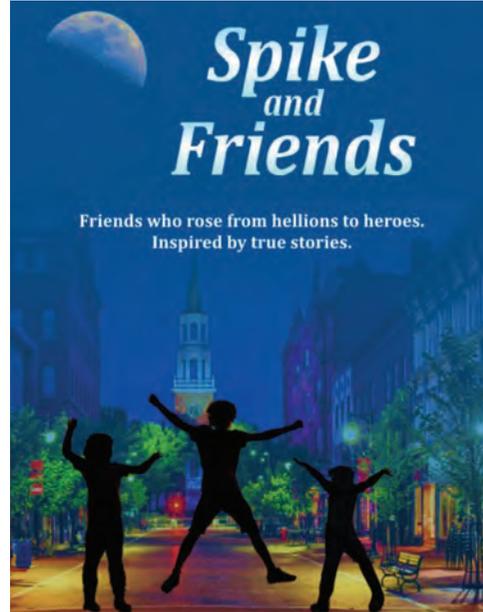




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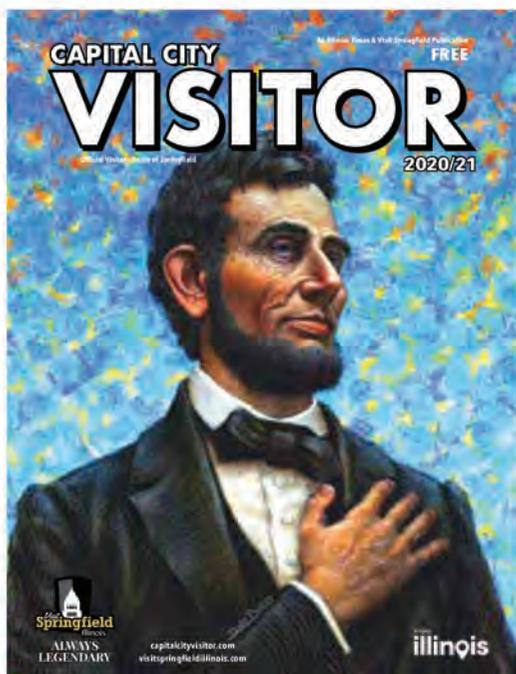

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# Home improvement

City buys houses for unfunded projects

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

At the same Dec. 15 city council meeting where someone dressed as Santa gave holiday greetings to council members who attended via Zoom, the council bought four houses on South Grand Avenue East.

It was a reversal from weeks leading up to Halloween, when council members balked at buying the same properties to make room for a promised rail overpass for which no construction money has been secured. The overpass would be built on the 19<sup>th</sup> Street rail corridor, about 10 blocks east of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street rail corridor now undergoing expansion.

Collectively, the four vacant houses have clocked 86 pages in code violations through the years for problems ranging from no garbage service to tall weeds to mattresses and other trash dumped in yards. City files also mention placards and someone once living in one of the houses absent electricity.

The owners, including Tien Thanh Do, who owns three of the homes, and Linda Do, who owns the fourth, told the city that they're facing medical and financial issues and so asked that taxpayers acquire their dilapidated homes now instead of years in the future, when the city hopes to start work on the overpass project.

That didn't fly last fall for Ward 3 Ald. Doris Turner, who voted to keep the Do purchase in committee while favoring the purchase of a home across the street that is in her ward. Luann Hickman, owner of the Third Ward house, got nearly \$186,000, including money for moving expenses.

To compare that deal with the purchase of four uninhabitable homes for \$106,000 would be to compare apples with oranges, Turner declared at an October council meeting when the deal in her ward went down. The houses across the street from Hickman's house, she noted, are in terrible shape.

"They aren't occupied, and nobody will ever be able to occupy them," Turner told colleagues last fall. "That's the main reason those properties were put back in committee."

It's not clear why Turner voted yes to the four-home purchase last month when she and her



The Springfield City Council has approved the purchase of four uninhabitable homes with histories of code violations for more than \$100,000. The purchase price for this one is \$20,800.

colleagues pulled the deal out of committee and approved it. She didn't explain her reasons when she voted, nor did she return a phone call.

In voting yes, Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, whose ward includes the four houses, said that the city can save money by buying the homes now instead of in the future: The properties, he said last month, might be revitalized and so would be worth more than they are today. Ward 6 Ald. Andrew Proctor, who last fall echoed Turner in concerns about buying uninhabitable houses with public money for an unfunded railroad overpass, tells me that he was swayed by that logic when he said yes to the deal in December. "What really got me to vote yes was someone said somebody else could acquire it and possibly renovate it and it would cost more," Proctor says. "You never know."

Gail Simpson, Gregory's predecessor on the council, calls rehab or redevelopment a longshot. "It hasn't happened," she says. "In other parts of the city, it hasn't happened. There's no will to do it."

I'm not sure that revitalization would be a bad thing, since money to buy property for the unfunded overpass is coming from state and federal sources. The neighborhood could enjoy fixed-up houses until construction is ready to begin, if ever, then the state and feds would pay acquisition costs. Now, the city will demolish the houses and keep grass mowed while forgoing property taxes and waiting for a construction timetable.

Ward 7 Ald. Joe McMenamin, who voted against the purchase, says that the chances of rehab are zero. The city, he says, wasn't forced to buy the homes. "There was no lawsuit threatened," he said. "It was just poor decision making."

Why, Simpson wonders, did the city buy the homes, and why did city officials allow the properties to fall into such disrepair?

"Why do you reward them (the owners) for continued bad behavior?" Simpson asks. "Because of all the ordinance violations, the city already should have those properties — they should belong to the city."

It is fair to ask, Simpson says, what message this might send to others along the 19<sup>th</sup> Street corridor whose land is needed for unfunded overpasses on Ash Street and South Grand Avenue East. Will property owners keep lawns mowed and garbage picked up and roofs maintained and siding painted and property taxes paid or might they skimp, banking on getting bought out sooner rather than later?

Time will tell. □

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## Dear Instacart: I'll use you again when you treat workers better

GUESTWORK | Katharine P. Eastvold

I started using your service when the pandemic arrived in my community last March. Since then, I've called on Instacart to deliver food staples to my door, bring me the ingredients for my Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, provide Halloween decorations and stocking stuffers, and, thanks to your policy of apparently not caring how many new addresses I add, send groceries to other families in need.

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Instacart began to make a profit for the first time in April 2020, after having lost \$300 million in 2019. The value of the company has doubled. Your business owes its success to the tragedy of a global pandemic. Of course, in every crisis there will be business models better positioned than others to meet customers' unique needs. But with good fortune born in troubled times should come a sense of humility and a recognition that none of this would be possible without shoppers willing to put themselves and their own families at risk to go to work every day.

That's why I was disappointed and angry to read that you have fired one-fifth of your direct employees who are in-store shoppers, including all of your employees who had recently unionized. While your unionized workforce was small — thanks to your aggressive campaign to persuade workers not to vote for a union — laying off every last one of them sends a powerful signal to other employees not to organize, or

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### Editor's note

It's brilliant of Sangamon County public health officials to let 65-plusers get vaccinated if they bring an 85-pluser with them, and after their vaccines wait together the required 15 minutes. They'll become linked for life. It's like the driver's ed rules that require teenagers to spend so many hours of behind-the-wheel training with their parents — more time than they've spent together for years. Next they should open up vaccines to anybody who brings in an oldster, or any unhealthy person. How about any wealthy country can get vaccinated if it brings a poor country with it? Give peace a shot. —Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

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## OPINION

# Speaker Welch gets down to business

POLITICS | Rich Miller

House Speaker Michael Madigan avoided calling the General Assembly back into session during the pandemic for several reasons, many of them having to do with himself. But Speaker Welch told me earlier this month that “The legislature is back in business. We’re going to work in 2021.”

“We’re going to probably use the BOS Center for a little while,” Welch said of the Springfield convention center that the House has been meeting in. “But that’s a pretty costly place. So we’re also trying to explore how to safely transition back into the Capitol. There will probably be a hybrid version of remote committees and limited things at the Capitol, but we’re about to go back to work.”

The remote legislating bill failed to pass both chambers during the recent lame duck session, but Welch said there are some new things they can do, “And we can do it pretty quickly if we’re actually working.”

Here are some more highlights from my interview:

**Chief of Staff:** The new Speaker said he’s asked Madigan’s chief of staff Jessica Basham to stay on through the end of the remap process and she has agreed. Basham has been diligently studying the remap process for the past two years, but she is also Madigan’s former appropriations director, which is crucial knowledge and experience to have during what looks to be a possibly horrific budget-making process.

“I’m looking forward to working with Jessica,” Welch said. “I think she’s been a great chief of staff. She knows this process and I’m going to lean on her as well. And I think everyone would understand the need to have a transition period. You don’t come in a door and immediately start making changes, especially when three days ago you didn’t even expect to be in the position.”

Speaking of the remap: Welch told reporters after he was elected Speaker that he supports “Fair Maps.” I asked how committed he actually is to the concept of redistricting reform.

“I’ve believed in fair maps since I’ve been in the legislature,” Welch said. “And so we’re going to begin that process. We’re going to work with Democrats and Republicans, we’re gonna work with the Senate, we’re gonna work with the governor. Because my definition of fair maps may be different from what everyone else’s is. So, we have to do this in partnership. Remember that if we’re not

doing this in partnership, we already have a difficult task ahead of us, it’s only going to get more difficult if we don’t do this with all the voices around the table.”

**New Rules?:** Speaker Welch said he wants to talk with his members before making any decisions on new House rules, “because I heard a lot about that in my conversations,” with House Democrats during his election.

“After I talk to the members, I’ll reach out to Durkin,” he said of the House Republican Leader. Welch said he will “take a quick hard look” at the rules “and make changes where we deem appropriate.”

**Campaign Structure:** The House Republicans years ago separated their government staff from their campaign staff. Madigan never followed suit. The House Democrats’ Issues Staff does double-duty on campaigns. Does he plan to change that?

“We’re talking through with a number of folks getting guidance, and we’ll see how things go,” Welch said.

“I want to say this,” Welch continued, “because there’s 73 Democrats in the House. Two years ago, we had 74. That’s a super-

majority. So Madigan was doing something right. And his structure was doing something right. And so we’re not gonna throw the baby out with the bathwater.

“What we’re gonna do is take a good system and add a little polish to it, and fine tune it and add some modern touches to it, give it a little bit more transparency. But we’re gonna do some things that are already being done because they’re proven things that elect Democrats.”

Welch said he hasn’t yet talked with Madigan about control of the caucus’ Democratic Majority PAC, “but that’s on the agenda.”

Madigan: Asked if Madigan had left him a letter of advice like many governors do for their successors, Welch said he hadn’t.

“But you know, he is available to me, we’ve sat and talked twice,” Welch said. “And both of those conversations have been very helpful to me already.”

“He has told me to call him for advice on anything I need. And trust me, with his type of knowledge, I’m gonna do that. I’m gonna lean on that institution. □



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**dies irae terrae # 13: new year**

inauguration over new era begun much to repair much to get on with: vaccs must come first heal people then people heal planet at least stanch the hemorrhaging it's not like we haven't been warned – 18th century malthus my dad reported in a 1954 speech told us our world was finite could support only a number we were already close to exceed he himself was helping that climb with his and others' work improving corn improving cows he said a day of reckoning would surely come: if we didn't act soon our world would do it for us – well it's happening now and has been – my dad didn't know of land – mass drift temps rising water rising but we've been aware a long time now: there's maybe ten years to halt reverse read kolbert mckinnon others we must take action for an earth worth leaving to grandkids, gr-gr-grands – perhaps this covid living is preparing us to do much more with much much less

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**WHAT ARE POLICE AFRAID OF?**

Springfield police union president Don Edwards is quoted as saying, “Our membership is disgusted and frankly frightened of what this will do to both their livelihoods and, equally important to them, what it will do to the criminal justice system,” regarding the legislative reforms reported by Bruce Rushton (“Reform or overreach: Cop, prosecutors criticize police overhaul bill,” Jan. 21). What arrogance. Such attitudes result from a sense of entitlement and a fear of accountability.

The Springfield Police Department gets 40% of the new budget for the entire city; that is where the sense of entitlement comes from. As to fear, Edwards must explain why police are “frightened” by any law. As to the criminal justice system, the need for pervasive reform does not seem controversial, except to those with entrenched conflicts of interests. Police resistance to legislative reforms is proof of the absolute necessity for continuing reforms.

*Thomas E. Davis  
Former assistant attorney general*

*and assistant McLean County state's attorney  
Springfield*

**NEED A CITY PLANNER**

For several years, urban architect Paul O'Shea and I have strongly urged Mayor Jim Langfelder to create and fill the position of city planner.

A recent story about moving Illinois EPA employees to the west side rather than to the downtown area might have been much different if Springfield had a professional planner (“State buys former Sears space at White Oaks,” Dec. 1).

Important projects would benefit from the research, input and advice of a professional city planner. These include the construction of a new multi-modal transportation center on 10th Street, what to do with the Third Street corridor and Amtrak station after the tracks are gone, the reuse of the Illinois State Armory, the best location for a homeless shelter, the best location for a UIS presence downtown, a careful study of the proposal for District 186 to have two high schools and how to best use the vacant YWCA block on Fifth Street along with the now-vacant YMCA building on Fourth Street.

The mayor, with the city council, needs to establish and support the position of city planner.

*John J. Watt  
Springfield*

**JURY TAMPERING?**

I understand Donald Trump has threatened his critics in the Senate GOP with primary challengers and would see to it that anyone who votes for conviction would also have primary challengers.

Since the senators will, in effect, be acting as jurors in determining his guilt, aren't these threats the equivalent of jury tampering, and if not that, then of obstruction of justice that he could be prosecuted for?

*Gary Smith  
Springfield*

**UNDISCOVERED**

Acknowledging President Joe Biden's initiative in plucking the brilliant young Amanda Gorman to be poet laureate at his inauguration, hearing her recitation and seeing her being interviewed following the inauguration made me wonder: How many more Amanda Gormans are out there awaiting an opportunity to enrich our lives and enlighten our world?

*Bill McGee  
Springfield*

**CORREX**

Last week's article, “Sangamon County beginnings,” says the state of Illinois created Sangamon County on Jan. 21, 1821. Historian David Brady tells us the correct date is Jan. 30, 1821.

**Dear Instacart**

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else. Moreover, the broader shift away from direct employees and toward gig workers will make it harder for the rest of your workers to organize and demand pay and benefits commensurate with the hazards of the job. I'm sure that's the point, since business is booming and layoffs, especially of this magnitude, aren't remotely necessary for your company to stay in business.

None of this is lost on customers like me, who understand that we are only able to stay at home, protecting ourselves and others, because of the sacrifices frontline essential workers, like your shoppers, have made. We don't use your service to pad your bottom line or because your website and app are user-friendly (they aren't). We use Instacart because of its workers – the people who spend time in grocery stores so we don't have to.

It's always difficult to know if boycotting a company is the right move, since it hurts employees as well as management. But I can no longer in good conscience spend money with you when it will be used to accumulate greater profits during a pandemic while your workers are underpaid, denied the ability to organize for better pay and working conditions, and laid off with as little as \$250 in severance while your valuation continues to climb toward your initial public offering. My family will find alternatives that still limit the community spread of COVID, and we'll continue tipping delivery workers generously – extravagantly, when we can – until all frontline essential workers receive pay that truly reflects their value to society and the risks they take.

This isn't even a case of profits over people; in today's economy, a company like yours can profit and still invest in your people. You have the opportunity to be a model of corporate responsibility, instead of another trending start-up fueling the gig economy's race to the bottom. Do the right thing: reinstate the laid-off shoppers, move toward more direct employees and away from independent contractors, and stay out of the way of workers seeking to organize. Until then, we won't be using Instacart. □

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# Vaccination challenges

HEALTH | Madison Angell

In December the first high-risk priority groups, health care personnel, all hospital staff and anyone working or residing in long-term care facilities were encouraged to participate in vaccine clinics. They are designated group 1a.

Sangamon County announced people aged 65 and older and frontline essential workers like firefighters, grocery workers and educators could begin scheduling immunization appointments on Jan. 18. They are in what's deemed group 1b.

But vaccination appointments in Sangamon County are full through Feb. 1. For those belonging to groups 1a or 1b looking to receive the vaccine, updates can be found on the Sangamon County Dept. of Public Health website or the county's Facebook page. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are given in two doses, the first being administered 21 days apart and the latter 28.

The last groups to receive vaccines in Phase 1 are people between the ages of 16 and 64 with prior health conditions that could heighten the severity of COVID-19 such as heart or kidney disease, cancer, diabetes and obesity. Included in 1c are also people working in public transportation, banks, construction, and all other essential employees. Phase 2 is the final phase, when the vaccine becomes accessible to the general public. It will likely be months before it's reached.

## The challenges

While the county health department said it is being as transparent as possible about vaccines – including a new online dashboard tracking the rate of daily vaccinations – having information online has not meant clarity.

Sangamon County began administering vaccines to groups in Phase 1b earlier than expected but quickly ran into problems. One being whether to prioritize specific groups in 1b like teachers or child care providers.

Several counties have “opted at this point not to specialize or prioritize” any groups “mostly because we don't have a lot of information about how much vaccine is coming to us in any given week,” said Gail O'Neill, director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

When SCDPH began receiving Pfizer and Moderna shipments, officials immediately decided to hold onto two vaccines for every patient, to ensure they would receive both doses in the required time frame. However, they were told “not to worry” or not to “hold on to vaccines.” Vaccine shipments have staggered in, sometimes days later than expected. O'Neill said the delayed shipments have caused administrative staff to worry.



SCDPH is running vaccination clinics in its building and in drive-thrus seven days per week. PHOTO BY CAROL WEEMS

An early move to vaccinate groups from 1b in Sangamon County also created confusion. In the second week of January, the local health department only scheduled 56 of the 290 available appointments. The low number of vaccine enrollments prompted O'Neill to announce the appointment openings.

This created an influx of those seeking to schedule immunizations, and not everyone was even in group 1b. The confusion regarding prioritized groups allowed “people from 1b and possibly others in for appointments,” according to O'Neill. Instead of wasting resources, the director honored the appointments.

Springfield radio news host and reporter Jim Leach was one to get an appointment ahead of schedule, which he wrote about. O'Neill told *Illinois Times* the glitch allowing people to get vaccines before they meet the official criteria has been fixed.

## Moving on to Phase 1b

On Jan. 25 the state as a whole moved into Phase 1b, which theoretically allows first-responders and essential workers like law enforcement, child care providers and people 65 or older to receive COVID-19 immunization appointments. Scheduling them, however, is another matter.

Sangamon County receives close to 2,000 vaccine doses a week and is on schedule to administer 290 vaccines per day. To fix the scheduling issues and ensure people most at risk receive immunizations first, starting Jan. 26 SCDPH will schedule first-dose inoculation appointments only for people aged 85 or older. This is temporary, but will contin-

ue at least through the week and until the increased volume of callers in this age range subsides. Drivers or caregivers are included in this prioritization as well, so long as they are 65 or older.

Since the problems with people getting vaccinated who didn't qualify, reported earlier in January, the department has also required people to provide “proof of employment and identification for those (under the age of 65) who are working and claiming to be in the 1b category,” O'Neill wrote in an email. Those who qualify still might have to wait to get an appointment, and keep calling the health department or keep checking its website: [scdph.org](http://scdph.org).

Scaling up vaccination distribution now depends on a federal release of second doses and whether additional vaccines receive the Emergency Use Authorization stamp of approval.

O'Neill said the best way to get an appointment is to closely watch the SCDPH website. Removing the black banner of lettering which appears above the scheduling tab is the first thing the department does to signal appointments have opened up.

Additionally, O'Neill said slots can become available when individuals cancel their appointments, and some in the community are “constantly watching and refreshing their computer so that they can get that first appointment if they find it.” While many are near a final milestone of this pandemic – and after so much waiting – patience remains a key part of the equation. □

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Senator Dick Durbin . PHOTO BY RAFAEL SUANES

## TRYING TO TROMP TRUMP

**CAP CITY** The effort to impeach and convict Donald Trump continues. “We do have other responsibilities in the Senate. Providing President Biden with his team, particularly his national security team, is our highest priority,” U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois told reporters during a Jan. 22 news conference. “The idea of inciting an insurrection against the government of the United States is probably the worst imaginable conduct by a president,” he said. Durbin called those who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 terrorists. Days after the attack, an article of impeachment surfaced. It passed the House a week later. Claims include that Trump willfully “engaged in high crimes and misdemeanors by inciting violence against the Government of the United States.” A Senate trial is scheduled to begin the second week of February. Durbin, Senate Democratic whip, has said he won't push peers to vote one way or another. It appears unlikely there will be enough votes in the Senate to convict.

## WE'RE NUMBER 42

**CAP CITY** Feeling cramped by COVID restrictions mandated by Gov. JB Pritzker? Move to Oklahoma, which is the least-restrictive state when it comes to measures – think mask mandates, temperature screenings before entering buildings, restrictions on public gatherings, whether bars and restaurants are open and between what hours – taken to keep people alive and healthy, according to WalletHub, an online personal finance company that provides the curious with credit scores and financial advice. Illinois, according to WalletHub, ranked 42nd on the least-restrictive list, which might be something worth boasting about, given trends that show positivity and death rates are declining in the Land of Lincoln. Then again, there is California, which WalletHub deemed the most restrictive, perhaps because so many folks have been dying that they had to do something. The Midwest, according to WalletHub, is something of an anything-goes region when it comes to COVID restrictions. Iowa ranked third as of Jan. 26 in the least-restrictive matrix, falling one spot from its number two ranking last October. Missouri, which ranked number one in October, has fallen a bit but still finished seventh.

# Education bill to revamp social studies

Includes heavier emphasis on computer science and computer literacy

STATEHOUSE | Peter Hancock, Capitol News Illinois

*This story is part of an ongoing “Lame Duck Look Back” series in which Capitol News Illinois is following up on the major bills that passed both chambers of the General Assembly in the Jan. 8-13 lame duck session.*

Social studies classes in Illinois public schools are about to get a major overhaul, with more emphasis on Black history and the contributions of other underrepresented groups to American culture.

In addition, within the next few years, all school districts in the state will be required to offer computer science courses and more instruction in computer literacy.

Those are just two of the major provisions of a 218-page education equity bill, House Bill 2170, that passed during the recent lame duck session of the General Assembly with the backing of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus.

Jennifer Kirmes, executive director of teaching and learning at the Illinois State Board of Education, said in an interview that the agency has been working toward updating the state’s social studies standards for months.

“Over the summer, we convened a working group of educators and advocates and gave that group the task of reviewing the existing Illinois social science learning standards, in particular through the lenses of equity and social justice, and to ensure that the standards aligned with the statutory mandates to teach about the contributions of underrepresented groups like African Americans and LGBTQ Americans,” Kirmes said. “So really, what’s in the bill codifies work that we started several months ago, and are still undertaking now.”

Specifically, the bill calls on ISBE to adopt new standards by July 1 “that are inclusive and reflective of all individuals in this country.”

It also calls for establishing an “Inclusive American History Commission” to help the board develop the new standards. That 22-member commission will be charged with reviewing educational resources that teachers can use that “reflect the racial and ethnic diversity” of Illinois and the United States, providing guidance

for educators on how to ensure that their class content is not biased in favor of certain cultures and providing guidance on how to identify resources for “non-dominant cultural narratives.”

The bill also calls on every elementary and high school to develop a curriculum that includes one unit of studying pre-enslavement Black history. That unit will cover the period from 3,000 BCE to 1619, when the first enslaved Africans were brought to America. Black history units will also have to include the study of the reasons why Black people came to be enslaved and the study of the American civil rights movement.

Social studies programs in the United States have been criticized for years for putting too much emphasis on the white European origins of the original 13 colonies and the development of a predominantly white culture while paying only scant attention to the history of slavery or the contributions of people from other, non-European cultures.

“I cannot speak to what is happening in every district across Illinois and I think it’s hard to make any kind of sweeping statement about all of history education in Illinois,” Kirmes said. “Our position is that we want it to be well supported and well executed in every community.”

Kirmes said ISBE expects to have a draft of the new standards available for public comment in March. The final standards will then be presented to the board for approval early in the summer.

In addition to revising social studies standards, the bill also tries to ensure greater access throughout the state to computer literacy programs and computer science education.

It calls on all districts to provide “developmentally appropriate opportunities” to gain computer literacy skills beginning in elementary school. Also, starting in the 2022-23 academic year, students entering ninth grade will be required to take at least one course that provides “intensive instruction” in computer literacy. That could be a course that also meets other graduation

requirements such as math or social studies.

Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, all districts that operate high schools will be required to offer at least one course in computer science, which is defined as “the study of computers and algorithms, including their principles, their hardware and software designs, their implementation, and their impact on society.” It does not include the study of everyday uses of computers and applications such as keyboarding or accessing the internet.

ISBE does not currently have educational standards for computer science, Kirmes said, so those will have to be developed from scratch.

She said ISBE has already convened a group to begin drafting computer science standards and the agency expects those to be adopted this summer as well.

Other provisions of the bill call for changing the state’s high school graduation requirements so they are more closely aligned with college admission requirements at the University of Illinois. Starting in the 2024-25 academic year, students entering ninth grade will have to complete two years of laboratory science. And beginning in the 2028-29 school year, they will be required to complete two years of a foreign language.

In the area of higher education, the bill changes the funding formula for the AIM HIGH student aid program. Instead of splitting the cost of those grants evenly between universities and the state, schools where 49 percent or more of their undergraduate student body are eligible for federal Pell grants will only have to match 20 percent of their state allocation while schools where fewer than 49 percent of students qualify for Pell grants will have to match 60 percent of the state allocation.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, in the Senate and Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, in the House. It needs only a signature from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law. □

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# Saving the Lincoln Colored Home

Investment needed to preserve one of nation's first Black orphanages

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION | Vincent "June" Chappelle**

In 1898, Eva Carroll Monroe opened one of the first Black orphanages in the nation, which she ran for 35 years. It's a facet of Springfield's history that doesn't get the attention it deserves.

Mary Frances – a professor, artist and activist who lives in Springfield – set out to help rectify that last year with a documentary titled *Eva Carroll Monroe and the Lincoln Colored Home*. During a webinar last month, she explained why she felt called to create the film. "I had gone by the (Lincoln) Colored Home. I didn't know what it was and I did a little research and I found hardly anything about Eva."

After she presented her findings during the virtual event on Dec. 16, observers questioned what was currently being done to preserve the home, which still sits at 427 S. 12th St. That question went largely unanswered. So I set out to discover more about what's being done to preserve the home's legacy.

Eva Carroll Monroe was born during Reconstruction in Kewanee, Illinois, in 1868. Her dedication to serving others stemmed from the loss of her mother. Monroe, only 12 years old when her mother died, was left responsible for helping to rear her younger siblings.

During the turn of the century, many African Americans fought to recover from the trauma of enslavement while grappling with white supremacy. It's a tumultuous battle still being fought, due to systemic oppression – particularly in places in and near the Bible Belt, places like Springfield.

Monroe faced adversity to care for Black people within the community when she opened the Lincoln Colored Old Folks and Orphans Home in March of 1898, with the help of her sister, Olive, and monetary assistance from Mary Agnes Lawrence, mother of Susan Lawrence Dana. Monroe created a haven for Black youth and elders who would have otherwise been forgotten in the streets or sent to facilities with questionable care.

So how can we ensure that this piece of history, and others like it, will be preserved? The first person I posed this question to was Shawn Gregory. He's one of the city's two Black city council members, and the

home is in his ward. Gregory said he would like to see it get similar attention as some of the other historic sites in town. Gregory said if turned into a tourist destination, it could also help drive traffic to the east side, which would be especially beneficial given the railroad project along the 10th Street corridor.

"There hasn't been as much action as there needs to be on these particular homes," said Gregory, who wants to see other historic places on the east side restored as well, such as



**The Lincoln Colored Home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is in need of renovation and repair. PHOTO BY VINCENT "JUNE" CHAPPELLE**

the John Wycliffe Taylor Home. It served as a school for Black children in the early 1900s.

Frank Butterfield, director of the Springfield office of Landmarks Illinois, said the Lincoln Colored Home – while currently in poor shape – could still be brought back to life. "To the average passerby, the building might look very rough and beyond rehab." However, "buildings in the first decade of the 20th century were often built with resilience that we don't see today," Butterfield said. "I truly believe that it is one of the most significant structures in Springfield, particularly in connection with Eva Carroll Monroe and her

work."

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton – the first African American woman to hold her position – learned about the home while visiting the Route History Museum in Springfield last summer. The museum explores Black history in Springfield and along Route 66.

"The Lincoln Colored Home is an important part of both African American and state history," said Stratton in a statement to *Illinois Times*. "Monroe should be more widely hailed for her compassion and dedication to serving others. The Lincoln Colored Home itself is on the National Register of Historic Places and, while it stands in need of repair, it remains a visible reminder of the power of collective impact in caring for our most vulnerable children."

The home is currently owned by the estate of the late Lyman LaRue Hubbard, Sr. – a former Tuskegee Airman whose family has resided in the greater Springfield area for more than 165 years.

In 2016, a 4-H club adopted the home as a project. Lee Hubbard, Lyman's son, told the *State Journal-Register* he applauded the efforts and wanted to get traction to repair the home – an effort important to his father who died in 2012. "It still has the same magic about it," Hubbard told the newspaper. "It is so worth saving."

Black historical monuments are just as important as the plethora of others that serve to tell the history of the white status quo. They are spaces that, for years, were havens for people who faced ostracism and racism.

It would be validating to see places such as the Lincoln Colored Home get the care and respect that historical white spaces receive. Are we to let the legacy of Monroe and others fade into the distance? Or will something be done in order to preserve them for future generations to know their greatness? □

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# The end of cash bail in Illinois

Pretrial detention and release will be non-monetary by 2023

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE** | Raymon Troncoso, Capitol News Illinois

*This story is part of an ongoing “Lame Duck Look Back” series in which Capitol News Illinois is following up on the major bills that passed both chambers of the General Assembly in the Jan. 8-13 lame duck session. This is one of several stories examining the criminal justice reform package backed by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus*

Illinois will transition away from the use of cash bail as a determinant of pretrial detention by 2023 after lawmakers passed a wide-ranging bill reforming several aspects of the criminal justice system in the state.

The legislation, which now awaits Gov. JB Pritzker’s signature before it can be finalized into law, would shift Illinois’ pretrial detention and release system to one that is non-monetary.

Starting on Jan. 1, 2023, “all persons charged with an offense shall be eligible for pretrial release before conviction,” and the “requirement of posting monetary bail” will be abolished.

Proponents of ending cash bail have argued the presumption of innocence for those charged with crimes should also result in the presumption of freedom, rather than detention, as the default standard, except in certain cases.

Exceptions from pretrial release under the new law include forcible felonies such as first-degree murder, sexual assault, arson and any other felony involving the use or threat of physical force; stalking and aggravated stalking where the defendant poses a threat to the victim if released; abuse or battery of a family member where their release poses a danger to that family member; gun crimes where the defendant poses a threat to a specific, identifiable person; and cases where the defendant has committed a felony that wouldn’t otherwise result in detention but they are considered a high risk of fleeing prosecution and missing their court date.

The law would place the burden on the state to prove an individual should be detained, rather than the individual proving that they should go free.

According to Chicago Community Bond Fund Director Sharlyn Grace, the state’s attorney prosecuting the defendant must request detention in each eligible case through a verified petition. If the defendant’s offense is a Class 4 felony or misdemeanor, a hearing on their detention must be held within 24 hours of their first appearance before a judge. For a greater offense, there would be a 48-hour window.

Victims of the alleged crime must be given notice for the hearing as well.

Pretrial release may come with some condi-

tions. While the legislation provides guidelines as to what should be considered when establishing conditions – such as the nature of the crime, the evidence available and the history of the defendant – it does not establish what those conditions will be.

This leaves it up to the Illinois court system, which has roughly two years to devise its administrative code for the new method of pretrial detention and release. The Illinois Supreme Court and its administrative offices have been working on an alternative to cash bail for years and published a report on pretrial detention in 2020.

In that report, the Commission on Pretrial Practices determined conditions for release should be the “least restrictive” means possible to ensure community safety and the defendant’s appearance in court. The report concludes these measures can include various forms of supervision, rehabilitative services or instructions tied to the nature of the alleged crime that the defendant must follow in order to avoid detention.

The legislation also creates a data oversight board for pretrial practices to track outcomes and methods across all Illinois counties to help make the right determinations on what guidelines will enhance public safety without harming the livelihood of the accused.

## The push to end cash bail

Activists, lawmakers and officials who advocate for criminal justice reform have long pointed to the practice of cash bail as a system due for an overhaul.

Entering his second year in office, Pritzker placed ending cash bail at the top of his 2020 agenda and has recently indicated he supports and will sign the criminal justice omnibus.

State Sen. Robert Peters – who crafted the pretrial release provisions alongside a fellow Chicago Democrat, Rep. Justin Slaughter – was previously an organizer with the Coalition to End Money Bond and ran his Senate campaign on ending cash bail. The pair had unsuccessfully introduced cash bail reform multiple times before the legislation was absorbed into and passed as part of the criminal justice omnibus in the lame duck session.

Slaughter and Peters on Jan. 25 appeared on “The Appeal Live,” a digital news program, to discuss the next steps legislators and activists can take on cash bail over the next two years before its abolition.

Stakeholders and legislators plan to host



town halls to educate the public on the new non-monetary system and dispel myths while working privately to address the concerns of the legislation’s opposition.

The State’s Attorneys Association, with the exception of Cook and Lake counties, opposed the abolition of cash bail, along with law enforcement coalitions.

“What we’ll be doing is engaging them and continue to engage them in discussion,” Slaughter said.

While proponents of the non-monetary system say safety concerns are adequately addressed in the bill, one issue held by some law enforcement agencies that is not tackled in the bill is the loss of revenue generated by monetary bail, which some counties use to fund victim services and court administration.

Peters and Slaughter dismissed the idea, saying it was not a valid reason to maintain the system of cash bail.

“I don’t think judges look over a spreadsheet and see the county is in the red when making bail determinations,” Peters said.

While the elimination of cash bail may result in revenue losses for certain counties, Peters said, those revenue streams are variable rather than fixed and are therefore not a dependable method of funding.

According to Peters, it also underscored the

lack of safety under the current money bond system. He used Kyle Rittenhouse, an Illinois teen charged with killing two men at a protest in Wisconsin last year, as an example. Rittenhouse was seen earlier this month at a bar drinking beer and allegedly flashing white power symbols after posting \$2 million bail and being released from jail.

Slaughter said there is a need to move away from administrative decisions and systems based on concepts other than restorative justice that harm communities more than they protect them.

“We need to make sure that we wean ourselves off of the prison industrial complex approach. Tying these things to budgetary matters is something we want to do away with,” he said.

Budget shortfalls and gaps in funding for law enforcement agencies forced to follow new and existing mandates – such as mandatory body cameras, reporting requirements, data tracking and administrative procedures – could be issues for the new General Assembly to address in follow-up legislation.

“We do want to look at financial and fiscal impacts that this system will have. We want to reimagine our budgetary priorities,” Slaughter said. □

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# The KKK's Statehouse rally 27 years ago

Springfield's preparation for potential violence harkens back to hate-filled day

**HISTORY | Rachel Otwell**

In the days before President Joe Biden's inauguration, Springfield braced for potential violence. The insurrection attempt by a mostly white mob in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6 resulted in multiple deaths. The actions were publicized in plain sight by groups driven by extremist, nationalist ideologies.

Afterward, the FBI warned that members of the same groups could be headed to capital cities in all 50 states for armed actions. The governor sent 250 Illinois National Guard members to Springfield. Workers boarded up windows at the Statehouse on behalf of the Illinois secretary of state police. Cop cars and military vehicles lined streets. And then, Jan. 20 – Inauguration Day – came and went. Any protesters who did show up to support Trump and conspiracy theories about the election were easily ignored.

But 27 years ago, by no means ancient history, white supremacists were not so easily ignored in the capital city. They organized a rally on Jan. 16, 1994, to take place near Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day they wanted to no longer be federally designated a holiday.

None other than the Klu Klux Klan planned the rally – permit and all – to take place on the steps of the Capitol, meters away from the towering statue of Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator. They waved Confederate flags and gave Nazi salutes.

George Ryan, then secretary of state, had said he granted the hate group its first-ever Capitol permit reluctantly, after it was decided that a denial would not withstand a court challenge. The day of the rally, it snowed, perhaps dampening the anticipated magnitude of the event. Members of the media, outnumbering Klan members, chased after the white supremacists, desperate for a soundbite.

Civic leaders and community organizers in Springfield had debated how to respond. The hate rhetoric should just be ignored, some said. A Springfield couple organized a fundraiser based on the amount of time the Klan's rally took – 65 minutes. Proceeds went to a chapter of the Anti-Defamation League, the local NAACP and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Robert Moore of Springfield was initially among those who believed the Klan should not be addressed directly. "I changed my mind ... we had to oppose them," he said. The former U.S. Marshal has long been active in groups such as the NAACP and Springfield Frontiers International, which organizes an annual break-

fast in honor of Dr. King. In 1992, the group successfully lobbied Ryan to move a statue of Dr. King to a more prominent location. Moore participated in a march on the day of the KKK

got permits to demonstrate that day – the Partisan Defense Committee and Movement for a People's Assembly. Among counter-protesters was the brother of Fred Hampton,



Members of the White Aryan Resistance in Springfield, or "Skinheads," are surrounded by Anti-Klan protesters, police and media near a sidewalk on the east side of the state Capitol, Jan. 16, 1994. Bob Whalen photo, reprinted from Jan. 20, 1994, edition of *Illinois Times*.

rally, starting at a church and ending at the Capitol.

Two other groups, in addition to the KKK,

the young Black Panther leader killed by police as he laid in bed near his pregnant wife in their Chicago apartment in 1969. "We see them,"

Bill Hampton said of the Klan. "We will deny this, we will continue to fight this," he said – and pointed out the juxtaposition of the Klan being allowed a public platform in the "Land of Lincoln."

Chants from counter-protesters drowned out KKK speakers. The KKK rallied in other major cities that day and promised to hold annual rallies in Springfield. The anti-MLK Day rallies did not come to pass.

There were scuffles among attendees. Batteries and snowballs were thrown. More than 260 police in riot gear were on hand. There were 55 or so Klan members and about 350 counter-protesters. Ultimately, there were 10 arrests, and no serious injuries.

While many people in Springfield that day were from out-of-town, racism was evidenced to be harbored among locals. The Springfield area was home to neo-Nazi skinheads and lifelong racists, indoctrinated from an early age that integration was evil. In the early-aughts, *Illinois Times* reported on a number of complaints and lawsuits against the Springfield Police Department and city regarding discrimination and racism.

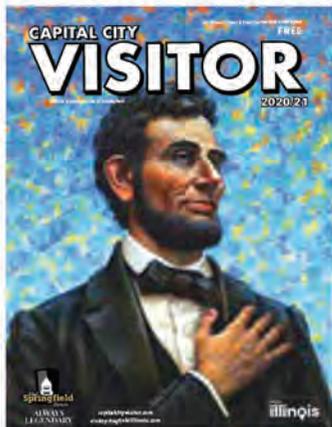
Members of groups still driven by white supremacy and nationalism remain full of conviction, as the events in D.C. on Jan. 6 made clear. Right-wing terrorist cells are a growing threat, according to officials. "The U.S. response to the globalization of the far-right threat has been slow, scattered and politicized, U.S. and European counterterrorism veterans and experts say. Whistleblowers and other critics have accused DHS (Department of Homeland Security) leaders of downplaying the threat of white supremacy and slashing a unit dedicated to fighting domestic extremism. DHS has denied those accusations," according to a Jan. 22 report by *ProPublica*.

Much like was ultimately acknowledged 27 years ago in Springfield, racism can't be ignored away. And most often, it does not wear a hood or name itself. To root it out from the systems and institutions this country was founded on will take accountability, vigilance and action. □

*Research for this story included several interviews with those who participated in and witnessed the demonstrations on Jan. 16, 1994. Archival video on [mediaburn.org](http://mediaburn.org) and articles from The State Journal-Register and Illinois Times served as reference. Contact Rachel Otwell at [rotwell@illinoistimes.com](mailto:rotwell@illinoistimes.com).*

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# COCKFIGHT CRUSADES

Illinois man is on a mission

**BLOOD SPORTS | Bruce Rushton**

*My first unforgettable cockfight was when I was 4-5 years old. My father has a black henney of Philippine Game strain which was decoupled early in the fight. Broke both two legs it seems. Down on the ground. But he is very feisty and game, pecking and trying to get up. Wings flopping to move and to stay engaged with the opponent, I think, a red cock of American Game strain. The red cock cannot finish him right there on the ground. Then with all his strength he managed to elevate himself in the air with his strong wings. He then landed a deadly blow for some reason with broke two legs and all. Well, it was a come from behind win for us.*

B.L. “Billy” Cozad, a fourth-generation cockfighter who raises roosters in Oklahoma, wrote this on his web page devoted to blood sport that’s illegal in 50 states, plus the District of Columbia. Congress and former president Donald Trump added Puerto Rico to the list two years ago.

“I already told my wife, and I told my mother, that anyone who comes and tries to take one of my roosters will have to kill me first,” Jose Torres, who lives in Puerto Rico, told National Public Radio in 2019. “And I’m not the only one. There are thousands of us.” While cockfighting has been declining, Puerto Rican politicians have

been loathe to oppose it, according to the NPR report – nearly 2,000 people, some bearing birds, marched to the Capitol building in San Juan after Trump signed a bill banning cockfighting in U.S. territories.

Feelings were no less strong last September at the Morgantown Community Center in Morgantown, Kentucky, where Cozad debated the merits of cockfighting with Steve Hindi, an Illinois animal rights activist who lives about 40 miles west of Chicago. A video doesn’t show the audience, but Hindi says about 30 people were there. Several, including Cozad, wore sidearms on their hips. Most were not on Hindi’s side.

The right to watch chickens battle to the death while bettors wager is enshrined in the Constitution, Cozad declares. He can rattle off all the amendments – and there are many, plus the Declaration of Independence – that allow cockfighting. He talks about the United Nations and the Bible. Animal rights activists, he says, are pagans, communists and Nazis. The FBI has called Hindi and his ilk the biggest domestic terrorist threat facing the United States, Cozad warns, and anyone who donates to an animal rights group risks getting ensnared in criminal investigations, same as people who give money to Al Qaeda. He does not mention a pending federal



(Top) SHARK investigators with cameras had no trouble finding and gaining admission to cockfights in Kentucky last summer. (Bottom) SHARK investigators last summer found sheriff's deputies at Kentucky cockfights.

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lawsuit filed by a Louisiana cockfighter who claims that raising birds and watching them kill each other is a religious practice, akin to Native Americans taking peyote.

Hindi's point is simple.

"What part of illegal don't you understand?" he asks Cozad. "If you're going to claim to be a patriot, an American citizen, that means you live within the laws, does it not? Is there an argument about that? Of course there's not."

"Actually, the definition of a patriot is..." interjects someone who is off camera. Hindi cuts him off. "You're the moderator," he says to the interrupter who's also been holding Hindi and Cozad to five minutes apiece in an argument that lasts nearly two hours.

"You know what I call terrorism?" Hindi continues. "Someone calling up a courthouse and saying 'I'm going to start shooting up courthouses.'"

Hindi then reads from a 2019 affidavit in support of an arrest warrant filed in Oklahoma, where Cozad got angry when a court clerk told him that he'd have to talk to a judge about changing an appearance date in a traffic case. According to the affidavit, Cozad asked the clerk if he'd have to start shooting up courthouses, like they do in Hungary, and he said that he felt sorry for any cop who tried

to arrest him. "I'm not going to jail, I won't be arrested and yes, I carry a gun at all times," Cozad stated when a detective called, according to the affidavit.

"This is his booking photo right here," Hindi tells the audience as he holds it up. No big deal, Cozad maintains. "Even the district attorney knew the accusations made against me were bullshit and dismissed charges and I didn't even go to court for it," he says.

This sort of confrontation is classic Hindi, a man who blasts the Humane Society and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for what he deems flawed approaches as readily as he goes after cockfighters and others whom he believes abuse and torture innocent creatures.

Hindi owns a rivet-manufacturing plant and has money to fight cockfighters via a nonprofit called Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) that he founded in 1994. Admirers have included the late Bob Barker, host of "The Price Is Right," who donated \$1 million to SHARK a decade ago after the group fought Pennsylvania pigeon shoots that continue, with SHARK still protesting the killing.

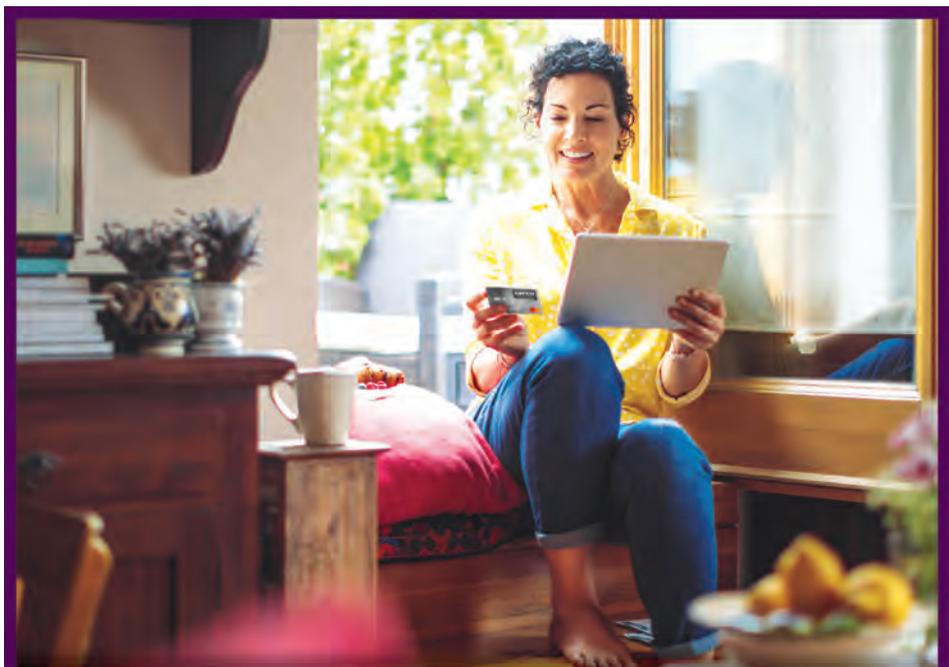
Hindi has been beaten up by folks who don't appreciate him showing up with cameras, and he's been arrested at least twice. He's been whipped with a dog leash while trying to stop a



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# Cockfight crusades

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pigeon shoot. He posts recordings of death threats on SHARK's website. Eight or so drones used to document events where SHARK isn't welcome have been shot down, Hindi says.

"I am frightened for him," says Gail Eisnitz, chief investigator with the Humane Farming Association, a California-based animal rights group that has teamed with SHARK to battle cockfighting. "He definitely doesn't take 'no' for an answer. He pushes the envelope, sometimes. He stands up for the animals better than anyone else we've worked with before."

Hindi shows no signs of letting up.

"This is who I am," he says. "This is what I do."

## Cruelty and crime

SHARK's interest in cockfighting dates to 2018, when Hindi used a drone to get pictures of a rooster-raising operation in Monterey County, California, where an anti-cockfighting ordinance enacted in 2014 is stricter than a state ban enacted in 1905. The county ordinance prohibits keeping more than five roosters without a permit, and the owner of the sheds filled with birds didn't have one. Under pressure from SHARK and other animal protection groups, the sheds were dismantled in 2019. But the battle wasn't over.

Last year, SHARK and the Humane Farming Association sued Monterey County, claiming that the health department wasn't enforcing the county ordinance. The groups gave the county 31 addresses, plus parcel numbers, of suspected illegal rooster keepers, according to the lawsuit, but nothing was done. The lawsuit is on hold pursuant to an agreement reached last month with the county, which has promised to form an anti-cockfighting task force and determine whether people are breaking the law at the addresses provided by SHARK and the Humane Farming Association.

Hindi credits coronavirus for escalating SHARK's war against cockfights.

Until last year, rodeos had been a bigger target for SHARK. Hindi suspects that SHARK footage of livestock being jabbed with sharp objects and jolted with electric prods convinced organizers of the National High School Rodeo Finals, last held at the state fairgrounds in 2007, to stop coming to Springfield. Pressured by SHARK, the Illinois Department of Agriculture determined that laws had been broken, but the late John Schmidt, then Sangamon County state's attorney, said that investigators could not identify culprits, and no charges were filed.

"COVID-19 shut down most of the rodeos,"

Hindi says. "We're not the kind of group that's going to just sit around."

COVID hasn't stopped cockfights, which can draw dozens of spectators who rarely wear masks, according to SHARK and its allies. In the Philippines, where cockfighting is both legal and popular, authorities shut down fighting pits after 11 deaths from COVID last spring were traced to a cockfighting derby. A Filipino police officer

foes note that handlers of fighting roosters sometimes suck blood from beaks of wounded birds. In 2005, a World Health Organization official told the *Washington Post* that cockfighting might have helped spread avian flu from birds to humans.

Beyond public health, there is crime, and cockfights, besides being illegal in their own right, have plenty, according to cockfighting foes

three pounds of methamphetamine and selling fighting animals. Cops found more than 200 roosters on the defendant's property – a single bird, he admitted, or boasted, could fetch \$500.

Cruelty. Public health. Crime. A Triple Crown for animal rights activists who might otherwise have trouble getting folks who eat chicken to pay attention. With rodeos scarce, Hindi got busy.

## "It's not illegal"

Kentucky proved easy pickings but a tough nut to crack.

Last June, SHARK used hidden cameras to record two sheriff's deputies at a Kentucky cockfight – video shows them chatting with folks next to the fight pit. "They're fighting roosters, that's what's happening," a Clay County sheriff's deputy told Hindi when he called. "It's not illegal in the state of Kentucky." Clay County Sheriff Patrick Robinson wasn't perturbed.

"I've got more problems to deal with than two roosters fighting," the sheriff told the *Lexington Herald-Leader* when SHARK went to the media.

Cockfighting in Kentucky is a misdemeanor and an open secret. Stu Chaifetz, a SHARK investigator, says that activists had no trouble documenting fights. "You just paid your money and walked right in," he recalls. Cuttin Up Game Farm, which raises roosters in eastern Kentucky, is run by a captain at the Harlan County jail, according to SHARK, and his son, a former guard at the same lockup. In 2019, SHARK found pictures of both men on the farm's Facebook page, posing with trophies and roosters. "We showed in seven derbies, got in the money four times and lost two money fights," one of them posted along with a photo. The post has since been taken down. The farm's Facebook page now features pictures of roosters, aka battle fowl – make an offer.

In a 2019 email, Kentucky State Police told SHARK that a prosecutor had informed police that the state's animal cruelty laws apply only to four-legged creatures, which isn't true, according to former Kentucky attorney general Chris Gorman, who's said that courts have upheld the law. Hindi has alternately praised and condemned state police in Kentucky, saying in November that state cops shut down cockfights reported by SHARK last summer. A month later, Hindi said that state police did nothing to stop upcoming cockfights after SHARK sent police a copy of a flier advertising fights scheduled through the end of March. A Kentucky State Police spokesman declined an interview request from *Illinois Times*, telling a reporter to submit questions in writing.

The feds stepped in a few years ago, with prosecutors sending a half-dozen people to prison in 2017 for running an 8,000-square-



(Top) Say hello to my little friends: After being beaten by suspected cockfighters who destroyed a drone, Hindi posted a video, telling cockfighters he's not finished. (Bottom) Hindi, center, discusses strategy with Greg Campbell, left, and Chad Campbell, right, near a suspected North Carolina cockfight that didn't happen. PHOTO BY BRUCE RUSHTON

who was enforcing the ban died while breaking up a cockfight in October, when a rooster with razor-sharp metal fighting spurs strapped to its legs slashed a femoral artery.

The Los Angeles County Public Health Department blamed a 2002 outbreak of virulent Newcastle disease, a virus that kills poultry, to cockfighting. It was the second of three major outbreaks in California since 1971. Nearly four million birds were destroyed at a cost of almost \$170 million to control the 2002 outbreak. The disease can spread to humans, although symptoms are mild or nonexistent. Cockfighting

who point to police raids. In May, Polk County sheriff's deputies in Florida arrested 14 people after finding cocaine, firearms, hundreds of live birds, charred remains of roosters and suspected performance-enhancing drugs for fighting cocks along with a disassembled fighting ring caked with feathers. In 2016, 40 people were arrested by police in Midland, Texas, who found 46 ounces of cocaine, guns, more than \$30,000 and 30 live roosters, plus several dead ones. Admission was as high as \$100, with beer selling for \$2. Two years ago, an Oregon man was sentenced to more than six years in prison for trafficking nearly

foot cockfighting facility in Kentucky that featured arena seating, several fighting pits and a restaurant. The place had been in business for 30 years, prosecutors said.

Hindi and a SHARK investigator met violence in Ohio on Jan. 3 after sending a drone aloft at a suspected cockfight. A SHARK video shows a man slapping the drone controller from Hindi's hands, then bashing it against a mailbox. "Oh, you got trouble, baby," Hindi tells the man, who is wearing a hoodie emblazoned with a picture of a rooster. "You got the sheriff coming."

"Drive!" someone orders Hindi's companion, who obeys. As the SHARK investigator leaves, Hindi is knocked to the ground. Two men, he says, kicked him several times, breaking a rib and gashing his head – the wound required six staples. "Last chance: Leave or you die here!" someone yells. Meanwhile, Hindi says, someone in a pickup truck chased down the investigator who'd departed, ramming his car several times before running him off the road and into a ditch. All of this is on video.

No charges have been filed, but Hindi, who plans a lawsuit, says that SHARK expects justice from the courts. In a video posted three days after the confrontation, Hindi addresses cockfighters directly, asking whether the lost drone looked like the one he holds in his hand. The camera zooms out to show three more displayed in front of him.

"Did you stupid asses think that was the only one?" Hindi asks. "In that case, let me introduce you to some of my little friends. Yeah – these drones can see you when you can't see them at all, and I'm going to prove that to you."

### "This sheriff is serious"

Three weeks after the beating, Hindi is in North Carolina, where he's heard that a cockfight is in the offing near Wilkesboro. He won't say how he knows this. SHARK, which has set up a cockfighting hotline, encourages tips from neighbors.

North Carolina last summer became the 32<sup>nd</sup> state to make cockfighting a felony, and Hindi is encouraged by conversations with local law enforcement. "This sheriff is serious," Hindi says.

The goal is to stop the fights before they start. If cops raid a cockfight already underway, roosters are seized and euthanized, Hindi says, while their owners go home and raise more birds. Better, he says, to keep birds alive while shutting down fight venues.

Setting up a cockfight takes time, and so Hindi rises early in hopes of spotting cockfighters as they arrive with bird-weighting scales and other equipment – spectators are expected at 11 a.m. Greg Campbell and his son, Chad, who live about 300 miles away, are here to help. Greg Campbell, a real estate investor



Federal prosecutors in recent years shut down this cockfighting arena in Kentucky, which had operated for three decades. PHOTO COURTESY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

and former Illinois resident, has known Hindi since the 1990s, when SHARK videotaped deer being netted in DuPage County, then killed with bolt guns, the kind used to dispatch cattle. The DuPage County Forest Preserve District has since switched to sharpshooters.

"If we see anything, we call police and let them do their job," Hindi tells the Campbells before heading out.

It's illegal to conduct surveillance of private property with drones in North Carolina, so Hindi and the Campbells will watch the road leading to the suspected cockfighting site, which is amid woods a considerable distance from pavement. "We're not going down that road," Hindi says. "That would be insane." Laws notwithstanding, is it ethical to use drones to catch cockfighters on private land? "If someone's beating their child on private property, do you do nothing about it?" Greg Campbell asks.

This is a rural area, and a parade of vehicles on a Saturday morning can only mean that something's up. Communication will be key as Hindi and Greg Campbell take turns driving past the turnoff road leading to the target – if one of them encounters trouble, the other needs to know. Cellphone coverage is sketchy, and walky-talky signals don't travel far. "We'll pull out the satellite phone if we need it," Hindi says. "It's a pain in the ass, though."

The bust proves a bust. After a couple hours of seeing nothing, Hindi and the Campbells depart. Hindi isn't overly discouraged. "We did get a local tip," he says. "It was a good tip." He thinks that SHARK is making a difference – the cockfighters might have canceled, he says, for fear of getting caught.

"You miss, a little bit, the adrenaline rush, but there was no fight," Hindi says. "Which is good." □

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# Easier than pie

Try a galette, a pie without a pan

FOOD | Peter Glatz

I've always thought that the phrase "as easy as pie" was confusing. Pie-crust phobia is an affliction that affects many otherwise high-functioning individuals. It is probably the fear of failure and public shaming that fuels this phobia. My late wife, Julianne, was a wonderful pie-maker who mastered her craft at an early age under her grandmother's and mother's tutelage. I, however, came from a culinarily deprived background and I deeply regret that I never paid attention when Julianne made pies. I eventually learned how to make a pie crust, but even now, I wouldn't want to post pictures of my pies on Instagram. However, pies have a French cousin known as the galette, and making a galette (in the idiomatic sense) is truly "a piece of cake."

A galette is essentially a pie made without a pie pan. The word galette is derived from the Norman word *gale* which means "flat cake." A galette is meant to be rustic-looking and imperfect. Galettes can be sweet or savory. They can be filled with fruit for a dessert or with cheese and vegetables for a main course or side dish. Galettes can be made ahead and served at room temperature or briefly warmed before serving.

Galettes start with a basic pie dough: 3 parts flour, 2 parts fat, and 1 part liquid. My late wife was very dogmatic on her insistence on using lard as the fat in her pie dough and her crusts were indisputably superior. However, I prefer using butter for several reasons. I can't serve pies made with lard to my vegetarian, Jewish or Muslim guests. Most commercial lard has been hydrogenated, contains preservatives, and has a bit of a piggy flavor. Good-quality rendered leaf lard can be hard to come by. I really like the taste and extra-flaky texture of butter-based crusts. Butter contains about 15-20% water and it's the water in the little pieces of butter incorporated in the dough that evaporates during baking, causing the dough to puff up, forming the flaky layers.

Galettes lend themselves to improvisation. I often make savory galettes when I have excess veggies. Each galette needs about 1 1/2 to 2 cups of filling, which usually takes about 2 pounds of raw vegetables. Any combination of root vegetables can be used, such as carrots, parsnips, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, beets, celery root or rutabagas.

## Root Vegetable Galette

Serves 4

*The dough can be made ahead and refrigerated up to 3 days or frozen for up to 3 months and thawed overnight in the refrigerator.*

### Ingredients

For the crust:

- 1 1/4 cups (150 g) All-Purpose Flour, plus more to flour the work surface
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 7 tablespoons unsalted butter, frozen
- 1/3 cup (79 g) ice water
- 1 large egg yolk, beaten

For the filling:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ounces of cream cheese, softened
- 4 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- Kosher salt and black pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 - 2 cups root vegetables, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

For the vinaigrette:

- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

### Preparation

For the crust:

In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, salt and pepper.

Place the stick of frozen butter into the flour mixture and thoroughly coat with flour. Using the large holes of a box grater, quickly grate the frozen butter into the mixing bowl. With your hands, gently toss the butter in the flour to evenly distribute.

Sprinkle in the ice water and gently mix with your hands until the flour is evenly moistened and holds together in a ball. If it doesn't, add more cold water a teaspoon at a time. The dough should be slightly crumbly rather than wet. When the last floury bits at the bottom of the bowl have been incorporated, stop. Do not overwork the dough. You want the butter to remain in little pieces scattered throughout.

Working quickly, transfer the dough ball to a lightly floured work surface, gather up any remaining crumbs and knead gently, just until the dough comes together. Pat the dough into a 1-inch-thick disc. Wrap tightly in a double layer of plastic wrap. Refrigerate for a minimum of 2 hours or preferably overnight.



Root Vegetable Galette PHOTO BY ANN SHAFFER GLATZ

For the filling:

In a small skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another minute. Remove from heat and add the dried thyme.

In a small bowl, mix the onion mixture with the cream cheese and 2 tablespoons of the blue cheese. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and parboil the root vegetable slices a few minutes until *al dente*. If using beets, parboil separately at the end to avoid coloring the other vegetables. Drain and spread out on a towel to cool and dry out.

In a medium bowl, toss the root vegetable slices with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

For the vinaigrette:

In a small jar, work the mustard into the vinegar with a fork.

Add the olive oil, cover the jar and shake vigorously to emulsify.

To assemble the galette:

Remove the dough from the refrigerator 10 minutes before you are ready to form the galette and preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough into a 12-inch circle about 1/8-inch thick. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet.

Spread the onion/cheese mixture on the dough, leaving an uncovered 2-inch border around the periphery. Arrange the root vegetable slices on top of the onion/cheese mixture. Top with the remaining crumbled blue cheese.

Fold the edge closest to you towards the center. Rotate sheet pan slightly and repeat, until all edges are folded in towards the filling, overlapping as you go around. Brush the folded edges of the dough with beaten egg yolk.

Place on a rack in the middle of the oven, and bake until the crust is golden and the vegetables are tender, about 35-40 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack. Drizzle the vinaigrette before serving. □

## BOOKS

# New fiction with true stories of true friends

## BOOK REVIEW | Stuart Shiffman

Over several decades of living in the same legal community, fellow Springfield attorney George Heroux and I did not have very much professional contact. During my legal and judicial career, George was involved in legal education at the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Before coming to Springfield, he had a varied career as an editor for *Business Week* magazine and helping draft mental health legislation in New York. After his career at IICLE, he was the professional education director for the American Bar Association. In addition to his writing, he currently heads a nonprofit organization doing victim impact panels for drunk driving offenders.

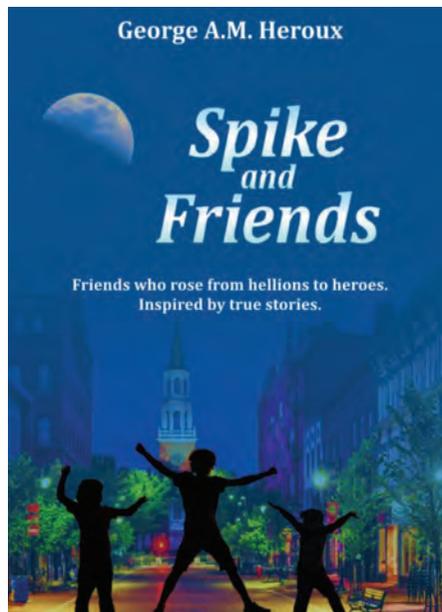
Over the years, George and I occasionally met at a seminar and I did run into him once or twice at Barnes & Noble as he was preparing for a reading. I knew he was a writer. So when he recently approached me asking if I would review his latest book, *Spike and Friends*, I was happy to take the opportunity to learn a little more about George's legal career before he came to Springfield. It is quite an interesting story.

As he acknowledges in his opening sentence, *Spike and Friends* is a book of fiction supplied with true stories of three lifelong friends, George, Bud Twiss and Earl Quantock, one a fellow attorney, and one a military veteran and teacher. Their experiences are the foundation of *Spike and Friends* and a great deal of the story, by Heroux's own admission, takes some liberty with the facts.

The novel will strike a chord with many who identify as baby boomers. It certainly did with me because many of the experiences shared by Heroux's fictional characters, Tony, Spike and Frank, brought back similar memories from my life. In two significant aspects of the fictional lives of Heroux's three men I could recall sharing similar life experiences.

The first was in the description of the Vietnam War era. Heroux writes of those years when many young males struggled with confronting that conflict and possible military service. It was more than a moral dilemma. It was simply a question of how to accomplish military service in the least dangerous manner possible. *Spike and Friends* recounts those years through the eyes of the trio. I recall vividly the student union at college the night of the draft lottery. Several of my college friends wrestled with the same issues in deciding how their military obligations would be met. It was a major life challenge brought back to me by the novel.

The major area where I could identify with



The book is available for purchase at Barnes & Noble in Springfield and may also be ordered online or through the publisher's website: [www.sbpra.com/GeorgeAMHeroux](http://www.sbpra.com/GeorgeAMHeroux). Also available on Kindle for \$9.99 at Amazon.com.

Heroux's characters was in his recounting of the legal careers of Spike and Tony. I shared some common experiences with them. I worked in a prosecuting attorney's office, experiencing interesting cases that remain etched in my memory. Later in my career there were a wide range of cases across the legal spectrum – civil cases, criminal cases and just some interesting experiences both inside and outside the courtroom. As Heroux describes some of his more memorable courtroom experiences, I was reminded of my own. Even years later, George and I both have the ability to recall them with great enthusiasm and detail. What makes *Spike and Friends* so enjoyable is that the descriptions are not bogged down with self-congratulatory detail. Rather they are as if George and his friends are sitting together over drinks or dinner recalling the days that may have passed them by but still provide joyful memories.

*Spike and Friends* is an entertaining tribute to friendship and friends. I enjoyed spending the time with George, Bud and Earl and, perhaps when our lives return to some normalcy, George will share a little more of their story with me. □

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**MUSIC**

**Music and comedy**

**NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin**

Look out folks, here comes the end of January in the new year of 2021, on the move and in the groove, ready to slide on from the past, pop through to the present and delve out into the future. And wouldn't you know it, there are actually live performances to speak of, talk about, discuss and present to you as choices. Of course, one choice may be to wait a while for the COVID factor to diminish, another perhaps is to jump right into going out, but either way, please be careful, stay safe and think about others.

It's wonderful to see one of our long-running institutions back on the scene, once again brandishing the torch for live comedy shows in Springfield, as Donnie B's Comedy bounces back with a weekend of live yuks. In year number 22 of bringing professional comics to town, Don Bassford has had his ups and downs in the business, but he sticks around because he's always believed in what he's doing. His original declaration of opening up a club over two decades ago because, "I was tired of driving to St. Louis to see comedians," still holds true after all the location changes, brushes with closings and incredible successes through the years. The club worked because Don developed relationships with touring comics on all levels, including John Morgan, the Ragin' Cajun, who has performed here nearly every year of the club's existence and is scheduled for three shows this weekend.

In a different spin, Donnie B's is a show on the go in 2021, with the VFW Post 755 on Old Jacksonville Road the host venue for this weekend and other spaces in the works for the rest of the season. We could all use some laughs right about now, so jump on Donnie B's website or Facebook page for ticket info. Be prepared for socially distanced seating and plan to wear your face covering while milling around. Yes, it's perfectly acceptable behavior to laugh through a mask and might even be a good idea.

For our live music mentions, I can happily say that we have some. The Curve Inn hosts After Sunset on Friday night and the timely titled Dr. Fauci and the Pandemics on Saturday with special guests The Grand Moff Band. According to owner Ami's Facebook post on Monday, reservations are no longer needed, but if



Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan play Hill Prairie Winery this Saturday evening.

you have a large party coming, please call ahead to check space availability.

There are officially four whole gigs this Saturday evening in our Live Music listings, and even though you can count them on one hand using only fingers, that's still a mighty good hand to be playing right now.

Along with the aforementioned Curve show, the others are all out of town, including the galloping good vibes of Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan at Hill Prairie Winery near Oakford, the entertaining acoustic stylings of Jason McKenzie at the Boars Nest by Athens and Deja Voodoo doing what they do so well at Danenbergers out toward New Berlin.

Looking forward to Mardi Gras on Feb. 16, aka Fat Tuesday, I see a Mary Jo Curry performance in your fortunate future for the first fun holiday celebration of the new year.

Other than that, you can find all sorts of great music still being played online all the time as we slowly begin the process of re-introducing live music in a safe and sound format into the public arena. Before you know it, you'll be needing to decide on where to go to see who is playing and when. Hip hip, hooray. □

## THE CALENDAR



### John Morgan

Fri., Jan. 29, 8 p.m.  
Sat., Jan. 30,  
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### COMEDY | Always laugh when you can

**it** Springfield's homegrown comedy club, Donnie B's Comedy, has hosted countless performers over the years. Recently the club has taken its show on the road as Donnie B's Traveling Comedy Show and is hitting local venues to present some great acts. This weekend it is celebrating its 22nd season with performances by The Ragin' Cajun, John Morgan. Morgan was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, a city that laid the groundwork for his development as a performer, by its cultural, political and economic diversity. His confident demeanor and honest approach to life are refreshing, and he dares to talk boldly about real issues. Morgan has worked steadily at comedy clubs, corporate events and musical arenas, has had some national television appearances on MTV and Showtime and has been the opening act for several national performers. Tickets for this weekend's shows are only available online at donniebs.com, but walk-ins are welcome if seats are available. Social distancing and masks are required until seated.

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri. Submit online at: [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com). Email: [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com). Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

### ■ Theater & Comedy

**it John Morgan**  
Fri., Jan. 29, 8pm and Sat., Jan. 30, 7:30, 9:30pm. The Ragin' Cajun. \$17-\$19. VFW Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., 217-546-9515.

### ■ Art & Architecture

**Book Arts**  
Wednesdays, 6-9pm. Learn to make simple journal structures. Ages 16+. Supplies provided by SAA. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). \$25-\$35. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### “Contemplative Expressions”

Jan. 28-April 1. The work of SAA Collective juried artist members from across central Illinois are on display. Painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and mixed media are all represented. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.

### “Duet”

Through Feb. 25. Video, print and sculptural works by Shir Ende and Max Guy. The two have worked collaboratively and individually to consider the ways movement and figure are translated across media and dimensions. [uis.edu](http://uis.edu). UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

### Light Catcher Glass Workshop

Tue., Feb. 2, 1-4pm. Learn some hot glass basics with the resident glassblower and make a light catcher ornament. Perfect to hang in a window. Meets in the Baima Glass Studio. Masks are required. Small class sizes, social distancing and sanitizing are in place. [springfieldart.org](http://springfieldart.org). Members \$45 and \$55 non-members. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

### ■ History

**it Conversations with ALPLF President and CEO Erin Mast**  
Wed., Feb. 3, 7pm. Join Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum's Lincoln historian Christian McWhirter as he interviews the ALPL Foundation's new president and CEO, Erin Carlson Mast. Visit the website or call for Zoom information. [alplm.org](http://alplm.org). 217-557-6250.

### Driving the Green Book

Wed., Feb. 10, 7-8pm. Join a discussion about Alvin Hall and Janée Woods Weber's drive of 2,021 miles collecting stories from Black Americans who used the Negro Motorist Green Book to navigate trips, patronize Black-owned businesses and create communities in the face of institutionalized racism. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). 217-719-0276.

### The Papers of Abraham Lincoln

Thu., Feb. 4, 7-8:30pm. A documentary-editing project dedicated to identifying, imaging, transcribing, annotating and online publishing of all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his lifetime. Presented by Dr. Daniel Worthington.

[presidentlincoln.illinois.gov](http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov). Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### A Peek into the ISM's Closet

Thu., Feb. 4, 12-1pm. See examples of historic dresses, underpinnings, children's clothing and accessories that rarely make it into public view. A part of the Tales from the Vault Series. Advanced registration is required. [illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://illinoisstatemuseum.org). Free, but donations are welcome. 217-785-0037

### ■ Faith & Philosophy

#### Cor Unum First Sundays

First Sunday of every month, 8pm. Reflection, discussion and prayer presented for, and led by, women in early adulthood. Call for more information or message the Cor Unum House Facebook page for the registration link. 217-679-6644.

### ■ Nature

#### Intro to Organic Gardening Series

Sat., Feb. 6, 10-11am. Planning and Planting Part 1 for beginners. This class covers plant basics including site considerations and what you need to know to plan for success. Ends with a Q&A. Class will broadcast live from the Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association's Facebook page. Free. 708-580-8432.

### ■ Fundraisers

#### Have a Heart for Animals

Feb. 1-28, 7pm. Donate \$1-\$5 to the APL at participating businesses and receive a paper heart. Write your name, a special message of love or support for the APL on your heart and it will be displayed all month. Donations go toward animal care at the APL shelter. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). 217-544-7387.

### ■ Children's Corner

#### Light the Way

Sat., Feb. 6, 7pm. See how Girls on the Run is empowering young girls to become strong women. The virtual program includes hearing from past participants, volunteer coach recognition, a silent auction and a raffle. [gotcentralillinois.org](http://gotcentralillinois.org). Free. 217-726-9808.

### ■ Bulletin Board

#### Men's Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Fourth Thursday of each month, 6pm. Virtually and by phone. A specialized support group for men who provide care for a loved one with memory loss or dementia. Registration is required for each meeting. Meeting link and dial-in number provided upon registration. [alz.org](http://alz.org). Free. Registration required by phone. 1-800-272-3900.

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## Friday Jan 29

### After Sunset

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

### Tom Irwin's Friday Frolic

Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:37-10:53pm

### Jason McKenzie

Boar's Nest, Athens, 7:30-10:30pm

## Saturday Jan 30

### Dr. Fauci and the Pandemics

Curve Inn, 6-10pm

### Deja Voodoo

Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

### Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan

Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 6-9pm

## Monday Jan 31

### Blue Monday

The Alamo, 7pm

## Tuesday Feb 1

### Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays

Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of: Margaret A. Parker, Deceased  
Case No. 2020-P-334  
Claim Notice  
Notice is given of the death of Margaret A. Parker. Letters Testamentary were issued to Rosemary Johnson, 18 Lambert Lane, Springfield IL 62704, as Executor. 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 62702, with the Executor, on or before, July 14, 2021. 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.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

were issued on January 6, 2021, to Debby Jean Guimard, 3047 Buena Vista Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brittany Kink Toigo, 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 July 13, 2021, 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 7th day of January, 2021.  
Brittany Kink Toigo - 06306334  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bk@barberlaw.com

be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of January, 2021.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF: JIMMIE VOSS, Deceased.  
No. 2020 P 700  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Jimmie Voss of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on December 22, 2020, to Nikki R. Voss, whose address is 196 Golf Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Administrator, and whose attorney is GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 22nd day of December 2020.  
James R. Enlow(#6199891)  
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL  
Attorneys at Law  
1231 South Eighth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
Telephone: (217) 522.9010  
Facsimile: (217) 522.9020  
Email: jim@gwspc.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of PATRICIA JONES, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-29  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Patricia Jones of Riverton, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 21, 2021, to Matthew Chastain, 751 E. Argonne, St. Louis, Missouri 63122, 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 July 28, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 21st day of January, 2021.  
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of: BETTY RUTH SIDENER, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-8  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Betty Ruth Sidener of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2021, to Raynette Manley, 200 Cantrall Street, Cantrall, Illinois 62625, and Gail Ann Rexroad, P.O. Box 111, Dawson, Illinois 62520, as Co-Executors, 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 July 21, 2021, 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 14th day of January, 2021.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
matthewcate@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of: Steven Edward Poole, Deceased  
Case No. 2020-P-481  
Letters Testamentary  
Notice is given of the death of Steven Edward Poole. Letters Testamentary were issued to Craig A. Pool as Executor, whose attorney is David G. Waltrip. 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 62702, with the Executor, or with the attorney, on or before, July 21, 2021. 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.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Attorney for Estate:  
Waltrip & Schmidt, LLC  
8151 Clayton Rd. Suite 200  
Clayton, MO. 63117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of: John N. Goveia, Sr., Deceased  
Case No. 2020-P-412  
Claim Notice  
The Court has appointed Teresa Stark as Successor Administrator of the Estate of John Goveia, Sr, deceased, who died on the 27th day of June, 2020 and such representative is authorized to sue for and collect the Personal Estate of, and debts due to Decedent, and to perform all duties imposed on the representative so far as there is property and is charged by law and to do all other acts now or hereafter required by law of said representative.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of JACKIE DEMMON GUIMARD, Deceased.  
NO. 2021-P-7  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Jackie Demmon Guimard of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office

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 the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under 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.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-11495.  
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**Real Estate Foreclosure**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PNC Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF Vs.  
Dayton Leazenby; et. al., DEFENDANTS  
2019CH000409  
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 02/26/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 2, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
PIN 22-02.0-277-013  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2600 Willow Dr Springfield, IL 62703  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
Sharon L. Coles, Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-20  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE  
Notice is given of the death of Sharon L. Coles, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on January 12, 2021, to Diane M. Klasinz, 2519 N. Plateau Drive, Springfield, IL 62707, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.  
Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Sharon L. Coles of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring John J. Klasinz, Karen K. Anders and Joe A. Klasinz, as the only heirs of Sharon L. Coles.  
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 Complex, 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.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Sarah Delano Pavlik – 6269250  
DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: 217-544-2703  
Fax: 217-544-4664  
sdpavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
JOHN F. STEPHENSON, Deceased.  
Case No.: 2020-P-607  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CLAIMS  
Notice is hereby given of the death of JOHN F. STEPHENSON, Letters of Administration were issued. The name and address of the Administrator is Connie Krall, 301 Primrose Lane, New Berlin, Illinois, 62670. James Ackerman is counsel for the Administrator. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before August 8, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before August 8, 2021, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of January, 2021.  
Connie Krall, Administrator,  
By: /s/ James W. Ackerman  
James W. Ackerman  
Attorney for Administrator  
PREPARED BY:  
James W. Ackerman (06192795)  
ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE  
2601 South Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1977  
jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In re the Estate of  
ZELDA M. DAVIDSON, Deceased.  
Case No. 2021-P-23  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Zelda M. Davidson. Letters of office have been issued to Eunice M. Davidson, 504 W. Wisconsin Ave., Grantsburg, WI 54840, as Executor, whose attorney is R. Phillip Reed, Attorney at Law, 1129 S. Seventh St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both, on or before July 28, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <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.  
R. PHILLIP REED Attorney at Law  
1129 S. Seventh St.  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 528-7333  
reedlaw@sbcglobal.net  
ARDC No. 2300478

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL D. PIERCE, DECEASED  
Case No. 2020-P-691  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given of the death of MICHAEL D. PIERCE. Letters Testamentary were issued on December 23, 2020, appointing TINA PIERCE, 78 W. Fairview Lane, Springfield, IL 62711, as Administrator, whose attorney is Creighton R. Castle of Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C., One West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 600 ~ Myers Building, Springfield, Illinois 62701, 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: December 23, 2020

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
ESTATE OF  
Christina Renee Maggio, Deceased  
Case No. 2020 P 658  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Christina Renee Maggio. Letters of Office were issued on December 31, 2020 to JAMES J. MAGGIO, whose post office address is 2217 Dickens Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 and FRANCES IRENE YOUNG, whose post office address is 2122 S. Park Avenue,

Springfield, IL 62704, as INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATORS, and whose attorney is David Patrick Hall, Attorney at Law, 1118 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative of the estate, or both, within six 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.  
January 14, 2021  
David Patrick Hall  
Attorney for Co-Administrators  
1118 South Sixth Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
217-544-7370  
davehall@motion.net  
Registration No. 6225105

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ANNA COREEN COLLIER, Deceased  
NO. 2020-P-0307  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Anna Coreen Collier, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on June 25, 2020 to Robert C. Steskal, 1306 E. Cottonwood, Springfield, IL 62703 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 22nd day of July, 2021, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 6th day of January, 2021  
Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOHN DREWES KRIEL, JR., Deceased.  
No. 2020-P-590  
In Probate  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOHN DREWES KRIEL, JR. Letters of office were issued on October 29, 2020 to JOHN LANGSTON KRIEL, 30 Woodvale Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina 28804 and LAUREN E. KRIEL, 718 South Seventh Street, #404, Springfield, Illinois 62703, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is James S. Dunn, 212 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Room 405, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, being January 21, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

JOHN LANGSTON KRIEL  
LAUREN e. KRIEL  
Independent Co-Executors  
January 5, 2021  
JAMES S. DUNN  
Attorney for Independent Executor  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
217-528-2873 telephone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DOROTHEA M. THRASHER, Deceased.  
No. 2020-P-540  
In Probate  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of DOROTHEA M. THRASHER. Letters of office were issued on October 5, 2020 to RICHARD M. THRASHER, 8768 Sweetbriar Lane, Chatham, Illinois 62629 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is James S. Dunn, 212 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Room 405, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, being January 21, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
RICHARD M. THRASHER  
Independent Executor  
January 4, 2021  
JAMES S. DUNN  
Attorney for Independent Executor  
JAMES S. DUNN  
Attorney at Law  
212 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
217-528-2873 telephone

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In re the Estate of MILTIN L. KEENE, Deceased. Case No. 2020-P-465  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Miltin L. Keene. Letters of office have been issued to Tammy Kissel, 327 Winter Park Dr., Chatham, IL 62629, as Executor. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Executor, or both. Copies of a claim filed with the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To 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.  
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ARDC No. 2300478

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
VERNIE R. MILLER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2020-P-695  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Notice is given of the death of VERNIE R. MILLER, of Sherman, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 22, 2020, to LORI HAGGARD of 3237 Luthin Road, Sherman, IL 62684, whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 14th day of January, 2020, 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 30th day of December, 2020.  
LORI HAGGARD, Executor of the Estate of VERNIE R. MILLER, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
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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  
NANCY R. CLARK-KULL, DECEASED.  
NO. 2021-P-26  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Notice is given of the death of NANCY R. CLARK-KULL, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2021 to CONNIE L. CLARK of 2672 Bunn Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703 whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 28th day of January, 2021, 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 28th day of January, 2021.  
NANCY A. RAPPS, Executor of the Estate of BETTIE L. RAPPS, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SEVENTH

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Dated this 28th day of January, 2021.  
CONNIE L. CLARK, Executor of the Estate of NANCY R. CLARK-KULL, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
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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  
BETTIE L. RAPPS, DECEASED.  
NO. 2021-P-21  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Notice is given of the death of BETTIE L. RAPPS, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2021, to NANCY A. RAPPS of 4119 Camomile Ln., Springfield, Illinois 62711 whose attorney is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, Illinois 62704.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 28th day of January, 2021, 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 28th day of January, 2021.  
NANCY A. RAPPS, Executor of the Estate of BETTIE L. RAPPS, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
By: Anthony J. DelGiorno Attorney Attorneys for Estate:  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SEVENTH

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE M. MILLER, DECEASED.  
NO. 2021-P-28  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
Notice is given of the death of JANICE M. MILLER, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Independent Administration were issued on January 19, 2021, to CONNIE E. FRITZ, 87 Buchkhorn Dr. Springfield, IL 62707 and ASHLEY D. MILLER, 1221 Governor, Apt. #9, Springfield, IL 62704. The attorney for the Independent Co-Administrators is Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C., 741 South Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62704. 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 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 28th day of January, 2021, 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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By: Anthony J. DelGiorno, of Counsel Attorneys for Estate:  
RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH LEE BARRETT, Deceased.  
Case No: 2020-P- 000637  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of KENNETH LEE BARRETT. Letters of Office were issued on the 7th day of December, 2020, to KATHLEEN MARY BARRETT, whose address is 109 N. 4th Street, Illiopolis, IL as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are KNUPPPEL & LINDNER, 124 West Market Street, Havana, Illinois 62644. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Suite 405, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative of the estate, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within Ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this 7th day of January, 2021.

KNUPPPEL & LINDNER  
Attorneys at Law  
124 West Market Street Havana, Illinois 62644  
Telephone: (309) 543-2291  
Facsimile: (309) 543-6819

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Gretchen Dale. Petitioner and Michael Dale, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-562  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Michael Dale, 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 4th of February, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Lolita Johnson. Petitioner and Corey Miller, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-576  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Corey Miller, 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 21st day of February, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of Tony E. Smith. Petitioner and Candace White, Respondent  
Case No. 2020-D-612  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Candace White, 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 28th day of February, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of

JANNA SUE SCHORFHEIDE  
For change of name to JANNA SUE JACKSON  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-188  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from JANNA SUE SCHORFHEIDE to JANNA SUE JACKSON pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: January 21, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of BRYANT WILLIAMS AND KY' AIRRE SIMMONS  
For change of name to BRYANT HOLDER AND KY' AIRRE HOLDER  
Case NO.: 2020-MR-1266  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from BRYANT WILLIAMS AND KY' AIRRE SIMMONS to BRYANT HOLDER AND KY' AIRRE HOLDER pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: January 21, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of TORI TIFFANI GUPPY  
For change of name to AURORA BOREALIS GUPPY WEIL  
Case NO.: 2021-MR-103  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from TORI TIFFANI GUPPY to AURORA BOREALIS GUPPY WEIL pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: January 28, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PNC Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Dayton Leazenby; et. al., DEFENDANTS  
2019CH000409  
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 02/26/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on March 2, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
LOT THIRTY-SEVEN (37) IN MERRYLAND SECOND ADDITION. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Improved with Residential  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2600 Willow Dr Springfield, IL 62703  
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of

the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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 the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under 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. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-11495.  
I3162760

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
WILLIAMSVILLE STATE BANK & TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CHRISTINA GUFFEY-JOY AKA CHRISTINA R. GUFFEY-JOY and ANDREW A. JOY, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20-CH-178  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2608 SOUTH WALNUT ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62704  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Andrew A. Joy, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 2608 South Walnut St., Springfield, IL 62704, more particularly described as: LOT 365 OF THE HIGHLANDS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND FIRE-CLAY AND MINING RIGHTS HERETO-

FORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 22-09.0-127-005 fka 22-09-127-005  
Commonly known as: 2608 South Walnut St., Springfield, IL 62704  
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1629 on or before March 1, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Julie Beyers (#6217185)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CLARENCE T. UNTHANK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE T. UNTHANK, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CLARENCE T. UNTHANK, DECEASED, JOHN L. UNTHANK, MICHAEL C. UNTHANK, RICHARD A. UNTHANK, KATHY A. UNTHANK and WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CLARENCE T. UNTHANK, DECEASED, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20-CH-132  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1324 N. 3RD ST. SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Clarence T. Unthank, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Clarence T. Unthank, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Clarence T. Unthank, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1324 N. 3rd St., Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:  
i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Clarence T. Unthank, deceased  
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
THE NORTH 31 FEET AND 9 INCHES OF LOT 11, IN BLOCK 2, OF WESTENBERGER'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE THE DRIVEWAY AS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH PART OF ADJOINING LOT 12 IN SAID SUBDIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS ONLY.

SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
Permanent Index Number: 14-22.0-353-007  
v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows: 1324 N. 3rd St., Springfield, IL 62702  
vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of the Mortgagors: Clarence T. Unthank  
Names of the Mortgagee: Security Bank  
Date of the Mortgage: August 6, 2014  
Date of the recording: August 12, 2014  
County where recorded: Sangamon County  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2014R21160  
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1629 on or before March 1, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
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Send Notice/Pleadings to:  
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In the Circuit Court  
For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois  
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois  
Emily Bridgewater. Petitioner  
vs.  
Antoine Howard, Defendant  
Case 2020-F-376  
Notice is given you, Antoine Howard for Petition of full custody and for other relief. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois 62701 on or before February 5, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
A private sale will be held to enforce self-storage lien in default of payment of past-due rent at noon on February 5, 2021 by Dave's Space Station, 3955 Peoria Road, Springfield, IL. Tenant must pay in full by this date.  
#14 APRIL FRANKLIN  
For more information regarding the sale call 217-502-9393

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Doyle F. Boyd, Petitioner  
vs.  
Leonardo H. White, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2288  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Leonardo White, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on

or before March 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: January 28, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Uniquika Boyd, Petitioner vs.

Leonardo White, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2289  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Leonardo White, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before March 4, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: January 28, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Carlisa Palmer, Petitioner vs.

Thomas Crawford, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2138  
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Thomas Crawford, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before February 25, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Christina Hammer, Petitioner vs.

Adam Santos, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2116  
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Adam Santos, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before February 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.  
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Clerk of the Court  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Mary Tyus, Petitioner vs.

Nancy Taylor, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-1985  
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Nancy Taylor, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Talessia Simmons, Petitioner vs.

Jessica Carter, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2033  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Tyona Glenn, Petitioner vs.

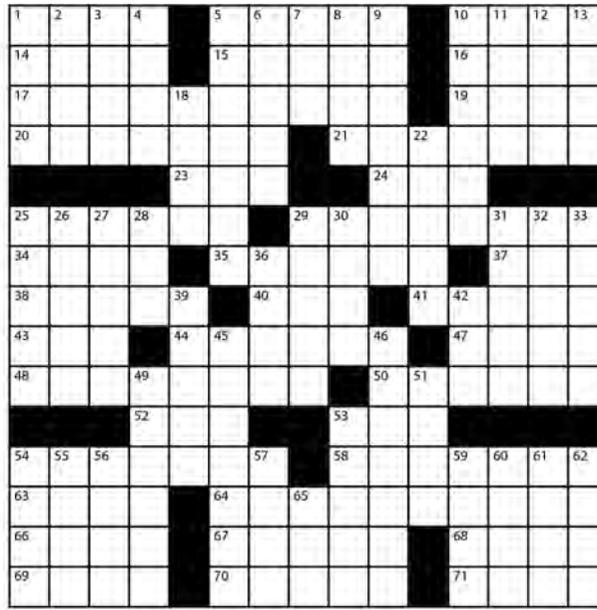
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Date: January 21, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY Carlisa Palmer, Petitioner vs.

Danielle Crawford, Respondent  
Case No: 2020-OP-2137  
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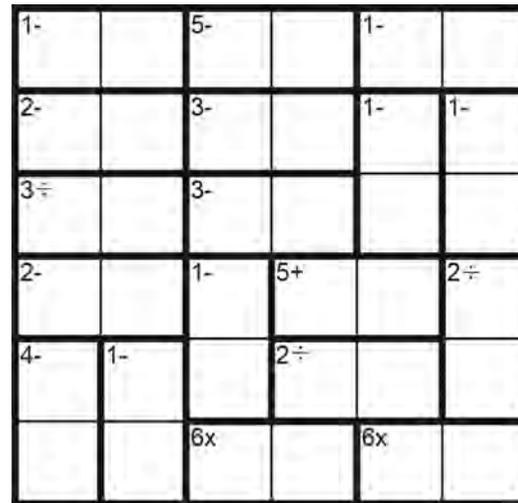
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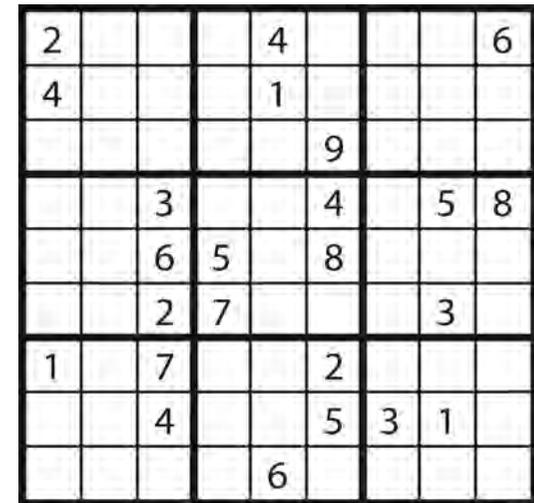
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## Sudoku No. 673

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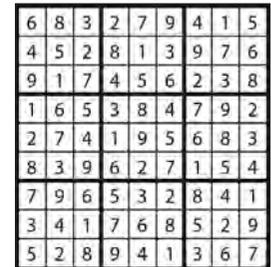


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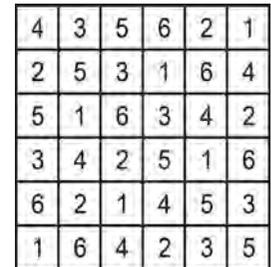
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## Homeless in Springfield • Part X

### Two Questions Most Asked

In this last article of the series, we want to address two of the most common questions people have asked us through the years. “How can I help?” and “Should we give money to panhandlers on the street?” Well, one thing we’ve learned through the years is that people really do care about the homeless, and they really want to understand the hows and whys. They also want to help in some way. After seeing someone caught up in the shifting sands of life, they want to be a part of life transformation.

But how?

**Let’s talk about panhandlers first.** Does handing money to someone on the street corner with a sign help? Well, the short answer is no. It may take care of an immediate want or need, but it’s not the solution. It won’t solve their deeper issues. Yet knowing that, it doesn’t mean we should become tight-fisted and never give to them.

Panhandlers in our community are made up of several groups: the street homeless, people who are not homeless but need help, those who are part of a scamming ring, and individual scammers wanting tax-free money. How do we know the difference, and should we still give?

Our first response is prayer. When we see a person on the street, we can ask God what to do and follow our heart. We should not presume every person holding a sign is drunk, lazy, or a scammer, but even if they are, an act of kindness may still be beneficial. Only God knows their hearts. We heard a testimony from a street homeless man admitting he blatantly lied on his sign and actually wanted money for alcohol or drugs, but the kindness of people surprisingly touched him. He felt seen.

So if we give, we have to realize that unless panhandlers are convicted by our kindness to do something different with their lives, they won’t be moved toward stability or honesty by the dollars or coins we hand them. Will they

appreciate our gift in the moment? Yes. However, their issues run deep, and money is rarely the answer. If anything, it’s more likely to keep them dependent on handouts.

We should also be aware that food is seldom the biggest need of panhandlers in Springfield. Most of our homeless know about St John’s Breadline and the other wonderful places offering meals or food for people in need.

When weighing an issue like this, we look to the Bible for answers. We are told to give to the poor, yet scripture never adds, “if they deserve it.” It’s more about *our* hearts than theirs. Yet we cannot assume God wants us to give money to every person who asks. Not everyone benefits from money. When Peter and John saw the lame man at the city gate asking for money, Peter looked at him and said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” (NIV)

If you are familiar with this story in Acts 3:1-9, you know the man jumped up and started walking and praising God. He was ecstatic. Peter gave the man so much more than what he asked for. Through the power of Jesus, Peter gave the man the ability to *make money* and sustain life if he was willing.

At Inner City Mission, we strive to give people the ability to “walk” in life. They often think their biggest issue is the lack of money or something physical, but we help them identify the missing resources in their lives—**relational and inner resources**—and why this lack has led to their loss of **physical resources**. Then we begin the process of helping them build a new life if they are willing.

**Next, we will look at the other question, “How can I help?”** All of us hope to make a difference in the world, and helping someone in need is a wonderful way to do that. But before we volunteer our services someplace, there are five questions we should consider:

**1. What stage of life am I in right now or about to enter?** If you are a parent with young children, for instance, your life centers around teaching and caring for them. You want to involve them in your efforts to help others, but you realize your time and choices are limited. On the other hand, if you are single or your children are grown, you may have more flexibility in your options to help. It’s always good to be aware of your limitations. As much as we all want to be superheroes, we still have responsibilities that keep our feet on the ground.

**2. What am I passionate about?** Not everyone is moved by homelessness. What areas of need stir your desire to help? Consider each one carefully and narrow down your field to your greatest interest. Some people can help in more than one area, but many of us cannot. That is okay.

**3. What skills or abilities can I share with others?** Do you like to cook? Tutor? Crochet or knit? Organize a closet? Play an instrument? Repair cars? Play board games? Talk with people? Plan activities for children? Paint a room? Rake leaves? Sing? The list is endless and finding the right organization for your skill or ability isn’t difficult. It’s just asking a few questions.

**4. Do I want to interact with people as part of a group, one-on-one, or just do something on my own?** Are you someone who likes to lead or would you rather stay in the background? We had a volunteer who hated being in front of people, but she made four quilted wall hangings for our new offices. It was a wonderful gesture of kindness.

**5. How would I fit into an organization’s support system?** Every organization is unique and has its own support system made up of people who give their time, energy, skills, or donations to help keep it going. Don’t be afraid to contact them and ask what they need and where you could possibly fit in and make a difference.

We have mentioned before that we mainly

shelter the **traumatic homeless** at Inner City Mission. These are the individuals and families in our community who have been wounded by life and cannot survive without outside help. More than anything, they need caring people to come alongside to encourage and teach them as they find emotional healing. This allows positive relationships to develop and strong character traits to form, which in turn, helps them make better decisions in life.

Our aim and focus is to help every person build a stable life. It’s a process that takes time. It also requires other people in our community to come alongside and help. Other social service providers in Springfield need help as well. That is where you come in if you’re interested.

We can only speak for ICM, and we have opportunities for people in these areas: prayer—both individual and corporate—as people pray for our residents and staff; help in purchasing physical supplies and equipment that can be sponsored by groups or individuals; financial giving which allows our work with the homeless to continue; planned activities or events for our residents which can be one-time or successive; other planned events such as cooking a meal, doing a project, or bringing a group to do on-site repairs, painting, yard work, or cleaning.

We also have a need in our community for fostering and adopting children in need. We all want to feel special and loved in life, and so does every child.

Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV) reads:

“For you created my inmost being;  
You knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.”

Every person is unique and has something to offer. Take time and read through the five questions and let the Lord guide you down the path of helping others. It’s been our joy to share this time with you. We hope to write more in the future.

God bless and take care,

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