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# New Salem gets an infusion

HISTORIC SITES | William Furry

Finding funds for maintenance and restoration of state historic sites has been difficult in recent years, what with budget impasses, hiring freezes, pandemics, agency shifts and the public's indifference to what it takes to maintain a historic site.

When Gov. Bruce Rauner disestablished the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA), which operated the 50-plus historic sites around the state, and then shuffled the sites over to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), a collective gasp was heard throughout the historic preservation world for fear that under IDNR rule, Illinois history – and the funds and expertise required to maintain historic sites – would vanish like the Carolina Parakeet. Instead of historic site maintenance, we would see already compromised maintenance budgets slashed further to protect endangered habitats, nesting sites, state-operated marinas (Golconda), firing ranges (World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta) and state park lodges.

But it didn't happen. To its credit, IDNR has done its best to protect wildlife habitats and state parks while working with diminished budgets and backlogged maintenance priorities, unrealistic mandates and unexpected emergencies (floods, storms and COVID), to keep historic sites open and afloat despite the challenges.

Folks around Petersburg have been watching and hoping Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site would ride the rough waves and land securely on the high ground above the Sangamon River in the aftermath of the pandemic. So far, so good. Given the recent activity at the reconstructed New Salem village, which celebrated its 100th anniversary as a state park in May, the time might be right to reimagine the village as the historic education complex it should have been all along. Imagine a restored village such as Williamsburg, Virginia, on the bluffs above the Sangamon River, complete with living history interpreters, period artisans displays,

gardens tended and in production for a farm-to-table restaurant for visitors. It wasn't that long ago such a vision was contemplated.

Jack Alexander started his career at New Salem a decade ago and became the site superintendent in 2016, about the time IHPA was swallowed by IDNR. He says that back in the 1980s, when New Salem had full funding from the state, his staff would have been four times as large, and his seasonal

volunteers to help during summer and fall festivals, but there is no money to lay the foundation for the big picture.

But there is hope. Early this year Alexander was able to hire a carpenter to work at New Salem, a minor miracle given hiring freezes at the state. More than 50 carpenters applied for the single job, which says something about last year's construction layoffs. The new carpenter has been busy this spring.



Lincoln's New Salem Historic Site Superintendent Jack Alexander with one of the site's new oak fences, which will corral a newly acquired pinto. PHOTO BY WILLIAM FURRY

staff would have included more than 50 volunteers and seasonal workers. Those days are in the not-so-distant past. Alexander's staff to manage the 700-acre site, 23 buildings, campgrounds and educational interpretation for the estimated 400,000 visitors per year, is fewer than 10. During the summer months, interns from Illinois College help out and the New Salem Lincoln League provides a small militia of

Already the cabins and fences at the site are much improved, with new enclosed horse paddocks and sturdy oak porches, functioning wood gutters and repaired outbuildings.

The mission of the New Salem Lincoln League, which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, is to "enhance the visitor experience" at New Salem, says League president Edie Sternberg. And while that charge is broad enough to include organizing volunteers to work festivals and special events, purchasing fiber for weavers and spinners, and occasionally pouring cider for visitors, it doesn't include paying for general maintenance at the historic site. "We're pleased to see improvements at New Salem and the hiring of the new carpenter," says Sternberg, but it's the state's responsibility to keep the place in good repair. "That's just routine maintenance," she said. "We have our own list of projects, which includes painting the Railsplitter Gift Shop as soon as construction on the new restrooms is finished."

Dawn Cobb, an archaeologist with IDNR's Office of Realty and Environmental Planning (OREP) who is also on the staff of the Illinois State Museum, says several grant opportunities promise great improvements at New Salem this year. One \$300,000 grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will help fund an assessment study of the Trent barn, an outbuilding on the west end of the village, that is in serious need of repair. Last fall it looked like it was about to collapse.

Bob Appleman, director of OREP, says the DCEO grant won't cover all the costs associated with repairing the Trent barn, and that another \$120,000 grant will be needed to finish the job. If a single barn requires \$420,000 to get it stabilized and restored, a village of 23 cabins and outbuildings could cost tens of millions. It's a sobering thought, but historic preservation has its challenges, as do all the Illinois state historic sites, and IDNR is doing the best it can within its budget limitation.

Cobb says other grant funds as they come in will be used "to make general historical improvements to the site," but those funds haven't materialized yet. New Salem's carpenter will have plenty to keep him busy fixing chimneys and roofs, and make other repairs throughout the village.

Seeing the daily improvements at New Salem gives Alexander reason to dream for more substantial improvements. "We'd really like to have our own sawmill at New Salem," he said. "The cost would be around \$10,000, but we'd be able to use our own lumber and mill our own wood for site improvements," he said. "That would be a big savings; no more running to Lowe's for a two-by-four every time we need a board." He is also hopeful that repairs on the Cameron-Rutledge Mill and walkway can reconnect the village once again to the mill site. Likewise the carding mill is in disrepair and hasn't been used in years. Having live oxen turn the mill would be a great attraction, Alexander said.

Back when IDNR was the Illinois Department of Conservation, nearly 40 years ago, Lincoln's New Salem State Park was one of its charges. Now that the state's historic sites and parks are back under the same roof, sitting around the same table, perhaps we can hope for a brighter future for Illinois history. Maybe not Williamsburg, but perhaps an oxen or two and some chickens. Personally, I'm holding out for a New Rutledge Tavern and Inn, and a sawmill for Jack Alexander. □

*William Furry of Petersburg is executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society and a frequent visitor at New Salem.*

## Editor's note

The pandemic is sort of over, but we're waiting to see what will happen when school starts, and worrying whether we have enough social distance from Missouri. The garden, not so long ago full of hope, is growing up in weeds, waiting for a decision on whether to plant more seeds or just let it go. There is a lull now before the State Fair kicks off a busier fall. It's a time of transition, a time to be thankful we've survived, and to think about what we've learned during the shutdown. How, informed by the experience, will we do things differently in the future? – Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

# State “encourages” colleges to require students to get vaccine

University of Illinois and other schools have already issued mandates

**EDUCATION | Jerry Nowicki, Capitol News Illinois**

The state’s higher education agencies released updated COVID-19 guidance July 19 encouraging all public and private higher education institutions in Illinois to issue mandatory vaccine policies.

“Vaccination against COVID-19 is now widely available, and all persons over the age of 12 are eligible,” the guidance document reads. “Vaccination is the leading prevention strategy against COVID-19 and all public and private universities are strongly encouraged to require vaccination (with appropriate exemptions) to protect campus populations and slow COVID-19 transmission in surrounding communities.”

Some schools, including Northwestern University, Northern Illinois University, the University of Illinois System, Loyola University Chicago and DePaul University, among others, have already announced they will require vaccinations for in-person learning.

That guidance, levied by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, came as the state’s COVID-19 case positivity rate rose to 2.4 percent on a seven-day rolling average Monday, more than quadrupling what it was on June 26. The 1,151 cases reported Sunday, July 18, made for the highest single-day count since May 26.

Hospitalizations for the virus have risen as well, with 537 hospital beds in use by COVID-19 patients as of Sunday night, the highest number since June 19. On a seven-day average from Monday to Sunday, there were 499 beds in use by COVID-19 patients, a 14 percent increase from the same period one week prior.

There were 100 intensive care beds in use on average over that same seven-day period, an 11 percent increase from the week prior. Ventilator usage remained steady with 35 in use on average for the week.

All numbers, while rising amid a nationwide surge sparked by a more contagious virus variant, were well off pandemic highs when the positivity rate rose above 13 percent last winter and COVID-19 hospitalizations peaked above 6,000, with ICU bed usage topping 1,200.



Vaccinations, meanwhile, have slowed, with about 58 percent of the state’s 18-and-older population fully vaccinated and 73 percent having received one dose. The rolling seven-day average for vaccine doses administered was 20,628 as of Monday, down from an April peak over 130,000.

As the numbers rise, Gov. JB Pritzker’s office said July 16 the administration currently has “no plan to implement any additional mitigations now that there is an abundance of vaccine available and accessible across Illinois. We encourage all Illinoisans ages 12-plus to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

But Pritzker, speaking at a news conference regarding infrastructure later that day, said his administration is “always open to making changes in policy in order to keep people safe and healthy.”

“Obviously, we’ve got rising rates of infection in certain parts of the state, and decisions will be made if those areas continue to have rising infection rates, about whether or not we need to impose some different standard for those areas,” he said, speaking of counties on the border of Missouri, which has

one of the worst infection rates in the nation.

He said he would currently advise even vaccinated Illinoisans to wear a mask in a setting where many people are gathered indoors. The state’s guidance currently says unvaccinated individuals should wear face coverings indoors, but it is not a mandate.

The state’s higher education guidance falls in line with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Illinois Department of Public Health guidance on masking as well.

“Unvaccinated persons and those who might need to take extra precautions should wear a face covering and, where feasible, maintain physical distance while indoors,” the guidance reads. “Institutions should use space wisely to allow for physical distancing to the extent practicable.”

Higher education institutions are also “strongly encouraged to continue COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated individuals to identify and slow virus transmission,” and should follow CDC guidelines on safe hygiene practices and health equity. □

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Memorial's Festival of Trees 2020

## Festival of Trees moving downtown

**CAP CITY | Karen Witter**

Memorial’s Festival of Trees is one of Springfield’s most popular holiday events, attracting 30,000-35,000 visitors in recent years. Big changes are coming to this year’s event. For the first time, the Festival of Trees will be held throughout downtown Springfield and will be free of charge.

For years hundreds of creatively decorated trees and wreaths, along with children’s activities and a myriad of holiday festivities, filled the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Many families enjoy going year after year, continuing the tradition into the next generation. While festive and fun, Memorial’s Festival of Trees was begun to benefit the mission of Memorial Medical Center. It is sponsored by the Memorial Medical Center Foundation. Since 1989 the festival has raised more than \$5.5 million to fund health care grants focused on education, research, technology and patient care.

This year’s theme is “A Season of Caring.” The move and collaboration with Downtown Springfield Inc. will give a boost to local small businesses that are still recovering from the pandemic. The event will take place over two consecutive Saturdays in November. □



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## nada poem #???

there's a newyorker joke I've saved by a quirky artist: a man, laundry tub nearby is folding a sheet with a helper we all know sheets fold easier with help it seems ordinary till you notice the helper is a genie his nether regions dwindling back into an elaborate aladdin's lamp you realize then the man is wasting a precious wish (genies always give three) on sheet-folding: now you might ponder priorities that sometimes laundry may be the most important thing to be done – or the only thing

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## LETTERS

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### THANKS FOR REVIEW

As a lover of theater and a member of *The Music Man* cast and crew, I feel so thankful for Dennis Thread's theater review ("The Legacy Theatre's *The Music Man*," July 15). Beyond any flattery, the guy really has a cool way of observing and then writing about a show. I think he's a real asset to *Illinois Times*.

Dan Frachey  
Rochester

### SUPPORT AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

Eliot Clay's letter "Support conservation" (July 1) gets it right. The America the Beautiful Plan will support conservation critical to fighting climate change. The American Jobs Plan will do much more once it's passed in Congress. Polls show roughly 80% of Americans support the American Jobs Plan, and it's no wonder.

The plan will be paid for by making the super-rich pay their fair share of taxes for a change. The plan is currently estimated to cost about \$2 trillion; it will pay for itself many times over, and soon. And creating a clean energy economy now will prevent future generations from being burdened by having to pay trillions for future climate disasters.

The American Jobs Plan will create 18.6 million jobs that will be local, with union-scale wages and good benefits. This will result in an almost a \$5,000 boost in annual household income for middle-class Americans, putting an extra \$1 trillion per year into American's pockets, according to Moody's Analytics.

The plan will also jumpstart the manufacture of American-made, self-driving electric cars powered by clean energy. This will not only slash emissions, it will mean that many American families won't need to own a car, saving the average family more than \$5,600 per year. This will put an additional \$1 trillion per year in Americans' pockets annually by 2030.

The American Jobs Plan would create a 21st century clean energy grid, which would provide an unlimited supply of solar and wind electricity (with storage), costing less than half the price of fossil fuel energy by 2030. Imagine the economic benefits that will have.

Lynn Goldfarb  
Springfield

### GOP NEEDS VACCINE TOO

I don't understand why some Republican politicians are encouraging people not to get vaccinated. Don't they know that 99% of all new COVID-19 cases are unvaccinated people? Also, 100% of all new deaths from COVID-19 are unvaccinated people.

How is this going to benefit the Republican Party? The majority of the new cases will be unvaccinated Republicans. The majority of the deaths will be unvaccinated Republicans. It stands to reason that these politicians will lose voters, so what do they have to gain? In the next election there will be fewer Republicans voting because many of these unvaccinated people will be on ventilators or dead. Others will catch COVID, become sick and lose faith in the person who told them not to get vaccinated.

What is the real reason for them to continue to risk the health, and possibly lives, of fellow Republicans? I think it is simply because they no longer control the White House. How sad for us all.

The Trump administration helped start Operation Warp Speed to accelerate the development and distribution of a safe and effective vaccine. I thank him for that, for I am vaccinated and healthy.

Donald Trump received the COVID vaccine before leaving the White House. He even urged his followers to get vaccinated for the virus during his speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, in February 2021.

I pray these Republican politicians will accept the true facts and stop misleading the public.

Cheryl Beard  
Springfield

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# Inspector general resigns, citing lack of ethics reform

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Illinois Legislative Inspector General Carol Pope announced her resignation last week and will leave office by Dec. 15. She cited several reasons, including her thwarted attempt to issue subpoenas without any checks or balances. “True ethics reform,” she said of the legislature, “is not a priority.”

Pope was certainly right about some things. For instance, state law currently allows inspectors general to open an investigation based on allegations, including in the news media. But that was disallowed under a new bill passed by the General Assembly in May and transmitted to the governor on June 30 unless the allegation is submitted as a formal complaint.

In the past, ethics bills have been tightly controlled by the House Speaker and Senate President. That wasn't so much the case this year, however. Rank and file members of the Democratic super-majority had significantly more input on this bill.

Legislators as a class are generally a skittish lot. And they fully realize that “innocent until investigated” is the standard by which officeholders are judged by voters, reporters and pundits. That could be why they even balked at Pope's request to publish investigative reports which actually vindicate legislators. The mere existence of the investigation itself would have to be defended. It could be far more trouble than it's worth. Better to just bury the whole thing.

The new ethics bill also bars the LIG from investigating anything that isn't a violation of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act or other laws “related to the member's or employee's public duties.” Violations of House and Senate rules are also off limits.

“As a result of this,” Pope wrote in her resignation letter, “the LIG will not be able to investigate conduct unbecoming a legislator that results from things such as posting revenge porn on social media, failure to pay income taxes on non-legislative income, and other conduct that I and the public think the LIG should be able to investigate.”

But the two House Democratic members of the Legislative Ethics Commission, Reps. Kelly Burke and Maurice West, said that law enforcement was the “proper and just avenue for criminal activity outside the purview of official duties.” Indeed, former Sen. Terry Link was busted by the feds for his income tax problem and former Rep. Nick Sauer was indicted on 12 felony counts for violating the state's non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images law.

Since legislators under indictment sometimes refuse to resign, what Pope apparently wanted to do was open separate investigations into whether they had violated the state's very broad and ill-defined “conduct unbecoming a legislator” law. If found in violation, the respective chambers could then vote to expel the member. In reality, though, it's unlikely that anybody in such a position would ever cooperate with such an investigation, as last year's ComEd-related “conduct unbecoming” probe of Speaker Michael Madigan clearly showed.

We can go through the nuances of Pope's resignation until the cows come home, but it doesn't really matter. Literally nobody outside the General Assembly will care, and for good reason.

The hard truth is that every former LIG but one dating back to Tom Homer, the state's first Legislative Inspector General, has publicly chafed at the restrictions they were put under. It's beyond clear that the General Assembly either needs to find a new Inspector General who understands and accepts the position's limited role, or, better yet, the legislature needs to change the law so that no self-respecting

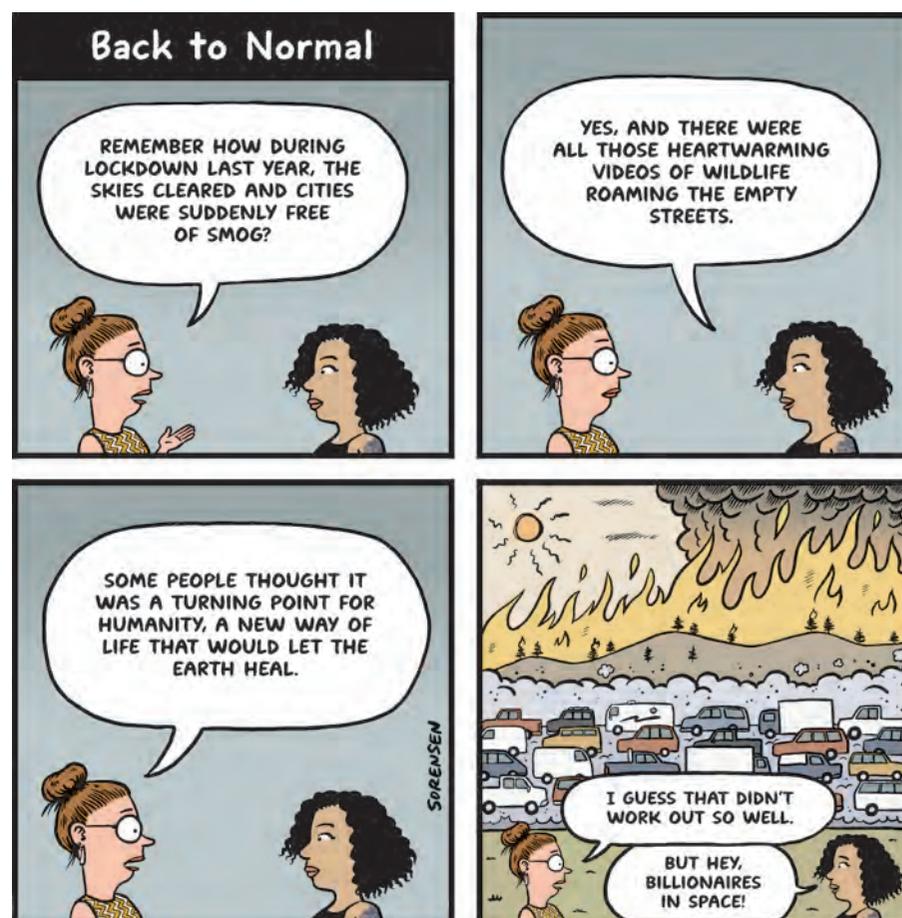
reformer will be embarrassed to admit what they do for a living. Maybe they could find some spot in the middle.

Either way, the current setup clearly ain't working and it's up to the legislature to fix it. Some of the reforms in the new ethics bill are good. Banning Monday night pre-session fundraisers was long overdue.

Forcing lobbying entities to disclose their “consultants” is also a much-needed reform. We currently have no idea who's making money off of advising lobbyists how and whom to lobby. It's downright shady and it has to end.

Those were my top two priorities for an ethics bill based on my years of observing this process, so I'm kinda/sorta fine with the result. But that's just me. The General Assembly has got to stop blithely stumbling its way into this sort of criticism.

Gov. JB Pritzker, who is usually a glass half full guy, has said the bill on his desk does some good things, but he'd like to see more. He's indicated that he'll sign it. But he may want to think about vetoing this thing. Aside from the politics of it, he can make a reasonable case. □



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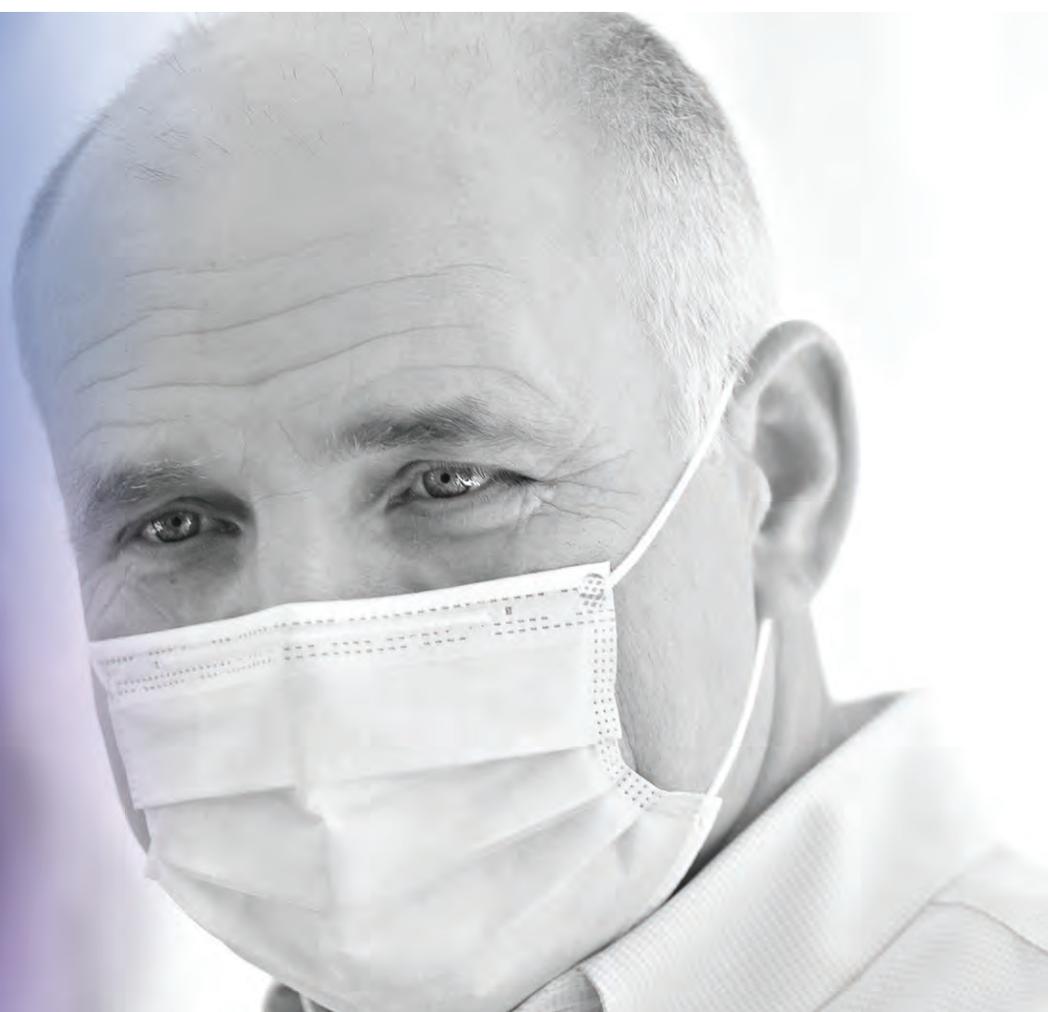
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# In a democracy, voters deserve a choice

Calling for more moderates, less secession

GUESTWORK | Stephen M. Soltys, M.D.

Just because you get to vote doesn't mean you live in a democracy.

In a democracy, you should have a choice between at least two people from two different parties.

Yet often when I go to the polls for a general election I find there is no decision to be made. The number of candidates equals the number of votes I get to cast for that office or board. One vote guarantees a victory.

In November I counted seven uncontested races on my ballot and this spring there were only two races that were contested.

Unfortunately, in 2021 we are being treated to partisan efforts by both parties throughout the country to further assure we have fewer competitive races for state and federal legislative seats that can ultimately impact both presidential and local elections. If you care about democracy, these efforts should be worrying.

Usually such partisan efforts are focused on gerrymandering, the process where the party in control of a state's legislature draws legislative boundaries to assure voters friendly to the controlling party have their votes maximized and other voters have their votes minimized.

This process often creates a number of legislative seats that are so safe that opposition parties either can't find a candidate to challenge the controlling party or can only find candidates who mount token campaigns with no real chance of victory.

Why is gerrymandering a problem? Elected officials who feel too insulated from real election challenges may be tempted to make legislative or ethical decisions that put their interests first, rather than the interests of the people they represent.

It is good for politicians to be looking over their shoulders to watch out for the opposition.

When one party has a stranglehold on legislative power in a region, that advantage can translate into dominance in local races because forces that want to curry favor of elected officials will have no choice but to funnel funds to the party

adjacent Republican-leaning state.

The most prominent current attempt is the Greater Idaho movement that seeks to move Republican-leaning counties in eastern and southern Oregon and northeastern California into Idaho.

While forming Greater Idaho faces a number

of hurdles, if successful it could siphon off one to three electoral votes (depending on which counties transferred) from Democratic Oregon and California that would be transferred to Republican Greater Idaho.

The result would be all three states could become places where one party may have an unassailable dominant position. Illinois has 23 downstate counties, including neighboring Christian, jumping on the county secession bandwagon by approving referendums to form a new state because they dislike the domination of Chicago (meaning Democrats). What is strange is that many of these counties voting for secession would be in even worse shape if they left the state because taxes collected from Chicago and northern Illinois are disproportionately funneled to these counties. For every \$1 Christian County pays in state taxes they get \$2.17 back (Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU-C, 2018). Johnson County voted for secession, yet gets back \$6.29.

Such efforts to split from a state based on party affiliation suggest that proponents have given up on any political process that tries to reconcile the conflicting but often legitimate needs and views of conservatives vs. progressives, urban vs. rural areas and minority vs. majority groups. It simply divides us further.

So what are potential solutions?

Using ranked choice voting for all elections will increase the viability of third parties and thus choice in elections.

A constitutional amendment creating a nonpartisan redistricting commission would facilitate creating legislative districts that are more diverse and thus more competitive. Winning candidates in such diverse districts will tend to be more moderate.

In these polarizing times, more choices and moderates are what we need. We don't need secession. □

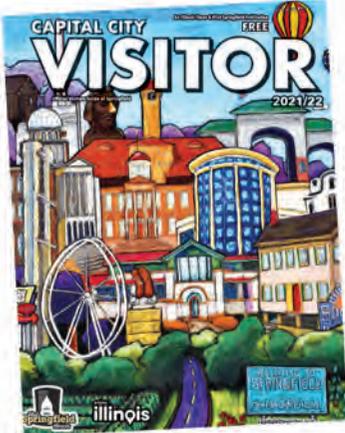
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in power in the region.

However, over the last year a new effort to further skew the strength of parties to prevent competition has materialized: the red county secession movement.

I am not talking about secession from the union. But the movement advocates reliably Republican counties in an otherwise reliably Democratic state to explore leaving their state to either form a new state or be annexed into an



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# Sky's the limit

**Lisa Clemmons Stott is staying focused on Springfield's future**

PEOPLE | Rachel Otwell

After a six-year term as the executive director for Downtown Springfield Inc. (DSI) Lisa Clemmons Stott is setting her sights on new ways to help Springfield grow. "I was always interested in relationships and therefore politics," Clemmons Stott told *Illinois Times*. She graduated from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1994 with a journalism degree. "I grew up reading Mike Royko in the paper. I was one of those geeky kids who read the paper front to back, every single day." She grew up in Chenoa, a small town between Bloomington and Joliet. She landed in Springfield after taking a legislative internship to explore the "underbelly of politics."

Her past positions include development director for the Springfield public radio station, director of marketing and communications for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and a communications role with the Illinois Secretary of State, among others. Clemmons Stott lives in Springfield with husband Sean and son Ethan, who recently graduated from Springfield High School.

*Illinois Times* invited her to reflect on her tenure leading the city's downtown development nonprofit and to share what's next. The following has been edited for length and clarity.

#### What does downtown represent to you?

Downtown is the face of Sangamon County. The majority of people who come to Springfield visit our downtown and judge us based on the quality of their experience. It is the only mixed-use neighborhood in our community, which means there are shops and there are places to live all intermixed. That provides great opportunities and great challenges. It's a very special place. It's our history. It's also our future.

#### What was the status of DSI when you took over in December of 2015? What did you choose to keep? What did you choose to change?

When I took over, DSI had experienced almost going under because the organization was reliant on two weather-dependent street festivals. The festivals had been wildly successful for years. They showed downtown was safe and fun. But there were bad-weather incidents and DSI lost a lot of money.

When they hired me I had a mandate to make the organization fiscally sustainable. Also, DSI is a Main Street organization, which means it's part of the National Main Street network. There are four pillars that Main Street believes create community and economic development: organization, design, promotion and economic vitality. Economic vitality is always the most complicated part, and I came in with the charge to focus on it.

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## FEATURE



The 2019 ribbon cutting of the Old Capitol Farmers Market by Gov. JB Pritzker and first lady MK Pritzker. COURTESY OF LISA CLEMMONS STOTT

I inherited an organization that was strong as far as our volunteer corps and people who care. When I started making my first visits to some of our corporate sponsors it was clear they looked at DSI as just a party planner. That intensified my belief that we needed to focus on the economic development issues and have that come to the forefront.

### How does city leadership help or hinder development plans for downtown? Is there too much bureaucracy?

As far as too much bureaucracy – actually, it's the opposite problem. I have never been in a situation where a decision involving downtown didn't have to involve one person – that person being the mayor. It seems common sense that it would be difficult for one person to have a finger on every single thing that needs to happen in

a city. I've worked in large bureaucracies. Top-down management is not always the way to go. You want a clear vision from leadership but you really need to enable people in directorships and other positions to do their work. Waiting for the approval from one person can slow down progress. There are only 24 hours in the day, no matter how amazing one person is.

For example, early on in my tenure, I was lucky enough to have an urban planner with DSI who did an analysis of downtown's public spaces. He saw that the Old State Capitol Plaza is one of the few spaces of its kind left in the U.S. So how do you maximize that? One of the things we kept hearing about was how unsafe it felt. Lighting wasn't robust. There were people lounging around day and night.

That's a central hub in the downtown district. So we put together a plan to activate it. We raised

private donations to add lights, colorful tables and chairs like you would see in New York City, games and a ping-pong table.

It took nine months to get the city to okay it. It is now one of the number one spots where people take pictures. When I see people having lunch out there, it brings me so much joy. It's such a simple thing that the heart of a city should have.

**The pandemic, terrible as it has been, added momentum to some creative problem solving, for example shutting down a portion of Adams Street during the weekends to better allow for social distance. Street performances are popular there, as is the outdoor seating for bar patrons. But the city decided it will open the street back up after installing parklets – outdoor seating areas in former parking spaces. What are your reflections over this debate?**

What's happening with Adams Street is a growth problem. Maybe some people don't realize that downtown is having growth problems. We are having conversations about the nightlife versus living in an apartment. That is amazing. That is where we need to be. It's all about how you have the conversations. The specific decision to close down Adams Street and then to not keep it closed was probably more nuanced than what was publicized.

What are some other ways that we could tackle the need for a street that wants to be very pedestrian-friendly? There are a lot of different ways that one can approach the issue. How about making the sidewalks huge on that street, so that businesses can have seating out all the time, without closing down any of the street?

I was glad that people were excited to see the things we were trying to pilot and were embracing them. There are real-world issues sometimes after you pilot something that need to be worked through. I hope the conversation continues because I think there's a lot of other



Lisa Clemmons Stott with husband Sean, her parents and her aunt and uncle during a Levitt AMP concert this summer. COURTESY OF LISA CLEMMONS STOTT



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## FEATURE



Kayla Graven, DSI executive director as of July 1, artists Corrin McWhirter and Erin Svendsen, and Lisa Clemmons Stott. DSI has worked to bring more public art downtown through projects such as Art Alley, launched in 2017. The women stand in front of a mural by Cassandra Ostermeier. COURTESY OF LISA CLEMMONS STOTT

creative solutions that would address the needs, get people excited and make a great experience.

**The Levitt AMP music festival has seemed to see an explosion this summer. The stage is larger than it was in 2019, during the first round. The turnouts have seemed great this year. The Y Block – the land near the Governor’s Mansion that is currently vacant but once was home to a YWCA – where the festival is located remains a point of contention. What does Levitt signify in terms of cultural needs?**

We got this grant in late 2018 and we were able to start looking at a public event through a diversity lens. We were thinking about how to create both a diverse stage and a diverse audience. So it’s not just about bringing diverse performers, it’s doing the work to invite people who haven’t gotten invitations before. That has been really exciting. Julio Barrenzuella teaches salsa dancing. He’s been involved from day one and tells the story about how he dreamed about this when he moved here and now it’s real. That’s because we now have this huge network of people working on this idea that if we are diverse and we come together on common ground we will move forward. It’s so simple but it’s really exciting.

As far as the space goes, DSI was always on record that the block was purchased by the city with tax increment financing, which means it is supposed to have some economic development outcome. As a community, we’ve been wrestling with that a lot over the last couple of years.

One of the problems with previous proposals was a lack community input. What Levitt allowed us to do is ask the people coming to the performances what they want to see in that space in the future. One of the things that came up the most were outdoor performances – that’s what we are piloting, so that’s what people are experiencing. A dog park and a space for food

trucks are other ideas. So we have good data about what people want.

The farmers market is outgrowing the space on Adams Street. We’ve been talking about building a space for a year-round farmers market. That is very complicated. I envision a small, prairie-style building for the market on the Y Block for the winter. In the summer it could be located inside the building, but it could also spill out onto the Y Block.

I think that working with the city and the state, and lots of other people, we could come up with a four-year implementation plan. So we could have a vision and then we could have the plan implemented. I still want to be involved with it and see it made into reality.

**As you mentioned, during your tenure with DSI you oversaw the growth of the Old State Capitol Farmers Market. It seems for years we have talked about ways to increase its profile and keep it going throughout the year. Can you tell us more about its growth?**

When I first came to DSI, I asked the Illinois Stewardship Alliance (ISA) to take over the day-to-day management of the market. Thankfully they did that for the first three years of my tenure. It was a great partnership. I think it showed a new generation of farmers the benefits of coming into our specific market.

With COVID, we changed the foot traffic in a way that works out well for safety and social distance, which also happens to be better for the visibility of the businesses along Adams Street. But it also means we have fewer spaces for vendors.

The market gets 6,000 people on any given Saturday. More farmers are getting interested but there’s barely room for any artisans at this point. It’s been growing rapidly in the last three or four years. The other part that’s been growing is our

outreach to people who use SNAP benefits. So we’ve done a lot of things to increase access.

**Redeveloping historic, older buildings has been one of your passions. How have you worked to get developers to invest?**

The question is how do you get to the point where large building developers are attracted to your community. So we started working on the philosophy that if we get all the small buildings renovated and turned into apartments, then we will attract a larger business. Until we have more residents, there’s no way a Whole Foods is coming downtown, for instance. So that’s why we started the Momentum on Main Street program.

The mission of that program is to attract the next generation of property developers, investors and entrepreneurs. During COVID, some property owners realized it was now or never and lowered their prices. About a dozen buildings changed hands during COVID, which was a real sign of future life. A lot of the new owners are coming out of that Momentum on Main Street program and that philosophy.

DSI has been focusing on smaller buildings and on local people investing in them, and trying to demystify the process for how to do that. That’s why we went after and received a Johanna Favrot Grant from the National Trust. It means we can bring in experts to do analysis on different types of buildings and share information about downtown development that includes a deep dive into financing, which is the puzzle.

The thing about downtown Springfield is that our cost of living is so good – it’s not like Denver where you’re going to flip a historic building and make a bunch of money right away. It is a long-term investment, which is why we need families and younger people who want to plant their flag

here. We're trying to give them all the tools they need and the network to do that.

**What do you hear about rent prices – are they generally fair for those seeking space to live or run a business?**

On the residential side, it's really about what type of lifestyle that you want. If you want to walk to the train station and the farmers market as part of your lifestyle, then our rent prices are in line. A lot of people make decisions about proximity to work – prices are in line.

On the business side, downtown has a reputation for being expensive. But I've heard from numerous people who own property downtown as well as out west that downtown prices are actually under the prices on the west side. Downtown space is usually between \$10 to \$12 a square foot – probably a little less in some places. And downtown is starting to attract more property owners who are willing to make a deal in order to have a vacancy be filled.

**What have been your overall biggest successes with DSI? On the other side, what were some of the biggest challenges?**

I feel really proud of the vision, stability and partnerships I brought to DSI and of making the organization financially sustainable. I'm grateful and proud of the partnership with the city council, which approved to fund DSI with \$50,000 per year. It was a huge part of making the income streams diverse and creating a strong mix of funding.

I'm proud of Momentum on Main Street and the younger people who've gotten involved in downtown revitalization – buying buildings, getting their hands dirty, demolishing floors and rebuilding.

I am proud of how we handled ourselves as an organization to help businesses through COVID. DSI found out early on that micro-businesses were being left behind when it came to relief funding. So we asked the city for money specifically for sole proprietors and smaller retailers. And in general we helped businesses with daily technical assistance. The city pivoted quickly with us to pilot those outdoor spaces and that's translated now to the parklet program where the city is helping to support the costs of permanent parklets for businesses that want them.

I do think that DSI has a new level of relevance today. However, I also think that sometimes people do not acknowledge that we truly are the issue experts on downtown revitalization. Sometimes we're not at the table when we should be.

Parking is unfinished business. We've done a lot of work in the last three or four years to get feedback from the businesses about what they want. We have looked at other cities. We have given that information to the mayor. I think we are close to a solution that's good for everyone.

Another issue is homelessness. It started out at the beginning of my tenure as panhandling

concerns. With COVID, there are more people experiencing homelessness. I have faith in the professionals at the Heartland Continuum of Care to map our way forward. They should be considered the issue experts on this, and should be given political and monetary support to move toward a housing model. That'll make a huge difference downtown.

**You've worked closely with the new DSI executive director, Kayla Graven, who took your place in the beginning of July. She was previously DSI's assistant director. You've promised to remain a volunteer. What will you most be looking forward to in this new chapter for DSI?**

I am excited for Kayla to bring her energy, excitement and enthusiasm to the role. I have done a lot of hard work to get the organization where it is, and now it's time for someone who hasn't been through all of that to take the reins and benefit from the position we're in now. We all had a sense that the sky was the limit before COVID. And I truly still believe that. We've had several businesses open in the last month. I think people are going to continue to get a responsive, enthusiastic and strategic organization through DSI.

**What's next for you? Can you tell us more about why you left DSI and whether you plan to stay in Springfield?**

Throughout my career I have specialized in change management – a leadership practice where you have to significantly change an organization. And I spent six years doing change management at DSI. When you look at the history of organizations, change managers aren't the people who stay forever. I accomplished a lot of what I was asked to accomplish, and felt some of the other things that I want to accomplish wouldn't best be served by my serving as DSI's director.

I am exploring my options. I'll be getting my son to college in September. The Illinois Public Health Association is running our region's community navigator grant, to help inform small businesses about relief funds available to them through the state, and I have a consulting contract to help with that through December. After that I will drill down and figure out what's next for me.

Springfield is a great place to raise a family. If you want to travel or work with clients across the country, the cost of living is low here and we are centrally located. I believe so much in the people here. There are so many amazing people in this town who have great ideas. Being a part of unleashing people's abilities is something that's very fun for me. I'm very interested in getting involved in other neighborhoods and helping them as well. I have lived in Springfield longer than I have lived anywhere else. It is my home now. □

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# Memories of a state government insider

Zack Stamp pens a memoir – *Things as I Remember Them*

BOOKS | Karen Ackerman Witter

Zack Stamp's 2021 memoir, *Things as I Remember Them*, provides insights to the inner workings of state government. Political junkies and anyone who worked in and around state government over the past several decades will recognize many familiar names peppered throughout his entertaining stories.

Stamp worked inside state government for nearly 40 years. He worked on numerous Republican political campaigns, ran for election to the Illinois House of Representatives (and lost), worked on the Senate Republican staff and had a long association with Gov. James R. Thompson (JRT). He worked on Thompson's first campaign for governor in 1977 while in law school at Southern Illinois University. He later became Thompson's trusted director of legislative affairs. At the end of the Thompson administration, Stamp was director of the Illinois Department of Insurance. He went on to form his own firm and lobby the legislature for many years. Stamp had no intent to settle any score or embarrass anyone, consequently many things he does remember didn't make it into the book.

JRT was gregarious, politically savvy, larger-than-life, smart and able to connect with people from all walks of life. He had a photographic memory, a passion for antiques and was a natural campaigner. He was equally at ease talking to a union worker or a Nobel Prize winner. He didn't act on a bill until reviewing the bill file and knowing all sides of the issue. Stamp reveals all of these attributes through stories of working in the trenches. Stamp conveys the messy ingredients of "sausage-making," otherwise called how a bill becomes law.

Stamp was born in 1953, and the first half of the memoir is devoted to his formative years. His nostalgic reminiscences of growing up in a small town in Illinois in the 1950s and 1960s will strike a chord with many.

Stamp was born and raised in Stronghurst, a village in Henderson County, near Burlington, Iowa, where doors were never locked, guns and knives were a part of everyday life, hunting was a regular occurrence, kids were free to roam and explore, and pretty much everyone knew each

other. He has vivid memories of boxes of Indian bones in the barn, collected by his grandfather. From his parents he learned to "stand on your own and take care of yourself."

and later worked on drilling rigs. He was also the McDonough County Deputy Sheriff, initially a 90-day assignment. "So began a two-year segment of my life that encompassed death, destruction,

interesting characters that I would ever meet."

Stamp also suffered personal tragedies. He reveals the dark story of being molested by his uncle as a youth, how he and his family dealt with this at the time, and how that experience affected him in the short and long term. His first marriage ended in divorce after the heartbreak of having a premature son who lived only a few hours after birth.

Stamp met Diane Ford while working on a legislative issue, and they married in 1983. Their sons were the impetus for Stamp to write this book. "For them to imagine that their father was ever young is even harder to fathom than the fact that they themselves will someday be old," writes Stamp.

Western Illinois University presented Stamp with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005. He sold his firm, Zack Stamp Ltd., in 2016, and now lives full time in Florida with Diane, who is also an attorney who worked many years in state government.

When asked what has changed since his days working for Thompson, Stamp replied that there used to be a middle. "There were downstate Dems who were socially conservative and Republican legislators from the Chicago suburbs who were pro-choice." There was a middle ground that doesn't exist now. With redistricting, the primaries have become the races. As for how Republicans and Democrats have approached redistricting, he says "There is no virgin at this dance."

Stamp says Thompson was a Republican governor who brought parties to the table. Social media is now an echo chamber where people can live in their own bubble without hearing other voices. Stamp says common experiences have shaped us, and we are more alike than we admit. He would like people to know that there was a time when people could and did work together. □



(Top) Waiting for a meeting in governor's office 1988. (Bottom) With Governor Thompson convening the Senate in 1987. Stamp writes: "This is the picture that convinced me the comb over just wasn't getting it done."

*Things as I Remember Them*, by Zack Stamp. Kindle Edition, 2021. 244 pages, \$18.71. Available by calling Joyce Proctor at Zack Stamp Ltd, 217-525-0700 ext. 103, or by emailing the author at zackstamp@gmail.com.

Stamp went to Monmouth College and played football, later transferring to Western Illinois University. He spent three summers working for the Henderson County Highway Department

and misery and the dark side of many people," he writes. He was exposed to all kinds of situations by going on night patrol and domestic violence calls. "The job introduced me to some of the most

*Karen Ackerman Witter worked on Governor Thompson's policy staff as assistant to the governor for natural resources during the time Zack Stamp was director of legislative affairs for JRT. She interacted with Stamp on many aspects of the sausage-making process. She was director of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources when Stamp was director of the Department of Insurance at the end of the Thompson administration. Reading Things as I Remember Them prompted her to remember many things.*

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# A variety of melons

## Venture beyond the usual watermelon and cantaloupe

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Juicy, delicious melons are finally making their appearance at local farmstands and farmers markets and these days a range of unique and interesting varieties are available beyond the standard cantaloupe and watermelon. While growing up on my great-grandfather's 20-acre produce farm in Springfield we grew thousands of tomatoes each year and picked hundreds of bushels of green beans and cucumbers. Papa certainly had a green thumb, but growing tasty melons always eluded him. No matter how rich or well tended our soil was, the melons we grew just never had great flavor. Melons grow best near the banks of a river, Papa always said.

Last week I was walking through the the Old Capitol Farmers Market when a heady citrus and white lily aroma pulled me to Mueller Family Farm's tent, piled neatly with carrots and tomatoes and just a few small, deeply lobed muskmelons stacked off to the side. They were Charentais melons, a French heirloom variety prized for its sweet flesh and heavenly scent. Next to it was another variety called Sensation that had a textured rind and a sweet perfume. Michael Meyer, who grows produce on his family's farm in Bluffs, Illinois, said that the season is just getting started. "Growing melons is something I'm particularly passionate about. We'll have several more varieties available in the next few weeks, including Sugar Baby watermelons and Sugar Cube cantaloupes." Located west of Jacksonville near the banks of the Illinois River, the sandy soils in this region are known for growing some of the best melons around. "Melons don't like to get their feet wet," Meyer explained, "so having good drainage as well as rich soil is really important."

Melons are members of the cucurbit family, making them cousins to cucumbers and squash. Generally melons can be divided into two main categories: watermelons and muskmelons. Watermelons are easy to identify for most folks, but muskmelons are divided into three distinct and often confused categories. True cantaloupes (*cantalupensis*), such as the Charentais melon mentioned previously, are popular in Europe and differ from what is often sold as cantaloupe in the United States. They are small in size, often an ideal serving for two people and deeply lobed. Netted melons from the family *reticulatus* have rinds that are covered with a net-like or 'reticulated' tissue and include what most Americans think of as cantaloupe.

Tight, even netting on the rind and a deep musky aroma are good indicators of ripeness. Some of the mostly nutrient-dense varieties are in this group. Varieties to try include Ananas and Galia. Finally, winter melons (*inodorus*) have harder rinds and better shelf life. They

as immediately nourishing and hydrating as a bowl of ice-cold melon. Indeed, a cup of cantaloupe has only about 50 calories but contains nearly 100 percent of the daily recommended value of both vitamin A and C, and well as a potassium, folate and fiber.



Michael Meyer of Mueller Farm. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

are slower to ripen than the other two types of muskmelons and include Canary and Honeydew varieties.

Melon goes fast in my house during the summer. Often it seems the containers of cut melon are eaten just as soon as I can prep them. Coming in hot and tired from working in the yard or riding bikes, few things are

Red watermelons are rich in lycopene, an antioxidant associated with reduced risk of cancer and heart disease. And with 90 percent water content, melon is a hydrating alternative to artificial sports drinks.

Delicious as it is just on its own, melon also has a place in fresh summer recipes both savory and sweet. Play up the floral sweetness

of honeydew with finely sliced mint and fresh ginger. Firm wedges of cantaloupe wrapped in thinly sliced prosciutto or ham is a classic preparation, perfect for an impromptu summer spread. And practically any grilled protein, from pork tenderloin to chicken to grilled salmon, will pair well with spicy jalapeño and melon salsa. On sweltering evenings, this chilled melon soup, inspired by a recipe from the *Elsah Landing Restaurant Cookbook*, makes an ideal supper.

### Chilled Melon Soup

1 ripe cantaloupe  
1 Tablespoon lemon juice  
¼ cup minced sweet onion  
½ cup peeled, seeded and diced cucumber (plus some extra diced cucumber for garnish, if desired)  
1 cup plain full fat yogurt  
4 large ripe tomatoes, cored and roughly chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste

Optional but delicious garnishes include finely minced herbs like chives, basil, cilantro, dill or tarragon, cooked seafood like crab or shrimp, or crispy bits of fried bacon.

Cut open the cantaloupe and remove the seeds. Scoop out 2 cups of flesh, making sure the measuring cup is tightly packed. Be sure to collect as much juice as possible. Combine the cantaloupe and any reserved juice, lemon juice, onion, cucumber, yogurt and tomatoes in a blender and blend until very smooth. Pour through a fine meshed sieve if desired, then season to taste with salt and pepper.

### Watermelon and Jalapeño Salsa

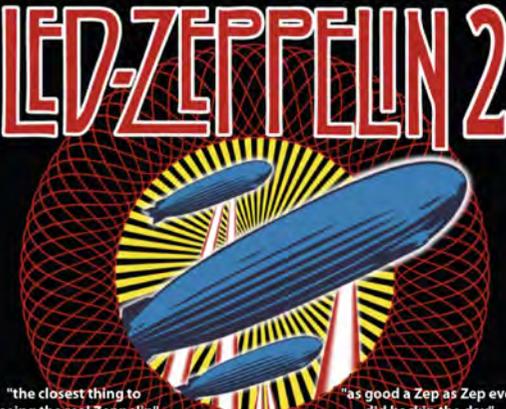
2 cups cubed watermelon (1/2-inch dice)  
Zest and juice of one lime  
¼ cup finely minced red onion  
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro  
1 jalapeño (finely diced – remove the seeds to temper the heat)  
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and chill well. Serve with chips or as a topping for grilled protein or tostones. □

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**MUSIC**  
Positively 4th Street plays the Positively Summer Music Festival this Saturday at Sheedy Shores Winegarden near Loami along with several other acts.

## Music moves along

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Looks like we have another bang-up weekend chock-full of live music entertainment for your listening pleasure. How 'bout we wonder as we wander about and see what's out there?

Let's venture from the bars and go visit our very own Springfield Municipal Band. Founded in 1936 through a city referendum and overseen by the Municipal Band Commission and the mayor of Springfield, this volunteer group has around 80 alternating musicians who play on various nights. Directed by Tom Philbrick since the end of the 2011 season after many years of leadership from Gene Haas, 2021 marks the 85th year for the band to continue "providing free music in the park for city residents and visitors," and that's pretty fantastic. Bring your own seating device or get there in time to find a park bench and catch the music in the air at Duncan Park (formerly Douglas Park) in the bandshell on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. through Aug. 10 (Aug. 8 and 10 were added as rain dates from the original schedule). Visit the SMB's Facebook page or the city of Springfield's website for more information and updates.

Along the lines of other bands not normally associated with bar venues, the 33rd Volunteer Regiment Band plays this week's Party on the Plaza on the east side of the Old State Capitol, Saturday from 5-7 p.m. (and repeats on Aug. 7) as part of the History Comes Alive program that's making some cool things happen around town. The VRB started in 1996 as an "authentic re-creation of the actual Civil War-era band that was mustered at State Normal University in 1861," and they are still at it and going strong. The central Illinois volunteers, as much as possible, strive to wear uniforms and play instruments representative of the historic era, while often

giving programs on the evolution of brass horns. Sounds like a fun time of education and entertainment, which is always a good deal when you can get it.

Get on board for the newest music gathering in the area when Sheedy Shores Winegarden near Loami hosts the Positively Summer Music Festival this Saturday from 2-8 p.m.. Performing artists include Buckhart Road at 2, Chickadee Sermon at 3, Positively 4th Street at 4 and Jay & Kimberly at 5, then P4S returns at 6:15 to close out the show. The music is free to you and the entire world, plus the place is a beautifully bucolic setting, so let's get out to the country and carry on with some partyin' on, positively for sure.

Ethan Stephenson heads up from his southern Illinois home to play the West of Wise Winery near Petersburg on Saturday evening (6-8) and the Edgar Lee Masters home in Petersburg on Sunday afternoon (1:30-3). Ethan, a wonderfully literate and passionate singer, songwriter and musician, is taking a position this fall at the University of Alabama as a professor of English, so come listen to his fascinating and powerful songs before he heads south and wish him well on his latest endeavor.

Be sure to take a gander at our music listings for a full rundown of all the goings on going on this weekend and during next week's days and nights. Then get yourself ready for the next big event when the Downhome Music Festival happens July 30 and 31, downtown on Seventh Street between Adams and Washington streets, featuring many of Springfield's all-original music bands. And remember that the Illinois State Fair is headed our way soon, too.

Let's be careful and stay safe, while keeping the music moving along. □

## LIVE MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com) or by email [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com).

### Thursday Jul 22

**James Armstrong**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Karaoke with Debbie Cakes**  
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
La Fiesta Chatham, 7-11pm

**Open mic with Jim Ackerman**  
Wings Etc, 6-9pm

### Friday Jul 23

**Wowie Zowie**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 9-11:59pm

**Brazil Cafe**  
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

**Silver Lake Band**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am

**The Chickadee Sermon**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Ultraviolet**  
Christian County Fairgrounds, Taylorville, 9pm-1am

**DJ**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Stone Giants**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Rhodes and Battles**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**After Sunset**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6-10pm

**White Lightnin'**  
The Longbranch, Athens, 6-9pm

**it Kenny Humble**  
Route History, 6-9pm

**Exit 52**  
Third Base Sports Bar, 7-11pm

**Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas**  
The Wagon Wheel, Waverly, 7-11pm

**Ella Gibson**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 6-9pm

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

**John Stevens and Geoff Ryan**  
The Winery, Decatur, 9pm-12am



Kenny Humble performs Friday night.

### Saturday Jul 24

**Kenny Humble**  
Anchors Away, 8-10pm

**The Big Suns**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Pickin Buds**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Jameson Freeway**  
Christian County Fairgrounds, Taylorville, 9pm-1am

**Pop Ninjas**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**The Damned Torpedos**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Resurrection**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

**Backseat Radio**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**RockHouse**  
Jackson's HandleBar, 6-10pm

**Araiza**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

**it Positively Summer Music Festival**  
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 2-8pm

**Joel Honey**  
Slaughterhouse Brewing Co., Auburn, 5-8pm

**Ryman's Way**  
The Crowbar, Decatur, 8pm-12am

**Stone Giants**  
Third Base Sports Bar, 7-11pm

**Downstate**  
Trailblazer Pub, 7-10pm

**Tom Irwin**  
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 5-8pm

**Sleeping Dogzz**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

**Ethan Stephenson**  
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 6-8pm

### Sunday Jul 25

**Dave Littrell**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, Last Sunday of every month, 4-7pm

**John Drake Trio**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 2-5pm

**Curt Smith**  
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

**Pentagram String Band**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6-9pm

**Muscadine Bloodline**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 5pm

**Peaches and Bacon**  
Enos Park Community Garden, 5-7pm

**Jonathan Field and Schy Willmore**  
Interurban Merchant, Williamsville, 11am-2pm

**Two By Two**  
Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 6pm

**Ella Gibson**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 2-5pm

**Gracia Harrison**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 1-4pm

**RockHouse**  
Longbranch Tavern, Athens, 1-5pm

**White Lightnin'**  
The Longbranch, Athens, 2-5pm

### Monday Jul 26

**Chris Duarte**  
The Alamo, 7am

### Tuesday Jul 27

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am

**Mississippi Leg Hound**  
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 6-9pm

### Wednesday Jul 28

**Open mic**  
Boone's, 6-10pm

**Rick Mari Band**  
Firefighters-Postal Lake Club, 6-9pm

**Coors LIGHT**

### WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT



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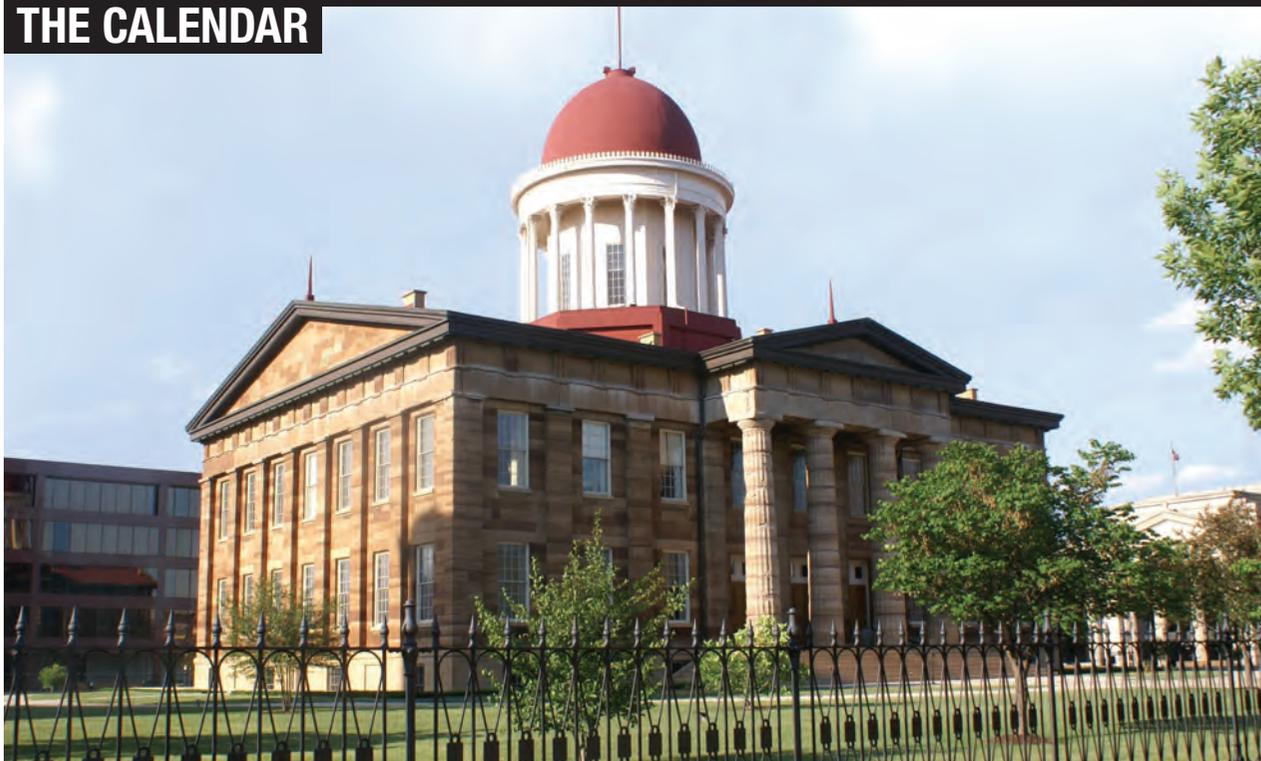
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# THE CALENDAR



**Public Policy Forum**  
Fri., July 23, 7:30 a.m.  
Hoogland Center for the Arts  
Club Room  
420 S. Sixth St.  
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## GRANTS | Federal coronavirus recovery funds

**it** The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial and tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs. The funds provide substantial flexibility to meet local needs, as well as water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Join in one of the first conversations regarding the share of the funds that Sangamon County and the City of Springfield will each receive. The speakers will be Sangamon County administrator Brian McFadden, City of Springfield management and budget director William McCarty and UIS Professor Beverly Bunch. The discussion will be moderated by Norm Sims. A live audience is welcome at this program which will also be livestreamed on Citizens Club of Springfield's Facebook page. The program begins at 8 a.m. following a coffee reception.

## THE CALENDAR

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### Special Music Events

**33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band**  
Sat., July 24, 5-7pm. 1860s Party on the Plaza. Part of History Comes Alive. [visitspringfieldillinois.com](http://visitspringfieldillinois.com). Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

### Enrique Molina Ortiz and Fulanito

Thu., July 22, 6pm. Y Block, Fourth and Jackson streets, 217-789-2000.

### Gin Blossoms

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

### Ian Wick

Thu., July 22, 12pm. Part of the Artist on the Plaza series sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council. 217-753-3519. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams.

### Music from the 1970s

Wed., July 28, 6:30pm. Part of History Comes Alive. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

### Springfield Municipal Band

Tuesdays, 7:30pm and Sundays, 7pm. Duncan Park, 400 N. MacArthur Blvd.

### Theater & Comedy

#### Measure for Measure

Thu., July 22, Fri., July 23, Sun., July 25 and Tue., July 27. Call for times. Set in a disjointed urban world where convents and brothels stand side by side, Williams Shakespeare speaks to our current climate through this story about justice, morality and mercy. \$25. Students performance-date price \$15.

Ewing Manor, Bloomington, 48 Sunset Rd, (309) 829-6333.

### The Music Man

Through Aug. 1. Wed. and Thu. at 7pm, Fri. and Sat. at 8pm and Sun. at 2pm. A fast-talking traveling salesman brings trouble to River City, Iowa when he cons the townspeople into buying instruments for an imaginary band – but his plans are foiled when his heart is stolen by the town librarian. [atthelegacy.com](http://atthelegacy.com). The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence, 800-838-3006.

### Springfield Theatre Centre

Tue., July 27, 12pm. Part of the Artist on the Plaza Series presented by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams.

### Art & Architecture

#### "The Audacity of Her"

Fri., July 23, 5-8pm. A one-night art exhibit by nationally recognized artist Michelle Smith, showcasing her newest works. \$15. Erin's

Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-529-4703.

### History

**African American Marshalls**  
Sat., July 24, 1:30pm. With Robert Moore. Part of the History Comes Alive Series. Due to limited space, please call to make reservations. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-6323.

### Finding Female Ancestors

Sat., July 24, 2-3pm. Learn about sources and strategies to find your female ancestors. Presented by Jake Eubanks of the St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department. Via Zoom. Registration is required. [chathamlib.org](http://chathamlib.org). Free. 217-483-2713.

### Ice cream social with the Lincolns

Fridays, 2-4pm. Enjoy ice cream with the Lincolns as they visit Mrs. Helen Edwards at her Italianate home. Part of History Comes Alive.

Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-789-2360.

### They are selling my things!

Wed., July 28, 7pm. A look back at the six-day auction of Susan Lawrence Dana's belongings in 1943. On the anniversary of one of the auction days, virtually enter the auction tent, see some of the items sold and hear what happened to them. Hosted by the Dana-Thomas House Foundation. [dana-thomas.org](http://dana-thomas.org). \$5-\$10. 217-788-9452.

### Thomas Jefferson and Religion

Tue., July 27, 6:30pm. David G. McGraw, M.Ed., will act the part of Thomas Jefferson in a historically accurate portrayal of Jefferson and his beliefs surrounding religion. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

### Walking in the Footsteps of Susan Dana

Sat., Aug. 7, 9am-12pm. A 2.5 mile walk to explore the path that many took to give women the right to vote, along with reenactors discussing the people and events in the suffrage movement in Illinois. Register online. Ages 12 and older \$20. Walk plus T-shirt \$35 (must register by July 23 for T-shirt). [dana-thomas.org](http://dana-thomas.org). Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-753-0702.

### Fairs & Festivals

#### it Afrochella Illinois

Sat., July 24, 9am-10pm. Highlighting the rising appeal of Afro culture through the arts, cuisine, Afrobeat and business. Live music, face painting, fashion show, jollof rice battle. \$20. Ages 12 and under are free. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St., 217-210-1752.

### Summer Jamboree

Sun., July 25, 5-7pm. Settle into your lawn chair and listen to the fiddle and banjo tunes of Peaches and Bacon. Free hot dogs and hamburgers, vegetarian options, garden sampler dishes, snack favorites and drinks. Free, donations accepted. Enos Park Community Garden, 1022 N. Fifth St., 217-747-8337.

### Williamsville Midsummer Maker's Market

Sun., July 25, 10am-2pm. Free. Interurban Merchant, Williamsville, 112 W. Main St., 217-652-0591.

### Fundraisers

#### Cool Down for Dogs

Through July 31. Visit the Animal Protective League website or call

for details. 217-544-7387.

### Children's Corner

#### Arts and crafts for kids

Fri., July 23, 4-6pm. Join the Garvey Tubman Cultural Art and Research Center for arts and crafts at the center court of White Oaks Mall. Each week will feature a different project. Free. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

#### Free car seat check

Fri., July 23, 10am-1pm. If you're unable to attend, you may call 217-557-5190 or email [CBax@ilsos.gov](mailto:CBax@ilsos.gov) for a future appointment at the drivers license facility at 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway. Free. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-557-5190.

#### Saturday Pop-Up Library

Sat., July 24, 10-11:30am. Stop by and receive a free book from the Friends of Lincoln Library. Held in partnership with the Springfield Park District. [lincolnlibrary.info](http://lincolnlibrary.info). Free. Iles Park, Sixth and Ash streets, 217-753-4900.

#### Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales – Robots

Tue., July 27, 10-11pm. Hands-on activities, arts and crafts, and exciting books for children up to age 5 and their caregivers. An in-person event with a virtual option. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### Bulletin Board

#### APL pet adoptions

Through July 25. Saturday 11am-4pm and Sunday 12-4pm. All animals will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and will have received all age-appropriate vaccinations by the time of their adoption. [apl-shelter.org](http://apl-shelter.org). PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

#### Big's & Brews

Fri., July 23, 5-8pm. Bring a friend and learn how you can ignite the potential in children. Free food and drinks. Hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters. Visit their Facebook page for more information. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

#### Bingo night

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Ages 8+. Hosted by the Springfield Park District. Call for more information. Free. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

#### Flag Lowering Ceremony

Tuesdays, 7pm. Conducted by



**Afrochella Illinois**  
Sat., July 24, 10 a.m.  
Chatham Community Park  
731 S. Main St., Chatham  
217-210-1752

### FESTIVALS | The rhythm of Afro culture

**it** The celebration of Ghana's historic homecoming has finally made its way into central Illinois. Afrochella, the festival that showcases and celebrates the diversity of Afro culture through art, entertainment and entrepreneurship, was conceived as a simple food festival in 2015 in Accra, Ghana, in West Africa. The annual event took flight in 2019 when it was held in conjunction with The Year of Return, an initiative that marked the 400 years of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Jamestown, Virginia, and to promote Ghana as a travel destination for African Americans and the African diaspora. Afrochella Illinois is tailored to provide the local audience with an authentic experience of Afro culture. It will feature African food vendors, music, traditional dancers and drummers, a fashion show and a jollof rice battle – a lighthearted rivalry to decide the better of Nigerian or Ghanaian styles of jollof. Admission is \$20. Children under age 12 are admitted free.

the 114th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry Reactivated. The flag will then be presented to an audience member. Part of History Comes Alive. [visitspringfieldillinois.com](http://visitspringfieldillinois.com). Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

**Illinois Products Farmers Market**  
Thursdays, 4-7pm. Buy local products and goods that are grown or produced here in Illinois. Illinois State Fairgrounds, The Shed, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-558-0788.

**Old Capitol Farmers Market**  
Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Shop for fresh local produce, baked goods and products. Please note health guidelines. [downtownspringfield.org](http://downtownspringfield.org). Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

**Produce in the Park**  
Thursdays, 5-7pm. Products from local farmers, those with overflowing gardens and homemade goodies. Free.

Auburn Community Garden, Auburn, 327 W. Madison St., 217-891-8278.

**Public Policy Forum**  
Fri., July 23, 7:30am. Federal coronavirus recovery funds. Speakers Brian McFadden, William McCarty and Beverly Bunch. Moderated by Norm Sims. Program begins at 8am after the coffee reception. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**it Special Evening Policy Forum**  
Wed., July 28, 5:30-7pm. Moving Toward Equity in Local Economic Access, Local economic access inequities, contributions to the inequities, and opportunities and challenges for addressing the issues. Speakers will discuss local initiatives and state legislation to encourage economic empowerment and eliminate racial gaps. Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

**Summer Bash**  
Sat., July 24. Springfield Ski

and Boat Club, 268 Maple Grove Lane, 217-529-9090.

**Hope Job Fair**  
Wed., July 28, 2:30-6:30pm. Hope has job openings for HR specialists, paraprofessionals, special education teachers, SLP's, direct support professionals and more. On-site interviews and interviewees will receive free meals from local food trucks. Free. Hope Learning Academy - Springfield, 15 E. Hazel Dell Lane, 217-953-0894.

**Social Friday**  
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**SAT., 7/24**  
**6:35 PM**



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**TUES., 7/27**  
**6:35 PM**



**Normal Corn Belters**

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**WED., 7/28**  
**6:35 PM**



**Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp**

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**FRI., 7/30**  
**6:35 PM**



**Normal Corn Belters**

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**SAT., 7/31**  
**6:35 PM**



**Terre Haute Rex**

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Christina M. Saulsbery, AKA Christina Saulsbery; The United States of America Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2019-CH-000256

1937 North 22nd Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Judge Gail L. Noll

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 30, 2019, Jack Campbell will on August 24, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 1937 North 22nd Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-178-028

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-024976.

Edward R. Peterka  
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

One East Wacker, Suite 1250

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Attorney. No.: 6220416

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MIDFIRST BANK

Plaintiff,

-v.-

David W. Yates a/k/a David Wayne Yates,

Cynthia Byrne-Yates

Defendant

19 CH 215

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 14, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 19, 2021, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 19 Powell, RIVERTON, IL 62561

Property Index No. 15-09.0-228-005

The real estate is improved with a single

family residence.

The judgment amount was \$131,696.73.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation.

No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If 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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 19-090790.

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Attorney File No. 19-090790

Case Number: 19 CH 215

T.J.S.C.#: 41-1080

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 19 CH 215

# PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME

ACT

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of July, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Jason Scott Heise intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Heisejason-png GitHub and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 2214 Lincolnshire Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME

ACT

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of July, 2021, a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Jason Scott Heise intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Example and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 2214 Lincolnshire Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF

ILLINOIS

SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of

PAULA JEAN LITCHFIELD,

Deceased.

No. 2021-P-000328

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION – CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of PAULA JEAN LITCHFIELD of Springfield, Illinois. LETTERS OF OFFICE were issued on the 21st day of June, 2021, to WENDY HINTON VAUGHN, 322 N. Gardiner Ave., Rockford, IL 61107, whose attorney of record is ANGELICA W. WAWRZYNEK, Armstrong, Grove & Wawrzyniec LLC, 1400 Charleston Ave., PO Box 1425, Mattoon, Illinois 61938.

The Estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 10th day of January, 2022, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2021.

WENDY HINTON VAUGHN,

Independent Executor,

By: /s/Angelica W. Wawrzyniec

Angelica W. Wawrzyniec ARDC #6299647

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of

JAIMESON DANIEL CODY,

Deceased.

NO. 2021-P-406

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Jaimeson Daniel Cody of Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 14, 2021, to Daniel L. Cody, #20 Wildwood Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randall W. Segatto, 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 January 21, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

CLINT STEVEN MILLER,

Deceased.

No. 2021-P-388

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Clint Steven Miller of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 13, 2021, to Shannon Ann Whalen, 2968 Roby Loop, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545, 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 January 20, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2021.

Randall W. Segatto - 06193211

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

DIAN J. HOFFEE,

Deceased.

NO. 2021-P-405

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Dian J. Hoffee of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 14, 2021, to Pamela Hof-

fee Rigby, 12 Idlewild Lane, Chatham, Illinois 62629, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before January 21, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

R. Kurt Wilke - 06190769

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

JACQUELINE A. TOOMEY,

Deceased.

NO. 2021-P-389

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Jacqueline A. Toomey of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 14, 2021, to Jacqueline M. Moore, 85 White Birch Road, Springfield, Illinois 62712, and Stacie Turner, 7225 Tumbleweed Trail, Springfield, Illinois 62707, as Co-Executors, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representatives or both, on or before January 21, 2022, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2021.

Matthew J. Cate - 06272040

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of:

ROXELLA EARLES,

Deceased.

NO. 2021-P-398

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Roxella Earles of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 14, 2021, to David Earles, 439 Roby Road, Mechanicsburg, Illinois 62545, 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 January 21, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2021.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF:

BARBARA A. REYNOLDS,

Deceased.

No. 2021-P-401

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Barbara A. Reynolds, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on July 15, 2021, to Ashley N. Vandermeer, whose address is 2751 W. Park Place, Denver, CO 80219, as Administrator, 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 Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED this 15th day of July 2021.

James R. Enlow (#6199891)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY

Re: the marriage of

Marquetter Seals, Petitioner

And

Clyde Seals Jr., Respondent

Case No. 2020-D-587

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you Clyde Seals Jr., Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 8th day of August, 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

Victoria Faye Shearer

For change of name to

Russell Anthony Jackson

Case No.: 21-MR-839

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Jeydon Blade Alexander  
Case No.: 21-MR-156

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 14, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Emma-Tyson Katrina May-Ann Boem to Jeydon Blade Alexander pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: July 22, 2021

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the matter of the Petition of

Ashlyn Bree Riedle

For change of name to

Ethan Cole Riedle

Case No.: 21-MR-969

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 14, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Ashlyn Bree Riedle to Ethan Cole Riedle pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: July 22, 2021

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the matter of the Petition of

Christopher Michael Newton

For change of name to

Christina Jo Lynn Newton

Case No.: 20-MR-371

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 14, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Christopher Michael Newton to Christina Jo Lynn Newton pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: July 22, 2021

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the matter of the Petition of

Marisa Lynn Joyce

For change of name to

Marisa Lynn Pinkstaff

Case No.: 21-MR-802

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 14, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Marisa Lynn Joyce to Marisa Lynn Pinkstaff pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: July 22, 2021

20-094355

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS BANKUNITED N.A.**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**-vs-**

Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Ivory Renier a/k/a Ivory Renier Jr.; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Julie E. Fox, as Special Representative for Judie A. Renier, Deceased; 1st MidAmerica Credit Union; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS

**DEFENDANTS**

**NO. 21 CH 5**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Judie A. Renier, Deceased; Ramon Renier; Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Dawn Renier, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants. Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the

said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 3 IN GATSCHENBERGER'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHWEST PART OF THE EAST HALF, SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. 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.

Commonly known as 1948 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, IL 62703  
Permanent Index No.: 14-35.0-328-001, 14-35.0-328-002 and 14-35.0-328-003 and which said Mortgage was made by Judie A. Renier Mortgages, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc. as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, Document No. 2009R58034. And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is August 23, 2021. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Clerk  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
Bannockburn, IL 60015  
(847) 291-1717  
ILNOTICES@logs.com

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
8051-916501

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

**PLAINTIFF**

**Vs.**

Esther L. Sathoff; Village of Pawnee; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

**DEFENDANTS**

**NO. 2021CH000052**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:**

Esther L. Sathoff

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: 14250 Cotton Hill

Road Pawnee, IL 62558

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Esther L. Sathoff

Edward Sathoff

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013R27974; 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 August 23, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 794-5300

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Our File No. 14-21-01865

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

I3172516

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Christina M. Saulsbery, AKA Christina Saulsbery; The United States of America Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

Case No. 2019-CH-000256

1937 North 22nd Street, Springfield, IL

62702

Judge Gail L. Noll

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 30, 2019, Jack Campbell will on August 24, 2021, at the hour of 9:00AM at the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Second Floor, Springfield, IL 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
Lot 39 of Fred W. Wanless' East View Addition to the City of Springfield.

Together with all easements and appurtenances in favor of said above-described property.

Except all coal, minerals and mining rights heretofore conveyed or reserved of record. Subject to easements, covenants, restrictions, assessments and reservations of record, if any.

Commonly known as 1937 North 22nd Street, Springfield, IL 62702

Parcel Number(s): 14-23.0-178-028

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 19-024976.

Edward R. Peterka

MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC

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Attorney. No.: 6220416

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8051-916387

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

American Advisors Group,

Plaintiff,

Vs. No. 2021-CH-0035

Michael Cashen; et. al.

Defendants

**NOTICE**

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF: DONNA L. CASHEN, Deceased

Notice is given of the death of Donna L. Cashen. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Donna L. Cashen, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 909 Madison St., Pawnee, IL 62558.

The address of the Special Representative is: Way Law Offices, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. You may direct any questions you have to him, or you may retain counsel of your own choosing, or represent yourself, or do nothing.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit [e-file.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp).

/s/ Dan E. Way  
Special Representative for Donna L. Cashen, deceased.

Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel. 217-525-7003  
Fax. 217-525-7012  
dan@danwaylaw.com

**Capitol Storage**

818 S Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62703

Location 909 Taintor Rd

Unit# 04-HH1 Jennifer Roberts

Unit #04-HH16

Location Winchester IL

Unit #07-008 Penny Leverich

Unit #07-004 Joyce Havens

Location - 3012 Great Northern Drive

Unit # 533 Stephanie Weiss- Kawaski

Location - 818 Dirksen Dr

Unit #189 Cornelius Jones

Unit# 179 Jasmine Bland

To pay past due rent and fees call 217-522-0300. Private sale will be held July 24, 2021 at 9:00 AM at Capitol Storage LLC. 818 S Dirksen Parkway Springfield, Illinois. For more information regarding the sale please call 217-522-0300.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT**

AUCTION to enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 9:00AM, Saturday July 31, 2021 at NORTH-END STORAGE 1907 North Grand East, Springfield Il. Tenants must pay in full before this date. This is a PRIVATE AUCTION. YOU MUST NOTIFY OUR OFFICE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO AUCTION DATE TO ATTEND. 217.544.4521

Linda Chase 1-6

Dottie Wilbur 7-5

Arthur Thomas 2-20

Cindy Tibbs 7-1

Darius Johnson 2-33

Patricia Russell 9-11

Bertha Bostic G-3

Adam Woods 3-11

Jill McClure H-23

Carrie Shafer

MiMi Phanthurath H-7

Shalik Rhymes 9-34

Ashley Hubbard 6-5

Vernon Devers 2-18

Payton McDonald 9-8

Shannon Estes 10-6

Robin Davis 3-22

Ashley Burrow 11-18

Deandra Hubble 10-23

Michael/Shelly Weller 11-42

Marshall Forrest 1-16

Willie Wardlow 11-5

Zikomo Johnson 3-19

Stacy Hackwith 10-35

Mignone Currie 10-44

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**COUNTY OF SANGAMON**

**ATHENS STATE BANK,**

**n/k/a ALLIANCE COMMUNITY BANK,**

**a state banking corporation, Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**JASON M. EVERS, a/k/a JASON EVERS,**

**UNKNOWN OWNERS, and**

**NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

**CASE NO. 19-CH-346**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD 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:

The North Half of the North 31.25 acres of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 15 North, Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian.

Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

Common Address of Property: 6551 White

Tree Trail, Rochester, IL 62563

Tax Parcel No. 23-35.0-300-007

and which said Mortgage was made by

Jason M. Evers, dated October 11, 2013,

recorded with the Sangamon County

Recorder's Office on November 15, 2013,

as Document Number 2013R36635; 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, Sangamon County

Courthouse, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on

or before the 16th day of August, 2021, A

DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU

AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDG-

MENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

WITNESS 7/1/21.

/s/ Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of Court

Charles K. Smith

Attorney At Law

113 East Douglas

Petersburg, Illinois 62675

Telephone: (217) 632-7750

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection

Practices Act you are advised that this

law firm is deemed to be a debt collector

attempting to collect a debt and any and all information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

Michelle Noel, Petitioner

vs.

Jevon Waddy III, Respondent

Case No: 2021-OP-1017

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

Jevon Waddy III, 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 22, 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: July 15, 2021

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY**

Beverly Bailey, Petitioner

vs.

Arthur Thomas, Respondent

Case No: 2021-OP-787

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

Arthur Thomas, 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 August 19, 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: July 15, 2021

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY**

Emily Vespie, Petitioner

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 August 12, 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: July 15, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
MIDFIRST BANK  
Plaintiff,

-v.-  
David W. Yates a/k/a David Wayne Yates,  
Cynthia Byrne-Yates  
Defendant  
19 CH 215

NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 14, 2021, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 19, 2021, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 19 OF RIVIERA SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 307631.

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. Commonly known as 19 Powell, RIVERTON, IL 62561

Property Index No. 15-09.0-228-005  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$131,696.73. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted.

The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If 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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF 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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1 pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 19-090790.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.  
LOGS Legal Group LLP  
2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301  
Bannockburn IL, 60015  
847-291-1717  
E-Mail: [ILNotices@logs.com](mailto:ILNotices@logs.com)  
Attorney File No. 19-090790  
Case Number: 19 CH 215  
TJSC#: 41-1080

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Case # 19 CH 215  
8051-916572

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:  
ELLA GRACE GRADY, minor.  
No. 21-P-196

AMENDED NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, MICHAEL BOSTON, that a Motion to Establish Guardianship of Minor Child has been filed against you by LYNNETTE GROSSNER. The Petitioner, LYNNETTE GROSSNER, seeks an order appointing her as guardian of the person and the estate of the minor child herein and any other relief the Court deems appropriate.

UNLESS you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, Room 405, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before the 13th day of September, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief in accordance with the prayer of said Motion.

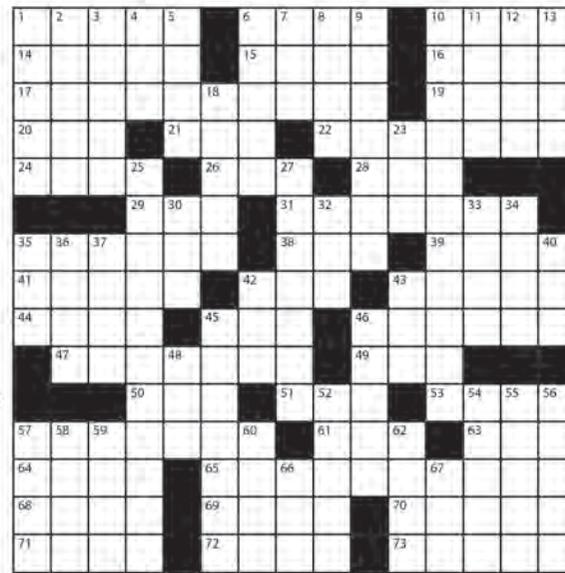
A hearing has been set before the Honorable Dwayne Gab on 13th day of September, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 7A at the Sangamon County Complex/Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.  
Dated: 7/20/2021

/s/  
Paul Palazzolo, Clerk  
Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP  
Roland R. Cross  
Registration No. 6274757  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62701  
(217) 544-8491  
[rcross@bhslaw.com](mailto:rcross@bhslaw.com)

## Pairs Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 697

### Across

1. Winter hazard
6. Air force heroes
10. Bee's cousin
14. Part of an old voting machine
15. Extinct bird
16. Brief confession
17. Radioer's words
19. Toy ball material
20. Perfect rating
21. A Stooge
22. American and Swiss
24. Genesis son
26. Places for R.N.'s
28. Señora Perón
29. Annoy
31. Folks
35. Homes
38. A pint, maybe
39. Icicle former
41. Casts a ballot
42. Capt.'s guess
43. Writer Wharton
44. "Cómo \_\_\_?"
45. \_\_\_ray Discs
46. Attacked sneakily
47. Keep secret
49. Egg maker
50. 24 horas
51. Actor Vigoda
53. Ballpark figs.
57. Experiencing mal de mer
61. Blakey of CNN
63. "Hath \_\_\_ sister?": Shak.
64. Hamburg's river
65. Not reliable
68. Capri, e.g.



69. Baseball's Slaughter
70. Supports, in a way
71. Hunt for
72. "The \_\_\_ the limit!"
73. Having some weight
8. Cabinet dept.
9. "Take that!"
10. Take to a fancy restaurant
11. Cool drinks
12. "Your majesty"
13. Some Adobe files
18. Recesses
23. Party time, maybe
25. Kids' game
27. Flipper?
30. Hi-\_\_\_
32. \_\_\_ mode
33. Excursion
34. Locale
35. "\_\_\_ Maria"
36. Pear type
37. "Beetle Bailey" dog
40. High degree
42. She, in Lisbon
43. Opposite WSW
45. Swimming areas
46. Polish
48. Second-century date
52. Military bigwigs
54. Spooks
55. Exams
56. Fresh
57. Tres y tres
58. "Anything \_\_\_?"
59. \_\_\_-bodied
60. Hose problem
62. Eve's man
66. Delivery from Santa
67. C.E.O.'s degree

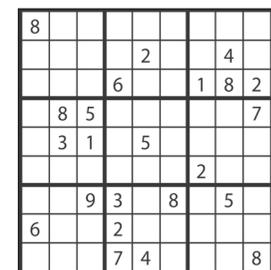
### Down

1. Casino section
2. Flood
3. Happening
4. Always, to a poet
5. Coal carrier
6. Venomous snake
7. Dove's sound

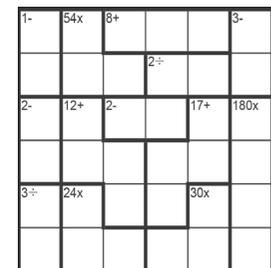
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Crossword answers from #696



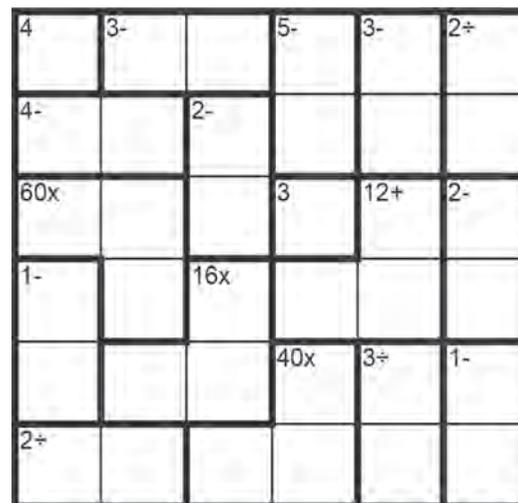
Sudoku answers from #696



JoshJosh answers from #696

## JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 697

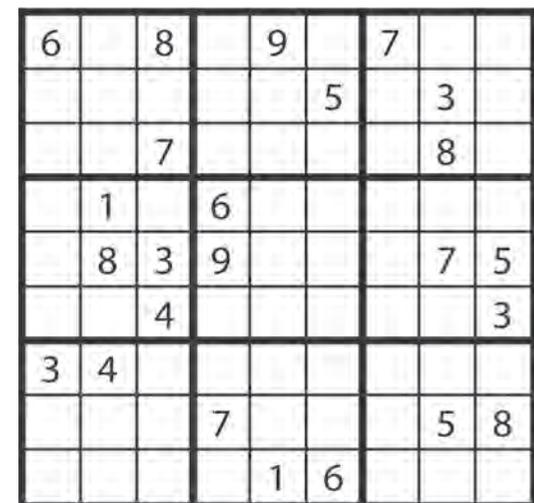
Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.



Difficulty hard

## Sudoku No. 697

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



Difficulty medium

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