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Reimagining the east side

Plans take shape for new business hub in South Town

DEVELOPMENT | Mary Hansen, NPR Illinois



A rendering shows a proposed idea for South Town development. Dominic Watson said the next step is seeing if vision within the community is in line with the concept.

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Despite the handful of businesses near the intersection of South Grand Avenue East and 11th Street – restaurants, a beauty supply store, a furniture shop – the sidewalks are mostly empty on an average weekday afternoon.

Dominic Watson imagines a different future for the area known as South Town and the east side at large. “People want the east side to look like the west side or any other part of town,” said Watson, president and CEO of the Springfield Black Chamber of Commerce. “If that means investment in infrastructure, beautification efforts, as well as redevelopment projects, that’s what they’re willing to champion.” Watson wants to work with the community to develop three buildings on the block that could include entertainment, activity and class space, plus a business innovation hub.

Much of the conversation about what the east side lacks revolves around access – access to good jobs, quality education, transportation and more, Watson said, hence the name for his idea, Community Access Project (CAP) 1908. “We need to listen to the community, and they’re going to guide us and tell us what they want to see long term,” Watson said.

The Community Foundation for the

Land of Lincoln highlighted community-led investment on the east side as one of its priorities for The Next 10 Community Visioning plan, an initiative with a steering committee Watson is a member of, aimed at building an equitable and prosperous Springfield. The east side “has been the most ignored part of our community for a very long time,” said John Stremsterfer, the foundation’s CEO and president. “We need to focus on this area of the community that maybe needs the most support to grow and prosper.”

In addition to naming CAP 1908 as a “promising idea,” Next 10 also highlights preserving historic properties, such as the Judge Taylor House and Firehouse No. 5. The Lincoln-era Taylor building once hosted a school for Black children modeled after the Tuskegee Institute. Firehouse No. 5 was once the only firehouse in town where African Americans could serve.

Similarly, Watson said the project’s name, CAP 1908, is an acknowledgment of the 1908 Race Riot, the massacre of Black residents that sparked the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. “(By) not looking at all the history of Springfield, not just being the Land of Lincoln, but also acknowledging

all the negative as well as a lot of the other positive things outside of Lincoln, we’re doing ourselves a disservice,” Watson said.

Elected officials and community leaders have long made promises of investment and revitalization of the east side. And some progress has been made in making more economic development tools available. The Springfield City Council expanded the boundaries of the Far East Side Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District in 2019 to include South Town. TIF money has been used for infrastructure improvements and grants to spruce up owner-occupied homes. The council also created a grant program for minority-owned businesses and homeowners funded with tax money from the sale of recreational marijuana. Still, it’s going to take partnership between city and county leaders, funders and, most importantly, residents, to reverse decades of segregation and disinvestment, Watson said.

Cautious optimism

Calvin Pitts’ construction company, Bringing Others New Empowerment (BONE) LLC, and the Southtown Construction Training Program occupy the one-story brick building just east of the South Town Theater. The program trains people to launch careers in the building trades.

When he started the program in 2013, Pitts said he had a chance to locate on the west side, but turned it down. He grew up on the east side and had a lot of relationships there. “I wanted to get back to the community where there’s people that look like I do,” he said. “And the people that I wanted to serve within that area.”

Pitts said he doesn’t “bank on” many promises from politicians or organizations about revitalizing the neighborhood,

referencing a visit in past years from a former governor. “After the visit and the news press, I wasn’t able to get a phone call through to make things happen.”

Still, he’s cautiously optimistic about the renewed commitment and interest in South Town. Harold’s Chicken, a Chicago-based chain of fried-chicken restaurants, moved in next door to the training center last year. Pitts said he’s seen more foot traffic since then.

Down the block, Court Dickason’s family has run Madison Furniture Store since the 1930s. He can remember when the block was bustling. “It was a city within a city,” he said. Dickason said he’s looking forward to retiring soon. He owns the building, and said he could either rent it out as a warehouse or sell it for the redevelopment Watson is planning. Dickason said he’d prefer to contribute to revitalization of the neighborhood. “I’d rather go with (Watson), and see this thing go. My grandparents would have been thrilled.”

In the Next 10 plan, the City of Springfield is listed as the “champion” responsible for east side development priority. Julia Frevert, city spokesperson, said Springfield is planning to redevelop vacant and dilapidated properties into affordable housing, and is looking to partner with Pitts for that work. The city also recently received \$80,000 from the state’s marijuana sales tax for economic and community development planning on the east and north sides of the city, where rates of gun violence, poverty and unemployment are highest. Watson wants to ensure that residents are at the heart of these plans. “There needs to be that consistent partnership that we haven’t seen in the past, and (that’s) led by the community.” □

Mary Hansen is a reporter for NPR Illinois in Springfield.

Publisher’s note

As Juneteenth becomes more widely recognized beyond the Black community, there are an increasing number of activities and events happening in Springfield. For the first time, we’ve put together a guide to Juneteenth, and explained some of the history and culture behind the holiday, so all may join in the celebration of emancipation. We invited a number of writers and photographers of color to contribute to this special issue, and we hope you enjoy their perspectives. —Michelle Ownbey, *Illinois Times* publisher

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Beyond standardized testing

Legislature passes Higher Education Fair Admissions Act

EDUCATION | Madison Angell

TaRael Kee is Collinsville High School's assistant principal and president-elect of the Illinois School Counselor Association. During his 10-year career as a school counselor, Kee has watched students struggle with standardized evaluations like the ACT and the Scholastic Assessment (SAT).

"We've had kids puke during testing and have had to step out because of anxiety," said Kee. Others fully "shut down," he said. "They are feeling like they've worked so hard for these four years and then this is the moment, this is the one thing that can stop them" on their path to higher education.

Shayla Scruggs graduated from Midwest Technical Institute in Peoria this year. Before becoming a college student, Scruggs completed the ACT four times. She paid for three of the tests and attended an extended preparatory course. "I got tired of taking it," said Scruggs. Scruggs graduated from high school with a 4.7 grade point average. She was involved in various performance arts groups and was a student athlete. She played a stringed instrument and was inducted into the national honor society. Scruggs was also a member of the honors college while attending the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Scruggs now works and lives in Springfield. She's a clinical coder at Memorial Medical Center. She said taking and preparing for the ACT did not make her any more intelligent. And it didn't make her more prepared for college. Scruggs said the tests and prep course were a waste of time and money. Most of all, the tests "caused me so much unnecessary stress my last year of high school," said Scruggs. "I cried over that test more than I would like to admit."



A new measure would help ease test anxiety. It passed both chambers during session and awaits a signature from the governor. Public colleges and universities in Illinois would no longer require applicants to submit test scores. Colleges could not deny any student admission solely based on standardized test scores.

State Sen. Christopher Belt, D-Swansea, was a sponsor of the bill. He said the bill eliminates barriers for students who don't have access to college preparatory courses or private tutoring. Belt said the bill will also "encourage public universities in Illinois to come up with an alternative or alternate admissions criteria."

Belt said because of social distancing, many universities in Illinois have adopted the admissions model already. Schools like Illinois State University in Normal made submitting

the scores with applications optional earlier last year. Belt said the schools that have gone that route are better for it. Incoming student bodies for these colleges have changed. The colleges are reporting increased diversity among student bodies, "increases in first-generation students, low-income students and rural students," said Belt.

Meanwhile, Kee said parents and their students, teachers and administrators across the state have been anxious about the testing mandates and potential setbacks because of COVID-19. This year, state legislators called on the U.S. Department of Education to allow states to opt out of administering all mandated tests.

Kee said several of his students experienced fears related to exposure to COVID-19 – the

admissions tests are taken in person – and test anxiety. Some of Kee's students opted not to take the test. When the state announced the tests were still to be administered, Kee said, "We had parents who were terrified to send their kids to school." The state sought waivers but Kee said he was powerless over the decision.

The science behind the legislation is clear, according to Kee and Belt. "Grade point average is a better indicator and everyone knows it," said Kee. If tests aren't optional, especially for college admission processes, "you get poor kids who are ending up further in debt than the kids who have money," said Kee. That is because scholarship opportunities offered during the admission processes are also frequently dependent on standardized test scores.

"I think that your test score should add to your resume, but it shouldn't take away from your admissions profile," said Kee. This year, Kee has seen more of his students receive nearly full ride scholarships who "would have never gotten them before and all you have to do is remove the test score."

Kee said if the measure becomes law, spending in the future on standardized testing to assess college readiness would be a waste of money. Kee also said the tests put students through more stress than warranted, and that the ACT and SAT scores are better indicators of wealth and status rather than college readiness and likelihood of program completion. □

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OPINION



Marine Lance Corporal Christian Porter, a native of Springfield, was killed in action in Kuwait on Feb. 24, 1991, during Operation Desert Storm. He was 20 years old. Several former members of his battalion visited his mother, Phillipa Carroll Porter, over Memorial Day weekend. PHOTOS COURTESY OF PHILLIPA CARROLL PORTER

Ron Dougan writes his grown kids # 2

"To: All of you. RE: Damned if I know. I should go look at the little mudhole I confuse with a pond and see who's stopped by – it has been so dry that the pond is almost as big as a modest living room – ours for instance, which is three telephone rings across. Halfway to Janesville there's an old shed off the road and seven small-eared owls have been sitting there all winter. They come out sometimes and sit on posts along the road. I tried walking around one yesterday to see if I could twist its head off as it screwed its neck around watching me but it held fast."

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A WELCOME VISIT

Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend was an extraordinary day for me. I was visited by three very special Marine veterans who served with my son, Marine Lance Corporal Christian Porter, during Operation Desert Storm (1991) and were with him at the end of his life.

David Prindle came from Quincy, Ron Edwards from Wisconsin and Patrick Stearman from Texas. I had never met them.

Ron contacted me that they planned to visit my son's grave the Saturday before Memorial Day and wanted to meet me. Of course, I was moved. I was so gratified that after 30 years, there were Marine buddies who did not forget my Chris and would travel long distances to pay their respects to a fallen comrade.

We had important moments of sharing that were very cathartic. There were questions I could now ask. I learned that we had borne the brunt of battle in different ways.

We spent a wonderful day together having lunch and visiting historic sites. They decided to forsake holiday barbecues, parties and vacations to visit me.

I am very proud to know these vets were in service to our country and were with my son at the end of his life.
*Phillipa Carroll Porter
Springfield*

REMEMBERING PEG KNOEPFLE

Thanks to Deborah Brothers for sharing memories of Peg Knoepfle's formative years and to *Illinois Times* for printing them ("A remembrance of Peg Knoepfle," May 27).

There were so many ways to know Peg, for she manifested so rich and fully. The Peg of my heart is the woman who convened the Brainchild Women's Poetry Collective in the wondrous year of 1972.

"Women have been diffident about identifying themselves as poets, as if they suspected that their own life experiences or their own styles of writing were of dubious value," Knoepfle wrote in the introduction to the collective's first anthology, published in February 1973. "Taking refuge in anonymity or in the stereotyped image of lady poets, they tend to wait – often in vain – for someone to discover them and give them permission to be serious artists."

She described Brainchild as "part of a process in which a group of women set about to discover each other as poets without prior invitation."

From that beginning, hundreds of women over a quarter century found their voices, built their communities and forged their futures. She lit the fuse, and to her and for her, each of us Brainchildren will be eternally grateful.

*Sandra Olivetti Martin
Fairhaven Cliffs, Maryland*

APPROPRIATE TO SURMISE

Jack Carter's claim that coroner Jim Allmon shouldn't be

surmising anything regarding Jaimeson Cody's death in the Sangamon County Jail stems from not just a misunderstanding of forensic science, but science in general ("Don't speculate," June 3).

Science deals in probabilities, not certainties. Moreover, the only facts are observations that scientists make with regard to predicting events or ascertaining the cause of phenomena. When the scientific probability of something approaches 100%, then we can regard the science, colloquially, as "settled." Forensic science in particular applies statistical techniques and probability models to factual evidence, the certainty upon which jurors and judges rely to draw conclusions and determine guilt or innocence in legal matters.

To surmise is to express an opinion based on incomplete evidence, which the coroner correctly did, given the verifiable gap in the video. In no part of his comment did he infer that said gap was the result of nefarious conduct, but merely that a gap lessened the evidence he had to work with.

When the coroner said he could surmise no way that Cody could have been tased on the back of his leg unless he was prone, he was establishing, by process of elimination, that the probability that he was tased there while facing up was very nearly zero.

As such, Mr. Carter is really in no position to tell the coroner what his job is.
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An interview with Gov. JB Pritzker

POLITICS | Rich Miller

I interviewed both House Speaker Chris Welch and Gov. JB Pritzker last week, so I thought I'd tell you about one of the overlaps.

Welch followed a man who had been in office for decades, so comparisons are unavoidable. When former House Speaker Michael Madigan was around, we were always playing endless guessing games. What is he really up to? What does he really want? What's he really trying to say?

I almost never got that sense with Welch this year. He was usually pretty upfront. He'd say he was going to do something, and then, for the most part, he'd do it. There were no major guessing games. I wondered if that was a conscious decision and whether it would continue in the future.

"You know, Rich, I like to say I've been successful in politics for 20-plus years now because what you see is what you get. I try to be straight-up with people. They may not like the answer that I give them, but they like the fact that I give them the truth. And I think that's been a successful recipe for me in politics, and I'm going to continue to be that way. I think it's important that you just be straight-up and straightforward with people no matter what the position is."

It's one thing for Welch to pat himself on the back, but I was curious about what Gov. Pritzker thought. Pritzker dealt with Madigan during the 2018 campaign (when Madigan's inner circle was battered by a series of sexual harassment scandals), and during his highly successful first spring session in 2019 (when Madigan was very helpful in getting loads of bills passed), then through the federal investigation of Madigan and his allies which ultimately resulted in Madigan's ouster as House Speaker this past January.

So, I asked Pritzker about the biggest changes he's experienced since the House elected a new speaker. He essentially confirmed what Welch said about himself.

"Look, these are two very different personalities," Pritzker said. "I was friends with Chris Welch before he became speaker. He's outgoing. He has a manner of addressing people and working with people that's very different than Speaker Madigan."

"You know, everything's close to the chest with former Speaker Madigan. Chris is a reasonable, I think pretty transparent and honest guy."

"And then the last thing I'll say is that you understand who Chris Welch is on a policy level. You know his ideology, what he believes in. Obviously, he's got to make some tough

decisions sometimes being Speaker, but understanding that we share a commonality of direction on most issues just makes it easy to deal with him. Look, I'm not trying to denigrate the former Speaker. I'm just telling you that Chris Welch is somebody that I regularly have the opportunity to speak with. I can text with Chris Welch or I can call Chris Welch and he will answer the phone. I mean, it took, I don't know, two phone calls through whatever to get through to Speaker Madigan. [There's] nothing wrong, he's from a different era."

I mentioned to Pritzker that every day was a different guessing game with Madigan. And, so far, we haven't had to play that game with Welch. Senate President Don Harmon, I said, has been a different story.

Harmon unexpectedly tanked an agreement on a massive energy omnibus bill last week at literally the last minute, then appeared to play some parliamentary games with the new state budget. He's gaining a reputation as someone who, like Madigan, keeps his cards close to his vest.

Harmon and Pritzker are not on the greatest of terms. In public, they refer to each other as friends, but Pritzker backed someone else for Senate President in 2019 and the tension has been evident ever since.

"I won't even, I don't know if I should even put you on the spot on that one," I joked to Pritzker about my Harmon reference.

"I always enjoy hearing your views," the governor said. And then his staff abruptly cut off the interview. Not totally because of the line of questioning, mind you, but also because we'd gone several minutes beyond our allotted time.

To be fair, the governor defended the Senate President earlier in the interview, saying, for instance, that Harmon was merely speaking up for members of his caucus when he temporarily tubed the Exelon deal and that Harmon has been a reliable environmentalist throughout his career. "I know that he wants to do the right thing on energy legislation," Pritzker said about Harmon. □



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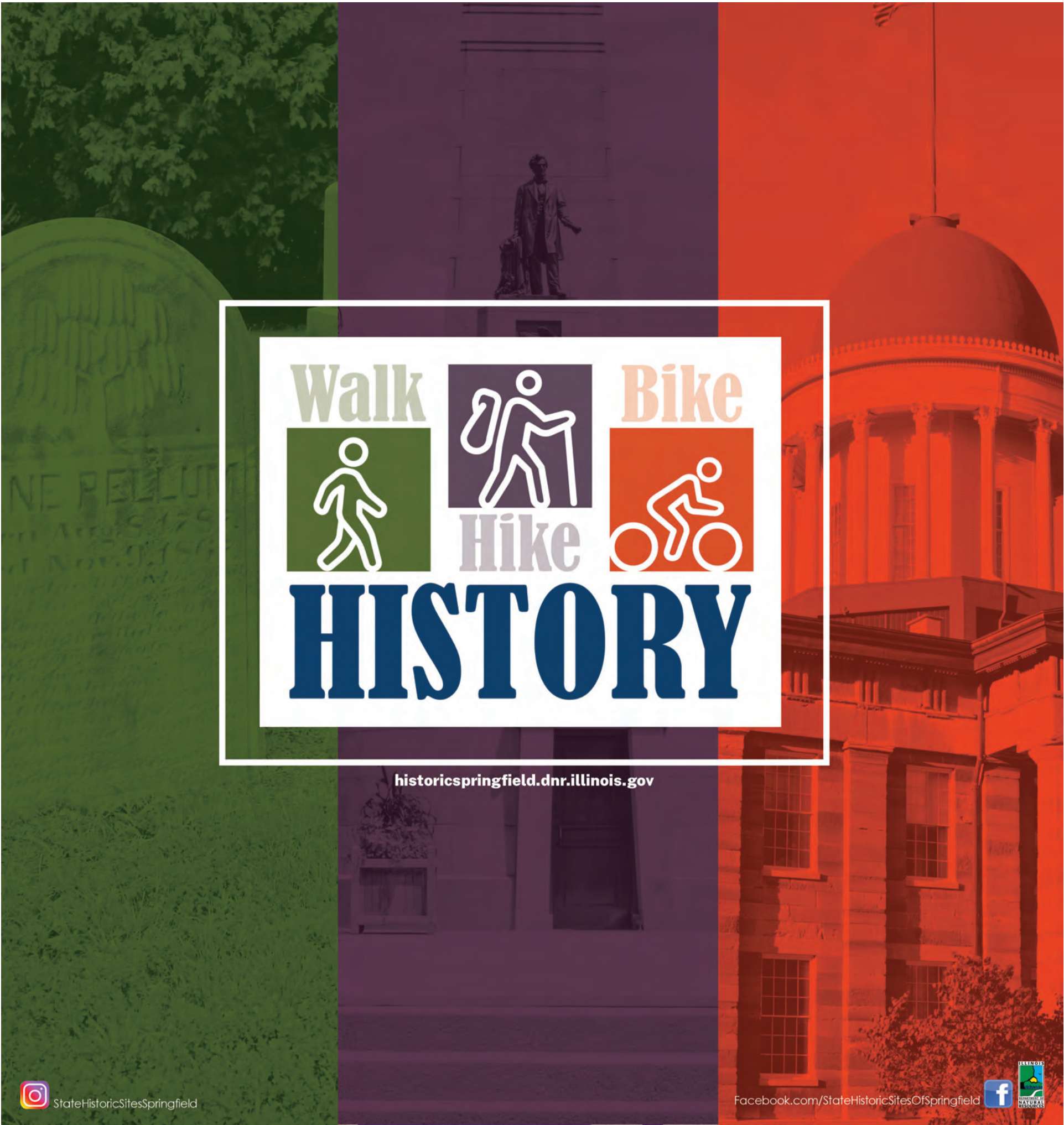
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Casino would siphon cash from our community

GUESTWORK | Trajan McGill

The following remarks were delivered to the Springfield city council May 25, as the council prepared to consider a resolution to support bringing casino gambling to the city. After McGill and other citizens voiced opposition, the council did not proceed with a vote on the resolution.

We are considering whether a casino might be added for the good of this city. As one whose profession gives regular thought to what constitutes “the good,” I have a few thoughts on this.

The first thing I would like us to consider is that gambling is an odd place to rest our hopes for growth, when gambling is just about the one industry we can accurately describe as totally economically unproductive. It does not produce anything, create anything, or add anything new to the economy. A factory, a restaurant, a farm, a building contractor, a software development firm, or any number of other businesses take resources and labor and construct something that didn’t exist before, actually increasing the total amount of wealth in the economy. A casino does not create a single dollar of new value. It simply shuffles existing wealth from one set of hands to another.

Which rules it out immediately as an engine for true economic growth, but we still might do well to ask: “Which hands? Do we at least shuffle dollars into better places?”

In a time where we have become ever more aware of the problems of concentrated wealth, it seems to me peculiar that we would aim to relieve our economic problems by opening up a venture whose entire business model is to take wealth from the many, and redistribute it to the hands of just a few, while skimming the majority of it away altogether.



And who are the many whose money will be taken? We must look at this through a realistic lens. People are not going to travel from across the nation to gamble in Springfield, Illinois – or even across our own state. They won’t come from the St. Louis metro area, because there is already a casino in Alton. They won’t even come from Peoria; they have one right next door already, too. Two groups of patrons will spend their time in a Springfield casino.

One is people traveling here for some other reason – government, medicine or education, perhaps. Those people are going to look around for something to do at the end of the day. Do we want them spending their visitor dollars at restaurants, entertainment venues, and attractions owned and run by Springfield-area businesspersons? Do we want

them spending their time and money on the cultural and historical sites unique to us here? Or would we prefer they bypass all of the native Springfield businesses and spend their money at an establishment owned by some out-of-state investment group that funnels most of those profits elsewhere?

The vast majority of people who will spend their time at the casino are the people of Springfield, Taylorville, Sherman, residents of this county and its immediate neighbors. When we siphon cash from the pockets of our own communities this isn’t a net gain, especially when sending a large portion of it to far-off owners. This resolution has the stated purpose of “providing downtown economic development and job creation,” but I don’t see how. A casino that doesn’t draw any real new

tourism to town does not add to the revenues of other, nearby businesses. It competes with them. Except for parking garages and prostitutes, this won’t help downtown businesses. It will serve as a replacement for them, dominating the local menu with some Las Vegas corporation’s version of a horseshoe sandwich.

Nor will it help the residents. As I’ve pointed out, we’re not going to fill a Springfield casino with movie stars and rich Wall Street bankers. It’s going to be locals keeping this afloat. I don’t know if you’ve ever looked at a map of where lottery tickets are sold, but I have, and it is illuminating. The highest sales are reliably in the lowest-income ZIP codes. This shouldn’t surprise us. People who are the most stuck, economically, in the system we have, are the ones who most need a lucky break in life. We don’t make the system better for them when we allow flashy operators to come in and feed them constant promises of lucky breaks after *just one more* pull of the slot machine in order to extract from them what little they already have.

This is not the helpful path it claims to be. It is not free money for the community; it is money *from* the community, and it comes at a cost. The cost is making the success of our economy dependent on persuading people to make economic decisions they cannot afford, while tearing away business from our own local entrepreneurs and producers.

I urge you to vote no and resist the temptation to set our city’s hopes on this. □

Trajan McGill is a resident of Rochester and an associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located in Springfield’s Ward 5.



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Making Juneteenth happen

Juneteenth organizers in Springfield have a legacy and a vision

COMMUNITY | Rachel Otwell

“Free...ish since 1865.” So goes the slogan you may see on some T-shirts if you celebrate Juneteenth in Springfield this year. While June 19, 1865, is celebrated as Freedom Day, the struggle for equality continues.

Juneteenth organizers in Springfield are still lobbying for state, city and county recognition of the day. The state legislature passed a measure this past session that would make Juneteenth a paid state holiday. The bill awaits a signature from the governor.

For about 25 years in Springfield, Juneteenth has been an organized effort, almost always based at Comer Cox Park on the east side of town. Music, a parade, basketball, dancing, food, family, faith and community are key parts of the festivities.

But last year, instead of a regular parade with dancers and people throwing out candy, marchers descended on the Capitol and organizers gave out hand sanitizer and water bottles.

Cherena Douglass, now the co-director of Springfield-based Juneteenth, Inc., stood at the podium before a large crowd gathered in front of the Abraham Lincoln statue outside the Capitol last year. “We have some politicians here,” she said. “Don’t you let them leave here without being real about their commitment.”

Following those comments, Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder took the podium. “Appropriately, we’re standing in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln,” he said before declaring, “We’re going to present an ordinance to make June 19 a city holiday,”

to which the crowd erupted in applause. But a measure to make it an official city holiday has yet to get a vote.

Looking back, pushing forward

On a recent weeknight, Juneteenth organizers gathered at the headquarters of One in a Million, Inc. – a community center on the east side of town. The organization was started by Springfield natives who had participated in the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. in 1995. They heeded the call to return to their hometowns and work toward bettering them. Community organizer Michael Williams said he became president within a few years, a position which he holds to this day. The organization hosts a Black History Ball and provides school supplies and

scholarships, among other resources.

Williams started taking a major role in planning Juneteenth festivities in the 1990s, through his affiliation with One in a Million. “I can remember our first one where we had about 25 kids. And we had a lot of hot dogs left over,” he said. But the events grew to include both Saturday and Sunday of each Father’s Day weekend. The biggest crowd in the park in one day was about 4,000 people, said Williams. He would always announce the event as drug, alcohol and violence-free. “If that’s what you came here for, you are in the wrong place,” he would tell attendees.

The location at Comer Cox Park, “gives us east side residents ownership of a big event,” he said. “For the most part, when we go to a big celebration, we have to go outside our community. Juneteenth is inside our community, and that’s what makes it so special.” Williams said the push behind Juneteenth is to promote equality. “We were all promised that we will be treated as equals. The world knows that’s not true to this very second that we sit here today.”

Williams, 58, said he has plans for growing One in a Million. He also wants to help others in his community grow their own businesses. He’s now handed the Juneteenth organizing reins over to Douglass and Shymeka Kerr-Gregory, who are both in their mid-30s. Last year they created a business – Juneteenth, Inc. – to help grow the effort. Kerr-Gregory is related by marriage to Ward 2 Ald. Shawn Gregory, who has been a longtime organizer of Juneteenth, and he got her involved as a volunteer.

Before that, she participated as a child. “It was one of those events where your

parents could drop you off, and you knew all the elders. And you knew they were going to look after you. You knew there wasn’t going to be a problem,” she said. “To do that for my kids to see, and my nieces and nephews, it’s something to be proud of.”

Erica Austin, Springfield Public Schools board member and deputy director for the office of community care at SIU School of Medicine, is also a member of the Juneteenth, Inc. board. As a child growing up in Springfield, she was part of the dance team that would perform in the parades. She said it showed her the meaning of unity from a young age. “It helped shape who I am today.”

Douglass said to this day, racist policies affect who gets the most and best resources. She said the major driving force behind Juneteenth activities in Springfield is to abolish racism, and to do that, “You have to inform.” She’s pushing for the event to lead to broader educational efforts.

Organizers say the hometown of Abraham Lincoln should host one of the biggest Juneteenth celebrations in the country. “We could bring in tons of outside artists to make this a tourism attraction, and that helps everybody. All wards, all businesses – Black or white,” said Douglass. This year, the organization partnered with many groups in the community for a rally and multiple museum exhibits, among other offerings. The parade and park celebration will also come back this year.

And organizers are still pushing for further government recognition. The Springfield City Council is discussing whether or not to make Juneteenth an official city holiday, with a vote expected June 15.



Shymeka Kerr-Gregory stands center at the head of last year's Juneteenth march to the Statehouse.
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Exhibit spotlights first Black churches in Springfield

HISTORY | Vincent “June” Chappelle

For centuries now, the entity known as the “Black church” has been a pillar of Black society. Many traditions such as singing styles and joyous reverberations like call-and-response have deep roots in Western Africa. Even the way in which some Black Christian churchgoers – particularly those who were raised in Baptist or Pentecostal traditions – seem to have moments of out-of-body projections is an influence from our ancestors.

The first church established in this country by African Americans was First African Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia. Its congregants organized in 1773, before the founding of the U.S. George Leile, an enslaved man born in Virginia around 1750, led the congregation. He was owned by a Baptist minister named Henry Sharp but was freed shortly before the Revolutionary War began. In 1784, Leile left for Jamaica with his family in hopes of finding safety with the British and work as a missionary. His church was left in the hands of his close friend, Andrew Bryan. First African Baptist Church still operates today.

During the height of chattel slavery in the U.S. and the movements to follow, Black churches served as meeting grounds and places of refuge. Later, historically Black colleges and universities would as well. Wilberforce University of Ohio was founded in part by the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856. The influence of the American Black church is widespread and felt to this day, including here in Springfield, Illinois.

Between the years of 1838 to 1876, four Black churches in particular were the central hubs of Black life in Springfield. They were not only places of worship but also the scene of all things social – dances, recitals and various other



An undated photograph of the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Springfield, which organized in 1843.
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celebrations – and places to commune.

The Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum (1440 Monument Ave.) currently has a wonderfully curated exhibit dedicated to the legacy of these institutions, titled “The Four Oldest African American Churches in Springfield, Illinois.” It celebrates Zion Missionary Baptist, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (AME), Union Baptist and St. John AME. These churches were established during a time when segregation laws were extremely prevalent. They were formed out of a need for spaces where those who were most marginalized could safely practice their faith.

Springfield is a city that has always had a way of separating its Black populace from the rest of the community – which continues today – as a result of the oppressive system in which we live. This is true regardless of whether the more than 70% of white residents choose to acknowledge it or not. History speaks for itself. It can even be seen in the infrastructure of the city. For example, the railroad tracks at Ninth Street serve as a dividing line, with most Black people residing on the east side of the city. Though the laws within the state of Illinois allegedly prohibited segregation in 1874, evidence of it still persists – which is the reason behind the need for

separate places of worship.

Founded as Colored Baptist Church, Zion Missionary Baptist was established by Rev. John Livingston and other settlers on April 21, 1838. It is the oldest Black church in the capital city. Not only has the church been a worship center for the past 183 years, but during the years of slavery it served as a haven for escaped enslaved ancestors.

St. Paul AME Church was founded in 1843. It too, not only guided people through their individual spiritual journeys, but also their travels toward gaining freedom.

Even today these churches, and several others, continue to be bulwarks – not just spiritually – for the Black community at large. A 2013 article in the *State Journal-Register* quoted Zion Missionary Baptist’s former pastor, Rev. Negil McPherson, who said, “The church must participate and try to serve the whole (community), and not just the religious side” – words for all pastors and parishioners to follow. In 1974, McPherson sued Springfield School District 186 over segregation, which resulted in a desegregation order from a federal court.

There is so much to learn about these churches, their leaders and their influence. That knowledge can be found within the walls of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum through this summer. More information is at spiaahm.org. □

Vincent “June” Chappelle is a local historian who serves on the board of the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, among numerous other affiliations with civic and historical organizations and institutions in Springfield.



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Art exhibit celebrates Juneteenth and Black culture

CULTURE | Rachel Otwell

More than 140 years since its founding, the Illinois State Museum in Springfield is featuring its first exhibit by Black curators. In collaboration with Springfield's Juneteenth, Inc., the museum is hosting an exhibit titled "NOIR," the French word for the color black. Korbin "Kas" King, 32, is one of the curators. He said the art show's title is straight to the point, but also multilayered. King said just like there are various shades of the color, there are various perspectives within the Black community that the exhibit represents.

"NOIR" features 33 pieces from 20 artists, including ones who live in Ghana and Texas – the state where some enslaved people learned of their freedom more than two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Artists span multiple generations as well as geographic locations, though most are from Illinois.

King specializes in multimedia artwork. His own piece in the show depicts Abraham Lincoln wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt. King said his work merges the new and the old in a way meant to inspire viewers to do their own research and dig deeper into historical narratives.

Michelle "Micki" Smith, 52, is the other curator of the exhibit. She and King are both originally from Springfield, although he now lives in the St. Louis area. Work of hers in the show depicts a young Black boy caped in the American flag and titled, "I Pledge Allegiance."

"I love this country, but those words were probably never intended for us," she said. Smith and King said they hope the show serves as a call to action, including internal contemplation about the way race shapes society. "My only hope is that (viewers) walk away feeling a lot different than when they



"NOIR" curators Michelle "Micki" Smith and Korbin "Kas" King stand by a piece by Austin Wells during the exhibit's installation. PHOTO BY RACHEL OTWELL

walked in," said King. He and Smith created a timeline with the artwork that includes past, present and future visions.

Austin Wells is a Springfield native who teaches art at Riverton High School. He is a muralist and has a large painting – about 4 feet by 6 feet – in "NOIR" that depicts Mansa Musa, who ruled over the Mali Empire in western Africa during the 1300s. He is considered one of the wealthiest-ever historical figures. Wells said he wanted to

show the concept of Black wealth before the transatlantic slave trade. "A lot of times in history we begin with slavery, and I wanted to leave a message that is about Black culture pre-slavery."

Coinciding with the exhibit is another on the same floor of the museum titled "Ancestral Threads," which features fiber art by Sherise Wright. Wright lived in Chicago and created vibrant works depicting the Black experience in the U.S. with the African

American quilting tradition. Wright became interested in quilting as a young child while watching her great-grandmother create. Wright, who died in 2015 at the age of 39, once said, "My overall goal as a fiber artist is to create quilts that resonate with my spirit and soul. My quilts are a diary of my heart and spirit."

Vincent "June" Chappelle is a historian with the Illinois State Museum and curated the exhibit. He said he was introduced to Wright's work when a co-worker pulled out a box that "contained all of these amazing, cool pieces that were bold, colorful and Black. And I thought it was the most beautiful thing in the world." Wright was an educator, and her quilted creations include depictions of students in classrooms as well as historical scenes such as the Cotton Club, which operated in New York City during the Jim Crow-era and featured artists like Cab Calloway and Lena Horne.

As of 2019, Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko is director of the Illinois State Museum. "We have to be willing to share power and give power," she said about the institution's approach. "Ideas are welcome. Feedback is welcome." She said she hopes museum visitors "won't forget the significance of Juneteenth and what it means to Black community members in the hometown of the Great Emancipator."

An outdoor exhibition about the history of Juneteenth – co-written by members of Juneteenth, Inc. – will accompany "NOIR." The exhibits are on display through July 6. For more information visit illinoisstatemuseum.org. □

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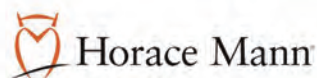
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Route History to reopen on July 9

HISTORY | Michelle Ownbey

While COVID restrictions forced Route History to remain closed throughout the 2020 tourist season, the new business was able to use the downtime to expand its offerings, as well as purchase and improve the building it occupies.

The museum and visitors center, located in a former gas station at 737 E. Cook St., opened in February 2019 with the goal of serving as a space to experience and learn about the tragedy, resilience and excellence of Black people along Historic Route 66 and in the city of Springfield. However, after Route History closed for the season at the end of 2019, it was unable to reopen the following spring.

"When COVID started, we were preparing for the tourist season," said Gina Lathan, who co-owns the business with Stacy Grundy and Kenneth Lockhart. "But that actually allowed us the opportunity to spend more time doing research and cultivating relationships," she said. "We learned a lot about the museum industry and tourism."

Then in June 2020, Route History received an \$80,000 grant through the state's Minority-Owned Business Capital and Infrastructure Program, which Lathan said allowed them to purchase the building and complete some major upgrades.

One change that is noticeable to anyone driving by the building is a mural that artist Korbin King is painting on the east wall. King was born and raised in Springfield, and while he currently lives in the St. Louis area, he has retained many professional ties to his hometown, including co-curating the current "Noir" exhibit at the Illinois State Museum that features works by artists of color. King also previously had his artwork on display at the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum.

"Gina and my mother grew up together, so she's been watching me progress as an artist," said King. "We've had so many historic things happen in Springfield, I wanted to put together something that was meaningful. I'm a big history buff. The concept for the mural was to emphasize some of the landmarks in Springfield that we've probably all passed by so many times and didn't know the meaning of."

The mural includes Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Springfield's oldest Black church and still an active congregation; Lincoln Colored Home, one the first Black orphanages in the country; Oak Ridge Cemetery, which is the final resting place for many historically significant African Americans in what came to be known as the Colored Section, and other area landmarks.



Korbin King is painting a mural on the east wall of Route History to highlight Springfield-area landmarks that are part of Black history. PHOTO BY NORMA ZUNIGA

"A lot of this isn't in the history books," said King, who hopes the mural will inspire young people to do their own research. "So many people have already stopped by while I'm out here painting and asked what this is going to be or what it means."

He said, "The thing I'm most excited about is to leave my mark on the city in which I was born and raised."

In addition, a new ongoing exhibit will commemorate four Black community leaders who assisted with the Underground Railroad. "We want to create a space where our visitors can experience the history of Route 66 and the Black experience in and around Springfield, as well as in Illinois," said Lathan, describing Route History as "rooted in the celebration of Black business owners and those who were instrumental in the Great Migration and civil rights movement."

Route History also has a new partnership with Landmarks Illinois to help advocate for preservation of historic structures statewide that contribute to the understanding of Black history. "We're working with Landmarks Illinois to galvanize support for the repair of Black businesses and entities along Route 66 throughout the state," said Lathan.

Landmarks Illinois' annual list of "Most

Endangered Historic Places in Illinois" for 2021 includes the state's remaining Green Book sites. The *Negro Motorist Green Book*, which was published annually from 1936-1967, provided Black travelers with safe options for lodging, meals and entertainment. Many of the dozens of Illinois locations included in the Green Book have already been demolished, and the remaining sites often lack the resources needed to properly research and preserve them.

Frank Butterfield, director of the Springfield office of Landmarks Illinois, noted that there are still a lot of unknowns related to the Green Book sites. "We're trying to get a statewide survey done, using a lot of volunteer labor, of what is still standing and what has been lost," he said. Butterfield also hopes to capture oral histories of people who had personal connections to the Green Book.

"We want to find ways to document and share stories about these Green Book sites," Butterfield said, which is where Route History comes in. "The year 2026 will be the centennial of Route 66, so there are already lots of discussions about commemoration, and we want to make sure that the stories of Black travelers and the Green Book are part of that." □

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Juneteenth in the kitchen

Reflections and recipes for celebrating freedom

FOOD | Kathryn M. Harris

News of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, signed in 1863, did not reach Galveston, Texas, for two years, five months and 15 days. News arrived via horseback and contained the following:

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.

These words are not recited like the Gettysburg Address or the Pledge of Allegiance or even the 23rd Psalm. It was not required to be taught at school or at church, but African Americans should know – or at least have read – the words that brought freedom to the race, or at least made us “Free...ish since 1865,” as the slogan goes.

Juneteenth, also called Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, is a time for both reflection and celebration. Reflection: To reflect upon the strides that have been made toward achievement of the promises made in the Declaration of Independence, juxtaposed against the strides that have yet to be made to achieve these promises. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, the U.S. still owes Black people for unpaid work, that it had written a “bad check, a check which has come back marked ‘insufficient funds.’” Celebration: To acknowledge and celebrate achievements despite the many racist obstacles that have been, and still are, strewn on the path to equality.

On Juneteenth, families and friends gather to share good food and conversation about the significance of the day. While perusing my cookbook collection – I own more than 70 African American cookbooks – I found a few menus and recipes specifically planned for a Juneteenth celebration. The following are some ideas of what to prepare in honor of the holiday, based on some of my favorite cookbooks.

Carla Hall was a winning chef on the Bravo network cooking show *Top Chef* and is a host on *The Chew*, which airs on ABC. Dishes from *Carla Hall's Soul Food*, published



Watermelon juice is perfect for Juneteenth celebrations, which often highlight the color red to symbolize freedom.

by Harper-Collins in 2018, include tomato, cucumber and dill salad, succotash salad with corn and lima beans, watermelon salad with radishes and strawberry cake. The following recipe from Hall's soul food cookbook is for watermelon juice:

Puree seeded watermelon until very smooth. If you prefer a sweeter drink, add simple sugar to taste. Chill until very cold and stir again. Add seltzer water, ginger ale or lemon-lime soda to taste and pour over ice.

B. Smith, who passed away last year, was a successful television host, restaurateur, model, businesswoman and author. The recipes that she chose for her Juneteenth celebration were all selected to highlight the color red. Cake and punch could highlight that well. Black-eyed peas, prepared in a variety of dishes, are a traditional African American vegetable that has its genesis on the African continent and were brought to these shores by ancestors. Okra, yams (also known as sweet potatoes) and rice are other traditional foods from the Motherland.

This recipe for hibiscus tea punch is from Smith's book, *Rituals and Celebrations*, published by Random House in 1999:

Ingredients

8 hibiscus or Red Zinger tea bags

4 cups boiling water
1 ½ cups sugar or honey
3 ¼ cups chilled sparkling water, sparkling cider, lemon-lime soda or ginger ale (dependent on your taste)
lemon wedge (for garnish)

Place tea bags in large container, add water and let steep for 10 minutes. Remove tea bags, add sugar or honey while tea is hot (sugar dissolves better when added to hot liquid). Add cider or other liquid. Serve over ice with lemon wedge for garnish.

Both Hall and Smith favor the color red, as it symbolizes freedom. Before emancipation, the enslaved were forbidden to have red soda, which was a 19th century novelty. Starting June 19, 1865, freedmen in Texas liberally enjoyed the “sweet taste of freedom” in a bottle. Enjoy your Juneteenth celebration with family and friends and join in the celebrations in your community. □

Kathryn M. Harris of Springfield is a lover of cookbooks and cooking. She retired in 2015 as library services director for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and is a former president of the Abraham Lincoln Association. She remains active in local history preservation and civic engagement.

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POETRY | Shatriya Smith

I'm bold because of seeing bold
Bold because I'm free
Bold because I know
What happiness really means

This did not happen just yesterday
It's a culmination of history
The woman that transforms life
Is never just a mystery

Soft lines, on her face
Beautiful and busty,
The sass, the class,
The feisty and the thirsty

Look through the house of glass
It's sincerity to a fault
The teachings of the past
Lessons that are taught

It's all been passed down like a needle's thread
Spinning around, showing honesty in the tread
The quilt that surrounds me, fibers to the core
Will thankfully continue to the child, that I bore

She had never lied to me with soft lines on her face
I will be honest even if you don't like the story you erased
I'm bold because of seeing bold
Bold because I'm free
Bold because I know
What happiness really means
And that's what she said

This poem originally appeared in *The Poem Tree*, self-published by Shatriya Smith in 2015. Smith will be reciting original poems at the Free-ish Rally held in honor of Juneteenth on Friday, June 18, at 6 p.m. outside the Capitol on the corner of South Second Street and East Capitol Avenue.

Shatriya Smith is a Springfield native and aspiring poet laureate. She is executive director of the Marcus Garvey-Harriet Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center in Springfield. Her late grandmother, Ernestine "Teena" S. Nicks, was the inspiration for this poem. Nicks was a co-owner of the Family Affair salon in Springfield and an organizer of the Blacks, Whites and Blues Festival. Smith credits her grandmother with instilling in her a love of reading and writing. Smith now lives in the home that belonged to her grandmother on the east side of the capital city.



Shatriya Smith with her late father and late grandmother, Teena, behind her.

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Teaching Black history

More than slavery and civil rights

HISTORY | Erica Austin

Teaching Black history is more than just learning about it in a textbook, it's also about experiencing it in real life. For me, learning about Black history did not start in school, it started at the Springfield Urban League's Adolescent Responsibility Program (ARP) under the guidance of Ms. Doris Chambers. At ARP we learned that Claudette Colvin was the first person to refuse to give up her seat on the bus, not Rosa Parks, and that Sarah Boone invented the ironing board. I also learned about Alvin Ailey, who started his own dance company, open to Black dancers; James Baldwin, a playwright and activist; James Weldon Johnson, who wrote the Black national anthem, and more. I learned about the importance of holidays such as Juneteenth and Kwanzaa. It was in ARP where we were taught the significance of Black history, why we should never forget our heritage and to pay homage to the Black trailblazers who made great contributions to our society.

In public schools, we learned about the African Americans who were very public with their work, and this tended to focus on the same people every year: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X and Michael Jordan. The lessons were often limited to slavery or the civil rights era, but never about the many contributions that Blacks made to our economy and being agents of change. While those are important moments in Black history, there is so much more.

In ARP, we spent two months practicing Black history facts to prepare us for the annual Black History Month Bowl that consisted of the three youth development centers on the east side: Springfield Urban League, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois and The Community Center, which no longer exists. That became a highlight of mine, not only learning about my rich history, but competing for the championship title that we won for five years straight.

It was because of ARP that I was able to thrive in my college African American history classes. I began to learn more in-depth about just how powerful a people Black people were and are, along with the contributions that were made that helped the human race as a whole.

My experience in ARP also laid the blueprint for wanting to continue teaching



Erica Austin with a group of Feitshans Elementary School students who put on a play about Black inventors. PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA AUSTIN

others about Black history. For the last few years, I have been teaching Black History Month programs at local schools, utilizing the platform that my mentor used in teaching students about Black history.

In 2019, a group of students at Feitshans Elementary School, one of the schools where I teach Black history, performed a skit about Black inventors. There was initially some hesitation from the educators that the students wouldn't be able to memorize their lines because the turnaround time was rather quick. Yet, in two days, each student had learned their lines, plus those of others in the play. The students were excited to learn about different people in Black history. They yearned for something different and wanted more. Their enthusiasm fueled me and brought tears to my eyes. Through this skit, they were able to see themselves in the characters they were acting out and experience the richness of Black history, instead of seeing the negative stereotypes forcing them to settle for distorted views of who they are and what their culture represents.

For me, teaching Black history is exhilarating. It provides me with the ability to commit to telling the complete and vibrant story of Black culture to both students and adults. Through Black history, we learn so much about ourselves and our

abilities to overcome challenges – big and small. We also learn from the mistakes people made in the past and learn the importance of treating others with compassion. Through teaching Black history, our students are learning about what it means to persevere, a critical character trait to have at school and in life.

Springfield has a rich history that we must teach to our future generations so that they understand the significance of their city. Some Springfield history includes the 1908 Springfield Race Riot (which led to the formation of the NAACP), Lincoln Colored Home, Comer Cox (it's not just the name of a park) and other home-grown trailblazers who have made great strides in their quest for equality.

Maya Angelou stated it best when she said, "Have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going."

I plan to continue what Ms. Doris Chambers taught and exhibited to our youth: How to have great respect for the past and the present, so they can create an even better future. □

Erica Austin works as deputy director in the Office of Community Care for SIU School of Medicine and won a seat on the Springfield District 186 school board earlier this year.

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Three fine Black-owned restaurants

Featuring specials to help you celebrate

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

For the second year in a row, the *Illinois Times* 217 Black Restaurant weekend is highlighting Black-owned businesses and the delicious flavors that they bring to the capital city. This event is anchored by Springfield's annual weekend-long Juneteenth celebration, which recognizes the day in 1865 when the last enslaved people in Texas received word of their emancipation, three years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. This year the festivities kick off on Friday, June 18, with a rally at the Capitol, followed by a Juneteenth Parade and celebration at Comer Cox Park on Saturday, before capping off with a revival on Sunday, also at Comer Cox Park. To help you celebrate, these three locally owned Black restaurants will be featuring food and drink specials all weekend long.

MJ's Fish and Chicken Express

716 E. Enos Ave., Springfield

After a fire ravaged its location in July of 2020, MJ's Fish and Chicken Express was forced to close for four months. When they reopened, the formerly spartan interior had been transformed into a warm and inviting space with a polished wood bar and cheerful decor. "It's like you're coming to dinner at our house, that's the feel we were trying to create," said Margaret Taylor, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Jerome. And although the interior has been updated, the food is still as delicious and comforting as it's always been. "Some of the recipes that we prepare, such as our collard greens, mac and cheese and green beans – those recipes have been in my family for over 100 years," explained Margaret, who grew up in Mississippi. Jerome also comes from a long tradition of cooks. Originally from Cairo, Illinois, Jerome started frying chicken and fish for his families' Friday night get-togethers when he was just a teenager. He eventually moved to the Springfield area and worked for Roberts Distributing/Sysco in the warehouse and as a driver for nearly 30 years before starting MJ's eight years ago. They've been in their current location on Enos Avenue for three years and have since established a loyal following of hungry customers, winning the Best Soul Food



Jerk Shop Go owner Kadejia Berkley. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

in the *Illinois Times* Best of Springfield Awards two years running.

While they are known for their excellent fried chicken and fish, MJ's also serves up tender slabs of ribs, crispy pork tenderloin and a stellar selection of sides, including fried green tomatoes, sweet potatoes, spaghetti with meat sauce, and succulent fried cabbage. New to the menu this year is a Southern-style cucumber and onion salad, which serves as a welcome foil to the other rich offerings on the menu. Hungry patrons should check out their ever changing daily specials as well as homemade desserts like caramel cake, cherry cheesecake and lemon meringue pie.

Jerk Shop Go

213 S. Fifth St., Springfield

Since opening their Springfield location in March of 2020, Jerk Shop Go has quickly become a fixture on the downtown restaurant scene and was awarded the *Illinois Times* Best of Springfield Award for Best New Business that same year. Owner Kadejia Berkley originally hails from the Austin neighborhood in Chicago where her family opened their first location, the Jerk Shop, in 2014. After moving to Macomb to attend Western Illinois University with her triplet sisters, Berkley and her family opened Jerk Shop Go, a walk-up location serving up "Caribbean Flavor with a twist" to hungry college students.

The Macomb location closed in 2019 after the sisters graduated, but it wasn't long after moving to Springfield for an internship that Berkley seized the opportunity to bring her family's island-inspired flavors to the capital city. In spite of opening just before the onset of the pandemic, the business has managed to hold on and even expand during quarantine, opening a second location in White Oaks Mall in February of 2021.

The menu is eclectic and perfectly suited to carryout, an asset during a year of difficult lockdown restrictions. Fusion-inspired dishes pepper the menu, such as jerk quesadillas made with seasoned beef or chicken, jerk egg rolls, jerk nachos and even a juicy jerk-style Philly sandwich, loaded with cheese, peppers and onions. Sides like sautéed sweet corn, red beans and rice, and smothered cabbage round out the menu. Portions are generous and the recipes are heavily spiced with traditional Caribbean flavors. Jerk marinated chicken wings are available on Wednesdays, but get there early because they sell out quickly.

Anchors Away

518 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield

Anchors Away serves up Creole-inspired flavors in its historic downtown location, a space which many locals will remember as Norb Andy's. The restaurant was opened in 2018 by Jeff Moore, who relocated the restaurant from its original location in Peoria to its current home in Springfield. The interior of the downtown space has been updated with a new bar, fresh paint and nautical décor, but still has the same intimate ambience that many will remember, including the large ship's wheel at the restaurant's entrance.

The menu boasts a variety of dishes from the Big Easy, such as crawfish étouffée, New Orleans-style barbeque shrimp, po' boy sandwiches, blackened catfish and fried frog legs, as well as standard fare like burgers and steak. Also popular are the seafood steamer bags, in which guests are invited to choose from options like snow crab legs, shrimp, mussels and lobster, along with add-ons like new potatoes and corn on the cob with their choice of seasoning and level of spice. □



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Summer sipping

Taste testers review bourbon options

DRINK | Lana Shovlin

When it comes to bourbon, you may be surprised to find out that no two brands taste exactly the same. Some are as smooth as melted caramel, with hints of vanilla that could rival your favorite ice cream, while others have a sharp, intense burn that immediately mellows out and blossoms into a complex flavor pattern, leaving your taste buds feeling as though they've been on a roller coaster ride of flavor.

For some consumers, bourbon tasting is serious business and they are loyal to very specific brands. Most folks, though, are looking for bourbons that won't break the bank and taste just as great served neat – at room temperature, with no ice or additives to get in the way of the flavor – as they do blended with your favorite mixers. However, when you don't have much knowledge of bourbon, the staggering varieties and varying price points can feel overwhelming.

Spending money on liquor, only to have it wind up gathering dust on the bottle, is frustrating and wasteful, so we decided to take the guesswork out of bourbon buying once and for all.

In honor of National Bourbon Day coming up on June 14, we gathered a panel of five people to conduct a private tasting of four bourbons.

While everyone on the panel enjoys sipping an occasional bourbon cocktail, it should be noted that we are by no means certified bourbon professionals. We like drinks that taste good, are affordable and are widely available. Our goal wasn't to rate the bourbons from our favorite to least favorite, per se, but rather to talk about what makes each bourbon unique. That way you, dear reader, can decide for yourself what bottle checks all of your boxes and will start your summer off right.



JK Williams Gold Zephyr Bourbon



Woodford Reserve



Old Forester



Maker's Mark 46

The companies whose bourbons are reviewed here paid an advertising fee and provided a bottle to be included in this sampling.

It may surprise you to learn that the first bourbon we sampled is locally distilled in Peoria, Illinois, and a Gold Medalist at USA Spirits Ratings. Described as having an aroma of dark cherries, light tobacco, honeysuckle and mint with a palate that includes black pepper, vanilla, fondant, honey and cinnamon, we had high hopes for JK Williams Gold Zephyr Bourbon. With our first sip, we immediately noted that honey was the dominant flavor. This bourbon was a bit fiery, and the panel members with more experience tasting bourbons said this reminded them more of a whiskey than of a traditional bourbon, but we all agreed it was quite pleasant.

Woodford Reserve, a classic choice among bourbon lovers, was the second bourbon in our tasting. Often described as “thick and creamy, with notes of espresso and cereal sweetness,” it’s easy to see why this bourbon has such a large following. Upon tasting it, the panel members each picked up different aromas and flavors that ranged from tobacco to cooked peaches, demonstrating why Woodford Reserve is considered one of the best bourbons on the market.

The third bourbon we sampled, Old Forester, was the only 100 proof bourbon in our tasting and separated the true bourbon lovers on our panel from those of us who just enjoy an occasional tippie. This is the type of drink my grandfather used say would put hair on your chest. While its flavor was complex and quite appealing, with rich flavors of dark chocolate, vanilla and leather, its high alcohol content made it difficult for some of us to drink. As most people know, bourbons tend to have a bit of a burn that gradually dissipates into a smooth finish, but Old Forester’s heat really sticks around. The majority of our panel members agreed that this bourbon would be best diluted with a little water or perhaps used in a cocktail, but probably wouldn’t drink it neat.

Finally, we sampled Maker’s 46. While all of us had tried Maker’s Mark before, none of us had tasted Maker’s 46, and we were excited to see what made them stand apart from each other. While the goal of this tasting was not to rate the bourbons from favorite to least favorite, we collectively fell in love with this bourbon. Its aroma was soft and pleasant, smelling of caramel candy and almonds, and the flavor was just as smooth and delicious. You could definitely use it in your favorite cocktail, but it would be lovely poured over a giant ice cube alongside a single Luxardo cherry. It’s the perfect bourbon for sipping on the porch while the lightning bugs blink and the heavy, summer sun sets in the horizon.

Mark Twain is famously quoted as saying, “If I can’t drink bourbon and smoke cigars in heaven, then I shall not go.” I’ve never understood the allure of smoking cigars, but after taking on this assignment, I wholeheartedly agree with him about the bourbon.

*“If I can’t drink
bourbon and
smoke cigars
in heaven,
then I shall
not go.”*

Mark Twain



Lana Shoulin is a freelance writer who lives in Springfield and enjoys sipping cocktails on the porch with her amazing neighbors and friends. If you happen to see her out and about, be sure to buy her a Makers 46.



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MUSIC



The Soul Experience Band hits this Friday night at Casey's Pub in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Meadowbrook Road.

Juneteenth music and more

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Welcome back, my friends, to the show that never ends as we explore, examine, promote and promulgate the provocative and extraordinary music happening each week in our Springfield community. As the pandemic mitigations go away after doing what they were meant to do, we officially begin Phase 5 on June 11, allowing businesses in general to open at full capacity. Yes, that means a great deal to our world of music-making, since all those cool events we love so much are usually centered around people playing music to entertain the crowds. We can now have a LoG Fest, AbeFest, Downhome and Blues & BBQ, plus county and state fairs, festivals, burgoos, homecomings and all other shindigs of that nature.

One of the first outdoor events to be blessed with the full reopening of the state will be the Juneteenth Celebration, a national holiday otherwise known as Freedom Day, happening in Springfield and around the world next weekend. The actual date is June 19, with four days of events surrounding the holiday, including music at the Levitt AMP concert series on Thursday, June 17, with Debbie Ross (a Springfield treasure), Nelly's Echo (season three contestant on NBC's "The Voice") and Brandon Alexander Williams (spoken word and beatbox looping). The celebration continues with a rally at the State Capitol and an Illinois State Museum art exhibit opening on Friday, June 18, then hip happenings at Comer Cox Park featuring live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday (June 19 and 20), plus the Unity Parade and Outdoor Revival.

As we honor this day of freedom for African Americans after the Civil War and slavery, let's remind ourselves of the great contributions made to music by those of African heritage. Every aspect of our

American music has been touched somehow by the incredible ingenuity and resilience of music made by African Americans. You can roughly start with the blues and end up at hip hop, while in between covering jazz, ragtime, bebop, funk, soul, gospel, rhythm 'n' blues and rap as types of music pretty much invented by African Americans. All kinds of origins and influences are in rock 'n' roll, country, rock and pop, too. Plus, I can almost guarantee whatever other genres you name, there will likely be a good bunch of connections to music that came from the culture and creativity of Black Americans.

The one great overarching fact about music, surely, is its ability to bridge the gap between all cultures by integrating sounds and songs in a way that brings folks together like nothing else, except maybe food and drinks. Hey, that's probably why the events we like so much include music, eats and libations, all the while allowing for those who come and enjoy to hang out and share the essence of what makes us human, as we exist together, sharing this spinning spot in space.

But back to this week for a moment, just to clarify that tonight (Thursday, June 10) the Levitt AMP show is Esme Patterson with special guest The Deep Hollow, then next week is the Juneteenth celebration. On this Friday, get yourself to the K of C Hall on Meadowbrook to experience and enjoy the deep soul of The Soul Experience Band, featuring some of Springfield's finest musicians making some of the finest music anywhere. Their Facebook page says they're the "hippest R&B, funk, jazz, Motown and blues live music band in the Midwest," and no one is going to argue that point, because that's a "no brag, just fact" statement for sure.

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Thursday
Jun 10

Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

Avery Kern
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 8-10:30pm

Tom Irwin
Winchester Town Square, Winchester, 6-9pm

Open mic with J. D. Wilson
Wings Etc, 6-9pm

Friday
Jun 11

Off the Wall
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7:30-10:30pm

Rolling Sixes and Tail Light Rebellion
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-10pm

it Soul Experience Band
Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 7-11pm

Lady Luck
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

The Collective
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Birds of a Feather
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 6-10:30pm

Positively 4th Street
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Avery Kern
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Captain Geech & The Shrimp Shack Shooters
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

Off the Cuff
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

Hat Trick
Oak Hills Country Club and Winery, Girard, 6:30-10:30pm

NCR
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 8pm

Open mic night
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 5-8pm

3 Gun Whiskey
The Stadium Bar and Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Highway 615
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

Saturday
Jun 12

Tad Derek O'Brien
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 5:30-7:30pm

Hat Trick
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Ryman's Way
Boar's Nest, Athens, 8pm-12am

Devin Williams & The 7 String Blues Band
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

Lick Creek
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Kapital Sound
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Sushi Roll Band
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

The Cocktails
George Rank's, 7-10pm

Curt Smith Acoustic
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Angel Brown's Smooth N' Blue Band
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Joel Honey
Maddy's Tavern, Divernon, 8-11pm

Into The Fury
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

Avery Kern
Ocean Crab House, 5-8pm

Jason McKenzie
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 6-8pm

The Brat Pack
Pawnee Prairie Days, Pawnee, 9pm-12am

RockHouse
Riverton Knights of Columbus, Riverton, 5-9pm

Deep Lunar Blue
Slauterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 6-9pm

it The Aileana Rawlins Band
The Stadium Bar and Grill, 6:30-10pm

Sleeping Dogzz
Sunset Inn, 6-10pm

Sunshine Daydream
Third Base Sports Bar, 7pm

Jamie Meridith open mic
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 6-9pm

Groove Daddies
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Tom Beverly
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 6-8pm

Sunday
Jun 13

Buckhart Road
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

Matt Mifflin
The Blue Grouch Pub, 12-3pm

it Rick Mari, Hipbone Sam, Bad Grandpas, Sleeping Dogzz
Curve Inn, 1-6pm

After School Special
Elks Lodge #158, 4-7pm

Tom Irwin and Band
Funky Monkey, Taylorville, 4-7pm

Two Men and a Mic
Harvest Market, 12-2pm

Off the Wall
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2pm

Jay and Kimberly Larson
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Avery Kern
Library Park, Litchfield, Litchfield, 9-11:30am

Joel Honey
Long Bridge Golf Course, 2-5pm

John Stevens and Geoff Ryan
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 5-8pm

Monday
Jun 14

Susan Williams & The Wright Groove
The Alamo, 7pm

Tuesday
Jun 15

Hector Anchondo
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 6-9pm

Tom's Turtle Tank Tuesdays
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 8:30pm

Open mic with Tom Beverly
George Rank's, 7:30-10pm

Wednesday
Jun 16

Open mic
Boone's, 6-10pm

Mary Jo Curry
Lake Press Club, 6-9pm

Jason McKenzie
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■ Special Music Events

Florida Georgia Line

Sat., June 12, 9:30pm. Gates open at 7pm. \$68 per car. route66-drivein.com. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066 or 217-546-8881.

Levitt AMP Music Series

Thu., June 10, 6pm. The Deep Hollow and Esme Patterson. levitt.org. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-544-1723.

it Ultimate Aldean and Luke Bryan Tribute

Fri., June 11, 6:30pm. No tickets are needed. Outdoor concert. Bank of Springfield Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

■ Books & Authors

Book Signing

Sat., June 12, 10am-2pm. Local author Alison Blasdel will be signing copies of her fifth and latest novel, “Daughter of the Sky.” Copies will be available at Bunn Gourmet during the signing. Bunn

Courmet, 2941 Plaza Drive, 217-793-1840.

Summer Book Roundup

Sat., June 12, 9am-1pm. Accepting book donations and DVDs, CDs or albums. Simply pull your vehicle into the alley on the north side and volunteers will unload your vehicle for you. If you are unable to make this event, the lobby is also open for your book donations. Free. Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., 217-753-4900, ext. 5602.

■ Art & Architecture

10th Anniversary Celebration

Fri., June 11, 6-9pm and Sat., June 12, 6-9pm. Celebrate 10 years of art exhibits, collaborative art events, art education and outreach and more. View the exhibit “Tranquility in Flight: A Multisensory Installation.” Live music by Craig Russo and light refreshments. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Design like Frank Lloyd Wright

Fridays, 10:30am-12pm. A 1-mile tour through the Aristocracy Hill neighborhood using hands-on drawing activities to explore the development of Wright’s architectural style. Guests will develop an understanding of the basic principles of organic architecture. Drawing supplies provided or bring your own. Free. Donations accepted. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Little ART on the Prairie

Sat., June 12, 10am-5pm. A socially distanced outdoor art fair featuring 15 local and regional artists. Masks required. Free. Kristin’s Pumpkin Patch, 6300 Wind Tree Road, 847-533-7829.

it Museum of Bad Art 101

Wed., June 16, 6:30pm. The only museum dedicated to the collection of bad art from thrift stores, yard sales, trash and even the artists themselves. The works are analyzed and compared to classic art and presented with an often humorous commentary. Hosted by the Jacksonville Public Library. Email ssnyder@jaxpl.org for Zoom info. Free. 217-243-5435.

it “Noir”

Through July 6. The exhibition is a collaboration with Springfield’s Juneteenth, Inc., featuring works of art by artists of color from Illinois, Missouri and Texas. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-7386.

“Sizzlin’ at 105” and “Wabi-Sabi” opening reception

Thu., June 10, 5:30-7:30pm. The gallery will be displaying 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.

“Sunny Side Up” opening reception

Thu., June 10, 5-8pm. Lighthearted works that recall the warmth of the season and burgeoning nature, as well as the satisfaction of celebrating the pleasures of home and family. Lincoln Arts Institute, Lincoln, 112 S. McLean St., 309-287-3744.

■ Film & Television

Field of Dreams

Fri., June 11. A 1989 sports supernatural drama film. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Film begins at dusk. Part of the Movie in the Park Series. springfieldparks.org. Free. Bergen Golf Course, 2900 E. Clear Lake Ave., 753-6211.

■ Food & Drink

it 2021 Pride Lunch

Sat., June 19, 12-3pm. Box lunch includes a sandwich with a vegetarian option, twice-baked potato salad, fruit, cake and bottled water. You are also welcome to bring your own picnic lunch. Order box lunches before 12pm June 13. Call or email to order. coral.springfield@gmail.com. \$15. Nelson Center, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-412-4749.

■ History

Abraham Lincoln and the Illinois Supreme Court

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. 217-782-6817.

ALPLM Reading Club

Mon., June 14, 4-5pm. *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly begins on the first day of summer vacation and follows the journeys of four individuals as the universe brings them together after a prank goes wrong. A virtual discussion by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Visit presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

it Behind the Book

Mon., June 14, 6:30-7:30pm. In her book, *Sweet Greeks*, Ann Flesor Beck, a third-generation confectioner, documents the lives of Greek immigrant confectioners in central Illinois. She will share her research about Springfield’s Greek confectioners. An online event with Lincoln Library. lincolnlibrary.info. 217-753-4900.

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. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

“Negro League Baseball” discussion

Sat., June 12, 1:30pm. Discussion led by Carolyn Farrar. Part of the History Comes Alive Series. Call to make a reservation. Space is limited. spiaahm.org. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

■ Fairs & Festivals

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Pawnee Prairie Days

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■ Children’s Corner

Meet Harriet Tubman

Sun., June 13, 4-5pm. Meet Harriet Tubman and learn about her experiences as an Underground Railroad conductor and nurse and spy for the Union army. Tubman and Juneteenth-themed crafts, light refreshments. Bring lawn chairs. Free, but donations accepted for the Stand Together Scholarship for a LLCC minority student in financial need. Free. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-787-4675.

■ Nature, Science & Environment

it The Butterfly Lady

Sat., June 12, 10am-2pm. Rhonda Brady, who’s on a mission to save the monarch butterflies, will pay a visit with her butterfly bus, a colorful classroom and greenhouse on wheels. See the village’s new native plant habitat at the village entrance. Event includes a native plant kit giveaway, craft tables and food vendors. Village of Elkhart, Elkhart, 209 Governor Oglesby St., 217-947-2083.

Sunset Tours

Second Sunday of every month, 7-8:30pm. Experience the prairie as day fades to night and see the land conservation efforts of The Friends of the Sangamon Valley. An easy walk on mowed paths through the prairie. The nature center is air conditioned and has restrooms. Led by FOSV director Vernon LaGesse. fosvdotorg.wordpress.com. Free. Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Loami, 9560 Withers Road, 217-525-1410.

■ Bulletin Board

Backgammon Club

Wednesdays, 6-9pm. Live backgammon is back. Lessons available for beginners. First time entry is free. Harvest Market, 3001 Veterans Parkway, 217-622-9447.

Springfield 2nd Saturday

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Springfield Comic Book Convention

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U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF DWELLING SERIES IV TRUST, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
HENRY J HIBBS; TRINITY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC AS ASSIGNEE OF US MORTGAGE RESOLUTION, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 19 CH 000208
9075 OWL 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 19, 2021, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 07/13/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 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. 07-07.0-401-007
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 9075 Owl Road Sherman, IL 62684
Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, detached pole barn type building
The Judgment amount was \$74,791.70.
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered

for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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 property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-043631L
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of: SHIRLEY A. TONJES, Deceased.
No. 2021-P-252
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Shirley A. Tonjes of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 5, 2021 to Gary Tonjes as Executor. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 27, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated this 27th day of May, 2021.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: GERALDINE SUCECH, Deceased.
NO. 2021-P-281
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Geraldine Sucech of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 20, 2021, to Patricia Marshall, 4500 Castle Pines Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 29, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 20th day of May, 2021.
Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705
(217) 544-4868
bsegatto@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: TEDDY ALLEN STANDEFER, Deceased.
NO. 2021-P-279
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Teddy Allen Standefer of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 20, 2021, to Tedeana LaTrace, 9388 Pebble Beach Ct. E, Seminole, Florida 33777, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street,

Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before November 29, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 20th day of May, 2021.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of: DANIEL R. WEISMAN, Deceased.
NO. 2021-P-321
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Daniel R. Weisman of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 3, 2021, to Sally J. Weisman, 91 Girard Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06105, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before December 10, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 3rd day of June, 2021.
R. Kurt Wilke - 06190769
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF: SHARON L. CARRINO, Deceased.
No. 2021P000280
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Sharon L. Carrino. Letters of office were issued on May 20, 2021 to William L. Carrino, 1324 N. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62702, as Executor, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II, Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704.
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, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with

the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11). Dated this 20th day of May, 2021.
Paul E. Presney, II
Reg. #6182986
Presney & Gonzalez
Attorneys for Executor
726 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704
Telephone: (217) 525-0016
ppresney@presneygonzalez.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JOYCE ANN MILLER, Deceased.
Case No. 2021 P 278
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joyce Ann Miller. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2021, to Robert Alan Miller, 104 Lakeview Drive, Williamsville, IL 62693 as Executor, and whose attorney is JAMES R. ENLOW of GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL, 1231 South Eighth Street, Springfield, IL, 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
DATED this 19th day of May, 2021.
James R. Enlow (#6199891)
GATES WISE SCHLOSSER & GOEBEL
Attorneys at Law
1231 South Eighth Street
Springfield, IL 62703
Telephone: (217) 522-9010
Facsimile: (217) 522-9020
Email: jim@gwspc.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Timothy A. Wilson, Petitioner And Cynthia Elaine Wilson, Respondent
Case No. 2021-D-265
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Cynthia Elaine Wilson, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 3rd day of July, 2021 a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of Jaclyn O'Connor, Petitioner And Brittany Burkes, Respondent
Case No. 2015-D-504
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you Brittany Burkes, Respondent herein, that this cause has

been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 10th day of July, 2021, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Paul Palazzolo
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Katharine Eastvold
For change of name to Katharine Roberts
Case No.: 21-MR-445
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Katharine Eastvold to Katharine Roberts
pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: May 27, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Nathaniel Louis Griffel
For change of name to Nathaniel Louis Griffel Wild
Case No.: 21-MR-596
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nathaniel Louis Griffel to Nathaniel Louis Griffel Wild
pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: May 27, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Christy Lee Wills
For change of name to Apollyon Avenal Addams
Case No.: 21-MR-307
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Christy Lee Wills to Apollyon Avenal Addams
pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 3, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Nicholas Andrew Sturm
For change of name to Nicholas Andrew Sharp
Case No.: 21-MR-658
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nicholas Andrew Sturm to Nicholas Andrew Sharp pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: June 3, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-

ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Issac Lee Ham Surratt
For change of name to
Issac Lee Ham Weems
In the matter of the Petition of
Madison Kay Surratt
For change of name to
Madison Kay Weems
In the matter of the Petition of
Owen Kyle Surratt
For change of name to
Owen Kyle Weems
Case No.: 21-MR-599
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court
praying for the change of name from
Issac Lee Ham Surratt to Issac Lee
Ham Weems, Madison Kay Surratt to
Madison Kay Weems and Owen Kyle
Surratt to Owen Kyle Weems pursuant
to the statute in such case made and
provided.
Dated: June 3, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Aubree Marie Williams
For change of name to
Aubree Marie Sponsler
Case No.: 21-MR-582
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
Aug. 3, 2021 I will petition in said Court
praying for the change of name from
Aubree Marie Williams to Aubree Marie
Sponsler pursuant to the statute in
such case made and provided.
Dated: June 3, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Antoinette L. Pruitt
For change of name to
Karima Al-Amin
Case No.: 21-MR-389
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
Aug. 17, 2021 I will petition in said
Court praying for the change of name
from Antoinette L. Pruitt to Karima
Al-Amin pursuant to the statute in such
case made and provided.
Dated: June 3, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of
Bryce Isaac Knowles Spaulding
For change of name to
Vanessa Eleanor Spaulding
Case No.: 20-MR-987
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on
Aug. 17, 2021 I will petition in said
Court praying for the change of name
from Bryce Isaac Knowles Spaulding
to Vanessa Eleanor Spaulding pursuant
to the statute in such case made and
provided.
Dated: June 10, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
American Advisors Group
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Michael Cashen; James Cashen; Col-

leen Scott; Tom Cashen; Terence Cash-
en; Kathleen White; Robert Cashen;
United States of America - Secretary
of Housing and Urban Development;
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Donna
Lee Cashen; Unknown Owners and
Nonrecord Claimants; Dan Way, as
Special Representative for Donna Lee
Cashen (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
No. 2021CH000035
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
Tom Cashen
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Donna
Lee Cashen
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord
Claimants
That this case has been commenced
in this Court against you and other
defendants, praying for the foreclosure
of a certain Mortgage conveying the
premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 909 Madison
St Pawnee, IL 62558
and which said Mortgage was made
by:
Donna Lee Cashen
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
as mortgagee, as nominee for One
Reverse Mortgage, LLC, as Mortgagee,
and recorded in the Office of the Re-
corder of Deeds of Sangamon County,
Illinois, as Document No. 2014R14204;
and for other relief; that summons was
duly issued out of said Court against
you as provided by law and that the
said suit is now pending.
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file
your answer or otherwise file your
appearance in this case in the Office of
the Clerk of this Court,
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sangamon County Courthouse
200 South Ninth Street, Room 405
Springfield, IL 62701
on or before July 6, 2021, A DEFAULT
MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT
ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A
JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN AC-
CORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID
COMPLAINT.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Our File No. 14-21-00796
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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ILLINOIS
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ERS OFFICE OF SANGAMON COUNTY
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19. EXCEPT THE COAL AND OTHER
MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE
OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND
EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE
OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.
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Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St.,
Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No.
(312) 346-9088. Please refer to file#
20-04363IL
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLEC-
TION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, successor
to Illini Bank,
Plaintiff,
v.
DENNIS & BRENDA PRICE INCORPO-
RATED, an Illinois corporation, d/b/a
DJ'S CAFE, JOHN W. PRICE, SOMERCOR
504, INC., U.S. SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION (SBA), ILLINOIS DE-
PARTMENT OF REVENUE, DEPARTMENT
OF TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No.: 2021CH000023
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
Notice is given to defendants, DENNIS
AND BRENDA PRICE INCORPORATED,
an Illinois corporation, JOHN W. PRICE,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS, of the following described
real estate, that the above entitled
mortgage foreclosure action is now
pending, and the day on or after which
a default may be entered against said
defendants is JULY 5, 2021.
The Plaintiff has certified that the
above entitled mortgage foreclosure
action was filed on March 16, 2021,
and is now pending.
(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the
case number are identified above.
(ii) The court in which said action was
brought is identified above.
(iii) The name of the title holder of
record is:
Dennis & Brenda Price Incorporated, an
Illinois corporation.
(iv) A legal description of the real
estate sufficient to identify it with
reasonable certainty is as follows:
Parcel 1:
The West 77 feet of Lots 11 and 12
in Block 12 of Gehlman and Turner's
Subdivision to the City of Springfield.
Parcel II:
The East 77 feet of Lots 11 and 12 of
Gehlman and Turner's Subdivision to
the City of Springfield.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
Tax Identification Number: 22-04-110-
018 and 22-04-110-019
(v) A common address or description
of the location of the real estate is as
follows:
901 & 915 West Laurel, Springfield,
Illinois 62704
(vi) An identification of the mortgage
sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
(A) Nature of Instrument: Mortgage.
(B) Date of mortgage: August 15,
2011.
(C) Name of mortgagor: Dennis &
Brenda Price Incorporated, an Illinois
corporation, d/b/a DJ's Cafe.
(D) Name of mortgagee: Illini Bank.
(E) Date and place of recording: August
17, 2011 in the Recorder's Office of
Sangamon County, Sangamon County,
Illinois.
(F) Identification of recording: Docu-
ment Number 2011R25667.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)
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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD,

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
Jocelyn Feig Minor Child
No. 2021-P-179
To: Nikita Feig at address unknown and
All Persons Having A Right To Notice:
Please be notified that Nicole Johnson
has filed a Petition for the Guardianship
of the Estate and Person of Jocelyn
Feig, minor child.
You are required to answer said Peti-
tion BY July 19, 2021 or be defaulted
by the Court thereafter.
Dated:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of:
DAEON STAPLETON, A Minor.
NO. 2021-P-264
GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE
To: Unknown Father, whose address
is unknown
Take notice that a Petition was filed in
the Circuit Court of Sangamon County,
Illinois, for the appointment of guard-
ians of Daeon Stapleton, a Minor. Now,
therefore, unless you and all whom it
may concern, file your answer to the
Petition in the action or otherwise file
your appearance therein, in the said
Circuit Court of Sangamon County,
Illinois, 200 South Ninth Street, Room
405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before
the 28th day of June, 2021, at 9:00
a.m., a default may be entered against
you at any time after that day and an
order entered in accordance with the
prayer of said Petition.
Dated this 2nd day of June, 2021.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate,
LLP
P.O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
217/544-4868
matthewcate@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
R & L HOLDINGS 1, INC., UNKNOWN
OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 21-MR-691
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by
Publication having been filed, notice
is hereby given to R & L Holdings 1,
Inc., Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants that a Complaint for Demolition
was filed in the above-named
Court on May 26, 2021, and is now
pending.
The common address of the structure
which is subject to demolition is 909
N. 15th Street, Springfield, Illinois, and
said real estate is legally described as:
Lot 6 in Block 5 Furniture Factory Park
Addition to the City of Springfield.
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.
PIN: 14-27.0-281-015.
The name of the title holder of record
of said real estate is: R & L Holdings
1, Inc.
NOW THEREFORE, unless R & L Hold-
ings 1, Inc., Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants file an answer
to the Complaint for Demolition in this
cause or otherwise file an appearance
therein in the office of the Sangamon

County Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sang-
amon County Building, 200 South
Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on
or before July 6, 2021, a default judg-
ment may be entered at any time after
that day and an Order for Demolition
may be entered in accordance with the
relief requested in the Complaint for
Demolition.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the
Seventh
Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon
County
Prepared by:
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
Kateah McMasters, ARDC #6309668
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Attorneys for Plaintiff
800 E. Monroe, Room 327
Springfield, IL 62701-1653
(217) 789-2375
kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEV-
ENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,
ILLINOIS
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,
a Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES EDDINGTON, UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 21-MR-725
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Service by
Publication having been filed, notice is
hereby given to James Eddington, Un-
known Owners and Non-Record Claim-
ants that a Complaint for Demolition
was filed in the above-named Court on
June 2, 2021, and is now pending.
The common address of the structure
which is subject to demolition is 1849
Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Spring-
field, Illinois, and said real estate is
legally described as:
Lot 18 and the South Half of Lot 19 in
Block 4 in Spaulding's South Park Addi-
tion to the City of Springfield, Situated
in Sangamon County, Illinois.
PIN: 22-03.0-279-026.

The name of the title holder of record
of said real estate is: James Eddington.
NOW THEREFORE, unless James
Eddington, Unknown Owners and Non-
Record Claimants file an answer to the
Complaint for Demolition in this cause
or otherwise file an appearance therein
in the office of the Sangamon County
Circuit Clerk, Room 405 Sangamon
County Building, 200 South Ninth
Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or
before July 12, 2021, a default judg-
ment may be entered at any time after
that day and an Order for Demolition
may be entered in accordance with the
relief requested in the Complaint for
Demolition.
/s/ Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the
Seventh
Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Sangamon
County
Prepared by:
James K. Zerkle
Corporation Counsel
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX000035, Guardian Tax IL, LLC. To: Lexaco, LLC; Bernard G. Segatto III; Occupants of; First Bankers Trust Company, NA; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 69, except the West 255 feet thereof, in Pierik Place, as shown on Plat recorded May 20, 1912 in Plat Book 9, page 68, also except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 22-08.0-452-044 On May 11, 2021, Guardian Tax IL, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-3-1 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before November 9, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. Guardian Tax IL, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, P-Tax Securities, LLC. To: Estate of Don R. Ellis, Hope Dennison, Executor; Occupants of; Hope Dennison; Jessica Ellis; Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 57 of "Clover Acres, a Subdivision of part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian," excepting the coal and other minerals underlying said premises, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 14-20.0-452-012 On May 7, 2021, P-Tax Securities, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-354-5 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 5, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. P-Tax Securities, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

sion of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. P-Tax Securities, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, Illini Real Estate Holdings, LLC. To: TDL Properties One LLC; Terrence D. Lawson; Occupants of; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services; City of Springfield; Darla Benton a/k/a Darla Dixon-Peck; Linda Shanklin; Yvonne Persley; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 139 in Spaulding's Second Capital City Addition to the City of Springfield, excepting the coal and other minerals underlying said premises, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 22-03.0-429-010 On May 7, 2021, Illini Real Estate Holdings, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-444-5 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 5, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. Illini Real Estate Holdings, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, P-Tax Securities, LLC. To: Estate of Pamela Jacobs, Farrell Christopher Jacobs, Jr., Executor; Occupants of; Matthew Cate; Farrell Christopher Jacobs, Jr.; Lori Kay Demick; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 21, Block 3 Payne's Grand Avenue Subdivision, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 22-04.0-202-036 On May 7, 2021, P-Tax Securities, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-449-1 for the delinquent taxes

on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 5, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. P-Tax Securities, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, P-Tax Securities, LLC. To: Connor Office Partners, LLC; Connor Office Partners, LLC, Gregory P. Sgro, Agent; Occupants of; Illini Bank n/k/a United Community Bank; William J. Connor; Illini Corporation, Robert A. Narmont, Agent; Todd W. Wise; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: The South 40 feet of Lot 4 and the North 20 feet of Lot 5 of Bretz's South Fifth Street Subdivision, excepting the coal and other minerals underlying said premises, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 22-09.0-278-019 On May 7, 2021, P-Tax Securities, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-455-1 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 5, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. P-Tax Securities, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln. To: Heirs and/or Legatees of Georgia L. Gray f/k/a Georgia Lee Waddell; Occupants of; Heirs & Legatees of Mary Lively a/k/a Mary Maxine Lively; Heirs & Legatees of Suzanne Lawson; Douglas Waddell; Heirs & Legatees of Gail Waddell, a/k/a Gail Patrick Waddell; Robert Lee Lawson, Jr.; Bonnie

McCoy; Robin McCoy; Michael McCoy; Kendell E. Waddell; Heirs & Legatees of Kenneth Lloyd Waddell; Heirs & Legatees of Lowell Thomas Waddell; Heirs & Legatees of Sue Waddell; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 120 of Wanless' Ridgewood Addition to the City of Springfield, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 14-24.0-378-017 On May 13, 2021, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-19-8 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before November 8, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln. To: Donald Halliburton; Occupants of; Sangamon County Trustee; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: Lot 245 in Spaulding's Capital Park Addition to the City of Springfield, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 14-25.0-305-003 On May 13, 2021, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-21-8 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before November 8, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2018TX35, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln. To: Johnny Pitts; Occupants of; Illinois Department of Revenue; Attorney General; Sangamon County Trustee; Sangamon County Clerk; and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate: The North 40 feet of the South 80 feet of Out Lot 12 in Block 1 in Barrett's Addition to the City of Springfield, except the coal and other minerals underlying the surface, situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Permanent Index No. 14-34.0-454-015 On May 13, 2021, Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 138-405-5 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the Sangamon County Treasurer on November 9, 2018. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2017 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before November 8, 2021, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Sangamon County Circuit Court on November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom TBD. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition. Jenkins Realty Group LLC, Iln, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553 Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

TAX DEED NO.: 2018TX35
FILED: 5/12/2021
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 9, 2018
Certificate No.: 138-8-7
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2017
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 2860 South 15th Street, Springfield, IL 62703
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 22-10.0-426-016
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 3, 2021.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before November 3, 2021.
This matter is set for hearing in the

Circuit Court of Sangamon County in 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, before Judge Noll in the courtroom assigned to her, on November 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM.
You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.
YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY
Redemption can be made at any time on or before November 3, 2021 by applying to the County Clerk of Sangamon, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Springfield, Illinois.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
Equity One Investment Fund, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
May 21, 2021
William Fritz
William Fritz
Occupant
Richard Fritz
Fritz
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
8051-915082

TAX DEED NO.: 2018TX35
FILED: 5/12/2021
TAKE NOTICE
County of Sangamon
Date Premises Sold: November 9, 2018
Certificate No.: 138-39-4
Sold for General Taxes of (Year): 2017
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number: N/A
Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at: 498 North Oaklane Road, Springfield, IL 62707
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-28.-0-201-036
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on November 3, 2021.
The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.
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200 South Ninth Street
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-6701
Equity One Investment Fund, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
May 21, 2021
Isaac J Weitekamp c/o US Bank
Unknown Heirs & Devisees for the Estate of Isaac J. Weitekamp
Unknown Heirs & Devisees for the Estate of Isaac J. Weitekamp
Dennis Weitekamp as Guardian for Lily M. Weitekamp a Minor
Dennis Weitekamp for Lily M. Weitekamp a Minor
Dennis Weitekamp as Guardian for Lily M. Weitekamp a Minor
Dennis Weitekamp as Legal Representative for the Estate of Isaac J. Weitekamp
Dennis Weitekamp as Legal Representative for the Estate of Isaac J. Weitekamp
Occupant
Holly Weitekamp
Michael Mathias
Charlene Weitekamp
Charlene Weitekamp
Randall W. Segatto as Attorney in 2014 P 00607
Randall W. Segatto as Attorney in 2014 P 00607
Don Gray, County Clerk of Sangamon County, Illinois
Claimants, Judgment Creditors, and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as
"Unknown Owners"
"Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"
8051-915083

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
Brenda Roth, Petitioner
vs.
Anthony Smith, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-490
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Anthony Smith, 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 July 8, 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: June 10, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY
London Brooks, Petitioner
vs.
Joshua Johnson, Respondent
Case No: 2021-OP-435
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Joshua Johnson, 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 July 1, 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 27, 2021

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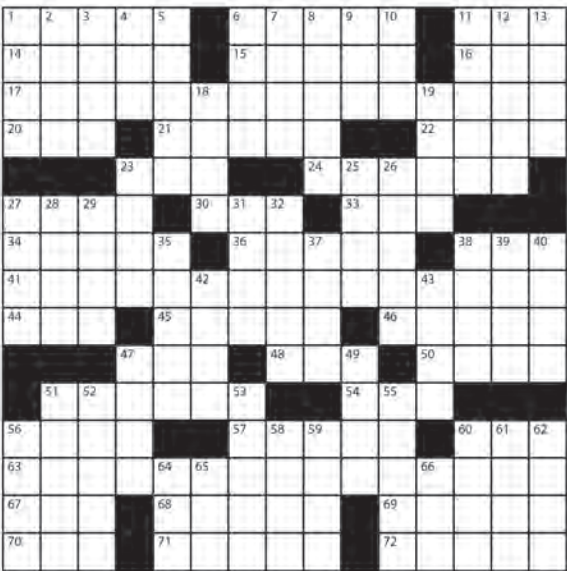
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6. Set on fire
11. Cleopatra biter
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20. S.A.T. takers
21. Code name
22. "If all ___ fails ..."
23. Identify
24. Represent with symbols
27. Like some losers
30. "Act your ___!"
33. Frisk, with "down"
34. Attempts
36. Montezuma, for one
38. "The Matrix" hero
41. Something followed in a classic movie
44. Language suffix
45. In the lead
46. Because
47. King Kong, e.g.
48. Collector's goal
50. Sounds of relief
51. Language organ
54. Yahoo! competitor
56. Make, as money
57. Understands
60. Chart topper
63. Super Bowl I champs
67. Once more: Abbr.



68. Grant's successor
69. Fable writer
70. Part of an E-mail address
71. Cow catcher
72. Meg and Nolan
11. Inclined
12. Taste, e.g.
13. Use a beeper
18. Eastern discipline
19. In order
23. Leave in a hurry, with "out"
25. Oil cartel
26. Carpet fasteners
27. Eye problem
28. Mine finds
29. Anger, with "up"
31. Kotter of "Welcome Back, Kotter"
32. Pound and Stone
35. All lathered up
37. Ocean motion
38. Soul singer Hendryx
39. A pop
40. Lyric verses
42. "Say ___"
43. Iranian coin
47. "Rule, Britannia" composer
49. "Look what I did!"
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52. "You ___ kidding!"
53. Dentists' pictures
55. Academy Award
56. "Good grief!"
58. Blinkers
59. Lhasa ___ (dog)
60. The Bee Gees' "___ Liar"
61. Clothes presser
62. Medicinal amts.
64. Flyers' org.
65. Call to Bo-peep
66. Lock opener

Down

1. Old-fashioned letter opener
2. Copycat
3. Nonverbal O.K.'s
4. N.F.L. scores
5. Billy Joel's "Don't ___ Why"
6. Nicholas II, for one
7. Prefers, with "for"
8. Japanese noodle dish
9. ___-Magnon
10. Part of H.M.S.

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #690



Sudoku answers from #690

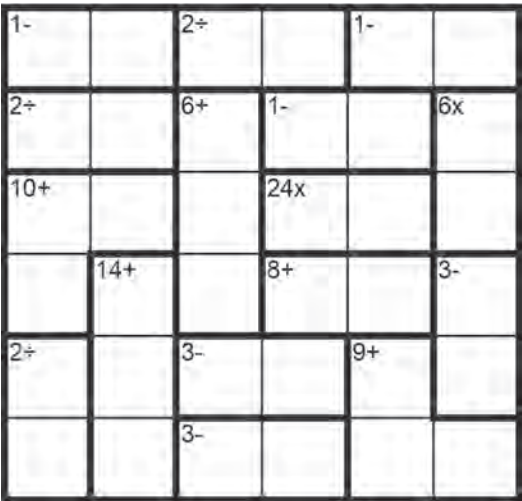


JoshJosh answers from #690

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 691

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

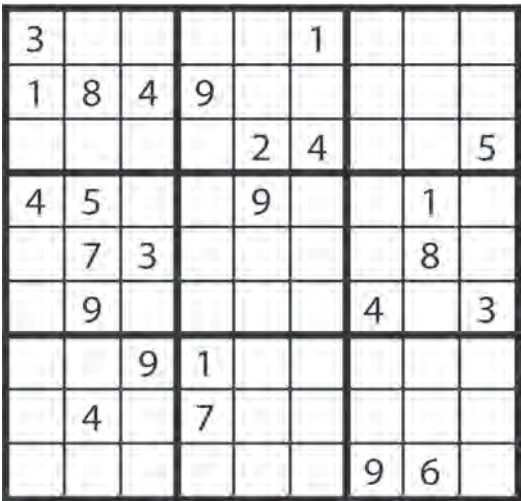


Difficulty hard

Sudoku

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



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