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SIU MEDICINE



Diversity among doctors

SIU School of Medicine adjusts application process following U.S. Supreme Court ruling

MEDICAL SCHOOL | Dean Olsen

Springfield's medical school does better than about 90% of its peer institutions across the United States and Canada when it comes to the share of graduates who are Black and members of other underrepresented groups.

But the dean and provost of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine said medical schools in the United States and Canada have a long way to go to reflect the diversity of their patients.

The recent 6-3 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court in June striking down affirmative action in higher education enrollment decisions could make the task more difficult, Dr. Jerry Kruse said.

"In some ways, it takes the emphasis off of us thinking about issues related to inequity that have been systemically built," he said.

The court's conservative majority, in a decision written by Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., said the use of race in diversifying student bodies in higher education is unconstitutional and violates the "equal protection" clause of the 14th Amendment.

The ruling focused on policies at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina, but its impact will be felt throughout higher education, including at U.S. medical schools, Kruse said.

Because of the ruling, the Association of American Medical Colleges, which assists SIU and other medical schools in the selection process, no longer will ask applicants whether they are members of groups underrepresented in the ranks of doctors.

Going forward, schools can only ask whether applicants are a member of a group that is "socially and economically disadvantaged," Kruse said.

The other change SIU made is in an essay question for applicants.

"We previously asked them to address how they would add to the diversity of our program," Kruse said. That instruction was replaced with two new questions that ask them about the barriers to medical school they have experienced and the "lived experience that they've had that will aid them as a medical professional," he said.

"They can answer those questions in any way they want," Kruse said, adding that applicants can voluntarily disclose their race in essays.

SIU uses a "holistic admissions process" that was "validated" by the Supreme Court ruling, he said. "We have faculty who are socially conscious and dedicated to our region" of central and southern Illinois, he said.

SIU's internal committee that evaluates applications, interviews candidates and decides who will receive offers to attend the medical school has begun to incorporate the changes for applicants who would begin their first year of medical school in summer 2024, he said.

Kruse said the dean doesn't take part in the selections.

"In essence now, the questions don't ask about diversity," he said. "That's the major change. We don't think it's substantive."

A statement the medical school issued in response to the Supreme Court decision said: "We join our colleagues in academic medicine across the country in stating that today's court ruling has the potential to decrease diversity in health professions and is contrary to efforts to provide better health for all. The SIU School of Medicine remains committed to strengthening the diversity of the medical

student body and will work within all legal limits to ensure racial and ethnic diversity in the health professions."

Whether the changes will decrease diversity at SIU remains an open question, Kruse said.

"In some ways, the greater focus on this issue might spur some institutions to develop policies that are allowed under this ruling to actually have a greater positive effect, by starting the dialogue," he said.

Kruse, who disagreed with the court ruling, said greater diversity in health professions is necessary to help address health care inequities for patients and variations in treatments and lifespan that vary by race and ethnicity.

"Obviously, health inequities abound," he said. "There is inequity in access to care because of the large percentage of our population that is still uninsured, because of the great mistrust that a large portion of the general public has, and because of the dramatically small percentage of African American and Black men who are in medicine. It's percentage-wise less than it was in the 1970s."

Black students make up 11% of medical students in the United States, a country where 16% of the population is Black, SIU officials said.

"While there has been an increase in the percentage of Black women in medical school, Black men have not fared so well," SIU's statement said. "In 1979, 3.1% of U.S. medical students were Black men; 40 years later in 2019, Black men made up only 2.9% of medical students. In 2019, only 4% of faculty members of medical schools were Black. Similar statistical trends hold true for Latino and Native American populations."

Kruse said the disturbing trend for Black men was the result of institutional racism. Dr. Christopher Smyre, a Black family medicine physician at SIU, said "over-policing and criminalization of Black men" plays a particular role.

At SIU, 15.4% of medical students, or 49 students, were Black in the 2022-2023 academic year, spokesperson Rikeesha Phelon said, a number that includes both male and female students.

SIU medical students spend their first year at the Carbondale campus, and most medical students in the second, third and fourth years are based at the Springfield campus.

Contributing to SIU's better-than-most performance on diversity of the student body may be SIU's history of producing doctors who end up in primary care specialties and the fact that most SIU medical students are required to come from Illinois, Kruse said.

Doctors from diverse backgrounds can help ease patients' concerns and educate other doctors and make them more sensitive to cultural differences, according to Smyre, director of research and innovation in the SIU School of Medicine's Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

"I was very saddened to hear the ruling," he said.

Promoting diversity in medicine is more than an academic exercise, he said, because patients are the ones most affected.

"We're talking about human beings and their lives," he said.

The two programs that SIU runs for students aspiring to become doctors aren't affected by the court ruling, Kruse said. They are the Carbondale-based Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program for socioeconomically disadvantaged college students, and the McNeese Preparatory Pathway Program for Springfield-area high school students.

Medical residency and fellowship programs offered by the medical school aren't affected by the ruling, either, and are barred by law from taking race into account in admission and hiring decisions, Kruse said.

He said it was interesting that Justice Roberts, in a footnote on page 22 of the 40-page ruling, exempted America's military academies from the Supreme Court decision.

Roberts wrote in the footnote that the exemption for those higher education institutions, allowing them to keep using race in admissions decisions, was "in light of the potentially distinct interests that military academies may present." The U.S. government filed documents in the case arguing that race-based admissions programs "further compelling interests at our nation's military academies," he said.

But Kruse said, "If they make this exclusion for military academies, they clearly should make this exclusion for health education professional institutions." □

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Editor's note

If you missed Brian Mackey's interview on The 21st this week with the publisher of the *Marion County Record*, the Kansas newspaper that was raided by police Aug. 11, it is worth looking up at nprillinois.org. Eric Meyer, the publisher, has a broad perspective – honed by his two decades as a University of Illinois journalism professor – on the fragility of press freedom in the current political climate. And his experience as a small-town newspaper owner gives him an understanding of the fragile nature of the press itself. Because there is a widespread notion that newspapers are dead, people feel free to try to intimidate or harm those that are still living. "The saying, 'Never pick a fight with anyone who buys ink by the barrel' doesn't work anymore," Meyer said. – *Fletcher Farrar, editor*

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Presidents H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton sought to build closer ties with the United States' partners in the Western Hemisphere. The terror attacks of September 11, 2001 drew U.S. engagement away from the Hemisphere towards the Middle East. With the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021, some observers hoped that the United States would be able to reengage more fully in the Americas. But, as fate would have it, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 has once again drawn U.S. attention away from the Americas. What is the prognosis for closer ties in the Western Hemisphere today?

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ANIMAL CONTROL | Scott Reeder

Sam is a handsome lad caught in a love triangle between a local politician and the woman with whom he has resided for five years.

His two love interests say he has captured their hearts and they don't want the other to have him.

Sam, aka Buddy, is a dog.

Edinah Lincoln, a retired Springfield rehabilitation therapist, and Pam Deppe, a Republican on the Sangamon County Board, each say they are the rightful owner to the Havanese pooch.

Lincoln, who is 78 and lives alone, said her social life revolved around the animal. She said she would walk him three to five miles every day and talk with neighbors and other dog walkers along her route in Washington Park.

Now that Sam doesn't live with her, she says she no longer has a reason to leave the house.

But Deppe said the dog, which she has renamed Buddy, was legally adopted from the pound. She added she loves him and has no intention of giving him back to his former owner.

Soon the legal fur may be flying. And caught in the crossfire is Sangamon County Animal Control.

On May 20, Lincoln experienced a health emergency; medical personnel carried her unconscious from her home and she was taken to a St. Louis hospital for immediate aortic surgery.

Later that day, a Springfield police lieutenant and a locksmith were dispatched to the house to help an animal control officer take the pooch to the pound.

Kala Wells, a neighbor, said the day the ambulance left Lincoln's house she was contacted by someone from Animal Control who told her that Lincoln wasn't expected to live and asked if she would like to have the dog.

"I already had two puppies and they said she wasn't going to live, so I told them to just find a good home for him," she said. But she later added if she had known that her neighbor would return home, she would have been happy to foster him.

Animal Control Director Jeanne Keenan said she tried to call Lincoln while she was in the hospital but was told by a nurse that she was not coherent.

"She said that the patient was very disoriented. I did not feel comfortable starting a conversation about an owned animal with a person that was disoriented. So, I did not do



Retiree Edinah Lincoln, left, and Pam Deppe, a Republican on the Sangamon County Board, each say they are the rightful owner of this Havanese dog.

that. The nurse told us about a brother who lived in Utah and gave us his phone number. We reached out to the brother," said Keenan.

The brother, John Lincoln, said he spoke on the telephone with someone from Animal Control named Sheila on May 23 and told her he couldn't afford to have the canine flown to Utah, where he lives. But he said he did tell her he would be willing to pay as much as \$50 a day to have the dog boarded locally until his sister was released from the hospital.

"Basically, the woman told me they couldn't do this and that this is an owner-relinquished animal that has to be given up after seven days," he said.

Animal Control director Keenan said if there had been an offer to pay to board the dog, they certainly would have considered it.

"We could maybe have set up something to have the animal taken care of outside of the facility so that they could keep the dog until she got better," she said.

But Keenan added she doesn't believe such an offer to pay for boarding was ever made. She added it is her understanding that John Lincoln gave permission for the animal to be relinquished.

Michelle Bretscher, practice manager for Coble Animal Hospital, said the amount John Lincoln contends he offered to pay would easily have covered the cost of private boarding in the community. She said basic

boarding at her facility is \$20 a day.

A Jacksonville nurse who was caring for Lincoln in the St. Louis hospital also called Animal Control that week and offered to foster the dog. But according to notes obtained by *Illinois Times* under the Freedom of Information Act, Animal Control officials told her she needed to coordinate such a fostering with John Lincoln – not Animal Control.

"At that point, we didn't own the dog and couldn't make arrangements for it," Keenan said.

What is not in dispute is that during a second phone call on June 1, John Lincoln said he did not want the dog given away. The pound still had physical possession of the canine when he called, but the May 30 deadline for the family to reclaim it had passed. And by then, an arrangement had been made for Pam Deppe to adopt the dog.

Although Deppe is a member of the Sangamon County Board and Animal Control is one of the agencies it oversees, both Keenan and her boss, Public Health Director Gail O'Neill, say she was not given any preferential treatment.

Both Lincoln and her neighbor, Kala Wells, expressed skepticism at this claim.

Lincoln said she purchased the purebred dog from an Ohio breeder for \$800 five years ago and paid another \$200 to have it

transported to Springfield.

When Deppe adopted the dog, she paid a \$50 adoption fee. But she said that doesn't tell the whole story of how much she has spent on him. She said since the adoption she paid to have a Chatham veterinarian treat him for an ear infection and for a groomer to have some matted fur removed. She added when she and her husband went on vacation, she paid for her brother to fly to Springfield from Arizona to dog sit both of her pets.

She added she prepares custom meals for her dogs each day, has given the dog a new name that he answers to and that he now insists on sleeping every night next to her husband.

Deppe said she intends to keep the animal because she believes hers is the best home for him.

Lincoln is consulting with a lawyer to try to regain her pooch. The civil division of the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office also has been contacted by Animal Control officials about the matter.

Lincoln said she wonders why Deppe doesn't just make a gesture of kindness and return the dog.

She added, "She doesn't have empathy, so that defines a sociopath." □

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Growing the east side of Springfield

Motherland Gardens aims to connect residents with fresh, healthy food

GARDENING | Dean Olsen

Yves Doumen says he traveled 6,500 miles west, across the Atlantic Ocean from his home country of Cameroon, to settle in Springfield six years ago to promote sustainable agriculture.

“We have space here, but at the same time, where we have space is where people are struggling to find fresh, healthy food,” Doumen told *Illinois Times* in an interview at the Motherland Gardens Community Project, 815 S. 15th St.

The site on Springfield’s east side is where Doumen, 34, a Springfield resident and naturalized U.S. citizen, purchased vacant lots three years ago and will hold the grand opening of the nonprofit community garden from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 26.

There will be tours of the garden, a designated play area for youth and space for food vendors and other community organizations.

“The grand opening is the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to the volunteer, ‘thank you’ to the community partner, and ‘thank you’ to the financial partner,” he said.

The event also will provide an opportunity to “toast the reality of urban agriculture and innovative production,” Doumen said. “We started here with nothing, and today we have this. We have this because we have a community behind us, because we have people who trust us and have decided to work with us.”

Doumen said he earned a bachelor’s degree in geography in Cameroon, a central West African country, after growing up in a working-class family there. He said he worked in Cameroon with farmers in rural

communities to improve their production systems before coming to the United States “looking for more opportunity to explore the world.”

He said he used the U.S. government’s “diversity lottery” to immigrate to Springfield six years ago. He joined his sister, who he said came to the capital city the same way.

He started planning for the nonprofit Motherland Gardens Project while going through basic training for the Illinois Army National Guard at a U.S. Army base in South Carolina in 2020.

The name Motherland is a nod to what many Africans call their home continent, Doumen said. The name also “honors the land that feeds us,” he said.

Doumen is a busy man who said he works hard and lives frugally. He and his wife have an 8-month-old daughter. In addition to being part of the Illinois Army National Guard, he works part time as a mentor coordinator for The Outlet, a Springfield nonprofit serving children and young adults.

Much of the rest of his time is spent at the garden. “This project is mostly a full-time job,” he said.

Many residents of the east side can’t afford or don’t have easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and many don’t know how to grow food in a backyard garden, Doumen said.

Cultivating those skills, building what he called “social capital,” and making fresh food more accessible all are goals of the garden, which covers about one acre, he said.

Doumen said he has helped a small number of community residents and organizations grow produce in raised beds the



Pausing from work at the Motherland Gardens Community Project, Yves Doumen, chief executive officer and founder of the nonprofit venture, is inviting the public to a grand opening for the 3-year-old project from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 26 at 815 S. 15th St. in Springfield. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

past three years with about \$40,000 in grants from community organizations that include Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bank of Springfield, the City of Springfield, Hospital Sisters Health System and Memorial Health.

He also chipped in money from his savings and is looking for more financial support and volunteers as he strives to fully develop the garden, which includes two beehives. To help sustain the project, he wants to add a community-supported agriculture (CSA) site there in 2024.

Area residents can reserve a raised bed at the garden for \$10 or \$20 per year, depending on the size of the bed.

There are 50 raised beds and 15 individuals from the South 15th Street neighborhoods and other neighborhoods currently taking part. He would like to double the number of participants and eventually expand the number of beds and related services.

Those who pay the modest fee have free access to instruction on gardening from a master gardener through the University of Illinois Extension office. Cooking classes are planned in the future.

Doumen said he has had positive feedback from the neighborhood so far but wants to get more people involved. The grand opening will allow him to “tell who we are, what we are doing and where we are going,” he said.

The Rev. Christian Choi, associate pastor for parish life at Westminster Presbyterian, said the pastoral staff and the congregation’s mission and community service committee decided to donate \$1,000 to Doumen’s project early on and soon will donate another \$1,000.

Choi said, “We were sold and very much supportive of what he is doing. ... Everyone should have access to the necessities of life.”

Doumen isn’t a member of the congregation, but Choi said: “There’s a portion of him that’s very faith-oriented. He’s naturally very compassionate. He’s a fabulous person.”

More information is available online at motherlandgardenscommunityproject.org, by emailing motherland.gpc@gmail.com or by calling 217-502-0718. □

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ENTREPRENEUR OF ADDICTION

The front cover for the Aug. 3 issue featured Chris Stone as an entrepreneur promoting alcohol, gambling, and now, cannabis (“Springfield’s cannabis entrepreneur”). This is the description of an entrepreneur of addiction. The owners of alcohol, cannabis and gambling establishments profit off those who spend their hard-earned money on one or more of these potentially addictive products. When addiction takes over, it can lead to physical and mental health issues, loss of job, family and lifestyle. Treatment for addiction lasts a lifetime.

We are being lured and desensitized to believe that these products are harmless. However, routine and excessive use of cannabis, whether it is smoked or edible, has been proven to have many adverse health effects and lead to illnesses caused from second-hand smoke. Cannabis is especially harmful to teens whose brains are still developing.

Just like a carnival barker, Mr. Stone wants to convince everyone we should all get high on marijuana. He is quoted in the article: “Eight percent of the population uses cannabis regularly, so how do we get the other 92 percent?”

The promotion of alcohol, gambling and cannabis as harmless and acceptable activities sends a message to children and youth that encourages them to participate. Approximately 9% of those who use marijuana will become addicted. This increases to 17% if use begins as teens, and increases to 25-50% among daily users, according to *Marijuana Facts for Teens*, National Institute on Drug Abuse National Institutes of Health.

Due to the harm and cost to society, being an entrepreneur of alcohol, gambling and cannabis is not something to be celebrated, praised or supported.

*Patricia Kornfeld
Chatham*

NO OUTRAGE

So where are the Illinois Freedom Caucus and Fox News (“Youth swim coach under investigation,” Aug. 10)? They were all over protecting teen swimmers from trans folks minding their own business.

*Mark Dean
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THINK OF THE CHILDREN

I am so tired of people saying they care about “the children” (“Transgender turmoil,” July 27). Be honest and say what you really mean. You care about a very specific group of children that fit the narrative and ideal you believe is



Springfield resident Chris Stone has been involved in the alcoholic beverage industry and video gaming and is now at the forefront of the cannabis market, which has become a multibillion-dollar business in Illinois since the once-banned substance was legalized. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

right. You don’t care about the children; you care about the good and proper children that fit into the mold you have cast in your mind. No matter how a child identifies, looks or feels, they deserve love and respect. You can’t care about a child until they present themselves as something you don’t like and then vilify them.

The people and politicians using children as their scapegoat for mainstreaming hatred should be ashamed of themselves. Especially when most of those people claim to be religious. How can someone who claims to have Jesus in their heart be so hateful, exclusionary and eager to be in the spotlight to get attention? Think of how much

PIE POEM

Us kids watched while our grandma rolled out pie dough on her kitchen table top. She’d place a cover atop a pie, snip the edges, gather the snippings into a disc, add this to the oven with all the pies, for this, we all knew, was Bounce’s pie. Bounce was her personal ill-tempered rat-terrier. We’d wait till the pies were all baked, then we’d claim Bounce’s pie.

2023 Jacqueline Jackson

time and effort has been put into this ideology of hate, when you are talking about 1% of the population. If this much time, money and effort was put into helping people the world would be a much better place.

*Kristin Barnett
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WHAT’S THE PLAN?

This proposed development falls in the transition zone area of the master plan the city has commissioned for future growth and development of the downtown and the medical districts (“More housing for the homeless,” Aug. 3). What has been the progress on the plan since the public planning sessions that were held in March? Will our elected officials keep taking zoning actions willy-nilly without benefit of long-term planned objectives? Shouldn’t zoning changes in this targeted area be delayed until the plan is finalized? Without a plan in place, how can they evaluate if this development serves or hurts overarching objectives? Will the aesthetics, construction quality and singular social/economic residency help or hinder further development in the area as envisioned by the plan?

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The missing portrait

WEEKLY READER | Scott Reeder

As I stood on the Australian shore last month, I pondered the majesty of the Pacific, but when I looked down, I couldn't help but think of Rod Blagojevich.

There at Rex Lookout in the Australian state of Queensland stood a plaque that once identified the politician who made the scenic overlook possible.

But an acetylene torch had been used to melt away the name of that elected official. After 35 years of covering politics, I didn't need a tour guide's explanation to figure out what had happened.

Nonetheless, our guide informed us that the fellow whose name was obliterated was an Aussie pol who was mired in scandal in the 1980s. His name was Martin Tenni. He didn't go to prison, but a number of his buddies did. Despite this, someone in power removed his name.

This is a lousy practice.

Take a walk on the Illinois Capitol's second floor and you'll see 42 portraits of the state's chief executives. All but one of the state's past governors stares out onto the marble hallway. Three of the men represented there went to prison: George Ryan, Dan Walker and Otto Kerner.

Others, such as William Stratton and Len Small, were indicted but never convicted. And more than likely there are others who should have gone to prison but were never caught.

And then there is Rod Blagojevich. He served eight years in prison on corruption charges and is the only Illinois governor to be removed from office. His portrait is the one missing from the Statehouse.

Why? Shortly after removing him from office, Illinois lawmakers passed a measure prohibiting the state from spending money to create a portrait for Blago. So, portraits in the hall of governors skip from No. 39 to No. 41.

It's as if Blagojevich never led the state for six years. His absence ignores that Illinois voters twice selected him as their leader. He did some bad things while he was governor, but he also did some good things. No one is all good or all bad.

For the record, I wasn't a fan of Blagojevich while he was in office. This column frequently criticized him. I never voted for him.

But denying him a place in the hall of governors is petty. Little is accomplished by scraping his name off of the state's collective memory.

Please note there is a difference between honoring someone and acknowledging their role in history.

I talked to Blagojevich about this recently. He said he has had several potential donors approach him about paying for the creation of a portrait. But he said he is holding off.

"The question is going to be what color my hair will be," he said of his helmet-like mane that turned snow white during his period of incarceration. Hair dye is not allowed in federal lockups.

"Well, I don't want the white hair. It was never black, by the way. It was sable brown, No. 47D, he said of his hair dye. "I'm not pushing for it. It's not a priority. It is true people have come up to me and offered to actually pay for it. And there will be a time when I think my portrait will be up there. I do believe there will be a time where I'll be vindicated. I do believe there will be a time where the truth will be exposed on what was happening. And I think these things are happening now."

Blagojevich's archnemesis, Mike Madigan, now faces corruption charges of his own. Madigan, who led the Illinois House longer than any leader of any state legislative chamber in the history of the United States, also does not have a portrait hanging in the Statehouse.

Even Paul Powell has a painting hanging in the building. Powell, who was secretary of state 1965-1970 and served twice as House speaker, became known for corruption after \$750,000 in cash was discovered in his hotel suite residence at the time of his death, and another \$50,000 in his office. Whether he is convicted or not, Madigan should be recognized as well. It's about history, not canonization.


In the wake of the Commonwealth Edison scandal, lawmakers are scared voteless on the matter.

Over the years, I've taken family members and friends on tours of the state Capitol. When I walk by the paintings of governors, I point out the ones that went to prison – and the others who probably should have.

I remember taking my then-19-year-old niece up into the balcony of the House and pointing out Powell's portrait. I told of how his closet was full of ill-gotten loot and how he died of a heart attack in a Minnesota hotel room he was sharing with a woman who was not his wife.

As we walked away, I reached out and gave the frame a nudge. Some politicians just deserve to be remembered crooked. □

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Say no to Hunter Lake

GUESTWORK | Don Hanrahan

For 55 years, the city has neglected Lake Springfield, refusing to dredge in hopes of building Hunter Lake, an unneeded, expensive and environmentally destructive monument to the Langfelders' legacy. It would destroy historical wetlands, hundreds of acres of mature forest, endangered species habitat, two streams and hundreds of acres of farms, eliminating nearly 10% of the remaining forests in Sangamon County. The project has repeatedly failed to pass regulatory muster. This fourth try after wasting millions of ratepayer dollars should, too.

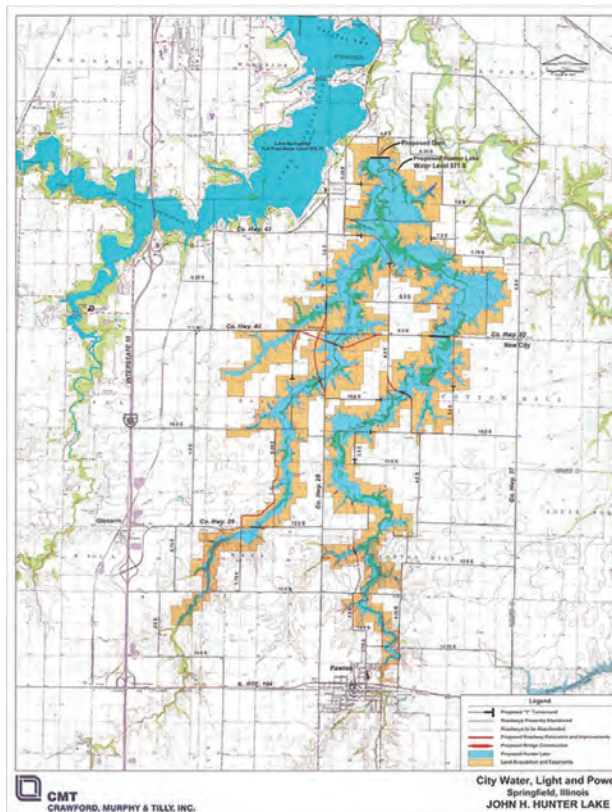
The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) published CWLP's *Supplemental Environmental Impact Study* for the project on Aug. 11. Drafted by CWLP's paid consultant who promised to deliver Hunter Lake as the preferred alternative in advance of any required studies, it is no surprise the *SEIS* delivers what CWLP paid for – Hunter Lake. ACE allows until Sept. 25 to submit written comments to: cemvr-odpublicnotice@usace.army.mil.

ACE will host a public meeting at Lincoln Library on Sept. 6 from 5-7 p.m. to facilitate comments, but before that, Sangamon Valley Sierra Club hosts a comment drafting workshop at the Illinois Environmental Council office on Aug. 30 from 5-7 p.m. for opponents of Hunter Lake.

Hunter's opponents have already had an effect: the proposed lake is redesigned, 43% smaller capacity-wise, with a somewhat smaller footprint, sparing some of the vast destruction of the previous designs CWLP's contractor called excessive and fundamentally flawed. Additional mitigation is proposed, and it is supposed to trap phosphorus-laden sediment behind two smaller upstream dams CWLP labels "pollution control devices" to try to get away with impounding phosphorus-polluted water.

Such improvements are proverbial lipstick on a pig. For decades, CWLP has trumped up figures to "prove" the need for an additional 12 million gallons of water per day during the 100-year drought, the same amount claimed in 2016, when the application was renewed. But CWLP admits that closing three old water-intensive coal plants left Lake Springfield 9.9 million gallons per day more water in a drought than before.

When the plants were scheduled for retirement (2018-19), CWLP and Mayor Jim Langfelder, realizing a big problem, came up with adding recreation as a "need." When ACE noted the law required CWLP to justify the need, noting that at no time in 30 years had they claimed project need as anything but



The proposed Hunter Lake, shown here in its earlier configuration, has been resized in the latest proposal, which gives it less capacity and a smaller footprint.

"supplemental water," the city squabbled for many months, delaying the *SEIS* until finally conceding, then blaming ACE for delays. CWLP then paid \$25,000 for a study that concludes there is such extreme demand for more flatwater recreation that five new lakes are needed within 50 miles of Springfield.

The recreational need, manufactured once water supply need was rendered doubtful, is unsupported.

Aside from the ludicrous "five more lakes" conclusion, it's merely based on a survey of 625 people, almost 70% of whom

said existing water-based recreation was adequate. The study failed to examine actual usage at even one of 45 different lakes and rivers within 50 miles. Opponents did, at the closest lake (Sangchris, a five-minute drive from proposed Hunter Lake), and data proved gross *underutilization* of water recreation.

Despite 9.9 million gallons per day more in Lake Springfield now than 2016, CWLP still won't concede there's no justifiable need for supplemental water, claiming instead that high population growth (eschewing census data showing population decline), new wholesale water needs, big industrial growth, adding a new water-intensive fossil fuel plant, and other unsubstantiated factors still justify the 12 million gallons per day claim. CWLP compounds demand-side errors on the supply side, falsely claiming Lake Springfield's yield is only its top 13 feet and refusing to dredge it to add another 4.8 million gallons per day in a drought.

CWLP gives short shrift to better, cheaper, less-destructive alternatives even if ACE agreed more water or recreation is needed, including gravel lakes east of Springfield CWLP admits produce 7.4 million gallons per day in a severe drought, without counting millions more available because these lakes are directly connected to the Sangamon River.

CWLP surrendered its longstanding permit to construct a temporary dam on the Sangamon River in a 100-year drought, an alternative considerably less expensive that may never have to be used, and if needed would have only short, limited environmental impacts.

CWLP rejected using Sangchris Lake water, though Vistra Energy is abandoning the Kincaid power plant, leaving more for CWLP's pump station on the South Fork. CWLP unreasonably rejected and failed to adequately study every feasible, cheaper, less-destructive alternative in order to justify Hunter Dam.

If after reviewing public comments, ACE decides if Hunter Lake is in the public interest, and if needed, whether it is the least-costly alternative that can meet defined needs at the lowest cost and with the least environmental damage, there is another step necessary. If a permit is issued, the City Council still must decide whether to proceed. □

Don Hanrahan, a Springfield attorney, is political chair of the Sangamon Valley Group of the Sierra Club and a longtime opponent of Hunter Lake.

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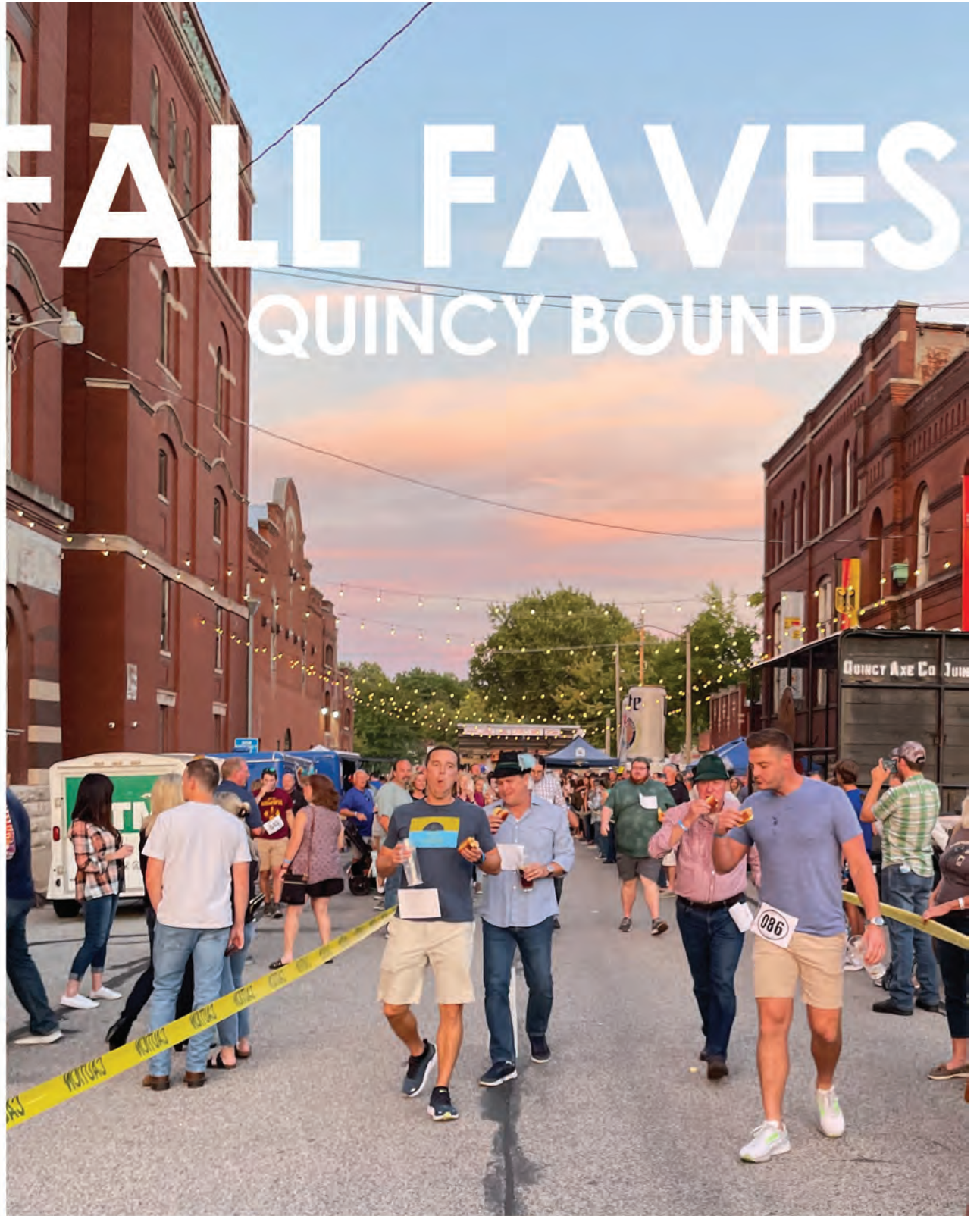
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Historic event with a new twist

The Springfield Mile returns over Labor Day weekend

FALL GUIDE | Catherine O'Connor

This year's Springfield Mile will include all the thrill, drama and edge-of-the-seat dirt track racing that's been a tradition since its early years as part of the American Motorcyclist Association national racing series that began in 1937. Integral to Springfield's horse racing and motorsports community heritage, the oval track at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, known for its short straightaways and wide, sweeping corners, is a mecca for racing enthusiasts.

Beginning after the Great Depression, flat track motorcycle races often came down to a handlebar-to-handlebar photo finish, as the coveted National No. 1 plate was awarded to the rider who won the checkered flag in Springfield, Illinois. Beginning with rules changes in 1954, the official Grand National Championship has been awarded to the rider with the most points over an 18-race series held at tracks from coast to coast. But the Springfield Mile is known as the world's fastest mile, with its record-setting, smooth, Midwestern "gumbo" dirt surface.

As the home track of the FBI (Fast Boys from Illinois), Springfield remains one of 16 venues throughout the country where practiced hands twist throttles, and stars are made at 140 miles per hour in the sport of dirt track motorcycle racing. With the stage set for the final two races of the 2023 American Flat Track premiere series, the Labor Day weekend Springfield Mile double-header is riveting fans, while the Yamaha versus Indian brand motorcycle rivalry is often launching competitors to victory margins within hundredths of a second.

To be sure, diehard fans are focused on National No.1 Jared Mees of Florida, eight-time reigning Grand National Champion, currently holding a one-point lead over 19-year-old racer Dallas Daniels, a Mattoon, Illinois, native vying to take the series crown. If Meese wins the total point standings, he will tie Scotty Parker's 1998 historic career record of nine Grand National Championship titles. And crowds will likely cheer just as loudly if young Daniels wins, breaking the Harley-Davidson/Indian winning streak, riding a Yamaha to Grand National championship victory for the first time since Kenny Roberts did it in 1974.

But beyond the superstar power of athletes in a display of fitness, tenacity and determination, this year's grand finale program will be expanding its reach into a



Swede Savage, a 26-year-old superstar in the making, waves to the crowd after breaking the track record in the Indy 500 qualifying race on May 12, 1973. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMS PHOTO

more diverse motorsports racing fan base, with another historic first.

Angela Savage, daughter of David "Swede" Savage, a promising Indy car driver who was larger-than-life, on the track and off, is one of only a few women ever to be named Grand Marshal of the Springfield Mile. Her father, a favorite to win the 1973 Indianapolis 500, which was twice rescheduled due to rain-soaked track conditions, lost control on lap 59, resulting in one of the most violent, single-car crashes in Indy racing history. Angela's mother, then six months pregnant, kept vigil at his bedside. But 33 days later, Swede Savage, 26, died from his injuries. Condolences poured in from racing's big names, such as Bobby Unser, Mario Andretti and Roger Penske as well as fellow Californians, film stars Paul Newman, Steve McQueen and Robert Redford.

For decades, Swede's daughter suffered through life, carrying the unacknowledged burden of a survivor. It was like she lived in a shadow. But a chance encounter with Ted Woerner, an author and impassioned Indy fan who had heard about his hero Swede Savage's crash on the transistor radio he smuggled into his sixth-grade classroom in 1973, enabled Angela Savage to find the courage to finally visit the track which took her father's life. Together they collaborated to write *Savage Angel: Death and Rebirth at the Indianapolis*

500, a book that skillfully and candidly interweaves details of her life trauma and eventual healing, with revelations of a unique motorsports legacy.

Now Angela Savage is ready to share how she has healed and what she has learned about her dad's fascinating life, ended too



Angela Savage was born just three months after her famous father died from injuries suffered in the 1973 Indianapolis 500. PHOTO BY TED WOERNER

soon. She has unpacked the heavy leather racing suits, the gloves that once held her father's hands, his letters and numerous photos and discovered Swede's hand-typed resume personalizing the hopes and dreams of a young 20-something. In his own words he took stock of where he was going in life, gradually making the transition from two wheels to four, up the ladder to a promising career that would help support his growing family.

Angela Savage currently lives in Indianapolis with her husband and family, the same city where Angela's father died. She and Woerner, a University of Illinois industrial design graduate, have recently turned their attention to take a deeper dive into Swede's motorcycle racing career.

Before he graduated to elite Ford and Trans Am stock car and open-wheel racing, Swede Savage is listed as a young amateur from San Bernardino, California, in area news coverage of the 1964-66 Springfield Mile, now archived in the Sangamon Valley Collection. With a total of 35 professional motorcycle race wins, he even performed in Evel Knievel's Stunt Show of Stars at Ascot Park. While revered as an Indy car celebrity whose career ended tragically, Swede Savage is also credited with forwarding the late 1960s innovation to full face helmets, now standard safety gear in both the auto and motorcycle racing industry.

In yet one more unique twist to the 2023 Springfield Mile story, top contender Jared Mees and his wife, Nichole, a former premiere class racer herself, who were married on the racetrack at the 2013 Springfield Mile, will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary on Labor Day weekend. Now parents of two young daughters, the couple are the owners of Mees Promotions. This is their second year as race directors and managers of the Springfield Mile, following the retirement of former promoters Tomra and Dave Kiesow.

Angela Savage and Ted Woerner, an Indianapolis-based motorsports entrepreneur who has spent the past several years researching and writing about the Savage legacy, will be on hand at the Springfield Mile to meet fans. An eye-popping restoration of Swede's #40 day-glow red 1973 Eagle Offenhauser Indy car will be on display, along with vintage photographs and racing memorabilia. □



Volunteers at Giant City State Park near Makanda portray some of the park's commonly misunderstood animals for the annual "trek and treat" day. This year the celebration is Oct. 28. PHOTO BY JENNIFER RANDOLPH-BOLLINGER

Fall fun at Illinois State Parks

FALL GUIDE | Mary Bohlen

Brightly colored leaves floating through the air, campfire smoke curling into the cool, crisp evening air and such special events as tagging monarch butterflies and dressing in costumes make a perfect time to fall in love with Illinois state parks.

Whether you opt to book a room at an historic lodge, set up a tent or take a day trip, you can find fun in any direction from Springfield. Illinois' state parks offer an array of options, from those packed with people to hidden gems away from crowds.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' website lists the many state parks, fish and wildlife areas and recreation areas available in Illinois. Go to dnr.illinois.gov/parks to find a natural area near you.

Four of the most popular parks are those with lodges: Pere Marquette, Giant City, Starved Rock and White Pines. Illinois Beach in far northeastern Illinois has a more modern

hotel fronting Lake Michigan. Cabins and campsites abound at other parks around the state. But book early, as fall is a busy time.

Pere Marquette, Grafton

The current Farmers' Almanac website names Pere Marquette as the ninth-best spot in the United States for fall leaf viewing, and an abundance of trees throughout the park almost guarantees visitors will not be disappointed.

Overlooking the Illinois River near its marriage to the Mississippi, the 8,050-acre park offers sweeping vistas, a restaurant, rooms in the Depression-era lodge and nearby cabins, camping, horseback riding and 12 miles of hiking trails. The lodge features a massive stone fireplace, comfy chairs, a small wine-tasting room, a gift shop and an indoor pool.

The river also makes boating, fishing and bird watching popular. Winter skies bring eagles soaring above, and the adjacent Sam Vadalabene

bike trail is not to be missed in any good weather.

But fall remains an especially busy time, and the lodge's schedule includes an apple festival Sept. 17, goat yoga Sept. 24, a paranormal investigation and Boos and Booze Halloween party Oct. 13, murder mystery dinners Oct. 27 and Nov. 17 and a wine festival Nov. 12.

For more information about Pere Marquette lodge, go to pmlodge.net.

Giant City, Makanda

This park deep in the Shawnee Hills of southern Illinois may make you think you can't possibly be in flat-farmland Illinois. Like its Grafton sister, Giant City has an impressive stone fireplace and popular restaurant in the lodge. Three types of cabins and campgrounds are available for overnight stays.

Rock climbers and rappellers flock to the park to take advantage of its sandstone bluffs while

horseback riders and hikers can enjoy the 20 miles of trails.

Jennifer Randolph-Bollinger, the park's natural resources coordinator, notes fall is the perfect time for a visit. "We usually have full, glorious fall leaves by the end of October."

Hikers likely will get to see fall wildflowers, she says, "and with the leaves falling you have a better view of the sandstone bluffs so a drive through the park is lovely."

September is monarch butterfly month at Giant City, and visitors can pick up a kit at the visitors center to capture live butterflies and bring them back for tagging before release.

At the annual "trek and treat" event, on Oct. 28 this year, volunteers will dress as some of the park's commonly misunderstood animals and talk about their importance to the ecosystem. The free afternoon event features such creatures as a copperhead snake, a praying mantis, a brown bat, a bobcat, a raccoon and a great



Hiking in Starved Rock State Park near Utica brings views of fall leaves around every turn.

PHOTO BY KATHY CASSTEVENS

horned owl.

For more information about the Giant City lodge, go to giantcitylodge.com.

Starved Rock, Utica

One of the most-visited parks in the state is Starved Rock, within a few hours of Chicago, and weekends can be packed with people. They come for the interesting geography and hiking trails, views of the Illinois River and the myriad of activities at the historic lodge. An indoor pool, several dining options and rustic lobby with immense fireplace make the lodge a great spot to spend some time. Nearby cabins and campsites are overnight options.

Park naturalist Lisa Sons says the best spots for viewing fall colors are from the top of Starved Rock, Lovers Leap and Eagle Cliff and along the 13 miles of trails. Also popular are the park's 18 canyons.

The lodge offers historic trolley tours of the area, boat cruises, guided hikes and music tribute shows.

The fall lineup includes shows honoring Rod Stewart Oct. 2-3, The Beatles Oct. 23-24 and Elvis Nov. 6-7.

Oktoberfest will be celebrated with a

German menu in the restaurant Oct. 15-17.

For more information about the lodge and its activities, go to starvedrocklodge.com.

White Pines, Morris

Nestled in the Rock River Valley, White Pines is a bit of hidden gem. At 385 acres, it isn't as large as some of its cousin state parks but still makes for a relaxing stay among a forest of tall pine trees. For many years, the area was on the main route between Chicago and Iowa.

The lodge, built like the others by the Civilian Conservation Corps, has a restaurant and has hosted a dinner theater for more than 30 years. An extensive gift shop inhabits a nearby log cabin. Another 21 log cabins and campsites allow for overnights.

While fishing and hiking are popular in any good weather, the park offers a special treat when the water is low. That's when you can drive over creeks on the park's concrete fords.

For more information about the lodge and cabins, go to whitepinesinn.com. □

Springfield travel writer Mary Bohlen counts these four state parks among her favorite places to visit in Illinois.



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Haunted happenings

FALL GUIDE | Eric Woods

Whether you're looking for something spooky to get you in the mood for Halloween or more extreme scares that will test your limits, there are plenty of options in central Illinois for both kids and adults.

Springfield-area activities

Aristocracy Hill Haunted History Tour is a two-and-a-half-hour walking tour of Springfield's haunted history. You will hear factual history and ghostly tales as you walk through the historic Old Aristocracy Hill neighborhood and take in stories of ghosts, shadow men, poltergeists, hidden cemeteries, seances and more. The tour runs every Friday and Saturday night in October and begins at the Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St.

Lincoln's Ghost Walk runs every Tuesday through Saturday night in September and continues every Friday and Saturday in October. It begins in downtown Springfield at the Old Capitol Plaza in front of the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office Historic Site. The tour consists of a 90-minute walking tour by lantern that uses the Lincoln sites as the backdrop for strange and bizarre stories that surrounded the life and death of Abraham Lincoln. It is suitable for all ages and is not a scary tour.

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The **Carter Brothers Haunted Hayride** will bring the scare back to Halloween for its 40th anniversary of terror and fright. The hayride, located between Springfield and Sherman, runs every Friday and Saturday in October, and is described as "a fun-filled haunted hayride experience that will keep entire families laughing and screaming all night long." There is no walking involved, the scare factor is medium, and it is acceptable for all ages. Oct. 21 and 28 will feature a kids' day in the afternoon.

Take a short drive

The **217 Terror Haunted House** is located in Roodhouse and includes four haunted attractions and an escape room. This is an in-your-face (but no touching), old-school-scary haunted attraction. The event runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday beginning Sept. 29 and running through



Author Eric Woods leads a tour during the Lincoln's Ghost Walk.

the end of October with special days on Halloween Eve and Halloween night. The scare factor is high, suitable for ages 13 and over, but there will be a free, family-friendly Fear Festival on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 1-4 p.m.

Boo Crew Haunted House in Mechanicsburg begins Sept. 29 and is open each Friday and Saturday in October. The Trail of Lost Souls is a short outdoor walk through the woods where scary attractions and numerous "scare actors" loom along the trail. After completing the trail, visitors will head inside to the haunted building which includes old-school scares as well as creative animatronics. The scare factor is high, so it is not recommended for young children. However, there is a haunted matinee on Oct. 21 and a children's matinee on Oct. 28, both from 3-5 p.m.

Terror on the Square in Petersburg is "a unique, professional haunted tour with Disney-style illusions set in an actual 1930s funeral home." This haunted experience features old-school ghouls as well as creative illusions. The scare level is considered medium and is recommended for ages 10 and above. The scare dates for 2023 will include every Friday and Saturday night beginning Oct. 6 through the end of the month, with a bonus on Halloween night.

Hell's Burrow Haunted Attraction is located in Hillsboro. It is run using

mostly homemade props and costumes and promises that you will leave with some spooky and fun memories. The event will run Oct. 27-31 and is a kid-friendly attraction with monster-proof flashlights available for kids and a trick-or-treat section. The theme this year is "Unearth the Fear."

Decatur will finally have a haunted house again, opening this October. **Izabella's Curse** is a new haunted house attraction that will be located in the South Shores area of Decatur in an old warehouse. It is billed as a high scare factor, suitable for ages 13 and over. The house will operate every Friday and Saturday night beginning Oct. 6 and running through the end of October with additional hours on Halloween night.

Blood Moon Manor Haunted Attraction in Forest City (home of the haunted Skinner House) will be open every Friday and Saturday in October from 7-11 p.m. This nonprofit haunted attraction includes three trails – Paranoia, BMM BioLab and The Forest of the Damned. The Reaper's Ride is waiting to take people to that final ride to the boneyard. It is a high scare factor, suitable for ages 13 and over. □

Eric Woods is a die-hard Halloween fan and published horror author. He is a tour guide for the Lincoln Ghost Walk in Springfield and will be releasing his sixth novel, This Is How He Collects Them, on Friday, Oct. 13.

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Fall events at Oak Ridge Cemetery

FALL GUIDE | Karen Ackerman Witter

Oak Ridge Cemetery tree tour Saturday, Oct. 14

This is the ninth year for this free, family-friendly event, which will showcase a wide variety of unique trees, along with offering a kids' table and educational activities for children, cookies and lemonade. Volunteer guides will interpret the 34 trees on the tour. All are on level ground within easy walking distance of each other. The tour is an opportunity to enjoy fall color and collect some seeds while learning what makes each of these trees unique. The event will take place rain or shine from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14.

There are thousands of trees at Oak Ridge Cemetery, which has been designated a National Living Landmark. Some of the trees are from Abraham Lincoln's time and before. Hundreds of others have been propagated from historic and rare trees from around the temperate world. Each year the tour features a different area of the cemetery. This year's tour will focus on the historic tree nursery area located east of the war memorials.

Guy Sternberg, owner of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg, has been studying and promoting the trees at Oak Ridge Cemetery for more than 50 years. He helped design and start the nursery in 1992, donating 700 trees. When the trees grew big enough, many were transplanted to other places in the cemetery. The entire nursery area will be interpreted on this year's tour. Most of the trees on the tour were planted as part of the original nursery and never transplanted. Some were there when the nursery was established. Sternberg says visitors will see types of trees they likely have never seen before.

It takes many volunteers to provide this opportunity for the public. "Some are plant people, professionals and hobbyists, but many are just individuals who like learning something about trees and enjoy being outdoors," said volunteer Sue Massie. "That profile is similar for the visitors that come for the tour itself."

Massie says the tree tour is an opportunity for both visitors and volunteers to enjoy the beautiful cemetery environment at a joyous time, different than a typical visit relating to a death.

"I like to volunteer for the annual Oak Ridge Cemetery Tree Walk because it fits my retirement mission to have fun and make sure those around me have fun as well," said volunteer Diana Hetherington. "The tree walk is a good opportunity to learn about trees while helping educate others in our



Bitternut hickory, one of 34 trees on the Oct. 14 tree tour at Oak Ridge Cemetery. PHOTO BY GUY STERNBERG

community."

For more information about the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation tree program, including how to adopt a tree, go to oakridgecemeterytrees.com.

Echoes of Yesteryear: A walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery Sunday, Oct. 1

The popular Sangamon County Historical Society's cemetery walk at Oak Ridge Cemetery will take place Sunday, Oct. 1, from 12-4 p.m. Actors dressed in period costumes will portray seven individuals who made significant contributions to the Springfield community. All of the stories have been researched thoroughly.

Oak Ridge Cemetery, founded in 1856, is now the largest municipal cemetery in Illinois and well-known for its history and beauty. Over 75,000 individuals are buried at the cemetery, including many of Springfield's most influential citizens. Some are well-known while others are not.

The Sangamon County Historical Society is dedicated to raising public awareness of the people who have contributed to Springfield's rich history. The annual cemetery walk is one way the organization does this. The popular cemetery walk was held annually from 1996-2008 and resumed eight years ago due to popular demand.

This year's tour will bring to life the following individuals:

- Edgar Shanklin who co-founded a company that produced lamps for coal miners.
- Erma Garrison Templeman, the first woman to practice law in Sangamon County, passing the bar exam at the same time as her husband.
- Edna Dye Weaver, the first woman to own an auto dealership in Springfield.
- Thorne Deuel, director of the Illinois State Museum from 1938-1963, from the perspective of his wife, Nora.
- Herbert Georg, a prominent photographer in Springfield for over 50 years.
- Vera Shoultz, who along with her husband, Rev. Rudolph Shoultz, longtime pastor of Union Baptist Church, were leaders in the African American community.
- Dr. Don Deal, a physician who performed the first blood transfusion in Sangamon County in the 1920s.

Enter the cemetery from Monument Drive and follow the signs to park near the Lincoln tomb. Visitors will take a bus to the first location, walk to the other stops on the tour (approximately half-a-mile) and ride a bus back to the parking lot. The last tour begins at 3:15 p.m.

The event is free. Donations are encouraged. Water and snacks will be available to purchase. For information about the Sangamon County Historical Society and any cancellation due to inclement weather, go to sangamonhistory.org or call 217-525-1961. □

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Plant your fall garden now

FALL GUIDE | Pamela Savage

I don't know about you, but I have happily spent the last couple of months enjoying everything that summer has to offer in terms of delicious produce. Between the Old Capitol Farmers Market downtown and my in-laws' garden, I've been up to my ears in homegrown tomatoes, fresh corn, spicy shishito peppers, juicy peaches, firm zucchini and, of course, sweet summer watermelons.

Hands down, summer is my very favorite time to cook and eat, and I often wonder what I even bother eating during the other seasons. If you agree, do not despair, as there are several tasty vegetables you can plant now that will flourish throughout the fall and withstand early winter's first few frosts.

According to the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, vegetable gardening is completely doable in all regions of Illinois throughout August for fall harvesting. On average, the first frosts hit central Illinois in mid-October, which means there is a window of about 75 days between the start of August and the beginning of cold temperatures. Some plants need longer than that, but several are perfectly content to grow and flourish inside of a 75-day window.

Examples of crops that you can plant now and hope to harvest by fall include: beets, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, green beans, kohlrabi, kale, radishes, turnips, mustard greens, leaf lettuce and spinach.

To encourage the success of your vegetable crops from seed, you should consult the backs of your seed packets to see how long each seed requires to germinate and produce vegetables. Once you have that information ready, count backwards from our region's mid-October average first frost. Following the guidelines on your seed packet will help you to ascertain whether your garden dreams are attainable or if they are a long shot. Another tip is to skip

seed packets completely and purchase already-grown seedlings or small plants from your garden store or local farmers and to plant these directly in your garden.

Once the first frosts come, you may notice that some plants are more affected than others, and to varying degrees. Kale, broccoli and spinach are said to have a sweeter taste following a frost. Kale will grow well into the winter, and spinach can sometimes survive the snow to come back with the spring season. Many other hardy vegetables such as cabbage, greens, turnips and radishes will absolutely withstand freezing temperatures for a short period of time.

If the weather turns early, or cold temperatures are expected for a longer period of time this autumn, the *Farmer's Almanac* recommends covering your fall crops with bed sheets, dropcloths or medium-weight fabric. Simply drape your plants lightly with any of these cover options (do not use plastic) and secure them with rocks, bricks and stakes to keep your covers from touching and sticking to foliage beneath. Don't forget to uncover your plants during the warmest parts of the day so that they can benefit from the sun's nourishment.

A few other tips for keeping your vegetables happy during the fall are to water your soil thoroughly before the first frost (just don't soak the ground); be sure to mulch your garden beds with straw, fallen leaves or pine needles to help insulate the ground and ward off frost from the roots of your plants; and pay close attention to the weather reports so that you know when to cover vulnerable plants.

I'll be wishing you a few more months of delicious produce this fall and winter! ☐

Pamela Savage is a freelance writer living in Springfield. She has easily eaten 20 watermelons this summer.

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Good old okra

How to minimize slime, maximize crunch

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

It would be difficult to find a garden vegetable more versatile or resilient than okra. Tall plants with delicate cream and burgundy-tinted flowers give way to slender pointed pods that can be stewed, stuffed, blanched, sautéed, deep-fried, roasted, grilled or even eaten raw. The history of okra is a long one and deeply woven into the fabric of American history. In an article titled “The Secret History of Okra” (<https://toriavey.com/history-okra-soup-recipe>), award-winning writer and culinary historian Michael Twitty explains that okra had its genesis in the Abyssinian Plateau, in the area we now know as Ethiopia. It spread across Western and Central Africa around 2,000 BCE and over the centuries it became an integral ingredient throughout the continent and African diaspora. Okra spread east with Islam into India, where it is known as bhindi, or “ladies fingers,” and west to the Americas. Twitty points out that okra’s cultivation in the colonies, along with other African food staples, was integral to the slave trade. “Understanding the food of the people you were enslaving was critical; it ensured they would be well fed during the perilous middle passage and when they arrived in the new world. ... As cruel a business as the slave trade was, it was still recognized that culinary homesickness was a great deterrent to the ‘seasoning’ process.”

Okra became an established ingredient in the American colonies by the 18th century, first arriving in the port cities of Charleston and New Orleans before making its way throughout the South, even becoming a favorite of Thomas Jefferson in his famed Monticello garden. While often thought of as a strictly Southern staple, okra can thrive in sunny plots further north. A member of the same plant family as cotton and hibiscus, okra is a tall tropical plant with showy blooms that is both deer- and drought-resistant. Gardeners in more northerly climates can give their crop a head start by starting seeds indoors in peat pots in early May, then carefully planting them out once soil temperatures have reached at least 70 degrees. Harvest okra pods when they’re small and tender and can be easily snapped in half.

Okra’s adaptability in the kitchen and vigor in the garden is matched by its powerful nutrition. Rich in vitamins K, C, A, B6, thamin and folate, okra is also a significant source of insoluble fiber, which helps to scrub the digestive system, as well as soluble fiber. Soluble fibers dissolve into water and form a



Cream and burgundy-tinted flowers give way to okra pods. PHOTO BY ASHLEY MEYER

gel during digestion, which helps to slow the absorption of glucose into the bloodstream and helps create a feeling of fullness when consumed, making foods like okra ideal for those looking to manage blood sugar or lose weight. Okra is an excellent source of this wonderful compound, thanks to the infamous slime, technically called mucilage, that can develop when it’s cooked.

It is precisely because of this slime that

okra is such a polarizing ingredient. However, it’s possible that okra detractors just haven’t had it prepared well. While okra lends itself to a variety of preparations, it’s long been used to thicken soups and stews such as Ghanaian groundnut (peanut) stew or New Orleans-style gumbo. A clutch ingredient in vegetable broth, okra results in a product that is rich and unctuous like a slow-simmered bone broth, and it makes good use of tough,

overgrown pods because they’ll eventually be strained out.

While those preparations lean into the slippery side of okra, there are ways to prepare it that minimizes the goo. Hot, dry heat and increased surface area are key to preparing crispy, toothsome okra. Roasting or grilling whole or halved okra pods is perhaps the simplest and one of the most delicious ways to enjoy this peak-season veggie. Toss whole or halved pods with salt and olive oil and roast on a baking sheet in a hot 450-degree oven until blistered and lightly charred, or skewer the pods and grill over hot coals. This is a wonderful combination with grilled peppers. Eat them as is or drizzle with a chili- and garlic-spiked mayo or zippy Dijon and shallot vinaigrette.

To maximize fried okra’s crunchy factor, slice the pods lengthwise into quarters to create skinny okra “shoestring” fries. Toss the pods with salt and a mixture of cornstarch and cornmeal before frying in hot oil until golden brown and crispy. Serve with remoulade or spicy ranch dressing.

Stewed Okra and Tomatoes

Adapted from a recipe in an old cookbook from the Junior League of New Orleans

¼ pound bacon, cut into small pieces
1½ pounds fresh okra, sliced into 1/4-inch coins

1 cup chopped onions
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 bay leaf
1 pound ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
½ teaspoon salt
2 sprigs fresh thyme or a pinch of dried Tabasco and black pepper, to taste

Fry bacon in a nonreactive skillet until crisp. Remove bacon pieces with a slotted spoon and transfer to paper towels and set aside. Add sliced okra to the hot bacon fat and sauté until very tender, about 15 minutes. Add onions, garlic, green pepper, celery and bay leaf and cook until onions are transparent, about 10 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook 10 minutes more. Add salt, thyme, Tabasco and pepper and bring to a simmer. Cook for 10 minutes more, then remove bay leaf and stir in the crumbled bacon. Serve alongside fried fish or chicken or over steamed rice. □

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If the forecast holds true, this week was a scorcher. But does that stop the intrepid music fan from making the rounds to experience live music? Of course not, though please take precautions to stay ahead of the heat in all the ways you know how.

Hot as heck or not, it's time to enjoy the excitement and entertainment that is the Old Capitol Blues & BBQ fest. Held on the west side of the Old State Capitol on Fifth Street between Jefferson and Adams streets this Friday and Saturday, the OCB&BBQ consistently takes the cake in the music festival category in our annual Best of Springfield readers' poll. My weather indicator does show Friday and Saturday will be the coolest days of the week, so let's take it and run.

The lineup for this, the 19th year of the festival, is exceptional and more blues-specific than in some years past, and that's OK by me. Organizers included a good mix of local blues-drenched groups along with a killer collection of nationally-acclaimed, award-winning blues acts.

For example, Friday gives us our very own chart-topping blues radio group, the MJ Curry Band, to kick things off at 5:30. Then up-and-comer Gabe Stillman, who was a 2022 Blues Music Foundation nominee for Best Emerging Artist, comes on at 7. The Albert Castiglia Band, nominated for multiple awards by the Blues Music Foundation in several categories, closes out the night at 9.

Saturday, the entertainment begins with two of our finest blues and soul acts as Chris Camp and his Blues Ambassadors hit at 3 p.m., followed by Soul Experience featuring Reggie Britton (he's waaaaay back!) at 5. Chris O'Leary, who worked for many years

as *the* guy in Levon Helm's Barnburners, the band that followed The Band, (and also won a few awards in his time), brings it on at 7. Next up, set to close out the fest, is Selwyn Birchwood, an Alligator Records artist who hails from Florida. He calls his music (very award-winning as well) "electric swamp funk'n' blues" and you need to experience the sound to understand the meaning of that phrase. And when you do, you will. Don't forget (the smells won't let you) there's barbecue around to aid in appropriate appetite quenching. Along with the excellent use of alliteration and rhyme, blues and barbecue go together well, working exquisitely on many levels. Tickets are only available at the fest, so just show up, buy your ticket and head in for blues, barbecue and other delights.

No matter which side of the burgoo table you sit on (I think it's yummy stuff – usually), there's generally good live music at most area burgoos as the 2023 Chandlerville Burgoo proves well enough. The always-on-it Exit 52 headlines this Friday night and a couple of very experienced and very good bands land this Saturday with Geezer going noon to 3 and The Elderly Brothers playing from 6 to 9 in the evening. If you need to look up where Chandlerville is, do so and be sure to visit the cenotaph of Mr. Chandler in the hilltop cemetery and take in the view while you're there.

Now you need to look at the Friday night and Sunday afternoon listings (Saturday is good, too, but the others are bonkers) just to fathom all the super-duper music happening in one weekend in our area. See you next time for Labor Day weekend, as we bring our summer season to a close. □

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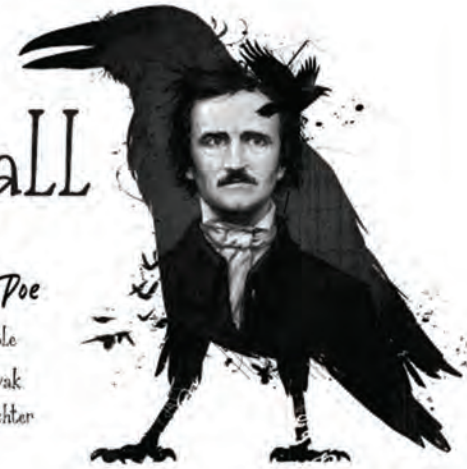
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Curate, 7-10pm

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Curve Inn, 6-10pm

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

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 7-10pm

Sleep Signals with Enamel, Master Bastard
The Blue Grouch, 7-10pm

Friday Aug 25

Branden Martin with Joe Clark
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

Damian Zimmerman and MK Smith
Bar Bella, 5-8pm

Friday Night Jazz - Frank Trompeter Quartet
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

Aly Hauser
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

it Ella Gibson
Casey's Pub, 6-9pm

Brandy Kristin Band
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

Not Petty
El Taco Guapo, 6-9pm

Blue Country Revue
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Blue Note Quintet
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Off the Wall
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

Friday Night Karaoke with DJ Dan Suter
Pier 55 Lounge, 8pm-12am

Jay Larson Band
The Bird Tavern, 7pm

The Lovelorn
The Blue Grouch, 6-10pm

Rock & Roll Sisters
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Saturday Aug 26

Joel Honey
Boone's, 11am-2pm

Devin Williams
Capitol Complex Visitors Center, 11am-3pm

RockHouse
Curve Inn, 6-10pm



Ella Gibson plays Casey's Pub on Friday.

The Cadillac Three
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

it The Cocktails
Goodfellas Pub, 8-11pm

Off The Wall
Harry's Adult Day Care, 7-10pm

Myers - Brant - Paoni
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Sunshine Daydream, Mace Hathaway
KC Lake Club, Chatham, 6-10pm

Blue Note Quintet
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

Renegade Karaoke
Northern Lights Lounge, 8:30pm-12:30am

Thomas J Beverly
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 4-7pm

Peaches and Bacon
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-12:30pm

Broken Stone
The Blue Grouch, 6-10pm

The Rick Mari Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Sunday Aug 27

Rhodes & Battles Trio
Bar Bella, 1-4pm

Curt Smith
Brookhills Golf Club, 3-6pm

Play Some Skynyrd
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 8pm

Dave Littrell
El Taco Guapo, 1-4pm

Lacey & Kirsten
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 10am-1pm

Black Velvet
Hill Prairie Winery, Oakford, 2-5pm

Johnnie Owens
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

Wolf Crick Boys
Mama Lee's Sandbar, 4-7pm

Buckhart Road
Sheedy Shores WineGarden, Loami, 2-5pm

Brushville
Waters Edge Winery & Bistro, Jacksonville, 2-5pm

Tom Irwin & those Raouligans
West of Wise Winery, Petersburg, 2-4pm

Monday Aug 28

it Timo Arthur
The Alamo, 7pm

Al Kitchen
Fulgenci's Pizza and Pasta, 6-9pm.

Tuesday Aug 29

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

Johnnie Owens and Silk
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7-9pm

Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin
It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

Open mic with Jim and Geoff
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub & Parlor, 6:30-9:30pm

Wednesday Aug 30

Andy Duncanson and The Black Eyed Lillies
Benderz, Auburn, 12-10pm

Open mic
Boone's, 7-10pm

Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am

Karaoke
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

James Armstrong
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

Me, Myself & Schy
Obed and Isaac's, 6-8pm

Al Kitchen and friends
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar & Grill, Museum & Entertainment Complex, 6-9pm.

Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

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Woodlawn Farm open tours

Saturdays and Sundays through September, 1-4pm. Families and small groups can tour the Woodlawn Farm, a site on the Underground Railroad. No reservations necessary. Cash donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child appreciated. woodlawnfarm.com. 1463 Gierke Lane, Jacksonville, 309-678-7716.

The Art of Jazz

Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 16, 7-9pm. The Art of Jazz, curated by Brazilian guitarist Jose Gobbio, continues through the fall months, bringing various guest artist musicians and vocalists to these popular jazz evenings. Enjoy an evening of live music and view the exhibits on display. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

NOIR 3: A Juneteenth Exhibition

Through Oct. 10. Celebrate the skills of Black artists. Featuring the curation of artists Alyssa Farmer and Korbin "Kas" King. Free. illinoisstatemuseum.org. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-782-0979.

AUGUST

Artist on the Plaza

Aug. 25, 12-1pm. The fiddle and banjo sounds of Peaches and Bacon. Hosted by the Springfield Area Arts Council. springfieldartsco.org. Free. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street, 217-753-3519.

Sing 2

Aug. 25. *Sing 2* is the sequel to the 2016 animated hit. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Part of the Springfield Park District's Movies in the Park series. Begins at sunset. Free. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 East Lake Shore Drive,

Cat adoptions

First and fourth Saturdays of every month, 12-3pm. Forever Home Feline Ranch will have cats available for adoption. Opportunities are also available for fostering and volunteering. Donations welcome. Ace Hardware, 1600 Wabash Ave., 217-787-5100.

Farmers Market

Sept. 3, 17 and 24, 10am-2pm. Market plus a flea market, crafts and food trucks. Call for more info. Knights of Columbus, Riverton, 335 S. Fourth St., 217-494-3366.

Central Park Market

First Thursday of every month through Oct. 5, 4-8pm. This makers' market features 25-plus local makers and small businesses including food trucks, growers and live music. Downtown Jacksonville, Jacksonville, 217-473-7287.

Big Eli Ferris wheel rides

Sundays through Sep. 24, 4-6pm. The first Big Eli Ferris wheel opened in 1900 in Community Park. Free. jacksonvilleil.org. Jacksonville Community Park, 1201 S. Main St., Jacksonville.

Jacksonville Speedway Races

Fridays through Oct. 6, and Sat., Oct. 14, 5:30-10:30pm. Classes include 360 Sprints, modifieds, street stock and micros. \$15. Check the speedway's website or Facebook for start times. jacksonvillespeedway.com. Jacksonville Speedway, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate Ave., 217-371-3653.

"Something So Horrible, The Springfield Race Riot of 1908"

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Preschool Storytime

Thursdays through Nov. 2, 10:30-11am. For children ages 3-5. Children and their grownups will explore stories and activities to encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning. Programs designed to promote language and listening skills, expand children's imaginations and arouse their curiosity about the world. lincolnlbrary.info. Free.

ARTS & CULTURE | Annual outdoor blues festival on tap this weekend

it This two-day, outdoor blues music festival offers something for everyone, from awesome blues tunes to mouthwatering barbecue delights such as ribs, pulled pork, brisket, wings and more. A dozen food vendors will be present. Don't forget the craft brews and other thirst-quenching drinks to beat the heat. This year is the event's 19th, and organizer Barry Friedman is excited about the lineup. "This is probably the best blues lineup we've had. These guys are great," said Friedman, owner of The Alamo, noting the mix of local and touring acts. Both nights' headliners, Albert Castiglia and Selwyn Birchwood, are multi-nominated artists. Birchwood, with his album *Exorcist*, has been on top of the blues charts lately. Castiglia has topped the charts recently, too. Friday night's lineup consists of The MJ Curry Band at 5:30 p.m., Gabe Stillman at 7 p.m. and Castiglia at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Chris Camp and His Blues Ambassadors take the stage at 3 p.m., the Soul Experience Band with Reggie Britton follows at 5 p.m. Chris O'Leary Band at 7 p.m. and Birchwood at 9 p.m. Food and beverage costs are separate from the entry fee.

Old Capitol Blues & BBQ

Fri, Aug. 25, 5pm. to midnight, and Saturday, Aug. 26, 3pm to midnight Downtown Springfield, Fifth and Adams streets Tickets at gate. \$15 adults, children 12 and under free 217-523-1455

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Rochester Public Library Farmers Market

Second and fourth Sundays of every month, 12-3pm, through Sept. 24. See Facebook page for more details. Rochester Public Library, Rochester, 1 Community Drive, 217-498-8454.

Tuesdays on the Dock

Tuesdays, 9-11am., through Sep.

26. Former Pillsbury employees, neighbors, retirees and families can spend some time during "office hours" with Moving Pillsbury Forward in a shaded, indoor sitting area on south loading dock. Bring your Pillsbury stories and check out artifacts from the plant. Pillsburyproject.org. Free. Pillsbury Mill, 1525 E. Phillips St., 217-741-2489.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

Saturdays and Wednesdays, 8am-12:30pm, through Oct. 28. Shop for fresh local produce, baked goods and products. Old Capitol Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

Illinois Product Farmers Market

Thursdays through Sept. 28, 3:30-7pm. Local meats, produce, dairy products, baked goods, honey and jams, craft beers,

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Friday Nights at DIM

Fridays, 6-8pm. Artists get an opportunity to work on their projects while collaborating with professionals. dimarthouse.com. Free. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

First Friday Open Studio

First Friday of every month, 6-8pm. Visit the current exhibit and visit artists at work. Ask about their work, what inspires them, and why they chose their particular medium. pharmacygallery.com. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Boo Crew Haunted House

First Friday and Saturday of every month through Oct. 28. Travel the Trail of Lost Souls and the haunted house. Boo victims should be at least age 10, but matinee hours are available for youngsters. Concessions available. Box office opens at 6:30pm. Haunting begins around 7pm, rain or shine. \$25-\$40, matinee hours \$15 and \$7 for children. boocrew.com. 11083 Buckhart Road, Mechanicsburg.

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Balloons over 66 Weekend

Aug. 25-27. More than 30 balloons will be launched from three locations Friday and Saturday. The weekend includes the annual Lincoln Art Fair downtown, barbecue competition, dock dogs, live music, car show Sunday, craft and vendor fair and more in the downtown area. destinationlogancountyil.com. Downtown Lincoln. 217-732-8687.

Bill Griese

Aug. 25, 8pm. Bill Griese presents his superb James Taylor tribute show *Sweet Baby James*, presenting Taylor's music in a refreshingly authentic way using only his spot-on vocals and skillful guitar playing. \$25. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence St., 800-838-3006.

Pet Circus

Aug. 25-28, 12-5pm. Cats and dogs of all ages and sizes perform daring acts of love and cuteness. Fun for the whole family. Adopt a kitten for just \$25 or an adult cat for free. Enjoy \$50 off any puppy adoption and \$100 off any adult dog adoption. Adoptions by appointment. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Frontiers James Forstall Scholarship Fund Golf Outing

Aug. 26, 12pm. Over the past 15 years more than \$130,000 in scholarships have been awarded by Frontiers International enabling more than 120 local high school graduates to attend college, university or vocational school. Registration and lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1pm. Golfers \$125. Sponsorships available. The Rail Golf Course, 1400 South Club House Drive, 314-249-3587.

Hoop Skirt and Haber-Dash 5K Fun Run

Aug. 26, 8am-noon. Race back to the 19th century. Fun costuming is encouraged. Dress

like you just stepped out of a haberdashery or in a big hoop skirt. A prize will be awarded to best dressed. edwardspace.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

2023 Avant Garde Lawn Party and Auction

Aug. 26, 5-7pm. Annual event hosted by the Art Association of Jacksonville. strawnartgallery.org. The David Strawn Art Gallery, 331 W. College Ave., Jacksonville. 217-243-9390.

Something Rotten!

Aug. 25-27 and Sep. 1-3. Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." hcfta.org. \$18-\$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Old Capitol Blues and BBQ

Aug. 25-26. Possibly the bluesiest of summer fests. Featuring top blues bands, unbeatable award-winning barbecue, cold drinks and first-rate fun. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street, 217-523-1455.

Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Block Party

Aug. 26, 11am-3pm. An end-of-the-summer bash. Food, fun activities and family friendly. With live music by Devin Williams. See Facebook page for more details. Hosted by the Vinegar Hill Neighborhood Association. Complex Visitors Center, 425 S. College St.

Crafters' Treasures Sale

Aug. 25-26, 9am-2pm. Geared toward crafters, artists, paper crafters, up-cyclers, DIYers, fiber artists, needleworkers and quilters. Features vast array of reusable materials for arts, crafts, education and more donated by community members. Fill a bag for \$20. pringfieldceramicsandcraftsclub.org.

Chicken Fry

Aug. 26, 6-10pm. Annual, family-friendly event on the lake. Live music from Sunshine Daydream, a Grateful Dead tribute band. kclakeclub.com. 217-483-3013.

Ice Cream Social

Aug. 27, 5pm. A great way to enjoy the sounds of the Land

of Lincoln Chorus. Coolers are allowed. Limited seating available and lawn chairs are suggested. Part of the Ice Cream Social Music Series presented by The Villas Senior Care Community. Free. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 1200 Rail Fence Drive, 217-496-2621.

Aug. 27, 2-4pm. Paint Party for Mental Health

Artists provide the canvas and supplies, participants provide their imaginations. \$10. Details and registration at www.rock4mentalhealth.com. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road.

Mustang and All Ford Show

Aug. 27, 8am-4pm. Twenty-nine classes with three awards per class. Door prizes and short auction at show. Judging starts at noon. Proceeds benefit Shriners Children's Hospital. See Facebook page of Central Illinois Mustangs for more details. Landmark Ford, 2401 Conestoga Drive. 815-341-1564.

Chamber Job Fair

Aug. 29, 4-6pm. Hosted by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, this event provides an opportunity for job seekers to check out openings at chamber businesses and organizations. gsc.org. Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-525-1173.

History Happy Hour - Top Hits of the Civil War, Part Two

Aug. 30, 5:30-6:30pm. Join historian Christian McWhirter for a discussion of the Civil War's most popular songs and how performances from popular 20th and 21st-century artists show how they've been used and interpreted over time. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Co., 619 E. Washington St. 217-679-1195.

Jubilee Morgan Horse Show

Aug. 30-Sep. 2, 9am-9pm. The stamina and spirit of the Morgan, combined with its build and way of traveling, contributed greatly to the formation of the other American breeds. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-836-5055.

Sips and Sounds - Harp Duo

Aug. 30, 6-8pm. Harp Duo from the Illinois Symphony Orchestra to perform during this happy hour concert series by the ISO.

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- * **ART OF JAZZ** 2nd Thur. 6-9 PM
9/14, 10/12, 11/16, 12/14
- * **PUMPKIN POP UP**
October 13, 6-8 PM JT Elliott's Pumpkin carving class
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Free. www.ilsymphony.org. Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 3001 S. Veterans Parkway. 217-522-2838.

Prairie Hikes

Aug. 31, 8am. Illinois Audubon Society's land manager, Kaleb Baker, will lead hikes at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary's restored prairie habitat and share his knowledge of this vital ecosystem. Free. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 2315 Clear Lake Ave., 217-544-2473.

SEPTEMBER

Artist on the Plaza

Sep. 1, 12-1pm. Folk musician Randy Erwin. Hosted by the Springfield Area Arts Council. springfieldartsco.org. Free. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street.

Prairieland Chautauqua

Sep. 1-2. "The Spirit of Morgan County 1823-2023." Live music, storytelling and re-enactors presenting peeks into Morgan County's history. This annual, popular Chautauqua features family-oriented entertainment for all ages. jacksonvilleil.org. Free. Nichols Park, Jacksonville, Holken Brink Drive, 217-271-7824.

Figure drawing studio

Every Tuesday from September through November, 6:30-9:30pm. Designed for all skill levels and a great opportunity for hand-eye coordination, analytical skills and practice. Draped model, easels and some basic drawing materials provided. pharmacygallery.com. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Springfield Oyster and Beer Festival

Sep. 2, 12-5pm. This event has raised more than \$130,000 for area charities. Features more than 5,000 gourmet oysters and many different types of craft beers to wash them down. Live music and local food trucks. The Inn at 835, 835 S. Second St., 217-523-4466.

Healing Arts Fest

Sep. 2, 2-10pm. Eight musical acts take the stage for over eight hours. Includes demonstrations by holistic Reiki and nutritional practitioners. See band lineup at buzzbombbrewingco.com. Free. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St. 217-299-0949.

Chatham Plaza Cruise-In

Sep. 2, 10am-5pm. Cool cars of all kinds, music, raffles, food and fun. See Facebook page for more details. 310 N. Main Plaza, Chatham, 217-697-5080.

Springfield Mile

Sep. 2-3, 9am-4pm. The annual Labor Day weekend doubleheader of the world's premier flat track motorcycle racing series. \$20-\$150. Children 12 and under \$5-\$25. Illinois State Fair Grandstand, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-632-0277.

First Sunday Midwest Bazaar

Sept. 3, 8am-4pm. Everything you could ever need, all in one place. \$5 (12 and younger free). Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-782-6661.

Botanical Garden Group Tours

Sep. 5 through Dec. 15, noon to 4pm. Guided tours available for groups of 10 or more. Call one week in advance to book a tour. springfieldparks.org. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Sep. 3, 1-3pm. Think you can design, build and navigate a boat made of cardboard? Here's your chance to create a cardboard craft and sail (or sink) in a competition for awards. An annual charity benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. Registration due 5pm Sep. 1. \$50. sheedyshoreswinegarden.com. Sheedy Shores WineGarden, 10300 Johns Creek Road, Loami, 217-791-7291.

Tales from the Vault

Sep. 7, noon to 1 p.m. Christopher Schnell will discuss the trial of Peachy Quinn Harrison for the murder of Greek Crafton, including attorney Abraham Lincoln's part in it. Attend in-person or virtually via the museum's Facebook page. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 S. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Spectrum Fashion Show

Sep. 8, 6-9pm. Featuring the work of local clothing designers. Fashion runway begins at 7pm. Refreshments. \$5 suggested donation. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Petals on Parade

Sep. 8, 12:30-7pm. Hosted by the Morgan County Garden Club. Features beautiful flower arrangements by club members. All gardeners invited to enter horticulture division of show to show their skills. Call for more info. Lincoln Land Community College, 32 N. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 217-243-3829.

Rock the Conservatory

Sep. 8-9, 8-10pm. An evening of rock 'n' roll by local musicians as directed by Tommy Sagins, and dance featuring the studio company members of the Springfield Youth Performing Group. See the Facebook page for more info. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-679-3005.

Bluegrass Concerts and Traditional Music Festival

Sep 8-9, 6-10pm. Step into the Kelso Hollow outdoor theater to listen to bluegrass musicians from throughout the Midwest. On Sep. 9, traditional, folk and bluegrass musicians will also be playing throughout the village from 10am to 4pm. Musicians are invited to participate in these sessions. Free. lincolnsnewsalem.com. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, 15588 History Lane, Petersburg, 217-632-4000.

UIS Prairie Stars 5K

Sep. 9, 8:30am. A community event to promote health and wellness through running, walking or any form of movement. Register by Sep. 1 for shirt. uis.edu. University of Illinois Springfield, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-480.

Oktoberfest

Sep. 9, noon-10pm. German bands Die Spitzbaum from St. Louis, Die Muzikmeisters from Chicago and Heidelberg German from Quincy. German beer and food, Dachshund races, stein holding contests and children's activities. \$5 admission. Proceeds benefit charity. Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

Opa Greek Fest

Sep. 9, 11am-7pm. Gyros, Greek chicken, lamb, moussaka, Greek fries, saganaki, spinach pies and Greek salad. Desserts include baklava, cookies and loukoumades. All items individually priced. Live music all day. No admission fee – Opa!



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St. Anthony's Hellenic Orthodox Church, 1600 S. Glenwood Ave., 217-522-7010.

Walk Like MADD 2023

Sep. 9, 9-11am. Mothers Against Drunk Driving's signature event to help raise both awareness and funds to end drunken driving. Includes touch-a-truck event and raffle prizes. \$25. walklikemadd.org. 630-541-6099 x7751.

Alan G. Birtch, MD, Center for Transplant Services 5K Run/Walk

Sep. 9, 9am. Celebrate the gift of life given to transplant patients and increase community awareness for the Memorial Transplant Care program. Proceeds provide financial assistance for transplant patients and professional training. Form a team or walk/run alongside other participants. Adults \$30, children younger than 12 \$20. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-788-4700.

Downtown Springfield Family FunFest

Sep. 9, 11am-4pm. Festival geared toward children and families featuring inflatable obstacle courses and bounce houses, games and activities, toddler area, food trucks and a main stage packed with entertainment. springfieldfunfest.org. \$10. Y Block, north of the Governor's Mansion, 217-522-1129.

Jiu Jitsu Open

Sep. 9, 8am-7pm. Best of three, round robin and modified double elimination brackets. Presented by FUJI BJJ. \$20 at door, children younger than 12 free. fujibjj.com. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave.

Tea Party and Fashion Show

Sep. 10, 3-5pm. Put on your tea party hat and gloves and sip tea and enjoy desserts during this show to benefit Wooden It Be Lovely. Models to wear items from Chico's and White House Black Market styled by Shayna Gibbons Keeley. Purchase tickets in advance. \$50. See Facebook page for more info. Brinkerhoff Home, 1500 N. Fifth St., 217-361-5555.

Art Spectacular

Sep. 9, 10am-5pm and Sep. 10, 10am-4pm. A juried fine art and craft fair, ranked by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of the

best 200 art fairs in the U.S. Free. carillon-rees.org. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Capital City Century Ride

Sep. 9. One of the oldest and most popular recreational bicycle rides in Illinois. A scenic, one-day ride on low-traffic roads. Multiple route options. Hosted by the Springfield Bicycle Club. 217-801-2873.

Vehicle Show & Swap Meet

Sep. 9, 10am-3:30pm, Second Street and Capitol Avenue. Event hosted by the Illinois secretary of state. See some of the finest antique and classic vehicles, sports cars, motorcycles, trucks and tractors. Spectators are free. Contestants \$10. IIsos.org. 312-793-8876.

Rock and Run for Mental Health

Sep. 9, 9am-noon. Event features 5K run, 1K fun run/walk, food trucks, paint party and art show and music by the Brandy Kristin Band. First 100 to register for races by Aug. 20 guaranteed hooded sweatshirt and goodie bag. Art show \$10. rock4mentalhealth.com. Rochester Community Park, 90 Wild Rose Lane, Rochester.

Autumn on the Boulevard Tractor Show

Sep. 9, 9am-5pm. Celebrating 100 years of Farmall, 1920-2023. Kids' pedal tractor pull, tractor drive, awards. Williamsville Park, Williamsville, 217-801-1520.

Trey Lewis

Sep. 9, 7pm. Trey Lewis is a country music singer-songwriter. theboondockspub.com. Boondocks, 2909 N. Dirksen Parkway, 217-679-0145.

The Blaney Challenge

Sep. 9, 11am-6pm. This golf tournament, which has unique rules for each hole, raises money for breast cancer awareness and funding in central Illinois. For any skill level. \$90 for individuals, \$340 for four-person teams. See Facebook page for details. Oaks Golf Course, 851 Dave Stockton Drive. 309-270-6116.

9/11 Ride to Remember

Sep. 10, 9am. Vehicles begin lining up at 9am at Hall's Harley-Davidson. The police-escorted procession will leave at 10am and proceed to the Illinois State Capitol grounds to the 9/11

Memorial site where a ceremony will take place. Ceremony starts upon arrival. Free. Hall's Harley-Davidson, 2301 N. Dirksen Parkway, 217-528-8356.

Violins of Hope

Sept. 10, 2 and 4:30pm. A moving performance featuring restored violins that were played before and during the Holocaust, showcasing Jewish stories of resilience, resistance and survival through the power of musical performance. uispac.com. \$15. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-480.

Marbold Heritage Festival

Sep. 9-10, 9am-3pm. Programs include historical portrayals, Civil War presentations, steam and gas engines, craftsmen/demonstrations, guided tours, live music, antiques and artisans, children's activities and food and drinks. historic-marbold-farmstead.org. Ages 14 and older \$, \$3 age 6-13. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 Illinois 29, 217-341-8293.

Penny Lane Jerry Garcia Festival

Sep. 10, 2-9pm. Music by Lincoln's Dead, Colin Helton, Silverweed and Sunshine Daydream. Craft vendors and disc golf. See Penny Lane Gifts Facebook page for more info. Free. Duncan Park, 200 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Midwest Fashion Gala

Sep. 10, 1-5pm. Inaugural event featuring exclusive fall looks from five Jacksonville boutiques. Show starts at 2pm. Tickets and more info available on eventbrite.com. The Warehouse 200, 200 Douglas Ave., Jacksonville, 217-370-5652.

Cachet Club Annual Card Party

Sep. 10. Hosted by the club. Tickets available at door or from club members. Desserts, beverages and door prizes. Sandwiches available for purchase. Proceeds benefit The James Project and the Pioneer Shoe Program. cachet.club.org. Little Flower Parish Center, 800 Stevenson Drive. 217-638-2914.

2023 Harvest Celebration

Sep. 10, 2-6pm. Features hog roast with side dishes (with vegetarian options), live music and activities for all ages - including tractor rides, a petting zoo and raffle prizes. Hosted by the Illinois Stewardship Alliance.



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Illinois Local conference and awards

Sep. 11, 8am-noon. Annual conference and award ceremony of Illinois Local, a community of local independent business owners and entrepreneurs. Several business owners and entrepreneurs will speak. Free to members, \$35 for nonmembers. illinoislocal.org. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave. hello@illinoislocal.org.

The Early History of SIU School of Medicine – Not for the Naive or Faint of Heart

Sep. 12, 5-7pm. Glen Davidson, PhD, will speak on the national and local issues that influenced the school's structure and curriculum in the 1970s, as well as the initial challenges it encountered. Free. siumed.edu. Pearson Museum, SIU School of Medicine, 801 N. Rutledge St., 217-545-4382.

Coffee and Connections

Sep. 12, 7:30-8:45am. A morning networking event offering an opportunity to meet Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce members over coffee and a continental breakfast. \$5 Chamber members, \$15 guests. gsc.org. Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, 4930 Laverna Road.

Viols of Hope

Sep. 13, 6:30pm. A performance featuring restored violins that were played before and during the Holocaust, showcasing Jewish stories of resilience, resistance and survival through the power of musical performance. hcfta.org. \$10. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Sips and Sounds – String Quartet

Sep. 13, 6-8pm. String Quartet from the Illinois Symphony Orchestra will perform popular and classical music during this happy hour concert series by the ISO. Free. www.ilsymphony.org. Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 3001 S. Veterans Parkway. 217-522-2838.

Golf For Kids Charity Outing

Sep. 14, 8am-noon, 1-5pm. Annual golf tournament benefits the YMCA Strong Kids Fund which helps underserved

and at-risk children. Entry fee includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and awards. \$125-\$500. Springfieldymca.org. 217-280-5094.

Battle of the Paddle

Sep. 14, 3-5pm. A pickleball fundraising event for players of all levels. Features local celebrity players. Proceeds will go to United Way of Central Illinois. Free, donations suggested. uwcil.org. Iles Park, Sixth and Ash streets. 217-726-7000.

Cookies and Cocktails

Sep. 14, 5:30pm. Local chefs create a variety of delectable desserts incorporating Girl Scout cookies. Enjoy dinner and dessert, cash bar, a silent auction, raffle and other opportunities to win prizes. Benefits the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois. \$100. Panther Creek Country Club, 3001 Panther Creek Drive, 217-372-5221.

Moving On

Sep. 15-16, 7-9:30pm, Sep. 17, 3-5:30pm. A musical feel-good story about the love between a widow and a widower. The production, written by local playwright George Heroux and musician Donn Stephens, is packed with songs covering almost every music genre from hip-hop to an overture. hcfta.org. \$15. Hoogland Center for the Arts Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Learn what it's like to be a Catholic sister

Sep. 15, 6pm-midnight. Single Catholic women ages 21-45 can learn about becoming a sister and meet others who share a desire to seek a deeper relationship with God through consecrated religious life. Six in-person weekends and five virtual events planned through 2024. springfieldop.org. Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., 217-787-0481.

Women's Conference 2023

Sep. 16, 9am-noon. Hear several powerful women of God speak on his changing and conforming powers. Continental breakfast at 8am and luncheon at noon. tableoflife.net. Free. Table of Life Ministries, 2600 S. Fifth St. 217-720-5100.

Oktoberfest

Sep. 16, 3pm to 1a.m. Sep. 17. Family-friendly event celebrates most well-known beer festival in the world. Features food,

music by six bands, games for all and, of course, craft brews. illinoistimestix.com. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

Oktoberfest

Sep. 16, noon – 7pm. Traditional Willkommen (welcome) ceremony and Tapping of the Kegs. Live German music, keg toss and stein endurance contests, dachshund races, pet parade and German food, wine and beer. Admission \$4 in advance from any Rotarian, \$5 at gate. Presented by the Jacksonville Rotary Club. Morgan County Fairgrounds, 110 N. Westgate, Jacksonville, 217-408-0055.

Edwards Place Fine Art Fair

Sep. 16, 10am-5pm and Sun., Sep. 17, 10am-4pm. Shop over 70 different vendors, take tours of Edwards Place Historic Home and join in other family activities. This fair is in its 35th year. Free. Edwards Place, Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-544-2787. springfieldart.org.

Enos Park Historic Home Tours

Sept. 16, 1-5pm. Tour historic homes in various stages of renovation. Tickets available at the booth at the Edwards Place Fine Arts Fair. \$10. 217-553-4629.

Car Show and Fall Cruise Night

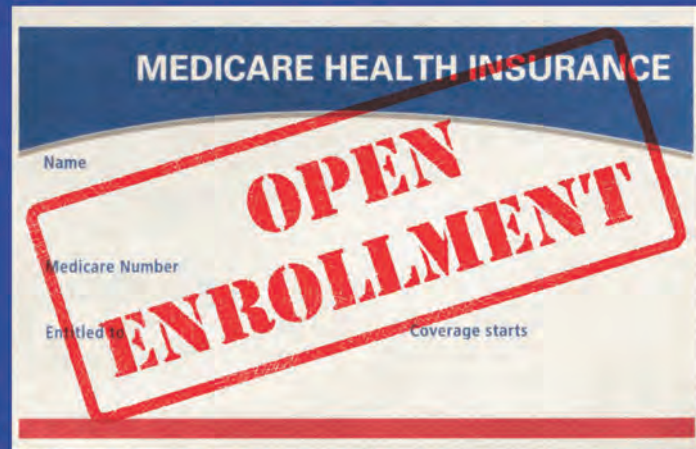
Sep. 16, 9am-10pm. One of the largest cruise events in Illinois. See the car show during the day and stay for the cruise that evening along Morton. This event brings in classic and antique autos for a day of fun for the whole family. Jacksonville Community Park, Jacksonville, 1201 S. Main St., 217-473-1122.

Date Night with Mother Road Bones

Sep. 16, 6:30pm. This trombone quartet perform songs in all genres of music. In partnership with UIS Music. uispac.com. UIS Studio Theatre, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fall Festival

Sep. 16-17, 9am-4pm. A local favorite with music, food, crafts, children's activities and historic buildings to tour. New this year is a Civil War Navy exhibit with life-size ship deck, masts and a cannon. Free. clayville.org. Clayville Historic Site, Pleasant Plains, Illinois 125, 217-481-



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Montgomery County Health Department (800-721-7734) Serving Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin Prairie Council on Aging – Cass, Greene, Jersey, Morgan, Scott

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Leaf Identification Hikes

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India Night

Sep. 16, 5:30-9:30pm. A fun evening that will include Indian food, inspirational stories, live auction and style show. Proceeds benefit the Wooden It Be Lovely program. Hosted by the Asian Indian Women's Organization. \$100. asianindianwomensorganization.com. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-299-1928.

Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Contest

Sept. 16-17, 10am-4pm. Working crafts, pioneer village, live music, food. Lots of kids' activities. Vendors' fair across the street at VFW. National railsplitting competition on Sunday afternoon. Postville Courthouse Historic Site, Lincoln, 914 Fifth St., 217-871-1008.

Style of Hope

Sep. 21, 6pm. A unique fashion show that benefits the individuals Hope serves while bringing together the community for a fun-filled evening of the latest fashion trends and Hope's impactful mission. Includes auctions, gourmet appetizers and more. \$45. hope.us. BOS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 217-525-9536.

Inventor of the Future: The Visionary Life of Buckminster Fuller

Sep. 21, 6-8:30pm. Alec Nevala-Lee will talk about Fuller's body of work as an architectural designer and how the futurist captured the attention of the mainstream and counterculture audiences in the 1960s during his tenure at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Free. presidentlincoln.illinois.gov. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

Steam Show and Fall Festival

Sep. 22-24. Horse-powered equipment, antique tractors, gas and steam engines, bailing

demonstrations, blacksmithing and more. Featuring Allis-Chalmers tractors and equipment. Admission \$10 for all three days. Children 12 and younger free. Prairie Land Heritage Museum, Jacksonville, 1005 W. Michigan Ave., 217-243-7262.

Date Night with Improv

Sep. 22, 6:30pm. If you like the silly, fast-paced games of *Whose Line is it Anyway?* you'll love this night of short-form improv games by Capital City Improv. uispac.edu. \$15. UIS Studio Theatre, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

22nd Annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival

Sep. 22, 6-10pm, Sep. 23, 9am-10pm and Sep. 24, 9am-2pm. Hundreds of street machines, muscle cars and hot rods will rumble into Springfield's historic downtown followed by thousands of spectators for a weekend of family fun, live music and entertainment. Cruise at 6pm Friday with car show Saturday and Sunday. Show features *My Classic Car* host Dennis Gage. Free for spectators. Downtown, 217-553-5271.

Elkhart Historical Society Dinner Lecture

Sept. 22, 5:30pm. Carol Pelz and David Davis will present "The Other House that Richard Built; Oglesby's Decatur Mansion," which will include details on the history of the house, the Oglesby family and the building's restoration. Doors open at 5pm. Dinner at 5:30pm. \$45. Elkharthistoricalsociety.org. The Wild Hare Café, 104 Governor Oglesby St., Elkhart, 217-947-2238.

Backyard Bash

Sep. 23, 6-10pm. Live music by Fuedin' Hillbillies, food trucks, mechanical bull rides, traditional ballpark fare and beverages. Must be 21 years old to attend. Benefits Ball-Chatham students and teachers for special classroom projects, educational field trips and innovative technology. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.

55th annual Apple 'n' Pork Festival

Sep. 23-24, 9am-5pm. Celebrating harvest, heritage, history and hospitality, plus all things apple and pork such as homemade pies, pulled pork

sandwiches and cider. Enjoy live music, craft vendors, mansion tours, an art show, pony rides and more. chmoorehomestead.org. C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, 219 E. Woodlawn St., Clinton, 217-935-6066.

Powered by Prairie

Sep. 23, 8-10:30am. 5K fun walk and health fair. A family event featuring a variety of kids' activities, photo booth, drawings and demonstrations and information to fuel your heart healthy journey. All proceeds benefit local Prairie Cardiac Rehab efforts. \$25. prairieheart.org. Hope Pavilion at Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-814-5177.

Get Your Flicks at Route 66

Sept. 23, 10am-5pm. Route 66 International Film Festival event will feature short films and independent movies from around the world. In partnership with International Route 66 Mother Road Festival and Visit Springfield. Free. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

"Supper & a Song"

Sept. 23, 5-11pm. Benefit concert by Austin-Texas-based band Uncle Lucius with opening band Wayward Motel. Proceeds benefit The Greater Springfield Chamber Foundation Business Scholarship Fund. Ticket includes full farm-to-table dinner, two drink tickets and show. \$100. knobhilllandscape.com. Knob Hill Landscape Co., 661 W. Camp Sangamo Road, 217-314-9435.

Boots & Bow Ties

Sep. 23, 6pm. Casual fundraiser for Senior Services of Central Illinois. Includes performance by Dueling Pianos International, meal, raffle and more. Purchase tickets online or by phone. Deadline for ticket purchases Sep. 15. \$25. centraliliseniors.org. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road. 217-528-4035.

Hill Billy Hoedown

Sept. 23, 2-11pm. This Stadium Smokehouse Bar and Grill event features music by six bands, a hog roast, mechanical bull, ax throwing and more. \$30 in advance, \$35 on day of event. Music starts at 3pm. Tickets on eventbrite.com. Illinois State Fairgrounds Reisch Pavilion, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-241-0905.

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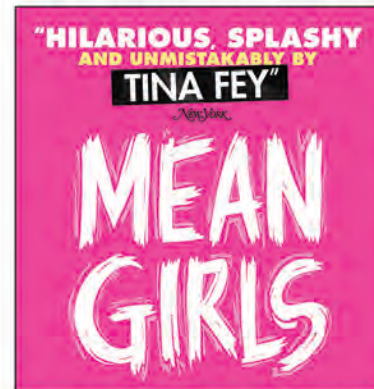
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Compass for Kids Back to School Brunch

Sep. 24, 11:30am-2pm. Annual fundraiser for the organization that provides academic and social-emotional support for children and families. Features buffet, live band, guest speaker, art auction and more. www.compassforkids.org. \$15 per child, \$35 per adult, \$250 per table. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-691-8103.

IWIL Women's Symposium 2023

Sep. 28, 7:30am-5pm. A day full of inspiration, motivation and actionable tips for professional and personal fulfillment. Keynote speakers are Nicole Bianchi, Mary Shores and Laurie Guest with additional speakers in various sessions. Register by Sep. 22. \$149. iwil.biz. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway. Email sponsorship@IWIL.biz for information.

The Niceties

Sep. 27-30, 7:30pm. By Eleanor Burgess, the play tells the story of university professor Janine and her brilliant student Zoe, when their routine office hours discussion unexpectedly careens off course and into a debate about race, history and power. UIS Studio Theatre, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Full Moon Trail Run

Sep. 29, 7pm. A 3-mile night trail run and 1-mile walk. Donations accepted. Presented by LRS, Inc. Register at getmeregistered.com. Free. Lewis Park and Trails, 399 S. Koke Mill Road.

Rodney Carrington

Sept 29, 7-9pm. Rodney uispac.edu. A multi-talented comedian, actor, singer and writer, Carrington has played sold-out shows around the world. uispac.edu. \$49.50-\$199.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Chatham Jaycees Oktoberfest

Sept. 30, 11am-9pm. Traditional(ish) Oktoberfest with food, fun and German and American music. Veterans Memorial Square, 101 N. Main St., Chatham.

Spinning

Sep. 30, 9am-3pm. For both new and experienced spinners. Wheels will be available for practice or lessons. Bring a

lunch. Registration required. Call by Sept. 27. jubileefarm.info. Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

A Night on Broadway

Sep. 30. The center's annual gala. The evening includes cocktails, silent action and a thrilling performance by Broadway star Alton Fitzgerald White. Call for ticket information. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sept. 30, 8:30am. Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, all funds by 2-mile event raised further the care, support and research efforts of the association. Free to register. Participants asked to help raise funds to advance the fight against Alzheimer's. alz.org. Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 847-324-0372

Metaphysical Weekend

Sep. 30, 8pm, and Oct. 1, 1-6pm. Join nationally-known psychic mediums Katherine Glass and Jill M. Jackson for a theatrical presentation and readings of those present, as well as a Sunday workshop, "Awakening Your Psychic Intuition." \$44-\$55 for presentation, \$222 for workshop. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-528-9760.

OCTOBER

Echoes of Yesteryear

Oct. 1, 12-4pm. A walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery. Actors in period costumes will tell personal stories of seven people who made significant contributions to the community. Last tour begins at 3:15pm. Refreshments available for purchase. Hosted by the Sangamon County Historical Society. Free. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-525-1961.

Terrain Biennial

From Oct. 1 to Nov. 15. Private spaces repurposed into art venues. Pick up a map at the Springfield Art Association before taking a self-guided walking tour to the sites - yards and porches - in the neighborhood. Free. springfieldart.org. Exhibition begins with reception at SAA from 3 to 5pm Oct. 1. 217-544-2787.

Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 1, 3pm. This longtime APL tradition marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. All animals are welcome and must either be on a leash or in a size-appropriate carrier at all times. apl-shelter.org. Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, 217-544-7387.

Shoes, Brews & Biz

Oct. 5, 5-9pm. Sample horseshoes and craft beers from area breweries, restaurants and caterers. Visit the business expo and tour Dick Levi's collection of cars and motorcycles. Hosted by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. gsc.org. \$20. LRS Hangar, 820 S. Capital Airport Drive, 217-525-1173.

Date Night with Jazz

Oct. 5, 6:30pm. Join the Groove Merchants for a night celebrating jazz. Headed by Manley Mallard (guitar), local legends Buddy Rogers (sax), Nick Groesch (piano) and Jaro Howse (drums) will join with featured Chicago-based musicians Will Mallard (trumpet) and Marion Mallard (bass). \$15. uispac.com. UIS Studio Theatre, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Terror on the Square

Oct. 6, 7pm-midnight. Every Friday and Saturday through October and also on Halloween. A terrifying haunted tour with mystifying illusions. \$23. Go to terroronthesquare.com for details and tickets. Terror on the Square, Petersburg, 119 S. Seventh St.

Candlelight Walk

Oct. 6-7, 7pm. A wonderful opportunity to experience village life at night. Period-clothed interpreters will be inside many of the log homes and shops to talk about life in 19th century Illinois. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

The Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi

Oct. 7, 2-4:45pm. A celebration of Gandhi presented by the India Association of Springfield. Features more than 16 speakers as well as exhibits by Harish Bhatt. Free. Carnegie Room North, Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St. vkguptammd@yahoo.com. 217-753-4900.

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This is Fae Propaganda 2: The Goblin Invasion

Oct. 7, 5-10pm. Art show featuring mythical creatures and goblins. Outside event. Costumes encouraged. Includes contest to crown "Goblin Lord." See Facebook page for details. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

PLANETS with David Becker

Oct. 7, 7pm. An auditory and visual journey where projections of the cosmos merge with melodies by noted jazz musician. Afterward, meet Becker in the Campus Observatory and indulge in the wonders of the sky. Presented in partnership with the UIS Astronomy-Physics. \$40. uispac.com. UIS Studio Theatre, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza. 217-206-6160.

Fall Harvest Festival

Oct. 7, 9am-4pm, Oct. 8, 10am-4pm. Visit the garden for artisan demonstrations and exhibits, children's activities, fairy house building, tree troll program, photo contest, music and entertainment. Admission \$8. Children age 10 and younger are free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Drive, 217-529-1111.

Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show

Oct. 7-8. "Fabulous Fluorite and Fossils of Illinois." Mineral, fossil and jewelry dealers, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, concessions and kids' activities. Seniors \$1, adults \$2, ages 12 and younger and Scouts in uniform free. Presented by Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-414-0033.

Whinnie's Apple Fest

Oct. 7-9. Celebration of all things apple and fall in honor of Whinnie, the miniature horse. Get a photo taken with Whinnie and enjoy pumpkin painting and face painting. Free. jefferies-orchard.com. Jefferies Orchard, 1016 Jefferies Road, 217-487-7582.

Ride in Honor

Oct. 8, 1pm. Motorcyclists as well as drivers of cars and trucks invited to this ride in honor of veterans. Stops include Camp Butler National Cemetery and several area memorials. Begins at Staab Funeral Home and ends at VFW Post 755, 2211 Old Jacksonville Road.

Sponsored by Staab Family. Bike \$10, co-rider \$5. Proceeds support veterans' organizations. See Facebook page for details. Staab Funeral Home, 1109 S. Fifth St., 217-528-6461.

Great Futures Gala

Oct. 12, 5:30pm. "The Places You'll Go." Music, food, drinks, silent auction, live auction and fun. Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois. bgccil.org. \$50. LRS Hangar, 820 S. Capital Airport Drive, 217-523-8159.

Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe

Oct. 12-14. A highly theatrical adaptation of four tales Poe himself considered his best. Check your heartbeat at the door, or it may beat on with a muffled sound. Presented by the Spencer Theatre Company. \$18-\$20. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, Peggy Ryder Theatre, 420 S. Sixth St. 217-523-2787.

Ride the Cyclone

Oct. 13-15, 18-22, 25-29. In this new musical, six members of a high school choir board a roller coaster, and their lives take tragic, comedic and enchanting twists. \$15-\$35. atthelegacy.com. The Legacy Theatre, 101 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-528-9760.

"Oddities"

Oct. 13 and 20, 6-9pm. An immersive gallery experience created by regional artists. Rooms of oddities and wonders. Spooky, cool, weird. Performances and surprises. Donations welcome. dimarhouse.com. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Road, 773-235-5600.

Civil War Journeys

Oct. 13-14 and 20-21, 7:30pm, and Oct. 15 and 22, 2pm. A heartfelt journey through the hardships, sacrifices and triumphs of three couples during the Civil War. Written by John Woodruff and presented by the Springfield Theatre Centre. hcfta.org. \$20. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Denim and Diamonds Gala 2023

Oct. 14, 6-9:30pm. Dinner, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Proceeds provide funds for cancer research and patient programs. Hosted by the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Medicine. Visit the website or call for ticket info. siumed.

edu/cancer. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, 217-545-2955.

Boo Bark Party

Oct. 14, 11am-2pm. Canine costume contest, pumpkin decorating and vendors. Check with the Animal Protective League for canine attendee guidelines. Donations accepted. apl-shelter.org. Proceeds benefit the APL. Stuart Park, 1800 Winch Lane (north of Jefferson Street), 217-544-7387.

Oak Ridge Tree Tour

Oct. 14, 1-4pm. Some of the trees in the cemetery can be traced back to before Lincoln's time, while others have been propagated from historic and rare trees from around the temperate world. Walk a designated route, stopping to speak with guides who will identify some trees and their stories. Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-789-2340.

All Breed dog shows

Oct. 13-15 and Oct. 19-22. Featuring hundreds of dogs from the region. Free. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-621-5169.

Wheel of Fortune stage show

Oct. 14, 6:30pm. Live stage show adapted from the TV game show gives fans access and changes to win. Guests randomly selected to go on stage to spin a full-size replica wheel. Prizes include trips to Paris and Hawaii and up to \$10,000. uispac.com. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Carve for the Carillon

Oct. 14-15, 11am-4pm. Scooped pumpkins will be ready for your creative carving. Bring your carving tools, family and friends. Carved pumpkins will be displayed at the following week's Jack O'Lantern Spectacular. Rain or shine. carillon-rees.org. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

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Oct. 14, 3-9pm. Ceramic raku at its best. Glaze a pot, fire it in the kiln and take it home. Enjoy the fire, dinner, drinks and music by Square of the Roots and Bluesmattic Blues Band. springfieldart.org. Admission \$25; plus pot \$45. Children 12



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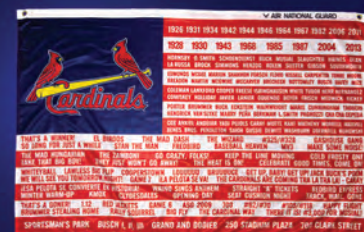
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HallowTeen

Oct. 14, 7pm. A hilarious teen improv troupe show that's family friendly. Be sure to join in the costume contest. Presented by Capital City Improv. \$15. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Senior Dogs Rock

Oct. 15, 11:30am-6pm. Three bands take the stage in this benefit for The Helping Paw Project, which finds homes and medical care for older dogs. Event includes silent auction, drawing and more. See project's Facebook page for more information. Weebles, 4136 N. Peoria Road, 352-228-0015.

Underground Railroad Fall Bus Tour

Oct. 15, 1-4pm. This Underground Railroad tour begins at Illinois College and hits several sites before its final tour stop at Woodlawn Farm. Riders will be returned to Illinois College. Adults \$20, children under 10 \$15. Call for reservations four weeks prior to tour. Illinois College, 1101 W. College Ave., Jacksonville, 217-479-4144.

Theresa Caputo

Oct. 15, 2pm. The star of the hit TLC show *The Long Island Medium* delivers healing messages to audience members, comforting them with the revelation that deceased loved ones are still with us. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Honoring Our Heritage Gala

Oct. 21, 6pm. Hosted by the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum with a theme of Heroes and Heroines: Greatness in Many Forms. Silent auction and reception at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. Adults \$65, youth and college students \$32.50. Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center, 3260 Northfield Drive, 217-391-6323.

Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 21, 10am-2pm. Tons of family activities including petting zoo, smallest and biggest pumpkin contest, pumpkin games, pie-eating contest, pumpkin drop and much more.

jacksonvillemainstreet.com. Central Park Plaza, 32 N. Central Park, downtown Jacksonville, 217-245-6884.

Sites of Springfield

Oct. 21, 1pm. A historical tour of Col. James Culver's iconic Springfield buildings. Presentation and refreshments at the Lincoln Park Pavilion, followed by a bus tour. Seating is limited and pre-registration required. Presented by Springfield Area Home Builders Association. springfieldareahb.com. \$25 presentation; \$85 includes tour. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-698-4941.

John Crist: The Emotional Support Tour

Oct. 21, 7-9pm. Crist is one of today's fast-rising stand-up comedians with sold-out shows from coast to coast. \$29.75-\$149.75. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

National Fossil Exposition

Oct. 20-22. Hosted by the Mid-American Paleontology Society (MAPS). The topic for the expo is "The Devonian," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Jed Day of Illinois State University. The MAPS fossil show is the largest show in the world that exhibits fossils exclusively. Free. midamericapaleo.org. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-725-8047.

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

Oct. 20-21, 6:30-9:30pm. Nothing quite compares to this Halloween tradition. Carillon music, lighting and sound effects and food vendors. And hundreds of carved pumpkins on display, too, of course. Adults \$10, Children 4-11 \$7, children 3 and younger free. carillon-rees.org. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Monster Mash Halloween Dance

Oct. 27, 7-9pm. Dress up in your Halloween costumes for this Springfield Park District event featuring thrills, refreshments, treat bags, face painting and a costume contest. springfieldparks.org. Erin's Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-585-2941.

Zoolie Ghoulie

Oct. 27, 1-8pm and Oct. 28, 11am-6pm. Grab your little

ghouls and goblins and have a wild time wandering through the zoo's spectacularly spooky Halloween scenes for some safe trick or treating. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Drive, 217-585-1821.

Fall Festival

Oct. 28, 10am-4pm. Smell the hardwood fires and listen to the 19th century sounds as interpreters in period-style clothing demonstrate daily tasks throughout the historic village such as candle dipping, soap making, blacksmithing, spinning wool, gardening and natural dyeing. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar

Oct. 29, 11am to 4pm. Good food for a good cause. Chili, hot dog or corn bread, dessert and drink. Dine in, carry out or curbside service. Shop the bazaar and enter the raffle. The Animal Protection League mobile adoption unit will be on site. All proceeds benefit the shelter animals. Purchase tickets online or call. \$12. apl-shelter.org. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road. 217-544-7387.

NOVEMBER

Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour

Nov. 3, 6-8pm. Dance, sing and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Get ready to shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party. uispac.com UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

A Man of No Importance

Nov. 3-4 and 10-11, 7:30 pm, Nov. 5 and 12, 2pm. A tender and beautifully woven tale of love, friendship and coming to terms with who we are. \$20; adults over 60 and students \$18. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market

Saturdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18, 8am-12pm. Find fresh autumn and winter produce from local orchards and gardens, baked goods, honey and jams, and





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meats and dairy products. Visit downtownspringfield.org for more info. Winter Old Capitol Farmers Market, Union Station, 500 E. Madison St., 217-544-1723.

Newsboys

Nov. 4, 6pm. One of the biggest bands in Christian music history with more than 10 million in record sales. The band's signature songs include "We Believe," "Born Again" and the hit "God's Not Dead" – which led to a film franchise of the same name. uispac.com. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fine Arts and Craft Fair

Nov. 4, 10am-5pm, Nov. 5, noon-4pm. 14th Annual Hope for the Holidays featuring over 25 artists and vendors, plus raffle holiday baskets. Proceeds benefit Hope Presbyterian Church's overseas mission funds. hopeforspringfield.org. Hope Presbyterian Church, 2211 Wabash Ave., 217-546-6951.

Buffalo Bonanza

Nov. 4. For 47 years, the Bicentennial Bison by John Kearney has been anchoring the SAA's courtyard. Celebrate the sculpture with this Western-style extravaganza featuring food, drinks, dancing and music. Admission fee. Proceeds will fund restoration of the sculpture. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-544-2787.

Gary Mullen and The Works

Nov. 7, 7:30pm. Gary Mullen and The Works have been performing their renowned One Night of Queen live concert for more than 20 years. uispac.com. \$29.50-\$69.50. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

2023 6x6 Art Raffle

Nov. 10, 5-8pm. Explore a wall filled with stunning miniature artworks created by local artists during the 6 x 6 Art Raffle! Artists of all ages, all skill levels, and all media were invited to create work on 6x6 inch canvases provided by the gallery or made their own 3D creations. \$2 per raffle ticket. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 2175442787.

Fall trivia fundraiser

Nov. 10, 7pm. Bring dog or cat chow for the Animal Protective League's residents and receive up to 20 free raffle tickets. Bring your own snacks, but drinks

must be purchased. \$20 per person or table of 8-10 people \$150. VIP table for 10 that includes two large pizzas and drinks for \$250. apl-shelter.org. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-544-7387.

Girls on the Run Fall 2023 5K

Nov. 11, 10-11:30am. Race is a celebration of, and for, girls completing a 10-week season of Girls on the Run programming. \$20-\$40. gotcentralillinois.org. Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, 217-726-9808.

Little Flower Craft Bazaar

Nov. 11, 9am-4pm, Nov. 12, 10am-2pm. This is the 42nd year for this event, which will feature several vendors selling handmade items. Free entry with canned good donation. Little Flower Parish Center, 900 Stevenson Drive. littleflowercraftbazaar@gmail.com.

Straight No Chaser

Nov. 11, 8pm. This nine-member male a cappella group has a massive fanbase and long list of accomplishments including two gold albums and 1.5 million concert tickets sold. \$39.50-\$59.50. uispac.org. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fall Coin Show

Nov. 12, 9am-4pm. U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Over 70 dealer tables. Hosted by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. \$1. Free for members and children under 16. Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, 217-899-9996.

Sal Vulcano

Nov. 12, 5pm. Best known for creating and starring in truTV's long-running hit *Impractical Jokers*, and for *The Misery Index* on TBS, Vulcano brings his brand of comedy to the capital city. \$39.75-\$154.75. uispac.com. Sangamon Auditorium, UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Experience Folk Dance – A Sensory Friendly Event

Nov. 15, 6:30pm. The Springfield International Folk Dancers will demonstrate and perform two distinct styles of dance. Dances of Germany will focus on couple

dances that form patterns on the floor. Dances of the Balkan regions (Greece, Serbia, and Romania) will feature line dances that incorporate intricate footwork. Intended for an audience of all ages with sensory or other needs. uispac.com. \$15. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Mean Girls

Nov. 16, 7:30pm. This hit musical from an award-winning creative team including Tina Fey tells the story of how a student transplanted from Africa into a suburban Illinois high school learns about popularity and cliques. Part of the Broadway Series. uispac.com. \$34-\$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, 1 University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

CORAL's 41st Annual Thanksgiving

Nov. 18, 6-10pm. The Coalition of Rainbow Alliances provides the turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and beverages. Guests bring side dishes and desserts. Free. springfieldcoral.org. Lincoln Park pavilion, 1601 N. Fifth St. coral.springfield@gmail.com.

STL vs. SPI

Nov. 18, 8pm. Two groups of comedy pros, Capital City Improv and ComedySportz St. Louis, go head-to-head in a fierce improv match. Family-friendly show. \$15. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St. 217-523-2787.

Light up the Gables

Nov. 24, 5pm. Join in singing some familiar Christmas carols as the tree is lit. Then enjoy some delicious hot chocolate or apple cider by the fire. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Drive. Email thegablesofspringfield.com.

Christmas tree lighting

Nov. 25. Hosted by Downtown Springfield, Inc. Free. Old State Capitol Plaza, between Sixth and Fifth streets at Adams Street, 217-544-1723. downtownspringfield.org. Free.

Old Capitol Holiday Walks

Opens Sat., Nov. 25, 10am, and runs every Saturday and Wednesday through Dec. 23. Presented by Downtown Springfield Inc. The whole family can enjoy a variety of special events downtown through the holiday season. Downtown Springfield, 217-544-1723, downtownspringfield.org.

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Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC., Plaintiff,

vs. JARED PHARES; LUIZA PHARES; Defendant(s).
CASE NO. 2022FC000135
Property Address: 8 Bel Aire Drive Springfield, IL 62703
NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on May 17, 2023, I, Sheriff Jack Campbell of Sangamon County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 12, 2023, commencing at 9:00AM, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701 ROOM TBA, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: Commonly known as: 8 Bel Aire Drive, Springfield, IL 62703
P.I.N.: 22-11.0-479-044

Lien Position: Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$175,533.71
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(G)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS NEGOTIATED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Sangamon County.

The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department at Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120, Naperville, IL 60563, (630) 453-6960. For bidding instructions, visit www.dallegal.com 24 hours prior to sale. This communication is in order to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 453-6960 midwestpleadings@dallegal.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Successor by Merger to Illini Bank, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOYCE L. RAY, Deceased, DAWN M. CARR, SEAN M. WHITLEY, SHANNON M. MCALLISTER, THEODORE J. HARVATIN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR JOYCE L. RAY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2023-FC-000015

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court on the Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: United Community Bank, Attn: Loss Mitigation, 1311 West Jefferson Street, Auburn, IL 62615; Telephone: (217) 438-5467

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1147 N. 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702

(C) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: Single family residence.

(D) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Not applicable.

(E) The time and place of the sale are: 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 2nd Floor County Board Chambers, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois.

(F) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand on day of sale. Plaintiff may credit bid at the sale. The successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Purchase following the sale and a Sheriff's Deed upon confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois.

(G) Title will be conveyed subject to real estate taxes for 2023 and subsequent years and special assessments, if any; to building restrictions and restrictive covenants of record; to easements of record or in place; to rights of way for roads, streets, and highways; to rights of tenants in possession, if any. Sale is subject to approval of the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Illinois. Any real estate transfer tax which may be due as a result of the sale shall be paid by the purchaser.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.
RYAN N SHAFER A/K/A RYAN SHAFER; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2022FC000254
1827 NORTH 8TH STREET SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on May 17, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 9/26/2023, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the

highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-22.0-181-009 & 14-22.0-181-010

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1827 North 8th Street Springfield, IL 62702
Description of Improvements: The home is a single-family home It is one story. The home is made of brick. There is no garage. The color is tan/ brown with gray trim.
The Judgment amount was \$71,922.91.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-135551L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

I3226438

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
Wilmington Savings Fund Society dba Christiana Trust, not individually, but solely as Trustee for NYMT Loan Trust I PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Donna Dickerson; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2020CH000050
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/02/2020, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois will on September 12, 2023 at the hour of 9:00 AM at in the Second Floor Boardroom of the Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South 9th Street Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-36.0-353-020

Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
2708 Southgate Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of

the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (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.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-11831. I3226406

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2023 a Certificate of

Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

Tim Kapinus intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:

Fresh Brewed Solutions and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 5113 Mountain View Drive, Springfield, IL 62711

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of August, 2023 a Certificate of

Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that:

James C. Suttie intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit:

Memories Kept Digital Conversion And Organizing and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 2621 South College Street, Springfield, IL 62704

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

In the matter of the estate of: Carol Spicer, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-000175
Claim Notice

Notice is given of the death of Carol Spicer. Letters of Office were issued on May 17, 2023 to David Bertnick as Executor 205 N. Conejo School Road, Apt. 208, Thousand Oaks CA 91362. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executors, on or before, Feb. 24, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

In the matter of the estate of: Thomas W. Hughes, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-298
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Thomas W. Hughes. Letters of Office

were issued on Aug. 15, 2023 to Daylene Craig as administrator 1535 E. Mason St., Springfield IL 62702. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executors, on or before, Feb. 24, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

Estate of:
MAX MORGAN,
Deceased.
NO. 2023-PR-287
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Max Morgan of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2023, to Gwen Montgomery, 13 Ridgeview Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hofffee, 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 February 15, 2024, 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 9th day of August, 2023. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GORDON KEITH HANKINS,
Deceased.
No. 2023-PR-299

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of GORDON KEITH HANKINS. Letters of office were issued on August 14, 2023, to VAN L. HANKINS, 12192 Rakes Toad, Waverly, IL 62692. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before the 29th day of February, 2024,

being at least six months from the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that six-month period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of August, 2023. VAN L. HANKINS, Independent Executor By: ROBERT V. BONJEAN III Bonjean Law Office 309 West State Street Jacksonville, IL 62650 217/243-4814 bobbybonjean@bonjeanlawoffice.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: JANE J. PRESNEY, Deceased.

No. 2019-P-537 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JANE J. PRESNEY. Letters of office were issued on October 9, 2019, to Catherine J. Gonzalez, 2713 Rainier, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, and Paul E. Presney, II, 38 Lancelot, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Paul E. Presney, II, Presney & Gonzalez, 726 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The representative reserves all statutory rights, including the right to require any claim be filed with the court pursuant to Section 18-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-11). Dated this 16th day of August, 2023. Paul E. Presney, II - Reg. #6182986 Presney & Gonzalez Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors 726 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62704 Telephone: (217) 525-0016 ppresney@presneygonzalez.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of: Drinda O'Connor, Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-294 NOTICE TO HEIRS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given of the death of Drinda O'Connor, of Springfield, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on August 14, 2023 to Kelly Anne Sweeton, 350 E. Madison St.,

Apt. 210, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC, One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois, 62701. Notice is given to all known and unknown heirs of Drinda O'Connor of the entry of the Order as set forth above and of the entry of an Order declaring Kelly Anne Sweeton and Julie Kay Warrens as the only heirs of Drinda O'Connor. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months of the first day that this Notice is published, and any claim not so filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Sarah Delano Pavlik - 6269250 DELANO LAW OFFICES, LLC Attorneys for Executor One Southeast Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: 217-544-2703 Fax: 217-544-4664 sdavlik@delanolaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: STEVE A. KOSKEY, Deceased.

Case No.: 2023-PR-290 CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of STEVE A. KOSKEY of Dawson, Illinois, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on August 9, 2023, to DOUGLAS W. TREW, as Executor, of 245 Timber Ridge Road, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545, whose attorney is Duane D. Young of Young Law Partners, P.C., 1300 South 8th Street, Suite Two, Springfield, Illinois, 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, and with the offices of Young Law Partners, P.C., Attorneys for Executor, or both, within six (6) months from the date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to their attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DOUGLAS W. TREW, Executor of the Estate of STEVE A. KOSKEY, Deceased

Attorneys' Address:

Duane D. Young Registration No.: 3091457 YOUNG LAW PARTNERS, P.C. 1300 South Eighth Street Springfield, Illinois 62703 Telephone: (217) 544-8500 Facsimile: (217) 544-6200 8051-935271

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Doris Faye Miller Deceased Case No. 23-PR-284

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Doris Faye Miller. Letters of Office were issued on Aug. 8, 2023 to Karen F. Miller as Executor, 1579 Webb Court, Dawson IL 62520. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Executor, on or before, Feb. 17, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Julia Mae deMarco Bratton, Deceased Case No. 2023PR000196 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Julia Mae deMarco Bratton of Riverton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 20, 2023, to Co-Executors, Mary Jo Behnke and Gevan James Behnke of 70 Bellerive Springfield, Illinois 62704, whose attorney is Ronald E. Fuhr 504 S. Second Street Effingham, Illinois 62401. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the Co-Executors, or both, within 6 months from the date of August 17, 2023, 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 Co-Executors within 10 days after it has been filed. Furthermore, the claimant shall file with the court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. Dated this 17th day of August 2023. Ronald E. Fuhr, attorney Mary Jo Behnke and Gevan James Behnke Co-Independent Executors

Paul Palazzolo Clerk of the Circuit Court Attorney for Estate: Ronald E. Fuhr 504 S. Second Street Effingham, Illinois 62401 Phone: (217) 347-0889

Email: ronalfuhr@yahoo.com.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA A. TRAYLOR, Deceased.

IN PROBATE No. 2023-PR-285 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Linda A. Traylor, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on August 7, 2023, to Brooke Herrick, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Brandon R. Clark, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 24th day of February, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of August, 2023. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP Brandon R. Clark Registration No. 6329553 205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000 P.O. Box 2459 Springfield, IL 62705-2459 (217) 544-8491 bclark@bhslaw.com

CLAIM NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE D. MITTS, Deceased No. 2023-PR-265 Notice is given of the death of the above. Decedent departed this life on January 11, 2023 Date letters were issued July 31, 2023

Independent Personal Representative: Niki D. Moss Attorney for the Estate: Katelyn E. Hall HeplerBroom, LLC 4340 Acer Grove Drive Springfield, IL 62711 T: (217) 528-3674 F: (217) 528-3964 keh@heplerbroom.com Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Personal Representative or both, on or before January 31, 2024 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney of Record, if any, within 10

days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing. Niki D. Moss, Independent Personal Representative of the Estate of Lawrence D. Mitts, Deceased

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, Inc., Plaintiff, Vs. Dexter Christiano, et. al., Defendants. No. 2023-FC-0094 NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEVEN CHRISTIANO, deceased: Notice is given of the death of Steven Christiano. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Steven Christiano, deceased, in the above-entitled cause seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 333 S. State St., Springfield, IL 62704. 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 www.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. /s/ Dan E. Way Special Representative for Steven Christiano, 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. CONIGLIO, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-276 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH A. CONIGLIO. Letters of office have been issued to INB N.A. (f/k/a Illinois National Bank), c/o Trust Department, 2601 Chatham Road, Springfield, IL 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South

9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Notice is also given to the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH A. CONIGLIO, Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on July 31, 2023, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate. You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision.

Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after July 31, 2023. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. 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 to your local Circuit Clerk's office. Dated this 2nd day of August, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.

1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217)544-0701

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

Estate of CHARLES E. WALTON, Deceased. NO. 2023-PR-205 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Charles E. Walton of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 25, 2023, to James L. Forney, 2612 Parsley Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Randy S. Paswater, 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 February 9, 2024, 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 2nd day of August 2023. Randy S. Paswater - 06283705 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP
P. O. Box 79
Springfield, IL 62705-0079
217/544-4868
paswater@barberlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: Diana Lee Hester, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-277
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the death of Diana Lee Hester. Letters of Office were issued on Aug. 2, 2023 to Kimberli Nolen as Executor 3900 Mapleshade Court, Springfield IL 62712. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executors, on or before, Feb. 10, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo
Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD PATRICK PHILLIPS, SR., DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-280
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of EDWARD PATRICK PHILLIPS, SR. Letters of Office have been issued to NANCY ANN PHILLIPS, 100 3rd Street, Pawnee, IL 62558, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2023. William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. DREW, JR., DECEASED
Case #2023-PR-275
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE/NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS
Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM L. DREW, JR. Letters of office have been issued to BOBBIE JEAN DREW, 308 South 14th Street, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Notice is also given to PATRICIA LEWIS, MARLA DREW, ANTONIO DREW and/or the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILLIAM L. DREW, JR., Deceased, including any unknown heir who may be a minor or a disabled person, that an Order was entered in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, on July 31, 2023, admitting Decedent's Will to Probate. You are named as an heir of Decedent in the Petition for Probate of said Will. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission, any heir may file a Petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or by other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 6-21), or successor provision. Heirs also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 755, Act 5, Section 8-1), or successor provision, to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after July 31, 2023. Filings are to be made with the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701. 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 to your local Circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 1st day of August, 2023. William P. Sheehan
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.
1215 South 4th Street
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of MARCUS L. LUCAS, Deceased.
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE
IN PROBATE
No. 2023-PR-274
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Marcus L. Lucas, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on July 26, 2023, to Jacqueline M. Price, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Hugh F. Drake, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of February, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated this 31st day of July, 2023. BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP
Hugh F. Drake
(Registration No. 6269666)
205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000
P.O. Box 2459
Springfield, IL 62705-2459
(217) 544-8491
hdrake@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the estate of: George and Collette James, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-249
Claim Notice
Notice is given of the deaths of George and Collette James. Letters of Office were issued on July 11, 2023 to Penney J. Miller as administrator 120 Sunkist Drive, Sherman IL 62684. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the executors, on or before, Feb. 10, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the executors within 10 days after it has been filed.
Paul Palazzolo

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY
Re: the marriage of
Rosa Maria Sebens, Petitioner
And
Codie Lee Winburn, Respondent
Case No. 23 DC 78
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, Codie Lee Winburn, 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 17th day of September, 2023, 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 Jayce William Day
For change of name to
Jayce William Freemon
and
Jaylenn Jordan Day
For change of name to
Jaylenn Jordan Freemon
Case No. 2023-MR-000264
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 31, 2023 we will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Jayce William Day to Jayce William Freemon and from Jaylenn Jordan Day to Jaylenn Jordan Freemon pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 24, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Elijah Aaron Wills
For change of name to
Elijah Aaron Harris
Case No. 2023-MR-000263
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 31, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Elijah Aaron Wills to Elijah Aaron Harris pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 24, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Kyler Michael Ross
For change of name to
Kyler Michael Irwin
Case No. 2023-MR-000272
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 31, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kyler Michael Ross to Kyler Michael Irwin pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 24, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Tina Lan Williams
For change of name to
Queen Kristina La Paris
Case No. 2023-MR-000227
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 3, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Tina Lan Williams to Queen Kristina La Paris pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 17, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Cassondra Renay Barnes
For change of name to
Renay Barnes
Case No. 2023-MR-000226
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 3, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Cassondra Renay Barnes to Renay Barnes pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 17, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Elizabeth Grace Brogaard
For change of name to
Atlas Finch Brogaard
Case No. 2023-MR-000041
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 3, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Elizabeth Grace Brogaard to Atlas Finch Brogaard pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
Dated: Aug. 17, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the matter of the Petition of Samantha Clare-Rose Raymond
For change of name to
Samantha Clare-Rose Enz
Case No. 2023-MR-000253
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 3, 2023 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Samantha Clare-Rose Raymond to Samantha Clare-Rose Enz pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: Aug. 10, 2023

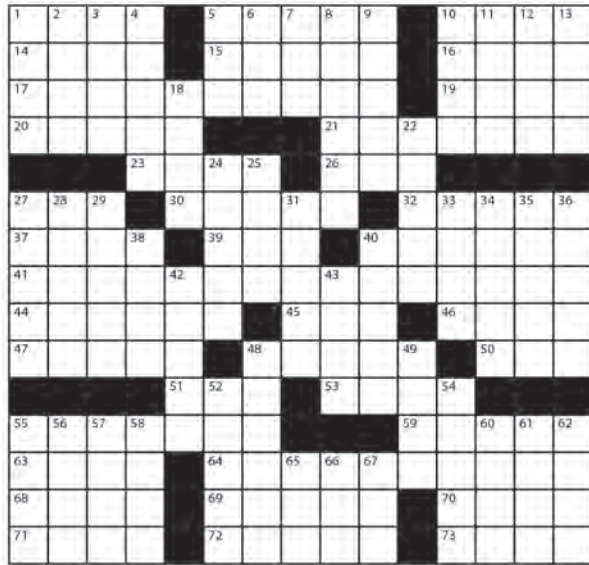
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO TOWN & COUNTRY BANC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PAUL H. GERDING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAUL H. GERDING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PAUL H. GERDING, DECEASED, JASON P. GERDING, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE PAUL H. GERDING REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 10, 2008, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PEGGY GERDING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PEGGY GERDING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PEGGY GERDING, DECEASED, JASON P. GERDING, RYAN A. GERDING AND STATE OF ILLINOIS -DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Defendants.
CASE NO. 23-FC-131
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1607 E KEYS AVE
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Paul H. Gerding, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Paul H. Gerding, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Paul H. Gerding, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Peggy Gerding, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Peggy Gerding, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Peggy Gerding, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 1607 E Keys Ave, Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:
i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Jason P. Gerding, Successor Trustee of the Paul H. Gerding Revocable Living Trust dated April 10, 2008, as to an undivided 1/2 interest and Heirs and Devisees of Peggy H. Gerding, as to an undivided 1/2 interest, deceased as Tenant in Common
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The following described property located in the COUNTY of SANGAMON.

Small things

Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 804

Across

1. Some stay at home
5. "___ ride?"
10. Full house, e.g.
14. Carve in stone
15. Patronize, as a restaurant
16. Way, way off
17. Makes a limited amount of beer
19. Highchair feature
20. Poppy product
21. Annual foursome
23. Paul Bunyan's ox
26. Alliance created in 1948: Abbr.
27. Letterman's network
30. Puerto
32. Saxophonist great, familiarly
37. "Straight ___ the rocks?"
39. The first "T" of TNT
40. Worn away
41. Lap dog, maybe
44. Empower
45. 50-50, e.g.
46. Pottery oven
47. Short-winded
48. Dog treats
50. Albany is its cap.
51. Deli loaf
53. "Cómo ___?"
55. Freshens, in a way
59. D-Day beach
63. Persia, now
64. 1971 Elton John song
68. Ship with a tilde



69. "What did ___ deserve this?"
 70. Certain cookie
 71. Williams and Kennedy
 72. Mails
 73. Proof goof
- Down**
1. Showroom model
 2. On one's toes
 3. First year of John VI's papacy
 4. Hedge former
 5. Lincoln's st.
 6. Mr. Potato Head piece
 7. Summer in France
 8. Former capital of the Yukon
 9. Making waves
 10. Derbies
 11. Retro hairdo
 12. Indian bread
 13. Prohibitionists
 18. Actor Epps
 22. Houston player
 24. Please, in Potsdam
 25. Brown shade
 27. Cleanser brand
 28. Salt water
 29. Sub detector
 31. ___-ground missile
 33. Piece next to a knight
 34. Give as a bonus
 35. "Dilemma" rapper
 36. Paradises
 38. Penpoints
 40. Fencing swords
 42. Make aware
 43. "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
 48. Next to
 49. Ancient Greek portico
 52. Abominable Snowmen
 54. "I ___ amused!"
 55. Isn't wrong?
 56. Cleveland's lake
 57. Big name in mapmaking
 58. Santa ___ (hot winds)
 60. Streep's "___ in the Dark"
 61. Dickens's Uriah
 62. Buck suffix
 65. "Smoking or ___?"
 66. Since Jan. 1
 67. Old PC platform

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week



Crossword answers from #803



Sudoku answers from #803

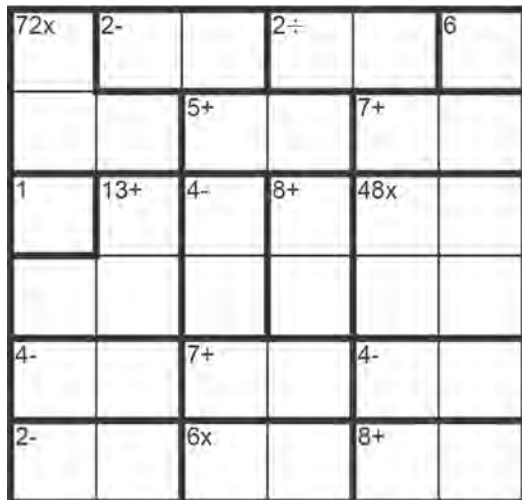


JoshJosh answers from #803

JoshJosh

by J. Reynolds - No. 804

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.

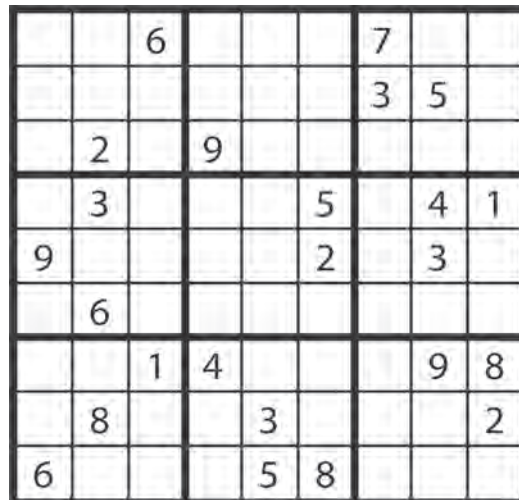


Difficulty hard

Sudoku

No. 804

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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Notice is given of the death of DONALD C. FUENER. Letters of Office have been issued to CYNTHIA A. FUENER, 19 Buckingham Road, Chatham, IL 62629 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 29, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 16th day of August, 2023. Patrick J. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD C. FUENER, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-302 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE



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