

ROCKET NATION

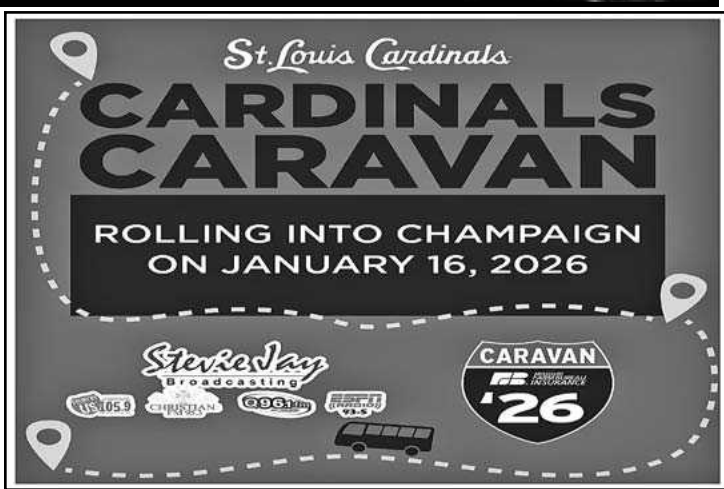
WITH DIANE DUCEY



Stevie Jay and I are looking forward to stepping out of our downtown Philo studios on Friday, January 16th to open the doors up at 11am to our Cardinal Nation!

WSJK, ESPN 93.5 has been the St. Louis Cardinals affiliate for over 15 years and part of our agreement is to welcome the Cardinal Caravan that happens the Friday going into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend. We're happy to introduce broadcasters, alumni and current players to fans at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1501 S Neil St. in Champaign, IL.

The free program begins at noon with autograph passes given to fans 15 and under, as those young people are treated as a priority to get signatures from the panel as the last thing we do before the bus leaves for their Peoria stop.



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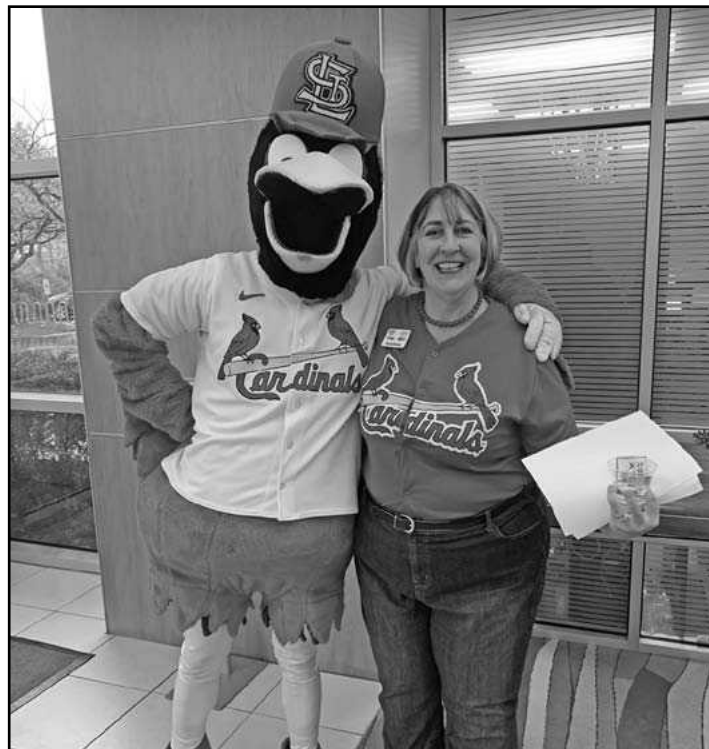
St. Louis Cardinal fans over 16 will get FREE tickets to a Cardinal Game at Busch Stadium in the 2026 season.

Raffle tickets will be sold by the local Champaign County Freedom Celebration to help plan America's 250th anniversary on the 4th of July.

These will give attendees a chance to win some cool swag, like Cardinal Calendars, Jerseys, Hats and tickets to enjoy a game from a suite! This interactive fan experience with a photo op station will have a chance to ask some questions as the noon program starts to wrap up.

Those wanting to get back to work over their lunch hour can leave when it's convenient (typically the program finishes around 12:45pm).

The Cardinal Caravan will feature: emcee Chip Caray (Harry Caray's grandson) and alumni Bengie Molina (Yadi's brother) & Brad Thompson Current players: Michael McGreevy, Thomas Saggese, Yohe Pozo and Andre Pallante. For details on this event, visit StevieJay.com



"Fred" Bird and Diane Ducey in 2024.

Abbey Horn Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH (01/06/2026)-- Abbey Horn of Broadlands (61816) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited

institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Annabelle Steg Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH (01/06/2026)-- Annabelle Steg of Tolono (61880) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2025 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Rocket Rundown

By Olivia Witheft Student Writer

Girls Basketball played Arcola last Monday where they won 49-29. On Thursday, they played the IVC ghosts and lost 23-52. To end their week, they played Tuscola and lost 38-56.

This week they will play against Pontiac on Monday and STM on Friday.

Boys Basketball played Tri Valley last Tuesday. The Rockets won the game 69-55. On Saturday they played in St. Joe for a shootout. The team played Warrensburg-Latham and won a tight game 68-60.

This upcoming week they

will play Tuscola on Tuesday, STM on Thursday, and Central Catholic High School on Saturday. The Rockets current record is now 16-2.

Boys wrestling competed in the Oakwood Duals last Tuesday. They went 1-1 and scored 10-58 against Gibson City and 47-30 against Mt. Zion. On Saturday, the boys competed in the Sycamore Invitational. Top ten finishes: Abe Davidson (165) second, Ben Mullins (157) fourth, AJ Daly (138) sixth, Josh Heath (175) ninth, and Hayden Smith (144) tenth.

The girls had a two-day tournament in Carbondale

over the weekend. Phoenix Molina earned her 100th win over the weekend as well as placing first in her weight bracket. Ava Beldo placed third.

Next Thursday boys will compete in Effingham then Friday and Saturday they will compete in an IPC conference tournament. The girls will compete in Canton next Saturday.

Dance competed in Charleston on Saturday. They placed first in Hip Hop and 4th in IHSA. They will compete again next Saturday in Clinton.



Rockettes place 1st in HipHop and 4th in IHSA at the Charleston Competition.

Alexis Ritchie Named to Lindsey Wilson University 2025 Fall Semester Dean's List

COLUMBIA, KY (01/07/2026)-- Alexis Ritchie from Tolono has been named to the Lindsey Wilson University Dean's List for the 2025 fall semester.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale and who are in good academic standing for the semester.

Lindsey Wilson University is a vibrant liberal arts university in Columbia, Kentucky.

Founded in 1903 and affiliated with The United Methodist Church, the mission of Lindsey Wilson is to serve the educational needs of students by providing a living-learning environment within an atmosphere of active caring and Christian concern where every student, every day, learns and grows and feels like a real human being. Lindsey Wilson offers 28 undergraduate majors, five graduate programs and a doctoral program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Champaign County, ILLINOIS Freedom Mortgage Corporation PLAINTIFF

Vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RITA A. GUDGEL AKA RITA GUDGEL; NANCY ROMINES; MICHAEL GUDGEL; CITY OF URBANA; JOHN BROWN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RITA A. GUDGEL; TAMMY ELFAWAL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS No. 20CH58

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 26, 2025, Champaign County Sheriff's Office Illinois of Champaign County will sell the mortgaged real estate described below to the highest bidder in an online auction, located at <https://champaigncountysheriff-ill.roup.com/>. Bidding will begin on 02/16/2026 10:00 AM CST and will remain open until at least 02/18/2026 10:00 AM CST. If any bidding occurs in the final moments of the auction, the end of the auction will be extended automatically for successive fixed periods of time (the "anti-snipe time") to give all bidders the opportunity to submit their highest bid. The auction will end after no bidding occurs during the anti-snipe time. The notice of sale relates to the following described mortgaged real estate:

Legal Description: Lot Nine (9) of a Subdivision of Outlot Ten (10) of James S. Busey's Addition of Outlots to the Town, now City of Urbana, being a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seventeen, Township Nineteen North, Range Nine East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the City of Urbana, in the County of Champaign, in the State of Illinois PIN: 92-21-17-259-004

Improved with a Single Family COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 208 West Nevada Street, Urbana, IL, 61801

Sale Terms: The winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within 24 hours of the auction's end. Accepted payment methods include certified or cashier's check. Personal checks are not accepted.

The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Diaz Anselmo & Associates 1771 W Diehl Rd., Ste. 120, Naperville, Illinois, 60563 (630) 453-6960

Please refer to file number 1463-187968

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 6095-960318 published 01/07, 01/14, 01/21/2026

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SURPLUS OFFICE FURNITURE SALE



After combining several offices into one, we find ourselves crowded with too many desks, tables, and other furniture that needs to go. Sofa and loveseat, end tables, coffee table, filing cabinets, credenza, mini-fridge, shop tables, etc. Lots desks. So many desks. Come buy a desk.

Some of it is in good shape. Others not so much. Make an offer. Sold as-is with no warranty. Items are cross-posted and subject to early sale.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — 10a - 5p
Friday, Jan. 16 — 10a - 5p
Saturday, Jan. 17 — 10a - 12 noon
115 W. Sale St., Tuscola