiple principal buildings on a single proposed zoning lot consisting of six vacant buildings instead of the one permitted per code on proposed Lot 3; a variance of Section 155.061, Basic Yard Requirements, to permit a rear yard setback of 13 feet, instead of the 20 feet required per code, and a north property line side yard setback of zero feet instead of the 10 feet per code, and a front yard setback (west property line) of 13 feet instead of 20 feet per code on proposed Lot 3; and a variance of Section 155.114(a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit parking on adjacent proposed lots 1, 2 and 4, and on the existing parking lot property commonly known as 631 N. 14th St. For proposed Lot 4: A variance of Section 155.001, Definitions – Lot, to permit multiple principal uses upon a single zoning lot, consisting of single family residences, a church, and administrative offices serving the church, within the existing buildings and improvements located on proposed lot 4, instead of the one permitted use per code; a variance of Section 155.010(c), General Provisions, to permit six residential structures on a single zoning lot, instead of the one permitted per code; a variance of Section 155.061, Basic Yard Requirements, to permit a rear yard setback of 4 feet, instead of the 20 feet required per code on proposed Lot 4; a variance of Section 155.114(a), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit parking on adjacent proposed lots 1 through 3, and on the existing parking lot property commonly known as 631 N. 14th St.; and a variance of Section 155.114(b), Regulations for the location of off-street parking facilities, to permit off-street parking within the 20 foot front yard setback of proposed Lot 4; and a variance of Section 155.068(a) and 155.061 to allow a shed and a garage (existing buildings) in the front yard and within the 20-foot front yard setback (north property line).
Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are multiple structures, all as shown more particularly on the proposed Concordia Campus Subdivision Plat attached to the Petition as Exhibit B and on the ALTA Survey attached to the Petition and marked as Exhibit C. The subject real estate contains approximately 18.12 acres and is currently classified in the R-5 (b) General Residence and Office District, Section 155.021.
Legally described as: Exhibit A: Subject Property:
Part of P.P Enos Heirs Subdivision of Land in Section 27 and part of the Subdivision of the North part of Lot 12 of the Assessor's Subdivision of part of the South Half of Section 27 and part of the North Half of Section 34, all in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of said P.P. Enos Heirs Subdivision; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East on the South right of way line of Matheny Avenue, a distance of 1,202.63 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 15th Street; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East on said West right of way line, a distance of 588.44 feet; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 193.46 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 169.85 feet; thence South 88 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 16.01 feet; thence South 00 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 169.82 feet; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 203.96 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 14th Street; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 162.03 feet to a point on the North right of way line of North 14th Street; thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 80.04 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 14th Street; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 09 seconds West on said West right of way line, a distance of 98.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 168.08 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 152.07 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 13th Street; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 02 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 102.03 feet to a point on the North right of way line of North 13th Street; thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 80.04 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 13th Street; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds West on said West right of way line, a distance of 549.72 feet to a point on the North right of way line of East Carpenter Street; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 320.40 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 12th Street; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 571.88 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 153.71 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 257.59 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 789,237.55 square feet (18.12 acres), more or less. Affected Pins: 14-27-283-002; 14-27-283-003, 14-27-429-058, 14-27-429-057, and 14-27-429-003
Exhibit D: Legal Descriptions for Proposed Lots:
PROPOSED LOT 1:
Part of P.P Enos Heirs Subdivision of Land in Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of said P.P. Enos Heirs Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds West on the East right of way line of North 12th Street, a distance of 257.59 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds West on said East right of way line, a distance of 153.71 feet to the point of beginning.
From said point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds East, a distance of 154.59 feet; thence South 01 degrees 15 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 406.78 feet; thence South 02 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West, a distance of 30.12 feet; thence South 01 degrees 14 minutes 12 seconds East, a distance of 141.58 feet to a point on the North right of way line of East Carpenter Street; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 170.11 feet to a point on said East right of way line of North 12th Street; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 571.88 to the point of beginning. Containing 93,597.76 square feet (2.15 acres), more or less. Affected Pins: Part of 14-27-283-002
PROPOSED LOT 2:
Part of P.P Enos Heirs Subdivision of Land in Section 27 and part of the Subdivision of the North part of Lot 12 of the Assessor's Subdivision of part of the South Half of Section 27 and part of the North Half of Section 34, all in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of said P.P. Enos Heirs Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds West on the East right of way line of North 12th Street, a distance of 257.59 feet to the point of beginning.
From said point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East, a distance of 621.10 feet; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 40.21 feet; thence North 88 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds East, a distance of 182.47 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 193.58 feet to a point on the North right of way line of North 14th Street; thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 80.04 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 14th Street; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 09 seconds West on said West right of way line, a distance of 98.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 168.08 feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West, a distance of 152.07 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 13th Street; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 02 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 102.03 feet to a point on the North right of way line of North 13th Street; thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 35 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 80.04 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 13th Street; thence South 00 degrees 38 minutes 23 seconds West on said West right of way line, a distance of 549.72 feet to a point on the North right of way line of East Carpenter Street; thence North 88 degrees 54 minutes 08 seconds West on said North right of way line, a distance of 320.40 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 12th Street; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 20 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 571.88 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 14 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 153.71 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 257.59 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 164,255.44 square feet (3.77 acres), more or less. Affected Pins: Part of 14-27-283-002
PROPOSED LOT 3:
Part of P.P Enos Heirs Subdivision of Land in Section 27, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of said P.P. Enos Heirs Subdivision; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East on the South right of way line of Matheny Avenue, a distance of 674.92 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds East, a distance of 82.26 feet; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance of 58.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds East, a distance of 175.16 feet; thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds West, a distance of 621.10 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 12th Street; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 18 seconds East on said East right of way line, a distance of 257.59 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 262,923.90 square feet (6.04 acres), more or less. Affected Pins: Part of 14-27-283-002
PROPOSED LOT 4:
Part of P.P Enos Heirs Subdivision of Land in Section 27 and part of the Subdivision of the North part of Lot 12 of the Assessor's Subdivision of part of the South Half of Section 27 and part of the North Half of Section 34, all in Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 8 of said P.P. Enos Heirs Subdivision; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East on the South right of way line of Matheny Avenue, a distance of 674.92 feet to the point of beginning.
From said point of beginning; thence continuing North 88 degrees 48 minutes 37 seconds East on said South right of way line, a distance of 527.71 feet to a point on the West right of way line of North 15th Street; thence South 00 degrees 48 minutes 06 seconds East on said West right of way line, a distance of 588.44 feet; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 193.46 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 169.85 feet; thence South 88 degrees 53 minutes 49 seconds West, a distance of 16.01 feet; thence South 00 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 169.82 feet; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds West, a distance of 203.96 feet to a point on the East right of way line of North 14th Street; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds East on said East right of way line extended, a distance of 355.61 feet; thence South 88 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 182.47 feet; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds West, a distance of 134.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 24 seconds East, a distance of 58.16 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds West, a distance of 82.26 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 268,460.28 square feet (6.16 acres), more or less. Affected Pins: 14-27-283-003, 14-27-429-058, 14-27-429-057, 14-27-429-003, and part of 14-27-283-002

Exhibit E: Parking Lot:
S 80 LOT 1, ALL OF LOT 2, THE N 40' OF LOT 3, ALL OF LOTS 11 AND 12 & THE S 80' OF LOT 13 OF THE ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 27 AND PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. Common Address: 631 N. 14th Street, Springfield, IL 62702.
PIN: 14-27.0-428-046
The subject property is commonly known as 1401 Concordia Court, Proposed Lots 1 – 4, Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioner is Government Property Fund, LLC, by It's Attorneys Sorling Northrup, Lisa A. Petrilli, of Counsel.
Docket No. 2026-042
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

To enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent a private auction will be held on Saturday December 12, 2026, at 9:00a.m.
Northend Storage is located at 1907 North Grand East, Springfield, IL. 62702
This is a private auction. In order to attend you must call 217-544-4521 a week prior to the auction date.
Please leave your name, telephone number and an email address.
Cash is the only form of payment accepted for the auction.
Any individual wanting to retain their unit will need to pay their entire balance on or before Friday December 4, 2026.
No personal checks will be accepted for storage units that are in lien.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION
Thomas Yarrington Unit #1-6
Toni Hunt Unit #8-2
Leonard Swope Unit #10-8
George Smith Unit #1-39
Mikeona Flowers Unit #2-22
Effie Briggity Unit #3-25
Albert Dickerson Unit #7-16
Migmone Jones Unit #7-25
Shalik Rhynes Unit #9-34
Kyle Boyle Unit #9-42
Eunice Green Unit #10-16
Dewey Morris Unit #10-31
Daisy White Unit #10-33
Trayvion Little Unit #10-47
George Smith Unit #11-26
James Buzzell Unit #G-2
Angela Kruse Unit #J-32
Sherry Reynolds Unit #1-33

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000119
PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:
West 87 feet and 11 in. of lot 23 of Harvard Park subdivision in Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Permanent Index #22-03.0-334-001 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.
Commonly known as 2200 S. 11th, Springfield, IL 62703.
The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate), Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 25, 2018;
(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07083.
And you are further notified that unless on or before December 14, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.
Dated: November 4, 2026.
/s/ Lucas G. Guard
Attorney of Record for Alvin N. Hysler Jr.
ARDC No. 6317243
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910 S. Kirkwood Rd Suite 100
Saint Louis, MO 63122
Email: Lucas@Guard.Law
Joseph B. Roesch
Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County
11-12-2026, 11-19-2026, 11-26-2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000119
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The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:
Lot 120 in Wanless' Springfield Heights Addition to the City of Springfield [Grandview], Except the West 80 feet thereof. Situated in Sangamon Co., Illinois. Permanent Index #14-23.0-453-032 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.
Commonly known as 2136 E. Converse, Springfield [Grandview], IL 62702.
The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate), Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 23, 2020;
(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07084.
And you are further notified that unless on or before December 14, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.
Dated: November 4, 2026
/s/ Lucas G. Guard
Attorney of Record for Alvin N. Hysler Jr.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.
Plaintiff,
v.
BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000119
PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage (Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate) hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:
Lot Fourteen (14) in Block Two (2) of E.S. Dodson's Subdivision of the North West Quarter of section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 of the Third Principal Meridian, in the City of Springfield. Except the coal and other minerals underling the surface of said land and all rights and casements in favor of the estate of said coal and minerals. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index #14-28-101-041 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.
Commonly known as 1122 N. Lincoln, Springfield, IL 62702.
The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate), Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: March 25, 2025;
(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(E) Date and place of recording: NONE, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. NONE.
And you are further notified that unless on or before December 14, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.
Dated: November 4, 2026.
/s/ Lucas G. Guard
Attorney of Record for Alvin N. Hysler Jr.
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ALVIN N. HYSLER, JR.
Plaintiff,
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BRYAN COPP A/K/A BRIAN COPP, JOHN DOE 1, JOHN DOE 2, JOHN DOE 3, JOHN DOE 4, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 2026FC000119
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Lot 20 in Block 1 of E.S. Hodgson's Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the of Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meriden. Situated in Sangamon Co., Illinois. Permanent Index #14-28-102-029 together with the improvements thereon including the following personal property: Shades, rods, blinds, Venetian blinds, permanently attached floor covering, storm sash, screens, TV antenna, heating unit, domestic hot water heater, light fixtures, and other fixtures and equipment attached to and property belonging to said premises.
Commonly known as 1101 Kingshighway, Springfield, Illinois 62702.
The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate), Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(B) Date of Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate: September 24, 2018;
(C) Names of Mortgagor: Brian Copp (buyer named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(D) Name of Mortgagee: Alvin N. Hysler, Jr. (seller named in Installment Contract for Sale of Real Estate);
(E) Date and place of recording: May 7, 2024, Sangamon County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2024R07082.
And you are further notified that unless on or before December 14, 2026, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter.
Dated: November 4, 2026.
/s/ Lucas G. Guard
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
JOHN P. SCHMIT,
Deceased.
Case No. 2026-PR-411
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOHN P. SCHMIT, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on February 10, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 16th day of November, A.D., 2026, to STEVE DOLNIAK of 1205 E. Ironwood Dr., Normal, Illinois, 61761, and PAMELA E. HART, of 611 E. Monroe St., Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
DATED this 18th day of November, A.D., 2026.
Estate of JOHN P. SCHMIT, Deceased,
BY: /s/ Pamela E. Hart
Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys.
PREPARED BY:
Pamela E. Hart (6299974)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:
Anne E. Funk,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-420
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given of the death of Anne E. Funk, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on November 19, 2026 to Donald D. Funk, 3221 Acacia Bay Avenue, Wesley Chapel, Florida, 33543, as Independent Administrator, 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 Anne E. Funk of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Donald D. Funk as the only heir of Anne E. Funk.
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.
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The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.
A petition for variation of Section 155.068 (b) (2), Garages or Accessory Buildings or Structures, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Petitioner desires to construct a Pagoda on the Real Estate. The Pagoda as proposed would be 35 feet tall. To be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a variance of 155.068 (b) (2) to allow said Pagoda to be 35 feet in height, instead of the 18 feet maximum height, per code.
Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are an Assembly Hall, Monk Residence, and Dining Hall/Kitchen. The subject real estate is currently classified in the R-2, Single-Family & Duplex Residence District, Section 155.017.
Legally described as: Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 & Part of the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 (277477 SQ FT) 29-16-5, Parcel #14-29.0-303-049, situated in the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois; commonly known as 2104 Jefferson Street (AKA 525 North Bruns Lane), Springfield, Illinois.
The subject property is commonly known as 2104 Jefferson Street (AKA 525 North Bruns Lane), Springfield, Illinois.
The petitioner is Satipatthana Vipassana Association, by Elizabeth Myint, its Vice President, By Attorney Kevin N. McDermott.
Docket No. 2026-040
Ben Ferris
Assistant Zoning Administrator

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