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Pandemic, for me, is over. Never mind the New York Times, which warns that Sangamon County remains at high risk—there’s a neat-o gizmo on the home page, updated daily, that lets you check out disease danger, county by county, nationwide. Two months after getting my second shot, I felt guilty, then giddy, when visiting Aldi last week. I started toward the door, remembered I’d forgotten my mask in the Toyota and was ready to turn around when I thought: Wait a minute.

The keynote speaker stayed between guardrails, mostly, attacking Democrats and talking about transgender kids and not much interested in an agenda for the east side will accomplish as much as a small fraction of millions of dollars for the east side will accomplish as much as tens of millions of dollars spent in Ward 6, but I am an optimist.

However it ends up, we’re all in this together.

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A remembrance of Peg Knoepfle: Oct. 30, 1934-May 23, 2021

Guestwork | Deborah Brothers

Margaret “Peg” Knoepfle, 86, of Springfield, died Sunday, May 23, as the result of a single-car auto crash. Deborah Brothers writes: “Today, I lost one of my oldest friends and mentors, Peggy Sower Knoepfle. Peg was extraordinary. From the yellow Auburn house to the senior living apartment where she lived with her husband, John, until his death in 2019, I spent years loving her and learning from her. From our earliest encounter in the 1980s to our last conversation just before Christmas, Peg Knoepfle shaped and changed me for the better. In 2008, I wrote an essay about Peg, just because I wanted to. This is an excerpt from that much longer piece. The world will feel very different without Peggy Knoepfle in it.”

Margaret (soon called Peg or Peggy) was born to Ed and Agnes Sower in Denver, Colorado, on Oct. 30, 1934. She came to her social consciousness practically from birth, it seems. “It was in the middle of the Dust Bowl,” Peggy says. She says her mother put towels under the doorways to keep out the clouds of dirt. “I was just a baby and she was really worried that I would get sick. Many poor people were dying from these awful pneumonias caused from that dust.”

From both her parents, Peggy developed an early interest in politics and human rights. “My dad was a Norman Thomas Socialist, so was my mom. I was what you might call a pink diaper baby. They were very progressive people.”

The family lived in Denver until after WW II, then they moved to Idaho, near the south fork of the Boise River, and where Peg’s father, a civil engineer and dam designer, was in charge of another project. “I always remember him showing us the dams he designed and built and how he would explain that this was democracy in action,” she says with a decided nod of her head.

Money for federal dam-building projects stopped once Dwight Eisenhower was elected president. Eventually, Ed Sower got a civil engineering job in Peru, and the whole family moved to Lima for two years. Peggy first attended Catholic University to learn Spanish, later enrolling in Latin American history. She also had a stint in the FBI, as an associate professor at the U of Miami, before going on to get her PhD in political science at the U of Wisconsin, where she specialized in South and Central American politics. Eventually she moved back to Lima and became an expert in the field of internationalist solidarity, which led to her role as the co-founder of the Lima-based human rights organization, the Centro de Estudios Sociales y Solidarios ‘Mano Amiga’.”

Margaret was described by her friends as an “intrepid dabbler” who never shied away from the world of the unknown. She was often seen in the local coffee shop, where she would write her own poetry and share her thoughts on local and national events. “She had a way of looking at the world that was both optimistic and pragmatic,” said one of her friends. “She was always able to see the good in people and situations, even when others saw only the bad.”

Peg was also an avid reader and writer, with a particular interest in the works of Margaret Atwood and Gillian Flynn. She was known for her sharp wit and quick mind, and was often seen leading discussions on a variety of topics, from literature to politics. “She had a way of engaging people in conversation that was both challenging and enlightening,” said another friend. “She was always able to make others think deeper and see things from a new perspective.”

Despite her own achievements, Peg was always quick to acknowledge the contributions of others, and was known for her generosity and kindness. She was a tireless volunteer, and spent many hours working with local organizations to help those in need. “She was always there for people, and never asked for anything in return,” said one of her friends. “She was a true example of selflessness.”

Margaret Knoepfle was a true pioneer, and her legacy will continue to inspire and guide those who come after her. “She will be deeply missed by all who knew her,” said Deborah Brothers. “But her spirit will live on, and her legacy will continue to shape the world.”

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UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

And time for vacation

Snoozing and cruising

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For many years Illinois Times has welcomed summer with the “summerlong” Summerguide, including a big calendar of events so you can plan your leisure, because summer is a terrible thing to waste. Last year our SG was a shutdown shadow of its usual self, but here we are back, 68 pages with ads aplenty, ready to rock and roll. Not only fun is opening up, but news too is often about possibilities: See page 7 for “The Next Ten” visioning plan. The hopefulness of summer always opens on Memorial Day weekend, when we remember with gratitude all those who have died, especially those who have died having served in war, and in the cause of peace. –Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO
State improves fiscally

POLITICS | Rich Miller

If I had told you during the brief legislative session last May, while the state was still under a stay-at-home order and everything appeared to be collapsing, that Illinois would have an extra $2 billion laying around to pay off the remainder of a $3.2 billion federal loan, you might have thought I was insane. But here we are.

A couple of weeks ago, the federal government declared that states could not use any of the billions of dollars they’re receiving from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to pay off loans. That caused severe consternation in Illinois, which had planned to use part of its $8 billion federal aid package to eliminate what was left of the loans it received from the Federal Reserve’s Municipal Liquidity Facility.

However, the General Assembly’s Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability revised its revenue estimate for the current fiscal year the same week. The new forecast moved COGFA’s March projections upward by about $2 billion. The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget revised its own forecast upward by about $1.5 billion the same day.

And then last week, the governor, the Democratic legislative leaders and the comptroller announced the state will use its own revenues to pay back the federal government, instead of relying on ARP money.

The loan repayment will save the state about $100 million in interest, but it also frees up $1 billion in Fiscal Year 2023 that would not recur in Fiscal Year 2022, which was needed to prevent “severe” cuts to pretty much everything. Nothing, he said, will be left unscathed unless that projected $1.3 billion deficit is closed.

The governor has proposed closing almost a billion dollars in “corporate loopholes” to prevent severe cost reductions, and there is supreme reluctance to using one-time federal aid to patch holes in recurring state spending. Doing that would simply kick the can down the road and not allow the state to finally get its fiscal house on a path to a semblance of stability.

The chair of the Senate’s lone appropriations committee, Elgie Sims (D-Chicago), has already been telling me for several days that he hopes the budget produced this spring will result in an actual credit upgrade for the state.

Illinois has hovered just a tiny click or two above junk bond status for a very long time, so an upgrade would be a highly unusual and much-welcomed occurrence.

Comptroller Susana Mendoza has already argued for such an upgrade, but you gotta figure the New York raters will wait to see how the final week of session plays out before venturing into that territory.
A Sangamon County jury has awarded $750,000 to the family of Eric Jones, who was 16 in 2007 when he drowned in Lake Springfield while trying to save his brother. A 2015 trial ended with an award of slightly more than $1 million. The city, contending that Jones’ family deserved nothing, appealed to the Fourth Circuit Appellate Court.

Children’s Day Poem #1

Archival find: Ron Dougan writes his grown (and absent) kids.

“I’m sitting in the cool office 7 am listening to the milk house hum below me clanging of pipes steam brawling into water and once in a while a shout above the hubbub. A dickcissel is whistling without. Fifteen boys will be here at 8 am while a shout above the hubbub. The city made this family wait all these years – the system is lagging, to say the least. Now please pay them, and let them move on and stop reliving the nightmare.

Darcy Woodrum
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Bill Klein
Springfield

Nothing Owed

The family should have got nothing. Eric Jones was where he should not have been. Do you think that every family that has someone drown at an ocean beach collects? What happened to the concept of assuming responsibility for your own actions?

Norm Koeperf
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“The Next Ten” visioning plan

After six months of gathering ideas and strategies, Community Foundation releases the result

PLANNING | Karen Ackerman Witter

Months in the making and based on extensive grass-roots community input, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is releasing the next 10 – a community visioning plan for greater Springfield. The plan will be unveiled at the May 28 Citizen’s Club meeting (8 a.m. Hoogland Center for the Arts). It identifies 10 broad initiatives. All have champions who will lead the projects, all can be implemented in the near term and all projects have clear strategies for funding. “It is not just aspirational, but a concrete action plan,” says Andy Van Meter, Sangamon County Board chair.

The Community Foundation launched The Next 10 community engagement initiative last fall. Citizens were invited to share their ideas on the future of Springfield (see Illinois Times, Oct. 15, 2020). The intent was to spark a fresh conversation about Springfield’s potential and coalesce citizens and decision-makers toward shared priorities that will elevate the community’s livability, economy, creativity and spirit.

The response was tremendous. Through an interactive website, individuals shared suggestions for a particular geographic location and posted ideas both big and small on a virtual “idea wall.” Citizens contributed hundreds of ideas. Over the past six months, the Community Foundation facilitated conversations among the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, State of Illinois, nonprofit organizations, federal and state elected officials, the business community, university leaders and others to discuss ideas and identify partners and potential funding sources.

“We cast a wide net and kept talking to stakeholders to determine what’s practical to get done,” says Community Foundation president and CEO John Stremsterfer. To help vet the ideas, the Community Foundation assembled a steering committee which Stremsterfer describes as the perfect sounding board to narrow things down.

Four themes underpin the initiatives:

• A Distinctive Community, recognizing Springfield as our capital city rich with history,
• An Equitable Community that is socially and economically inclusive,
• A Prosperous Community with diversified jobs, growth and investments, and
• A Green Community that is sustainable, resilient and strong.

Developing a master plan for downtown, revitalizing the east side, bolstering early childhood education, providing support for artists to beautify and enliven the community, developing a comprehensive plan to address homelessness, making the Illinois State Fairgrounds a year-round attraction, becoming a leader in farm-to-table and investing in environmental sustainability are some of the initiatives. The Pillsbury site and Benedictine Campus are catalytic projects that are priorities for collective action.

Some things are already underway. Grant funding is enabling bands to play in bars and restaurants to rejuvenate the local economy. The Levitt AMP music series is returning to the Y-block. Outdoor dining in downtown is being expanded. The Community Foundation is committed to funding nonprofit sustainability projects. An initiative will be announced soon to move forward with developing a comprehensive strategy to address homelessness.

Mayor Jim Langfelder stresses the significance of the grass-roots approach. He says The Next 10 has increased the spotlight on areas that need attention, and the bottom-up approach helps to build a stronger-knit community. He emphasizes the importance of everyone moving in the same direction, especially with large-scale initiatives, and also highlights the value of engaging the private sector.

Stremsterfer says it was heartening that many ideas aligned with things already being worked on, such as tackling homelessness and creating a downtown UIS hub. Van Meter says some of the identified initiatives were not on the radar screen of community leaders. For example, becoming a leader in farm-to-table emerged from broad-based community interest. Van Meter says the county is the logical entity to lead this initiative, given the rural and urban nature of Sangamon County. “There are already individuals keenly interested in what the county can do to help broaden connections between the farming community and the restaurant industry,” says Van Meter. There is potential for the county to be a conduit for federal funding.

Van Meter considers arts organizations vital to the community. The potential to increase arts funding can in turn change the nature of the perception of Springfield, he says.

Stremsterfer says it has been exhilarating to have broad buy-in from people. Now it is up to the community to embrace this vision for Springfield and turn plans into action.

Karen Ackerman Witter is a frequent contributor to Illinois Times. She is an active community volunteer. She chairs the Community Foundation’s Women for Women Steering Committee, is chair of the NPR Illinois Community Advisory Board and is board president of Kidszoom.

The Next Ten projects

1. A revitalized and resilient downtown
   • Development of a downtown master plan
   • State of Illinois renovations to the Illinois State Capitol campus
   • Permanent outdoor dining improvements

2. Illinois’ recreational playground
   • Reopen Lake Springfield Beach and Beach House
   • Expand programming on the Sangamon River

3. Urban-rural connection
   • Make the Illinois State Fairgrounds a year-round center of social and economic activity
   • Establish the Springfield region as the farm-to-table capital of the world

4. A culturally rich community
   • Celebrate and honor Springfield’s diverse storylines, including the 1908 race riots, rich political history and the region’s diverse history
   • Support for artists to beauty and enliven the community through murals, public art, live entertainment and advocacy for cultural districts

5. Community-led reinvestment in the east side
   • Investment in economic, physical and social infrastructure by creating funding tools and incentives
   • Protect, preserve and designate historical properties; notable properties include Firehouse No. 5, the Lincoln Colored Home and the Judge Taylor Home

6. Strong foundation for our youth
   • Bolster early childhood education and help low-income, first-time mothers get their children off to a good start through the Nurse-Family Partnership
   • Develop a community-based work program for youth

7. Support for our most vulnerable
   • Develop a comprehensive strategy to address homelessness
   • Connect political parties and government employees to support local causes

8. Investments in higher education and innovation
   • Make the UIS innovation hub and district a reality
   • Bring a law school to Springfield

9. An environmentally sustainable Springfield
   • Create the CWLP energy plant of the future and make Springfield a leader in clean energy
   • Sustainability improvements for nonprofits by providing financial support

10. Collective action on catalytic developments
   • Pillsbury site redevelopment
   • Retain local ownership and control of the Benedictine Campus and reitalize as a hub of community and educational activity
   • Establish and implement a Community Economic Development Strategy

Sprinkled throughout the plan are “Promising Ideas” – projects with merit that warrant further development to become implementable projects.

Examples include:
• Continue alleyway beautification program
• Indoor and outdoor sports facilities to position Springfield as a sports tourism destination
• Reinvention of Kidzeum as an essential component of the education infrastructure
• Stronger emphasis on STEM education and career and employment connections for young people
• Repurposing the Third Street Rail Corridor after rail lines are relocated
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Fighting a life sentence
Illinois man argues against a mandatory life sentence he received as a teen

JUSTICE | Madison Angell

“I used to say that I wanted to be a lawyer so that I could get him out of jail,” Lieutenant LaSheda Brooks said about her father, Antonio House. Brooks, 30, is now a judge advocate for the U.S. Navy. She has spent her adult life fighting for her father’s freedom.

House, 47, has a current case before the Illinois Supreme Court over convictions from more than two decades ago. He is also seeking relief through a separate claim of innocence, which is a difficult legal process that can take many years.

House was 19 when he was arrested for alleged connections to two 1993 Cook County murders. House was later convicted of kidnapping and murder charges and received a mandatory natural life sentence. In 2010, House challenged the sentence. The Illinois Appellate Court decided that House’s life sentence violated the Illinois Constitution. The court’s opinion pointed to other cases involving the sentences of young adults and said House should have a new hearing where factors like his age at the time of the crime and difficult life circumstances could be weighed. But the Illinois Attorney General has blocked resentencing proceedings and the matter is now before the state’s highest court.

Jobi Cates is founder and executive director of Restore Justice, an Illinois nonprofit focused on long-term incarceration reform. She points to the 2012 decision, Miller v. Alabama, where the U.S. Supreme Court decided that the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment forbids juvenile offenders from receiving mandatory life sentences without the possibility of parole. While House was 19 at the time of his conviction, studies show teens are still developing cognitively, said Cates. “Science is always evolving. We’re always learning new things.” But the research establishment has found, definitively, that the brain continues to develop into a person’s 20s, said Cates.

House’s attorney, assistant appellate defender, Lauren Bauser, wants the Illinois Supreme Court to consider brain science and evolving sentencing standards regarding youth when it looks at House’s case. She told the court House was a teenage lookout who was convicted under a theory of accountability, meaning he wasn’t at the scene of the crime nearly three decades ago. “We have had this clear trend in the nation and in the state legislature in the past decade moving toward more sentencing discretion involving youthful offenders,” Bauser told Illinois Times.

A different path
Fred Weatherspoon, also convicted in connection to the same murders as House – and 17 at the time of his arrest – was originally sentenced to life in prison without a chance of release or parole. Weatherspoon, however, was resentenced by a circuit court in 2016, and in 2018 he was freed. “We were targeted to be drug dealers,” Weatherspoon said about his youth. “We fell into those rat traps, but of course we were guided by adults,” he said. “Everything I ever did as a boy was looked at through the context of criminalization.”

Weatherspoon said he’s made a lot of personal improvements. “I was able to mature … and figure some things out to understand that I was going to be the one who improved my lot in life.” While incarcerated, Weatherspoon received a GED and began therapy.

Today, Weatherspoon works as a mentor and advocate in the North Englewood neighborhood of Chicago at the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation. The nonprofit specializes in helping young people and offers communal healing circles, job preparation, support networks and other services. Mentors at Precious Blood help people find jobs and offer emotional support and therapeutic services.

Fight for release
Being incarcerated did not stop House from being a diligent father. LaSheda Brooks said he taught her how to build resumes, look for college programs and funding and was always willing to give her advice.

Because of COVID-19, Brooks and her daughter only got one or two chances per month to visit with House via Skype. Each call lasts just 15 minutes and while Brooks is relieved to see her father, his living conditions worry her. Last year, he caught coronavirus and received limited treatment, said Brooks. She said her father was recently attacked while in custody. During the last video call she had with her father, “he had on handcuffs, a face mask and a broken wrist,” she said. “It’s traumatizing and that’s how my daughter talks to her grandfather.”

Brooks said she wants people to remember that “everyone who’s in prison, they’re alive … they’re real people, with real roles and real relationships.” Her father is a changed person from the teenager who first became incarcerated. And he and his family will keep fighting for his release.

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Kidzeum on road to reopen
After more than a year of closure, museum will open in July

CULTURE | Rachel Otwell

The city’s only children’s museum is planning its return. The Kidzeum of Health and Science was forced to shutter early on in the pandemic. Children’s museums in particular were hit hard by COVID-19, as the exhibits are hands-on. The museum has since closed. But it will reopen with weekend hours, beginning in July, with an opening date to be announced soon, according to a news release sent to Illinois Times on May 25.

“Kidzeum is poised to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic better, stronger and more resilient than it was before, thanks to passionate people who believe in what Kidzeum can mean for Springfield,” said Karen Witter, Kidzeum board president, in the release. The museum also announced that Leah Wilson will return as its executive director. Wilson had previously announced she would be stepping down from the role, as she had accepted a remote position with a university in Iowa.

“The COVID-19 pandemic forced so many of us to make difficult personal and professional decisions,” said Wilson in the release. “This is indeed the little museum that could. I’m so impressed and delighted by the incredible work of the board to rally support for Kidzeum, and I look forward to leading it forward.”

Kidzeum, which first opened in July 2018, has used COVID-19 relief funds to stay afloat over the past year. An anonymous donor recently pledged $100,000 each year for five years. “We are grateful for this donation, as it helps demonstrate that Kidzeum is a valued asset in our community,” said Witter. “We hope it will also encourage others to invest in the future of Kidzeum.”

Kidzeum is working on partnering with the Springfield public school district. Its goal is to begin a program this fall where second graders attend the museum for a two-week program focused on science, technology, engineering and math lessons. When the museum reopens, it will also bring back an exhibit on “bees, butterflies and blooms.” The exhibit has a focus on Illinois wildlife and preservation. There are various opportunities to volunteer with the museum, more information about that can be obtained by emailing: info@kidzeum.org.

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Ruling ends 5-year saga over Mautino’s campaign finance case

The campaign committee of former state Rep. Frank Mautino, who is now the Illinois auditor general, violated state law when it spent campaign funds on gas and car repairs for personal vehicles, the Illinois Supreme Court decided Thursday, May 20. But the court did not find Mautino’s committee violated a separate section of state election law that prohibits spending more than fair market value for goods and services.

However, since Mautino’s committee was dissolved in 2015, any fines levied against it would likely not be collected, a spokesperson for the Illinois State Board of Elections said Thursday.

The case against Mautino’s campaign committee dates back to early 2016 when Mautino resigned from his position as a state representative, after 25 years in the General Assembly, and was appointed auditor general.

Illinois resident David Cooke filed a complaint against Mautino’s campaign committee with the State Board of Elections in February 2016. Specifically, Cooke argued the committee’s expenditure of more than $225,000 on gas and repairs at Happy’s Super Service for personal vehicles violated section 9-8.10(a)(9) of the Act to Regulate Campaign Financing. He also claimed the committee’s spending at Spring Valley City Bank for travel expenses violated section 9-8.10(a)(2).

Section 9-8.10(a)(2) of the Act bans political committees from spending campaign funds on items or services that are more than “fair market value.” Section 9-8.10(a)(9) provides that if a committee does not own or lease the vehicle, it can spend campaign funds only on reimbursements for mileage expenses.

Cooke also alleged the committee’s documentation regarding the Spring Valley City Bank was improper, and the committee’s inadequate disclosure reports willfully violated the law.

In May 2016, ISBE ordered the committee to file amended disclosure reports, but the committee failed to do so, leading ISBE to determine it willfully violated the law. While the committee had destroyed its pre-2014 records according to statute when it dissolved, it did possess records for 2014 and 2015, the board found.

The board imposed a $5,000 fee on the committee but did not address the merits of Cooke’s complaint. Cooke appealed to the state appellate court, which sent the case back to ISBE for a decision on the merits.

In July 2018, ISBE decided the committee did not violate any sections of the act and Cooke again appealed. In its second hearing of the case, the appellate court reversed ISBE’s decision and ruled that the committee violated the law when it came to travel and vehicle expenses.

The committee appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court, and the justices agreed that the committee’s spending on gas and repairs for vehicles that were not owned or leased by the committee was in violation of the law.

“(W)ith regard to a vehicle neither owned nor leased by a committee, the committee may only make expenditures for actual mileage reimbursement when that vehicle is used for campaign or governmental purposes,” Illinois Supreme Court Justice Rita Garman wrote in the 28-page opinion.

But the justices disagreed with the appellate court on its decision that the committee’s expenditures for travel and vehicle expenses violated the law in regard to their relation to fair market value.

“Cooke did not present evidence demonstrating that, for example, the price per gallon paid by the Committee clearly exceeded the market price on the relevant date,” Garman wrote.

On the spending at the bank, the justices found that Cooke could not “compare the amount of money withdrawn from the bank with the travel costs Mautino purportedly incurred,” because the committee refused to amend its disclosure reports to identify the specific purpose of the bank spending.

“Instead, Cooke could only demonstrate the peculiarity of the (c)ommittee and Mautino’s method of reporting expenditures for certain travel expenses. Therefore, the board was without the requisite information to determine whether it was more probably true than not that the Committee violated section 9- 8.10(a)(2),” Garman wrote.

The justices ordered that the case return to ISBE, which will decide whether the committee “knowingly” violated the law with its spending on gas and car repairs.

Matt Dietrich, spokesperson for ISBE, said

In an emailed statement, Mautino said he is pleased with the decision by the Illinois Supreme Court and looks forward to finalizing the matter.

A representative for the right-leaning Liberty Justice Center, which provided legal representation for David Cooke, did not respond to a request for comment.

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Vaccinations mean hope for an end to the pandemic is on the horizon. But in Springfield, the number of infected and ill pregnant women actually went up after vaccinations became available. That’s according to Dr. Robert Abrams, head of the maternal-fetal medicine division at SIU School of Medicine and director of obstetrics for the South-Central Illinois Perinatal Center in Springfield. He said pregnant women in Springfield with COVID-19 complications are sent to HSHS St. John’s Hospital, since that is where the high-risk OB-GYN doctors in town are.

From March 2020 to March 2021, Abrams said about 13 pregnant women with COVID-19 were admitted during the entire year. But in April of this year, there were eight pregnant patients with COVID-19 who were ill enough to be admitted to the hospital. “Every day, I might have five to 10 conversations with pregnant women regarding the safety of vaccines,” said Abrams. “In my experience, there’s great hesitation and anxiety to receive these vaccines in pregnancy.”

Meanwhile, research has found, “the risks of getting COVID when you’re pregnant are far greater than the minimal, if any, risks from the vaccine,” Abrams said.

While it’s too soon to capture the entire role the pandemic may have played in the lives of pregnant people, Abrams is part of a statewide maternal mortality review committee tasked with researching trends. In 2018, the committee released its first report on maternal mortality and morbidity. In late April, the committee, overseen by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), released the second edition of its report. The new report covers deaths from 2016 and 2017. One of its key findings was that Black women in Illinois were about three times more likely than white women to die of a pregnancy-related condition. The report found that “an average of 75 Illinois women died while pregnant or within one year of pregnancy each year during 2008-2017, with the highest number recorded in 2017 (a total of 103 deaths).”

“This report shows us that there are two stories of maternal mortality: Black women continue to die at an unacceptable disparity due to medical causes, and the rate of white women dying due to mental health causes of suicide and overdose has grown,” said IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike in a news release.

The report is meant to expand the understanding of inequities in maternal health outcomes. As Ezike pointed out, the leading cause of pregnancy-related death was mental health disorders, including substance use disorders and suicide, which represent 40% of total deaths. Pregnant and postpartum white women were more likely to die from a mental health cause, while Black women were more likely to die from a preexisting medical condition.

“In our first report, we indicated that Black women were more than six times as likely to die from a pregnancy-related condition as white women,” said Ezike during an April 29 news conference. “While the disparity has narrowed for pregnancy-related deaths between Black and white women, it is not due to conditions improving for Black women, but is instead due to worsening conditions for white women.”

During the news conference, Shannon Lightner, deputy director of IDPH’s Office of Women’s Health and Family Services, told the story of a patient named Gabrielle. Gabrielle, a Black woman, had a successful C-section and asked to get a tubal ligation at the same time to prevent future pregnancy. “After surgery, Gabrielle complained of being unable to breathe and having a swollen abdomen. Her heart rate was high.” But, “It took several hours before providers seriously considered her complaint,” said Lightner. Gabrielle had suffered a hemorrhage and died within 24 hours of giving birth.

In addition to researching mortality rates of pregnant women and those who have recently given birth, the statewide committee was tasked with providing recommendations. Some of them relate to Gabrielle’s case, said Lightner. For instance, hospitals should “provide training on racism, bias and trauma-informed care.”

The committee also recommended that Illinois Medicaid and other health insurance plans should reimburse pregnant women for telehealth appointments that are conducted via video or phone. Abrams said telemedicine helps reach women in more rural areas. “It’s so important to provide telehealth services,” he said. “It’s much more difficult for the ones who live in rural areas to obtain equal obstetrical care as if they were in a higher density area with more providers.” Earlier this year, Illinois became the first state to provide new mothers with full Medicaid benefits for one year after giving birth. The previous coverage period had been 60 days after birth.

Other recommendations from the maternal morbidity and mortality review committee include that the state should expand access to programs that provide home visits for pregnant and postpartum women with a history of certain medical or mental health conditions. The full report can be viewed at www.dph.illinois.gov/mmr.

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An American Marriage
Thu., May 27, 12-1pm. Michael Burlingame, Chancellor Naomi B. Lynn distinguished chair in Lincoln Studies at UIS, will discuss his research and new book on why Lincoln had good reason to regret his marriage to Mary Todd. This is a Facebook event. Free. 217-206-8663.

Illinois Products Farmers Market
Thu., May 27, 4-7pm. Stop by every Thursday for local products and goods that are grown or produced here in Illinois. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-558-0788.

“Fresh Produce”
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Aldlai Stevenson II
Thu., June 3, 12-1pm. Join ALPLM and Midwest studies historian Dr. Jacob K. Friefeld as he takes a closer look at the life of the celebrated statesman from Illinois. Part of the Tales from the Vault Series. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

International Carillon Festival
Thu.-Sun., June 3-6. Begins at 6pm each evening. Lauded as one of the world’s most important and prestigious carillon events, the festival has earned an unsurpassed tradition of presenting the finest carillonneurs from around the world. carillon-rees.org. Free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-306-1838.

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Fri.-Sun., June 4-6. Kids’ area, carnival, food, raffles and live music. Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters on Friday, and Taylor June and Lick Creek on Saturday. Visit the website to buy tickets. little-flower.org. Church of the Little Flower, 800 Stevenson Dr, 217-529-1606.

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American Red Cross blood drive
Sat., June 5, 9am-2pm. All donors will receive a free COVID antibody test and a T-shirt, while supplies last. The event is at Green Hyundai Certified inside White Oaks Mall, on the lower level, White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 1-800-733-2767.

Busy Bugs Super Saturday
Sat., June 5, 10am-4pm. Learn about the amazing jobs bugs do with fun activities. See the museum bug collection and hunt for bugs on the lawn. Free activity kits will be available to take home. illinoisstatemuseum.org, free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

Chicken Fry
Sat., June 5, Blue Ridge Club, 411 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1431.

Here Come the Mummies
Sat., June 5, 7pm. With special guest Astrofix. $15-$30. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-619-8025.

Prairie Days
Sat., June 5, 12-4pm. An open house with outdoor activities and events for the whole family, such as bird banding and tours with area experts highlighting birds, wetlands and flowers. Hosted by the Friends of Sangamon Valley and Monarch Landscaping and Garden Center. Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Loami, 9560 Withers Road, 217-525-1410.

Refuge Ranch Partner Up Trivia Night
Sat., June 5, 5-8pm. $20 per person, tables of eight. Raffles, photo booth, prizes for best dressed, best decorated table and trivia winners. Includes food. No alcohol allowed. Proceeds benefit a unique mentored horsemanship program. Find the event on Facebook. Refuge Ranch, Rochester, 9350 Cascade Road, 498-7679.

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Summer skate school Mon.-Fri., June 7-Aug. 6. Weekdays. Open to beginners through advanced skaters, ages 3+. Classes include both high and low edge/movement, jumps, playing with the basics, power (high) and all levels of spins. Visit the Springfield Park District website for the schedule. springfieldparks.org. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

Museum Bootcamp Mon., June 7 is the deadline to register for the June 24-25 event. Dive into the art and science of making an exhibit. Go behind the scenes to learn how an exhibit is made and get the chance to create your own. Ages 11-14. illinoisstatemuseum.org. $40-$50. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.


Lincoln’s Love of Music Thu., June 10, 7-8pm. Historian Christian McWhirter will explore Lincoln’s taste in music and how Lincoln shaped the music of his time. Visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum Facebook page at the appointed time and scroll to the post highlighting the live event. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.


“Sizzlin’at 105°” and “Wabi-Sabi” opening reception Thu., June 10, 5:30-7:30pm. Check out these two exciting art exhibitions side by side – a juried artist exhibition and a show of the work of local visual and bonsai tree artists. Several artists will be present to discuss their collaborations. Refreshments provided. Masks required. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 217-544-2787.


Virtual Star Parties Fri., June 11, 8:30pm. John Martin, UIS associate professor of astronomy/physics, will give tips for identifying planets and constellations and answer astronomy questions submitted live. Visit the website or call for more info. go.uis.edu/summerstarparties. 217-206-8342.
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Wed., June 16, 7pm. Abraham Lincoln’s most important work as a lawyer occurred at the Illinois Supreme Court. John Lupton and Samuel Wheeler will discuss Lincoln’s legal career and appellate practice. Funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Livestreamed on Looking for Lincoln’s Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

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Black Hawk’s View of Illinois History  
Thu., June 17, 6-7pm. Storyteller and historian Brian “Fox” Ellis weaves true Illinois history with folklore to create a tapestry of symbolic language, drawing the audience into the worldview of Black Hawk, a respected leader of the midwestern Sauk Native American tribe. Via Zoom and registration is required. chatamlib.org. Free. 217-483-2713.

Levitt AMP Music Series  
Thu., June 17, 6pm. Local artist Debbie Ross opens and rules with her strong, soaring vocals and powerful stage presence. Followed at 7pm by Nelly’s Echo, whose captivating storytelling and high-energy performances have made him a sought-after musician all across the United States and overseas. Brandon Alexander Williams is also playing. Williams will deliver a high energy spoken-word performance, accompanied by original music via beatbox and looper pedal. Free. levitt.org. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

Nelly  
Thu., June 17, 7pm. One of only seven rappers to date to receive Diamond Selling status. sangcofair.com. $35. Sangamon County Fairgrounds, New Berlin, 316 W. Birch St., 488-2685.

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Juneteenth Experience

Demo Derby
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Fri., June 25 is the deadline to register for the July 7 event. For ages 5 and 6. From fun art projects to cool science experiments — learn through play, the very best way. Visit the website for registration information. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Register by June 25. $20-$25. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

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Fri., June 25 is the deadline to register for the July 12-16 event. Discover the world of art and science this summer. Try your hand at wacky science experiments, amazing art activities and museum adventures. Ages 7-10. Members $100; non-members $125. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

The Oak Ridge Boys
Fri., June 25, 7pm. With special guest Jimmy Fortune. $20. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-619-8025.

Paint the Street
Sat., June 26. Reserve a 6 ft. x 6 ft. square and get to painting. Live music will be playing and food will be available. Masks required. Paint the Driveway is also an option this year. You provide the driveway, the art association provides the supplies. $30-$35. Washington street between Fifth and Sixth streets, 1 Old Capitol Plaza North, 217-522-1129.

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Fri., July 2, at dusk. Lake Springfield Marina, 17 Waters Edge Blvd., 483-3625.

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Virtual Star Parties
Fri., July 9, 9pm. John Martin, UIS associate professor of astronomy/physics, will give tips for identifying planets and constellations and answer astronomy questions submitted live. Visit the website or call for more info. go.uis.edu/summerstarparties. 217-206-8342.

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Sat., July 10, 8-10am. Bring your mother, daughter, sister or friend and run or walk this beautiful 2-mile course through Washington Park. This race is for women and girls of all ages, whether you are a competitive runner or just plan to stroll through the park. Shirt guarantee deadline is June 17. Additional swag is available while supplies last. $20-$25. src.net. Washington Park, 1501 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-971-1656.

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Conversations with a Civil Rights Soldier

Spi Tri Kid’s Triathlon
Sat., July 17, 8:30-11am. Safe, exciting and fun mini tri for participants ages 5-6 and ages 6-13. All activities are in Lincoln Park. Entrants receive a T-shirt, goodie bag, finisher medal and refreshments. $20. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-525-2589.

Summer Fest

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African American Marshalls

Afrochella Illinois
Sat., July 24, 10am. This festival highlights the rising appeal of Afro culture through the arts, cuisine, Afrobeat and business. $20. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-210-1752.

Gin Blossoms
Sat., July 24, 7pm. With special guest Blessid Union of Souls. $5. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-619-8025.

Sangamon Valley Iris Society Sale

“They are selling my things”
Wed., July 28, 7pm. A look back at the July 1943, six-day auction of Susan Lawrence Dana’s belongings. On the anniversary of one of the auction days, virtually enter the auction tent, see some of the items sold and hear what happened to them. Where is the famed baby layette set? Email for more information. dthf@sbcglobal.net.

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August  
Black Artists Matter Month  

Levitt AMP Music Series  
Thu., Aug., 5, 6pm. The indie rock of Nectar followed by Ratboys from Chicago at 7pm. Free. levitt.org. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

“Avengers: Endgame”  

Powerlight Abe Lincoln Car Show  
Fri.-Sat., Aug. 6-7. Super cruise on Friday and car show spectacular on Saturday. Free admission. Knight’s Action Park, 1700 Knights Recreation Dr., 217-553-5271.

Chicken Fry  

Central Illinois Daylily Sale  
Sat., Aug. 7, 12-3pm. Many different sizes, colors and forms will be available. Members will be happy to give growing tips and help. Please wear a mask and maintain the suggested social distance. Free. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

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SUMMERGUIDE | Lana Shovlin

When it comes to learning about Springfield’s rich and diverse history, Justin Blandford, superintendent of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and his incredible team want to offer an experience that will exceed your expectations. That’s why they recently developed Walk, Hike and Bike History, a series of six outdoor experiences that focus on encouraging people to explore some of Springfield’s most amazing museums and historical monuments.

When my family recently learned about the tours, we couldn’t wait to give them a try. However, I was apprehensive that the tours might prove too difficult for my younger children, so I contacted Blandford, voiced my concerns, and asked him which ones he thought would best suit our family. He assured me that no matter which tour we chose, our guide would be sure to cater to what worked best for us.

“These are not cookie-cutter experiences that we pass out for everybody,” says Blandford. “We have spent a lot of time listening to our guests and our staff, and the tours have been built from the ground up by our team members to suit your individual needs. The members of our team aren’t only guides, they are storytellers and professionals who relish the opportunity to talk with your family about something that they are passionate about. Our goal is to give you the very best possible experience, and I think that shines through.”

Inspired by Blandford’s enthusiasm, my family ventured out one overcast Saturday morning to meet up with Mikito Muroya at Oak Ridge Cemetery. Muroya was happy to see us, despite having some concerns that our tour might be cut short by rain. Armed with a red and white striped umbrella, he guided us toward what has historically been known as The Colored Section of the cemetery, pausing every so often to regale us with stories of Black Civil War soldiers, prominent Black business owners so often to regale us with stories of Black Civil War soldiers, prominent Black business owners and professionals who relish the opportunity to talk with your family about something that they are passionate about. Our goal is to give you the very best possible experience, and I think that shines through.”

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No matter where you are, Blandford and his team want you to know that the experiences they offer are authentic. They also want to entice you to come back and share your experiences with your friends. “Most importantly,” says Blandford, “we want people to understand the historic treasures we have in our own backyard. We want you to know that it’s an honor for us to help preserve them, and it’s an honor to share this history with you.”

You can find more information about the Walk, Bike, Hike and History tours by visiting the IDNR website at http://histricspringfield. dnr.illinois.gov/ or by calling 217-524-3971 or emailing DNR.HistoricSpringfield@ illinois.gov.

Lana Shovlin is a freelance writer who resides in Springfield. She is looking forward to devoting part of her summer to walking, biking and hiking around Springfield with her husband and three adventurous children.

After saying goodbye to Muroya, we drove to the Dana-Thomas House and met up with Jennifer Caldwell, a charming and whip-smart woman who, armed with clipboards and graph paper, led us on a Design Like Frank Lloyd Wright Drawing Tour.

For the next 90 minutes, we walked the grounds of the Dana-Thomas House and sketched windows, plants and rooftops, while Caldwell taught my family about Frank Lloyd Wright’s famous architectural style. Expertly, she explained to us how Wright used simple shapes and nature as inspiration in his work, showed us different styles of architecture around the neighborhood and explained what makes each of them beautiful and unique.

When our tour was over, Caldwell surprised us by inviting us inside the Dana-Thomas House. Leading us from room to room, she entertained my children with fascinating stories about Susan Dana’s legendary parties, and I’m certain that we’ll never drive by that glorious house without remembering how special Caldwell made all of us feel that day.

According to Blandford, it is well known in the museum field that the local audience is the hardest one to reach. He gives credit to his team for how diligently they have worked toward finding new ways to reach the Springfield-area audience, but he wants it to be known that these experiences are not limited to the locals. Aside from the six guided tours, there is also a virtual tour of the Dana-Thomas House that offers a chance to reach out to people who are much more geographically distant.

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Jennifer Caldwell leads Grace Shovlin, age 10; Lily Ballentyne, age 11; Cecilia Shovlin, age 6; and Leo Shovlin, age 3, on a Frank Lloyd Wright drawing tour. PHOTO COURTESY LANA SHOVLIN
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"It's very high-tech and high touch," says Nancy Milton, aquarium spokesperson. “We want people to leave with their hands wet.”

In addition to experiencing doctor fish (red garra), visitors can stroke a (stinger-trimmed) ray, hold a stick to see archer fish spit to dislodge food and touch anemones, sea stars and sea urchins. At a water table mimicking a stream, “little kids love to splash and play but still are learning,” Milton points out.

Of course, you don’t really leave with your hands wet as the aquarium provides hand-washing stations after each encounter. Precautions against COVID-19 include an enforced mask requirement and timed entry with 50% capacity.

COVID-19 stalled the aquarium’s takeoff after it opened on Christmas Day 2019. It remained open for three months but then had to shut its doors until June 2020, when it limited occupancy to 25%. Its popularity is now increasing, so visitors need to reserve tickets, especially for weekends.

Built in the area of a former mall at St. Louis’ iconic Union Station, the two-story aquarium filled a niche missing in the city, Milton says. A 3-D virtual reality train ride pays homage to the station while introducing visitors to the city and the aquarium.

The virtual show includes views from inside the Mississippi and Missouri rivers as a precursor to a gallery with a tank full of catfish, sturgeon and gar. “All we see on the top of the rivers is brown water,” Milton says, and this display allows visitors to learn what is happening beneath the surface.

They also can view at Shark Canyon, which houses the largest tank with 250,000 gallons, 60 sharks and rays and dive shows several times a day. Fish swim in front of and above visitors, giving them the feeling of being underwater.

Viewers don’t have to worry about...
witnessing a shark attack smaller fish because all of the animals are well fed, Milton says. “They eat a lot better than we do.”

The shark tank is one of the most popular features, as is the river otters’ display, which includes viewing areas under water and of their surface playground. Small children delight in interacting with an animated otter manipulated by an actor behind the screen who can see the audience and respond appropriately.

Children also are sure to be enthralled by “Eugene,” a puffer fish who loves hanging out by a window in his tank to greet visitors. Other galleries highlight fresh water fish from South American rivers, including red piranha, and The Deep, which features bioluminescence. The Deep gallery also has leggy sea dragons, creatures that look other worldly; corals under black light to show what they would look like in the deep ocean; and jellyfish.

A particularly fun area is Lord Stanley’s home, where visitors can see a rare blue lobster and take a selfie by a hockey goal. Milton explains that he was caught in New England and brought to a lobster and clam bar. The owner decided the crustacean belonged in St. Louis, after the Blues hockey team beat the Boston Bruins for the Stanley Cup championship in 2019. A naming contest ended with Lord Stanley as the winner.

The renovated Union Station hotel offers 560 rooms, some of which overlook the aquarium, and a grand lobby reminds visitors of the 1894 station’s significance in city history.

The aquarium is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Fridays and Saturdays, when it closes at 8 p.m. Milton says the least busy times are early in the day Monday through Thursday.

Admission is $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and $18 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free. Milton recommends buying an annual pass, which can pay for itself with two visits. For those planning to ride the Ferris wheel or try the other attractions, a combo ticket also can save money. The ropes course has a separate fee for timed admission.

Parking in two nearby lots is $3 an hour, but the Explore St. Louis kiosk near the entry doors offers a $5 all-day parking voucher.

Mary Bohlen is a Springfield travel writer who likes exploring and being tickled by new discoveries.

Sawyer, one of three river otters at the St. Louis Aquarium, spends his days playing and swimming as a visitor favorite.
Some visitors flock to the Grafton area for outdoor adventures – hiking, biking, water sliding, boating and zip-lining. Others make a beeline to the bars, wineries and party patios overlooking the river. Still others content themselves with sitting on the porch of a state park lodge, watching the river and life roll by.

Whatever your pleasure, you can be sure the area where the Illinois River marries the Mississippi will be a popular spot this summer as pandemic precautions get pushed aside. In fact, weekend rooms for the summer may be difficult to find, according to Cory Jobe, president and CEO of the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau and former Springfield City Council member.

He recommends Wednesdays and Thursdays as the best time to see what this stretch of the Great River Road, 100 miles southwest of Springfield, offers. Pent-up demand for travel and the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors should make it a busy season.

The area is on the edge of a huge travel boom, Jobe says. “We expect visitors to discover our region for the first time, or rediscover it as an alternative to traveling to large cities with dense populations. It has become a great destination for anyone who wants to get away for a weekend or weekday vacation.”

Jobe says his agency promotes social distancing and mask wearing, but some businesses don't require them. Nonetheless, families, young adults and seniors can find plenty to do safely, especially outdoors. Families gravitate toward the chair lift/gondola tour and Grafton Zipline Adventures at Aerie’s Resort for thrills above the treetops. The Raging Rivers water park is debuting a new water slide and will welcome a traveling sea lion show this summer, Jobe said.

Parents and children also often explore the hiking, biking and horseback trails at nearby Pere Marquette State Park, one of Illinois’ iconic parks, and can head to the Grafton...
The Loading Dock in Grafton is one of many restaurants and bars at the water’s edge.

Further south, Alton is chock-full of historic homes and statues, including homage to Robert Wadlow, the world’s tallest man; jazz legend Miles Davis; and Elijah Lovejoy, the outspoken abolitionist preacher and printer who lost his press and his life to angry pro-slavery mobs.

Alton’s connection to the river is apparent at the National Great Rivers Museum, next to the Melvin Price Locks and Dam, at the southern edge of town. The free museum highlights river traffic, animals and history. You might even see a barge or two navigating the locks.

A good place to picnic is Alton’s Riverfront Park with walking paths, an amphitheater and a good view of Clark Bridge spanning the Mississippi. A riverboat casino sits nearby for those interested in a little gaming.

Alton offers plenty of restaurant options, as does Grafton. Those wanting to spend more than a day in the area can choose from condo and guest house rentals, the Pere Marquette lodge and cabins, bluff-top resorts, small inns and the historic Ruebel Hotel on Grafton’s busy Main Street.

Just be sure to book early.

Mary Bohlen is a freelance travel writer from Springfield who has many fond memories of time spent with family and friends in the Grafton area.
A trip down Route 4 (Old Route 66)

SUMMERGUIDE | Cinda Ackerman Klickna

Whether you want to learn some history or play golf, dig for treasures in an antique shop or bookstore, drive the old brick section of Route 66, walk across a covered bridge, see vintage cars or an old-fashioned drugstore, eat home-cooked meals or sample beers at a pub, you can get all your desires satisfied by taking a road trip along Route 4 from Chatham to Girard.

Route 66 followed Route 4 through Auburn, Carlinville and Staunton until 1933 when it was moved to a new alignment south of Springfield through Glenarm and Litchfield.

Start at the old train depot in Chatham, built in 1902 and in operation until 1952. Several rooms have been restored, making it possible to envision the women and men waiting for the train (in their separate waiting rooms), the ticket master collecting fares and the travelers rolling the baggage carts into the freight room.

Drive a few miles off Route 4 to the Sugar Creek Covered Bridge. Its date of construction is disputed – either 1827 or 1880. Bought by the State of Illinois in 1963 and closed to traffic in 1984, it sits within a park/picnic area. Walk across the red-painted bridge, notice the wooden beam construction and watch the water flow by in the creek.

Veer a few miles to Glenarm to the Corvair Museum, part of the Corvair Society of America. See the fastest Corvair-powered car in existence (once clocking 173 miles per hour) and the only remaining example of a Corvair body that was never finished into a vehicle.

If you are looking for a spot to picnic, head back to Route 4, south to Irwin Park. From 1900-1945, this area was the site of political and religious events and is considered the oldest public meeting spot in Sangamon County. When the new interurban provided access in 1905, it was called Irwin’s Electric Park and drew 5,000 people for the opening. The park sported a dance pavilion, skating rinks and refreshment stands.

Head back to Route 4 to Snell Road and drive the 1.4-mile brick section of Route 66, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tourists from all over the U.S., Europe and Japan stop at this popular destination to take pictures.

Turn back onto Route 4 and drive into Auburn to the town square to see the historic double-decker bandstand, a replica of one that stood there from 1905-1961. Across from the square you can still see the old Commercial Hotel, built in 1912.

It’s then on into Virden. As you approach the town square, notice the mural on the east side of the street on the wall of the Sav-Mor Pharmacy. Artist John Hubbell painted this in 2004, telling the story of Virden. Then, park and enjoy the town square with its bandstand, WWII memorial and the monument honoring the Union Miner’s Strike/Riot of 1898.

A dispute between the owners of the Chicago-Virden Coal Company and the miners occurred after the company refused to honor a nationwide United Mine Workers agreement calling for paying workers 40 cents per ton, per day, plus an eight-hour work shift. When the company hired non-union African American men from Alabama, the miners blocked them from entering in September 1898. In October, another attempt with 50 armed guards surrounding the area led to a gunfight between the guards and miners. In only 10 minutes, eight miners, four guards and a railroad employee were killed. The now-famous Mother Mary Jones sided with the miners, as did Governor John Tanner, the first Illinois governor to support union rights. Some of the miners were buried in the Union Miner’s Cemetery in Mt. Olive where Mother Jones was later laid to rest in 1930.

Around the square are some interesting shops. Books on the Square, with its four buildings filled with every kind of book you might want, has been in business for 30 years and may be the largest bookstore on Old Route 66. The Sly Fox Bookstore offers a variety of books, especially children’s books. Other shops include Hendrick's Furniture, Wildflower Patch flower shop and Tattered Treasures antiques.

More history awaits you a few miles south in Girard. Doc’s Soda Fountain, site of the Pharmacy Museum, displays old patent medicines and drugstore paraphernalia from Deck’s Drug Store. Lewis Deck opened a drugstore in 1884, which stayed in business through three generations of the Deck family until 2001. The building was purchased in 2007 by Robert and Renae Ernst and now offers an old-fashioned ice cream parlor in addition to serving lunches. The couple also owns The Furniture Doctor and Renae’s Window Fashions, which have been in business for 36 years. Renae made all the draperies for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Some might add in a round of golf at either Edgewood Golf Club (Auburn) or Oak Hills Country Club (Girard).

Of course, eating good food must be part of the day, and there are offerings in every town. On the way back home, stop at a local pub, a burger joint or Mick and Mary’s, a popular spot in Thayer.

We may not yet be traveling far, but a day trip is worth it along Route 4 where you can get your kicks on Route 66.

Cinda Ackerman Klickna likes to explore local history and small towns.
The Creative Reuse Marketplace (CRM) store, opening June 2 in downtown Springfield, is not your typical store. If you’re an artist, teacher, scrapbooker, hobbyist, creative individual or enjoy making things with your kids or grandkids, this place is for you. Yarn, fabric, colorful plastic pieces, metal parts, ribbon, jewelry, cards, bottle caps, leftover widgets and a myriad of materials will be for sale at a reasonable price. Many of the items collected over the last six months may have otherwise been thrown away. “One person’s junk is another person’s treasure,” says Adena Rivas, founder of CRM.

Not the creative type? The store will be a source of inspiration. Examples of artwork made from repurposed materials will be on display. A good time to visit is during the Old Capitol Farmers Market. The store is just steps away at 122 S. Fourth Street, between Adams and Washington streets.

This is far more than a store. It is an enterprise designed to enhance the community and inspire creative reuse through environmental stewardship, education and job training. Long-term goals are to build a sustainable organization and a creative space that provides steady employment to underserved women, inspires creativity and diverts substantial materials from the local landfill to be reused and repurposed.

Rivas, an artist as well as the City of Springfield’s waste and recycling program coordinator, is the driving force behind this initiative. She was inspired by places such as the Idea Store in Champaign and has assembled a group of dedicated partners to make this dream a reality. Betsy Dollar, executive director of the Springfield Art Association, was an enthusiastic early supporter. “The more we can encourage everyone to creatively reuse things instead of throwing them away, the better off we all are,” says Dollar. “It’s terrific when people are using their imaginations and motor skills while being environmentally responsible.” Sustainable Springfield, Inc. is another committed partner.

Workforce development is an integral objective. Women from Inner City Mission are providing the workforce for CRM. Inner City Mission provides shelter, education and counseling services to homeless children, their parents and single women. Through workforce training, women will learn social and behavioral skills, plus sales, marketing and business.

With the Springfield Art Association, Inner City Mission and Third Presbyterian Church all located in Enos Park, the program was launched under the umbrella of the Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association (EPNIA). The Women for Women giving circle of the Community
Foundation for the Land of Lincoln awarded EPNIA $52,500 in 2020 through the Women's Fund. The Women's Fund provides financial support to organizations that address pressing needs facing women, and special consideration is given to collaborative programs. With so many diverse partners, CRM was a perfect fit.

Recently, the Women's Fund awarded an additional $30,000 for year two. "Women for Women intentionally focused on multi-year grant funding to help programs ensure long-term success through sustainability," said Ann Burton, grants committee chair.

"Creative Reuse Marketplace adjusted and evolved well during a very challenging year. We're excited to see how the program continues to serve and improve the lives of at-risk women through job training and education as well as inspire environmental stewardship and a creative space for learning."

Michelle Popp is a former Inner City Mission resident who is the first workforce development training program participant and now serves as the dropoff coordinator. Popp, age 36, was in an abusive relationship and is a recovering alcoholic. "This job has given me hope," says Popp. She is working two jobs, now has her own place to live and is able to spend time with her 2-year-old daughter. She says she has a reason to stay sober and has discovered she can depend on herself. She calls CRM a sisterhood.

Jen Hudson, age 44, is also a recovering alcoholic who was in an abusive relationship and is now working to turn her life around. She has four children, and her family is in Kansas City. Through this workforce training opportunity, she hopes to be a better parent.

Both Popp and Hudson describe Rivas as empowering. "Miss Adena is the best boss ever," says Hudson. Popp and Hudson take pride in their work and enjoy seeing the fruits of their labor as they paint and decorate display racks and ready the store for its opening. "Every day is an adventure," says Hudson.

Rivas says start-up funding from the Women's Fund has been vital. The goal is to be a self-sustaining, independent nonprofit organization in three years. Her enthusiasm is palpable.

"When you change one woman's life, you change her family's life and everything associated with her," said Rivas. "It helps uplift the surrounding community."

Karen Ackerman Witter is an avid recycler and an enthusiastic supporter of the Creative Reuse Marketplace. She chairs the Community Foundation's Women for Women Steering Committee.

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Beginning June 2, CRM will again accept donations of art supplies, kitchen items, home decor, craft items, office supplies and much more. For a complete list of acceptable materials and more information go to www.creativereusemarketplace.org.

Left to right: Brenna Tierney, communications and program administrator; Jen Hudson and Michelle Popp, workforce development training program team members.
The music is back

SUMMERGUIDE | Stacie Lewis

Springfield got its first awesome taste of the Levitt AMP Music Series back in 2019 before we were cruelly denied a second act in 2020. Our patience has paid off, however, and the corner of Fifth and Jackson streets is ready to welcome back the crowds. This year’s lineup kicks off on June 3 with Soultru, a native of Davenport, Iowa, who bills himself as a soulful singer with a bit of a hop-hop influence. He’s followed by recording artist Kalen Mitchell and also change-generator and Christian hip-hop artist Dominique Stevenson. June 10 brings the local favorite acoustic trio, The Deep Hollow, before Esmé Patterson graces the stage. Another local favorite, Debbie Ross, will bring her strong and soaring vocals to the stage on June 17. Her act will be followed by NBC’s “The Voice” alumnus, Nelly’s Echo. That night holds another surprise with a spoken-word performance by Brandon Alexander Williams. Dusk will let you hear their slow-dripped twang on June 24, before the bluegrass powerhouse Henhouse Prowlers take the stage. July 1 will bring central Illinois jazz vibraphonist and pianist Kevin Hart to the stage and, also, the New Orleans Jazz Ramblers, known for their musicianship and performance history. A newly-formed trio of Illinois musicians who specialize in Latin jazz, Cuarteto Bendito, will take the stage on July 9 and Tito Puente Jr. will follow, with both acts guaranteed to spice up the evening. The lively sounds will continue the following week, with central Illinois reggae band Loud Clouds and Grammy-award winner Gizzae. On July 22, you may have to break out in dance for a whole evening of merengue with a little hip-hop and bachata, with its wonderful Spanish guitar influence, thrown in for good measure with Enrique Molina Ortiz and Fulanito. Our own Kapital Sounds, with their Motown vibes, will open for Bassel and the Supernaturals, who will add some funk-inspired grooves to the mix on July 29. Indie fans will get their fair listen when the series wraps up on Aug. 5 with Nectar and Ratboys. That evening holds another surprise with a spoken-word performance by Brandon Alexander Williams. Dusk will let you hear their slow-dripped twang on June 24, before the bluegrass powerhouse Henhouse Prowlers take the stage. July 1 will bring central Illinois jazz vibraphonist and pianist Kevin Hart to the stage and, also, the New Orleans Jazz Ramblers, known for their musicianship and performance history. A newly-formed trio of Illinois musicians who specialize in Latin jazz, Cuarteto Bendito, will take the stage on July 9 and Tito Puente Jr. will follow, with both acts guaranteed to spice up the evening. The lively sounds will continue the following week, with central Illinois reggae band Loud Clouds and Grammy-award winner Gizzae. On July 22, you may have to break out in dance for a whole evening of merengue with a little hip-hop and bachata, with its wonderful Spanish guitar influence, thrown in for good measure with Enrique Molina Ortiz and Fulanito. Our own Kapital Sounds, with their Motown vibes, will open for Bassel and the Supernaturals, who will add some funk-inspired grooves to the mix on July 29. Indie fans will get their fair listen when the series wraps up on Aug. 5 with Nectar and Ratboys. That wonderful old stage has hosted more musicians over the years than we can even imagine, but it has been cold and quiet for a long time now. That’s going to change right around 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 12 when the Red Rocker himself, Sammy Hagar and The Circle, heat it up and pound some sounds to bring it back to life. Kane Brown will follow on Aug. 13 with his modernized country sound. The next shift in style won’t be too drastic on Aug. 15, when Toby Keith brings his contemporary attitude to blend with his traditional country sound. Things will mellow out a little on Aug. 16 with the Traveling Salvation Show, a tribute to Neil Diamond, before Chris Young brings us back to a country state of mind again on Aug. 17. If you’re old enough to reminisce about the 90s, you might want to check out the I Love the 90s Tour on Aug. 18, which features...
a revolving lineup of iconic 90s artists such as Vanilla Ice, Naughty by Nature and Tone Loc. Then, we’ll have to switch gears a little for that indie band out of California, Badflower, on Aug. 19. Finally, George Thorogood will wrap up the season with a return visit to our local stage, bringing his dependable blues-based rock with him on Aug. 22.

Have you checked out our neighbor’s newest venue, the Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater in Decatur? It sprang onto the scene in the spring of 2019 with an impressive slate of music performances, only to have to sit in silence in 2020. But, without skipping a beat, this year’s lineup is squared away and you’ll be hard-pressed to find any around these parts that compares. If you read this early enough, you’ll be able to catch The Beat Goes On (May 29), a Cher tribute with Lisa McClowry, who’s said to have the looks, the sound and all the personality that make Cher, Cher. The funk-rock group, Here Come the Mummies, become undead and animated for a while on June 5 and the reliable Oak Ridge Boys will come through on June 25. On July 8, the original members of BB King’s band, along with other seasoned blues musicians, perform as the BB King Experience with SmoothTimes Band. Later in the month (July 24), the multi-platinum rock band Gin Blossoms will bring their signature sound to the stage. The following month will see the Elton John rock tribute band, Dooz of Society (Aug. 14), and top-rated rhythm and blues artist Ginuwine (Aug. 21) in the spotlight.

The people that make things happen for the Sangamon County Fair never disappoint in their music act bookings. This year they burst out of the virus-imposed lockdown with a two punch – first with ever-popular rapper Nelly (June 17) and then a follow-up with chart-topper country star Riley Green (June 18).

All in all, we’ve got some pretty big names coming to our small-town life around here. Get out and enjoy them now that the music has returned. □
The new Springfield art scene

SUMMERGUIDE | Stacie Lewis

The relatively new kid on the visual arts block, DIM Art House, has pushed through this rough year and come out strong. Its three creative founders, Joey Wallace, Christy Freeman Stark and Jeff Williams, have been making things happen and they have some lively plans for the summer. The studio is open each week for the Friday Create Nights when you are welcome to bring in your own materials and create some art. You can also bring in some of your work for critiquing or just talk with other artists about their works and creative processes. In July, the gallery will feature the exhibition "Robots, UFOs, Off-Planet Aliens," which should prove to be more than a bit out of the ordinary. The show opening is July 2-3. Most noteworthy is the art house’s upcoming collaboration with the Garvey Tubman Arts and Cultural Research Center to host the Black Artists Matter Month in August. John Crisp will be the featured artist and throughout the month the art house will host poetry readings, live music and more.

The Second Saturday Open Studio is still going strong at The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space. Artists set up temporary studios to create art and visit with guests. You can watch them work and discuss with them their inspirations and processes. Live music is sometimes provided along with other artistic entertainment. If you want other reasons to visit The Pharmacy’s art space, you won’t be disappointed. If you hurry in soon, you can still view “Life in the Abstract,” to which new and continuing members have contributed. The newest exhibit, “Tranquility in Flight: A Multisensory Installation” is now open. Organized by Diane Schleyhahn, Jason LaBonte and A.J. Fyfe, it is a display of more than 2,000 white origami doves suspended from the ceiling and woven through the air, over the studio space and artwork. The doves were folded by many in our community, from school children to senior citizens. Make plans to view the installation during The Pharmacy’s 10th anniversary on June 11-12. Yes, it really has been 10 years of the group’s contemporary art exhibits, collaborative art events, art education and outreach. The event will include live music, refreshments and a sample of artwork from Mark Mangiaracina, the first artist from The Pharmacy’s new Emerging Artist Program.

The Springfield Art Association always seems to know how to entertain us and keep our creative juices flowing, and this year is proving no different. You can stop by the new SAA Collective Gallery at 105 N. Fifth St. to see the freshly produced artwork by local juried artists in the exhibition “Fresh Produce.” If that weren’t enough, the gallery has not one, but two opening receptions planned for June 10 for the exhibitions “Sizzlin’ at 105°” and “Wabi-Sabi” – a juried
artist exhibition and a show of the work of local visual and bonsai tree artists. Several artists will be on hand to discuss their collaborations. In addition to the many classes the SAA offers for everything from ceramics to mixed media and drawing to fiber arts, it is also offering opportunities to get down and dirty with your art. That’s right, Paint the Street is back this year, albeit with a little more spacing. However you still have the option to Paint the Driveway, which was a huge success last year. Visit the website and reserve your street space before it fills up.

Although world-renowned for its natural history exhibits and a wonderful view of the arts within and beyond Illinois’ borders, the Illinois State Museum also offers some awesome evolving art exhibitions. Through July 25, you can visit the exhibition “Noir,” featuring talented artists of color in celebration of Black lives – past, present and future. The Illinois State Museum is presenting the exhibition in collaboration with Springfield’s Juneteenth, Inc.

It’s still early in the season and many more exhibitions, pop-ups and art education opportunities are going to come along throughout the year. Keep your eye on the Illinois Times calendar for new events and get ready to experience Springfield’s evolving art scene.
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Sides make the meal
For your Memorial Day cookout, try one of these potato or pasta salads

The culinary centerpiece of Memorial Day cookouts is often the meat on the grill, yet sides are typically what really make the meal. The start of summer celebrations are a perfect opportunity to celebrate fresh produce and create sides delicious enough to stand on their own. Today we examine two cookout staples: potato and pasta salad and how to elevate them from standard to sensational. These dishes are also a flexible means to accommodate guests with dietary restrictions: Many of them can be made vegetarian or vegan, gluten-free or egg-free as needed.

**Potato salads**
Choose a waxy-type potato such as Yukon Gold or Red Bliss. They have a creamy texture and will stay intact after cooking better than a starchy russet-type potato. Sometimes I peel them, depending on the type of spud and the occasion. The extra small baby potatoes are perfect for a quick dish, but they can get pricey if preparing for a large group. The potatoes can be boiled or steamed (preferred). If boiling, it is recommended that they’re boiled “in their jackets,” and then peeled (if desired) and cut when cool enough to handle. If steaming they can be cut and peeled first. After cooking and cutting, but while still warm, dress the potatoes with a squeeze of lemon juice and a sprinkle of salt. This is a critical step in building layers of flavor. At this point the potatoes can be set aside to cool while the rest of the ingredients are prepared.

**Variations:**

**Garlic potato salad**
In my life one potato salad reigns supreme. No one wants anything else once they’ve had this Spanish-style potato salad because it is just that good. It’s also the simplest to make. Combine one pound of potatoes cooked and cooled as above, ½-¾ cup Hellman’s-type mayo (or use vegan mayo), minced garlic to taste (start with one tablespoon white wine or cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon mustard, a half teaspoon of salt, a tablespoon pickled jalapeños and their juices, two tablespoons minced scallions, 1 teaspoon of grated lemon rind, and set aside to cool. Combine in a mixing bowl the components ahead and then toss them with the freshly cooked pasta closer to serving time. Almost any vinaigrette will work well in a pasta salad – the bright acidity lightens the starchy pasta and pulls the dish together. Pesto is also delicious. Add up to six cups of extras per pound of pasta, including fresh veggies like baby spinach or arugula, diced bell pepper or zucchini, shredded carrot, sliced onion or scallion, or blanched and cooled corn kernels, diced asparagus, peas or green beans. Marinated artichokes, drained canned beans, pearls of mozzarella, crumbled feta, sliced olives and diced salami are other tasty options.

**Vinaigrette potato salad**
Not everyone is into mayo and it can get a bit questionable on hot summer days. Enter the vinaigrette-based potato salad. Satisfying yet light, this is perfect alongside grilled steak and can easily be made with roasted sweet potatoes instead of steamed potatoes. Toss one pound of prepared cooled potatoes with a dressing made from one tablespoon white wine or cider vinegar, 1 teaspoon mustard, a half teaspoon of salt, a half teaspoon sugar or honey, and 1/3 cup olive oil. Whisk the dressing well before drizzling over the potatoes, then add 1 tablespoon each minced dill, parsley and chives. Toss well and season to taste with salt and pepper and serve at room temperature. This salad can hold additional vegetables such as blanched green beans or strips of grilled bell pepper or zucchini.

**Pasta salads**
Forget about rubbery, leaden macaroni salad. With some thoughtful preparation, pasta salad can be a delicious addition to your summer spread. Pasta salads are best served within a few hours of preparation – time in the fridge can render them gloppy. However you can prepare the components ahead and then toss them with the freshly cooked pasta closer to serving time.

When cooking the pasta, be sure to drain it when it is just al dente, or firm to the tooth. Just as with potato salad, very lightly dressing the warm pasta before allowing it to come to room temperature is a key step. Almost any vinaigrette will work well in a pasta salad – the bright acidity lightens the starchy pasta and pulls the dish together. Pesto is also delicious.

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**Favorite variations:**

**Sweet corn and balsamic pasta salad**
Boil one pound of pasta in salted water. While pasta cooks, whisk together ¼ cup balsamic vinegar, 1 tablespoon honey, 1 clove minced garlic, 1 tablespoon grained mustard, ½ teaspoon salt and ¾ cup olive oil. Toss the drained pasta in one tablespoon of the vinaigrette, then set aside to cool. When cool, add ¼ cup finely diced red onion, two cups baby arugula, two cups sliced cherry tomatoes, one cup cooked sweet corn kernels, eight ounces mozzarella pearls and 1/3 cup julienned basil. Add just enough dressing to lightly coat the pasta (you will have some dressing leftover), then mix well and season to taste with salt and pepper.

**Three pepper pasta salad** (inspired by the late Paul Prudhomme)
Toss cooked pasta with a tablespoon of olive oil and set aside to cool. Combine in a mixing bowl (or use a blender): ½ cup mayo, two to three tablespoons pickled jalapeños and their juices, two tablespoons minced scallions, 1 teaspoon sugar and ½ teaspoon Old Bay seasoning. Toss the jalapeño mayo with the cooled pasta and mix in two sliced hard-boiled eggs, two cups sliced red and yellow peppers and 1/4 cup chopped parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add in a pound of cooked and peeled small shrimp if desired (just be sure to keep it on ice if serving on a hot day).
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Three movies worth watching

**Now Streaming | Chuck Koplinski**

**Cruella a dark surprise**
Containing one surprise after another, Craig Gillespie's *Cruella* is, despite its Disney label and the Mouse House's aggressive campaigning to the contrary, not for young viewers. Dark, and at times all too befitting of its title, the film takes a page from Todd Phillips' *Joker* to provide an origin story that casts the character in a distinctly new and somewhat sympathetic light.

Emma Stone takes on the title role, a talented but unappreciated fashion designer who finds herself working for The Baroness (Emma Thompson), a diva of the first order who has no problem taking credit for her young charge's work. This, and a piece of information about her past, prompts Cruella to take down her boss, blind to the fact she's becoming as cruel as her target.

Though it overstays its welcome, Gillespie and his screenwriters keep the viewer on their heels with one twist after another, cleverly expanding on the character's existing mythology to provide a human element behind the grand caricature we've come to know. In addition to the astounding production and costume design, Stone's go-for-broke performance keeps you hooked. In theaters.

**You a delightful diversion**
There's a lot going on in Brain Baugh's *Finding You*. Finley Sinclair (Rose Reid) is a talented violinist who botches her audition at a major New York City music conservatory and decides to take advantage of her school's study abroad program, so she takes off to Ireland. Conveniently, she stays with the family her brother lodged with when he was in the same program. On the flight over, she meets a movie star, Beckett Rush (Jedidiah Goodacre), who's filming in the area and just happens to be staying at Finley's host family's home, which doubles as a bed-and-breakfast.

In addition to these two romantically circling one another, Finley tries to help a bitter old woman (Vanessa Redgrave) put an incident from her past to rest, as well as track down the origin of a grave featured in a picture her brother left her and recover her passion for music. Obviously, there's nothing remotely original in *You*, and yet I ended up liking this breezy update of *Notting Hill* due to the sincerity Reid and Goodacre bring to the material, making it a worthwhile diversion. I smiled throughout and never checked my watch once. Sometimes, that's all you need. In theaters.

**Ironic abounds in Riders**
A film that constantly keeps you guessing, Anders Thomas Jensen's *Riders of Justice* is a deft balancing act that manages to effectively juggle seemingly conflicting tones to create a truly unique entry in the revenge genre. Markus (Mikkelsen) is a man with a violent past. A soldier by trade, he's determined to hunt down the men who killed his wife by staging a collision involving two commuter trains. Otto (Nikolaj Lie Cass) was also a passenger on the train and convinces Markus that this was an assassination attempt by a gang in order to kill a former member who was going to inform on them.

In addition to Otto, Lennart (Lars Brygmann) and Emmenthaler (Nicolas Bro) offer up their special brand of help in the manhunt Markus undertakes. Their quirks, while played for laughs, prove to be quite poignant, each of them suffering from past abuse that's left them damaged. The interactions between these four is engaging throughout, while the story presents a third act twist that forces you to reevaluate all that's come before, casting the characters in a distinctly different light. Engaging as well as thought-provoking, *Riders* is a unique entry well-worth searching for. Available through Video-on-Demand.
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• Sheila Greuel, Director of Covenant Transitions
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• Exhibitors will be on hand

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We encourage only fully vaccinated Caregivers to attend in person as seating is limited.

For the safety of attendees and staff, AgeLinc will be following CDC and Restore Illinois guidelines. Masks will be mandatory and vaccination cards or proof of a negative COVID-19 test will be asked to be shown upon entrance to the conference. Funded in part by the Older Americans Act through Illinois Department on Aging.

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Let’s kick off the summer fun and jump on into this holiday weekend, where special time is given to commemorate our loved ones, as well as an extra bump of live music shows, before the work week commences. May I suggest using this opportunity to your fullest advantage by getting out and experiencing the wide world of music performance available to you?

Thursday begins when Harmony Deep takes Ric Major’s handsomely set soundstage at the Curve Inn for a night of deep harmony (see what I did there?) and incredible musicianship. The band, always known for a good song selection done well by some of the best musicians in town, takes it to the limit one more time with their latest lineup, including founding fathers Sam Draper and Brian Cutright, most ably joined by friends Tom Summerlin, Joe Cooke and Howard Freitag. My guess of combined experience by this bunch, doing quick calculations of roughly 40 years each (some more, some less), times five guys, comes to a circa and very cool, two centuries of on-stage musical moments. Now go forth and find out what all that has done for them in being so good at what they do.

The north end intends to rock hard this Friday as the earth will tremble with some sonic-shattering tunes as two of our best rock bands go at it when RockHouse hits The Stadium on Peoria Road and Hat Trick does a number on the Main Gate on Sangamon Avenue.

Also on Friday, north side excitement continues when Brushville brings the full power of the band to Weebles, while Brandon Santini cues up some hard-hittin’ blues at Long Bridge. Other Friday fun gives us the Brat Pack doing the 80s and more at Blue Grouch, just as Black Queen does all things Queen at Crows Mill Pub.

For locations out of town, Micah Walk delivers his contemporary acoustic sounds to West of Wise Winery near Petersburg and Small World travels to Roodhouse for a show at Martin Lanes, a neat venue at a restored bowling alley with a large outdoor music space.

There’s so much going on this Saturday night I am just going to say that, then move on to one particular event, a CD release party for the band Astrofix at Danenberger’s Family Vineyards Wine Rocks stage. Astrofix is the second record for the Rochester-based outfit fronted by singer-songwriter-musician Jamie Merideth, who along with bandmates and accomplished players Phil Cooper, Dave Primeaux, Andy Jones and Al Haire did most of the recording on their own time and in their own spaces. The 12-song album, currently available on major digital platforms, will be first offered this Saturday evening on a CD format where you can purchase the good stuff, hold it in your hands and carry it home with you after the band autographs your very own copy. Try that with a download!

Get ready for a night of all-original rock music, something you just don’t hear much about anymore in this town from the local bands. It’s a big deal to compose, perform and record the songs, do all the extra work in producing, mixing and mastering, then design the cover too, plus dealing with the manufacturing, distribution and promotion once you get the product. All the best to Astrofix for accomplishing such a feat, and let’s all together now yell, “Long live rock!”

Once again, I am happy to report there’s lots more listed in Live Music, including a full lineup of Sunday shows before you head out Monday for your Memorial Day activities.
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Crows Mill Pub

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6/12 Lick Creek
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**Thursday**
**May 27**
Harmony Deep  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Friday**
**May 28**
The Brat Pack  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm  
BongoJak  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm  
Brandy Kristin and the Revival  
Curve Inn, 8-10pm  
Curt Smith  
Golden Fox Brewing, Decatur, 6-9pm  
Lone Hollow  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm  
Brandon Santini  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm  
Hat Trick  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm  
John Stevens and Geoff Ryan  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm  
Jimmy Riemer  
Papa Frank's Restaurant, 7-10pm  
RockHouse  
The Stadium Bar and Grill, 6:30-10:30pm  
Brushville  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-10:30pm  
Micah Walk  
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 6pm

**Saturday**
**May 29**
Tom Irwin  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-9pm  
Jeremiah Johnson  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm  
After School Special  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 7:30-10:30pm  
Joel Honey  
Boone's, 7-10pm  
Jimmy Raincheck  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Sunday**
**May 30**
Dave Littrell  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm  
After Sunset  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 5-10pm  
Jason McKenzie  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 3-6pm  
Wolf Crick Boys  
Buckhart Tavern, Rochester, 4:30-7:30pm  
3's Company  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm  
Fun DMC  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm  
NCR  
Decatur Civic Center, Decatur, 2-4pm  
Tom Irwin  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm  
Jameson Freeway  
Prop Club, 6-10pm  
Jimmy Riemer  
Route 66 Motorheads Bar, Grill and Museum, 6-9pm  
The Guilty Boys  
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 2-5pm  
Brandy Kristin and the Revival  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

**Tuesday**
**Jun 1**
Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays  
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm  
Open mic with Tom Beverly  
George Rank's, 7:30-10pm

**Wednesday**
**Jun 2**
Open mic  
Boone's, 6-10pm  
Open mic with Jess Cloyd  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm  
Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas  
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-9pm  
Me, Myself and Schy  
Obed and Isaac's, 6-8pm

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*The Get Down plays Crows Mill Pub this Saturday night.*
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Theatre & Comedy

Comedy open mic night
Wed., June 2, 6:30pm. You’ll have five minutes to give it your best shot. Good luck. donnibettes.com. VFV Post #755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Rd., 217-546-9515.

“ Sofie’s Solo Comedy Show”
Thu., May 26, 7:30pm. Sofie, a Chicago based comedienne, takes the stage at the historic Side Door in Decatur. Side Door, 123 E. Madison St. 217-544-3851.

“Date Night”
Sat., June 4, 8pm. For a night of fun and romance. Dim Art House, 1613 S. MacArthur Blvd.

Art & Architecture

“Fresh Produce”
Wednesdays-Saturdays, 11am-5pm. Stop by the art gallery to see what local juried artists have been growing -- freshly produced artwork as well as artwork about produce. Free and open to the public. SAA Collective Gallery, 105 N. Fifth St., 2175442787.

Friday Create Night
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History

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History bike tours

Alzheimers Support Group
Wednesdays, 10am, 217-206-8663. Register by phone. 1-800-272-3900.

Museum Dialogue
Thu., May 27, 11am-12pm. A discussion on the transcontinental dialogues among museums and between museums and communities to ensure the return of tangible and intangible heritage to the places where they belong. Part of the Global Conversations on the Return of Cultural Heritage Series. Online. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Free with registration. 217-782-7386.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Health & Fitness

Ageless Grace Zoom beginner fitness class
Tuesday, 6:30pm. Fitness for body and brain health based on neuroplasticity—the ability of the brain to change through movement, music and play. Seated practiced with simple exercise tools for balance, breath, muscle strength, cardio, brain fitness, flexibility, mobility and more. Signed waiver required. snyder@jaxpl.org. Free. 217-243-5435.

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History bike tours

Vintage stringed instruments exhibit

Children’s Corner

Museum Bootcamp
Thu.-Fri., June 24-25, 8:30am-12pm. Dive into the art and science of making an exhibit. Go behind the scenes to learn how an exhibit is made and get the chance to create your own. Ages 11-14. Register by June 7. illinoisstatemuseum.org. $40-$50. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-6044.

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Real Estate Foreclosure
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY—SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Loandepot.com, LLC
Plaintiff vs. Kevin McDermott Special Representative for Susan Coulter; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Cleo B Anderson, if any; Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Mark Cleo Anderson; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Stephanie Ambose; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael T. Ambose, A/K/A Michael Ambrose; known as: 37 County Road. Springfield, IL 62701, Room, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following real estate: 11/13/2019, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on Thursdays at 4pm for the purpose of foreclosing a judgment of the Circuit Court of the 7th Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, in the case of Loandepot.com, LLC vs. Kevin McDermott Special Representative for Susan Coulter; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Cleo B Anderson, if any; Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Mark Cleo Anderson; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Stephanie Ambose; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael T. Ambose, A/K/A Michael Ambrose; known as: 37 County Road. Springfield, IL 62701, Room, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following real estate: 37 County Road. Springfield, IL 62701, Room. On or before the date of the sale, the Sheriff may accept cash or a certified check or cashier’s check, payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County, in the amount of $1.00. Upon payment 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 successful 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-5, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-3 PLANTIFF
vs. Tommy R. Pandel; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2011CH00524
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the case of Loandepot.com, LLC vs. Kevin McDermott Special Representative for Susan Coulter; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Cleo B Anderson, if any; Heirs and Legatees of Cleo Anderson, A/K/A Mark Cleo Anderson; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Stephanie Ambose; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael T. Ambose, A/K/A Michael Ambrose; known as: 37 County Road. Springfield, IL 62701, Room, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following real estate: first floor, one story ranch, attached two car garage. The Judgment amount was $123,411.93. The Judgment was secured by a mortgage recorded on July 8, 2005. The subject property is situated at 37 County Road, Springfield, Illinois. The subject property is subject to general 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.

IN THE COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LENDER, Plaintiff vs. DEBRA ANDERSON; MARK ANDERSON A/K/A MARK CLEO ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLEO ANDERSON A/K/A CLEO B ANDERSON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; TAD HANRATY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGEE, CLEO ANDERSON, DEFENDANTS.
No. 19 CH 03031
8157 WEST OUTER ROAD SHERMAN, IL 62684
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on May 5, 2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on June 29, 2021, in the Boardroom of the Sangamon County Jail, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-24.0-177-026
P.O. Box 6503, Springfield, IL 62702

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF
vs. MICHAEL T. AMBROSE A/K/A MICHAEL AMBROSE; STEPHANIE A. AMBROSE A/K/A STEPHANIE AMBROSE; DEFENDANTS
No. 20 CH 03812
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 21, 2021, the Sheriff of Sangamon County will on June 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM, at Sangamon County Building, Sangamon County Board Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 07-18-476-021
bidders for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to all general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds of Said Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The judgment amount was $89,791.24.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 5LS 2-4-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62707, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the date 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.

 Lvma Law Offices, P.C., 7620 Southport Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of James Johnstone, Jr. of the entry of an Order declaring Ronald J. Johnstone, Rachel J. Johnstone, and both Ann Baptist as the only heirs of James Johnstone, Jr. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 5LS 2-4-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62707, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the date 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.

DECEASED

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of: Mary A. Martin, deceased.

No. 2021-P-270

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Mary A. Martin, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on May 11, 2021, to Ronald J. Johnstone, 7620 Southport Lane, Springfield, Illinois, 62711, as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of James Johnstone, Jr. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 5LS 2-4-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62707, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the date 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.

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of: Geraldine Suech, deceased.

No. 2021-P-260

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Geraldine Suech of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2021, to Patricia Marshall, 4500 Castle Pines Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorney of record is Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cat, LLP P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Notice is given of the death of Gary Tonjes as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Gary Tonjes as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Gary Tonjes as Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capital Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701. 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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF

Katharine Roberts

Petitioner,

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Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East, along said North line, a distance of 436.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom all land, oil 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.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

PARCEL 2.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian described more particularly as follows: Commencing at a stone marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said North Section line a distance of 653.26 feet to an iron pipe marking the true point of beginning, thence, continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said North Section line a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 17 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 910.60 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 767.31 feet to an iron pipe on the Quarter Quarter Section line, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said Quarter Quarter Section line a distance of 436.00 feet to the true point of beginning. Said tract contains 16.26 acres, more or less.

EXCEPT: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian described more particularly as follows: Commencing at a stone marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14, thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said North Section line a distance of 653.26 feet to an iron pipe marking the true point of beginning, thence, continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along said North Section line a distance of 150.00 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 17 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 910.60 feet to an iron pipe, thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 767.31 feet to an iron pipe on the Quarter Quarter Section line, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said Quarter Quarter Section line a distance of 436.00 feet to the true point of beginning.

Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 47 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 1301.46 feet to a stone marking the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 907.31 feet to the true point of beginning. Said tract contains 16.26 acres, more or less.

EXCEPT: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: From the Northwest corner of said Section 14, measure East along said North line of said Section 1303 feet; thence South along the East line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 43 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South along said East line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 34 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 385.63 feet to an iron pipe, thence North 17 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 490.31 feet to the true point of beginning. Said tract contains 16.26 acres, more or less.

EXCEPT: A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 6 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: From the Northwest corner of said Section 14, measure East along said North line of said Section 1303 feet; thence South along the East line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 43 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South along said East line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, 34 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 385.63 feet to an iron pipe, thence North 17 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 490.31 feet to the true point of beginning. Said tract contains 16.26 acres, more or less.

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The Petition will not be open for inspection to the public and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The Petition amount was $151,500.27. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify the information. If YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEHOLDER (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE DUTY TO DEFEND YOUR PROPERTY FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1707 of the ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAWS.

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The Petition is located at:
1075 Reed Ave., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 22-08.0-106-022
The Property is located at:
1529 E. Keys Ave., Springfield, IL

The Petition is located at:
1912 N. 9th St., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011
Said Petition was filed on 11/9/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

The Petition is located at:
1592 N. Mackrelick Ave., Grandview, IL
Property Index Number: 14-24.0-351-038
Said Petition was filed on 11/9/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

The Petition is located at:
802 N. Osburn Ave., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 14-26.0-178-012
Said Petition was filed on 11/8/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

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The Petition is located at:
212 W. Ellist Ave., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 14-28.0-229-022
Said Petition was filed on 11/9/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

The Petition is located at:
1075 Reed Ave., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 14-23.0-379-011
Said Petition was filed on 11/9/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

The Petition is located at:
1314 W. Lincoln Ave., Springfield, IL
Property Index Number: 14-22.0-352-058
Said Petition was filed on 11/9/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2021. On 09/15/21 at 09:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

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PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN BUSINESS HOURS
Pursuant to a Resolution unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of Prairie State Bank & Trust (Bank) on May 18, 2021, regular business hours of the Bank’s office at 345 Mary Street, Illiopolis, IL as amended, and effective June 12th shall be as follows:
Monday-Friday: 10:00am-3:00pm
Saturday: CLOSED
John Robb
Chief Growth Officer
2653 West Lawrence Avenue
Springfield, IL 62704
1-800-597-5977

PUBLIC NOTICE
Default Sale:
Westside Mini Storage 3142 S. Douglas Ave. Springfield, IL 62704
SELL AT 6:00/21 # 200
Richard Chambers # 21 101 Vento Villa St. & 62703
Dana Dukes # 8-39
3-76 Blaine Circle
Deltona, Fl. 32738
Linda - Rebecca Fulk # 171 & 169 2101 S.
Springfield, IL 62704
Kenneth D. Gorda # W-6 850 S. Durkin
Dr. & # 148 St. & 62704
Erl Reed # 109
St. & 62704
Deltona, Fl. 32738
Chad Scaife #3141E
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Cartridge, II. 62703
Richard Chambers #21 101 Vento Villa
Ave. Springfield, IL 62704

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Autumn Osborne, Petitioner
and
Joshua Summers, Respondent
Case No. 2021-F-137
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Joshua Summers, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced and you are summoned to a child custody case and for other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before June 24, 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: May 20, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Karen Carroll, Petitioner
and
Adrian Nasi, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-389
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Adrian Nasi, 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 June 24, 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: May 20, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Joe Swartz, Petitioner
vs.
Amber Wessing, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-400
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Amber Wessing, 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 June 24, 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: May 20, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Joe Swartz, Petitioner
vs.
Amber Wessing, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-400
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Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Court
Date: May 20, 2021

SUDOKU No. 689
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Wordplay
Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 689

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 689
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A felt grid will use 1-6.

| Across      | 1. the road                                 |
|            | 10. Smooth-talking                         |
|            | 14. Bend player                            |
|            | 15. Jay                                   |
|            | 16. "Return of the Jedi" girl             |
|            | 17. Hipster’s music                        |
|            | 18. Plunder                               |
|            | 20. Tom, Dick or Harry                     |
|            | 21. Language from which "golden" comes     |
|            | 23. E-mail, e.g.                           |
|            | 26. Pieces of nine?                        |
|            | 27. Not very much                          |
|            | 31. Cozy room                              |
|            | 32. African grozer                         |
|            | 33. Kind of phone                          |
|            | 34. Pipe problem                           |
|            | 36. Encourage                             |
|            | 40. Akin (to)                              |
|            | 42. Sauce ingredient                       |
|            | 44. Geologic period                        |
|            | 45. "Your majesty"                         |
|            | 47. Building additions                     |
|            | 48. Hobby shop buy                         |
|            | 50. Allow                                  |
|            | 51. Digs of "Rent"                         |
|            | 52. Graduates                              |
|            | 55. Glory                                 |
|            | 57. 1932 and 1981 “Tarzan” films, c.g.    |
|            | 59. Amp timer                              |
|            | 64. Online “zine”                          |
|            | 65. De Niro classic                        |
|            | 68. Laplander                              |
|            | 69. “...happily ever after”                |
|            | 70. TV, radio, etc.                        |

| Down       | 71. Ear-related                           |
|            | 72. Education station                     |
|            | 73. “...and hungry look”: Shik            |
|            | 74. Allow                                 |
|            | 75. Diggs of “Rent”                        |
|            | 76. Graduates                             |
|            | 77. Glory                                 |
|            | 78. 1932 and 1981 “Tarzan” films, c.g.    |
|            | 79. “...happily ever after”                |
|            | 80. TV, radio, etc.                       |
|            | 81. Judging, with “up”                     |
|            | 82. Draw for the “Wers”                    |
|            | 83. Sarge’s superior                      |
|            | 84. Admission of defeat                    |
|            | 85. Spots for suckas                       |
|            | 86. Tease                                 |
|            | 87. Beneficiary                           |
|            | 88. Demands                               |
|            | 89. Genetic stuff                         |
|            | 90. Farm division                         |
|            | 91. Kind of breath                         |
|            | 92. “Hi, to Henri”                         |
|            | 93. Bad spelling                           |
|            | 94. “M*A*S*H” setting                     |
|            | 95. Ball                                  |
|            | 96. Nothing but                           |
|            | 97. “It smells”                           |
|            | 98. Use your brain                         |
|            | 99. Yield                                 |
|            | 100. Down with the flu                     |

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| Difficulty medium | Difficulty hard |

Crossword answers from #688

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