“We have individuals who get COVID and then ask if they can have a vaccine,” Dr. Rajesh Govindaiah told Illinois Times. He’s senior vice president and chief medical officer for Memorial Health System. “The vaccine does not treat COVID. The vaccine prevents you from getting COVID in the first place. And if you get COVID, it makes you have a milder illness.” For those already infected with COVID-19, the vaccine is useless, six because it takes time to build up immunity.

“My daughter’s going to in-person school. I want her to go to in-person school for the rest of the school year,” said Govindaiah. “In order for that to happen, we’re going to have to double down on masking and vaccination.”

Both Govindaiah and Dr. Marc Shelton, Hospital Sisters Health System chief clinical officer, said area hospitals have seen a sharp uptick in COVID-19 patients over the summer. They both anticipate that the situation will get worse before it gets better. Not enough people are vaccinated and the newer delta variant is more contagious than previous strains of the virus.

“We have had a dramatic increase in the number of hospital admissions in our 15 hospitals throughout Illinois and Wisconsin,” said Shelton. “We were down to eight total inpatients in our 15 hospitals as of five, six weeks ago.” That number had risen to 135, Shelton said during an Aug. 20 Illinois Times interview. He added that vaccine hesitancy is more prevalent in rural areas. Hospitals are having to limit visitors – in some areas to no visitors at all – as a result of the uptick in COVID-19 cases.

Govindaiah said part of the lag in rural vaccination rates could be a lack of accessibility. Some rural residents may struggle to find transportation to vaccine appointments, for instance. “It’s complicated, but it’s very concerning.”

Distrust
Petersburg has multiple billboards promoting vaccination. Leaders say there is plenty of money to get the word out and vaccines have been widely available. Still, not enough people are getting the shots.

On Aug. 18, health officials came together in Petersburg to plead with residents to get vaccinated. According to state data from Aug. 23, 45.87% of Menard County’s total population was fully vaccinated. In nearby Sangamon County, 52.3% of the total population was fully vaccinated. Statewide, the percentage of fully vaccinated residents was 60.6%.

Dr. Joe Bilyeu works for Memorial in Petersburg as a family physician. He said at his clinic, “We’re seeing a big spike in COVID. I like to call it the pandemic of the unimmunized, because that’s who’s coming in positive.” In a typical flu season, he said he usually would see 400-500 patients infected with influenza. But last year? He can remember only one flu case coming to his office. “Masks work,” he said.

Distrust could be a reason some are hesitant. Both masks and vaccines have become sources of vitriolic rhetoric. Analysis of Fox News – a source generally affiliated with conservative thinkers – shows why some may question the vaccines. Media Matters for America analysis, published Aug. 19, shows, “In a six-week period from June 28 through Aug. 8, Media Matters found that nearly 60% of the network’s vaccine segments included claims undermining or downplaying vaccinations.”

State Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, was at the Petersburg press conference and addressed the distrust along party lines. “This is controversial and it’s become unfortunately politicized,” he said. “People should be vaccinated. I think those of us in public positions should be encouraging people to do that.” Butler said he’d prefer certain decisions, like mask rules, be left up to local officials rather than the governor. Still, he said, “Vaccinations work, masks work.”

Bilyeu said misinformation and fear might play into why some are hesitant about vaccines. For those who forgo vaccination, he said COVID-19 infection is a matter of when, not if. Bilyeu said some might be put off by the Food and Drug Administration emergency authorization of vaccines, and approval might help reassure them. On Aug. 23, the FDA announced its approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Many hope that for some of the vaccine hesitant, the development will help convince them.

Be kind
Vaccinations don’t just protect the individuals who get them, they protect others in their community. Many kids who have headed back to school are too young for vaccines. While infected kids generally have mild symptoms, some do end up with severe cases. The more cases in the community, the more likely more kids will suffer. Getting the shot is partially about protecting other people, said Shelton, who added that Pope Francis has called getting vaccinated “an act of love.”

As hospitals grapple with higher counts of patients than they had seen during much of the pandemic, burnout and worker shortages are problems. Memorial recently released a statement asking clients to be kind to staff.

Govindaiah urged people to consider the big picture. “The request to be kind and quite frankly the request to get vaccinated are not just about you,” he said. Instead, all of us should take a hard look at how our actions, or inaction, impact the greater community.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available to those 12 years and older and are free of charge. You can schedule an appointment in either Sangamon or Menard counties at scdph.org. Anyone in Illinois can get assistance in setting up a vaccination appointment by calling a toll-free Illinois Department of Public Health hotline at 833-621-1284.

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The costs of war

REEDER | Scott Reeder

As Americans fled Kabul and desperate Afghans sought to follow, Jerry and Brett Young stood in the yard of their rural Rochester home Aug. 20 and remembered their son who never got to see his 26th birthday.

“He loved to skateboard when he was younger. And he loved all kinds of music. He especially liked jazz, the blues and hard rock,” Brett recalled of her son, Chad.

His father, Jerry, pointed to two road signs hanging on a nearby shed. One designated a portion of Illinois 4 as the “Cpl. James ‘Chad’ Young Memorial Highway.” Another recognized him as a 2003 Glenwood High School graduate killed in that distant land.

This nation honors its war dead, as well it should. I admire the willingness of our servicemen and women to sacrifice for this great nation. But I’m left wondering if our nation is too willing to send men and women into harm’s way.

I’m not a pacifist but I find myself often skeptical of our government’s intentions.

Jimmy Carter, perhaps the best person to be president in my lifetime, annoyed many when he said the U.S. is the most warlike nation in history. That’s a tough pill to swallow. But it’s worth noting that of the 245 years the nation has existed, we have been at war 226 years.

A Brown University study found that since 9/11 the U.S. has spent more than $6.4 trillion on military actions in the Middle East. Think how many schools, highways, bridges and parks could have been created with that money.

Of course, those figures underscore the cost of war. For families such as the Youngs, the cost has been immeasurable. Tears still flow freely 11 years after his death. And he was one of nearly 7,000 American service men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At least 801,000 people have been killed by direct war violence in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen and Pakistan. Many were civilians.

“You know all politicians lie,” Jerry Young said. “They will say things that aren’t true or they will vote for something they really don’t believe in because someone did them a favor.”

While he had a strong opinion about the integrity, or the lack of it, exhibited by our elected officials, his opinion on the Afghanistan war is muted.

“I really don’t have an opinion on what is happening over there other than it’s sad.

It’s like when Osama Bin Laden was killed, some reporter called and wanted our opinion. What are we supposed to say? We are glad he’s dead?”

For Rock Island native Tyler Carroll, the war was almost half his lifetime ago. The 41-year-old was one of the first soldiers to fight in Afghanistan after 9/11.

“I had friends killed over there and I know others who were badly wounded. And others came home with mental issues,” he said.

The Afghanistan war is the longest in U.S. history.

“It’s not affecting me as much as others,” Carroll said. “It was so long ago for me. Was it worth it? Well, our initial mission was to destroy Al Qaeda and make sure the Taliban was not in control. Al Qaeda was damaged, Osama Bin Laden has been killed, but the Taliban is back in control. Perhaps they weren’t ready for democracy. But many of the people we interacted with there seemed to want it.”

Democracy runs in Carroll’s blood. He’s a scion of a Quad Cities political dynasty. His grandpa is former state Sen. Denny Jacobs, his great grandfather was state Rep. Oral Jacobs and his uncle is former state Sen. Mike Jacobs.

Still, he is skeptical whether the U.S. should impose democracy on other nations. One shouldn’t be surprised. Most wars end in ambiguity. We honor the abstract causes for which men and women fought — freedom, patriotism, service — but we can also question the wisdom of policies that deployed them into harm’s way.

“On the war,” Carroll said, “I had two brothers killed over there. It wasn’t a difficult decision. The decision was made by people who have never been to the Middle East.”

When I was a child in the 1970s, I didn’t think much about war. I was in fourth grade when Saigon fell in April of 1975. Not long after that, I was canoeing down a river with my parents and we met another family paddling downstream — a husband, wife and two little girls. The man in the other canoe had no legs.

For the rest of the trip my mother was quiet and contemplative. Finally, I asked her, “Why doesn’t that man have any legs?”

Her voice cracked and she said, “He lost them in that awful, awful war. We should never have been there.”

Last week, when I saw the hurt in Chad Young’s parents’ eyes and heard the reports from Kabul, I couldn’t help but think the same.

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DO IT FOR THE KIDS
Please, for the sake of all of our children, mask up and vaccinate (“Back to school,” Aug. 19). Illinois is now heading into a peak that is predicted to be far worse than the one we saw last November. This shouldn’t be happening, but it will continue to happen as long as there are those who insist on putting themselves above what’s best for all.

Amber Temerity Lozzi
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
For 35 years I worked in state government in senior level positions involving museums and natural resources policy issues. I dealt with numerous controversies among competing interests. I often considered it a stressful environment. That was, until I realized what health care workers are going through during COVID-19.

I have a colleague who has been a nurse for over 20 years. With the support of her family, she voluntarily went to Chicago last summer to work in a COVID unit. She is now back in Springfield working in a COVID unit and also in pediatrics. She’s seen more death in the last year and more sick kids than she’s seen in her entire nursing career. Now she is emotionally drained and not sure she can go on as a nurse. Why? Because so many people refuse to get a COVID vaccine. She doesn’t know what more to do to convince people to get vaccinated.

How can we expect health care workers to put their lives at risk, make sacrifices that impact their families and go above and beyond the call of duty day after day to save the lives of people who voluntarily chose to put others at risk, claiming it is their personal choice? There may be medical reasons that preclude some individuals from getting the vaccine, but that isn’t the case for the nearly 50% of the population that remains unvaccinated. The unvaccinated, who refuse to listen to the science, are creating a mental health crisis for our health care workers.

Getting vaccinated shouldn’t be just a personal choice; it should be a responsibility.

Karen Ackerman Witter
Springfield

THANKS FOR POETRY
Enclosed is a check to Illinois Times in appreciation for the poetry of Jacqueline Jackson. I’ve been enjoying reading it for years.

Florence Rhodes
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CORREX
Our story, “What to do about rent” (Aug. 19), wrongly stated that David Amerson is legal counsel for the Springfield Police Department. His correct affiliation is legal counsel for the Springfield chapter of the Illinois Police Benevolent and Protective Association.

non-news poem #?
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OPINION

Problems abound for Dems new BLUE Committee

POLITICS | Rich Miller

Illinois Senate President Don Harmon decided last week to join House Speaker Chris Welch in his decision to not participate in the Democratic Party of Illinois' new “BLUE Committee” structure.

The state party chair, US Rep. Robin Kelly, is barred by federal election laws from participating in any fundraising or spending of money that is raised outside the federally regulated campaign system. So, with direction from the FEC, the state party cobbled together the BLUE (Building Leadership, Unity, and Equity) Committee to oversee that activity and insulate Kelly from possible legal violations.

The committee has five members, two of whom would be the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate. But Speaker Welch has said for weeks that he had concerns about whether the new committee actually followed federal law and had his own issues to deal with as a new chamber leader ahead of a remap election year. So, he wouldn't be participating and wouldn't be appointing a proxy.

The state central committee met last week to vote on the bylaw change and Sen. Cristina Castro (D-Elgin), a member of the central committee, said she had spoken with Senate President Harmon earlier in the day and he told her he would also not be serving on the new committee because he believed the structure was “problematic.”

Former Senate President John Cullerton, who is also a member of the state central committee, spoke against the proposed bylaw change as well. Cullerton warned earlier this year that electing US Rep. Kelly as state party chair would open up a can of legal worms and he agreed that the committee's structure was problematic. He and Castro also noted that since Harmon and Welch wouldn't be participating, the committee would only have three voting members.

But Bill Houlihan, a central committee member who was US Sen. Dick Durbin's top guy in Springfield for years until his recent retirement, disputed the notion that Harmon had any problems with the committee's structure, saying he'd spoken with both Harmon and Welch and they “indicated to me that they were trying to find a way to make this work.” He also dismissed criticisms of the committee by Castro and Cullerton and said the language was only a “first step” and could be amended down the road.

Asked whether Harmon viewed the BLUE Committee's structure as "problematic," a Harmon spokesperson directed me to Sen. Castro's statement during the meeting – which is a clever way of confirming her claim without directly doing so. And that means Houlihan may have not correctly characterized his conversation with the Senate President.

But Harmon's person also said that the Senate President plans to be “helpful to Democrats up and down the ballot.” Speaker Welch's people have issued similar statements in the past.

The new bylaws passed with seven of the central committee's 36 members voting against it. Former Speaker Michael Madigan and a few others did not attend or approve proxies.

Houlihan was subsequently elected to a spot on the new BLUE Committee and said after the meeting that he had no plans to be the committee's chair.

The reality is, the most powerful Democrats in the state are not part of this process, including the billionaire governor, who supported Chicago Ald. Michelle Harris for chair against Kelly earlier this year. Asked by a central committee member during the meeting why the governor wasn't included on the BLUE Committee, Kelly went out of her way to make it clear that "I don't have issues" with Gov. Pritzker. "I've been above-board, graceful," she said.

Sen. Durbin was solidly behind Kelly's election as state party chair, which exacerbated the tensions between Durbin and Pritzker that have existed since the 2018 election.

Durbin also built up the Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association from basically nothing as a counterweight to then-Speaker Michael Madigan's Democratic Party of Illinois machine. It's likely no coincidence, therefore, that Pritzker didn't attend the IDCCA's annual brunch event on Governor's Day. He initially said he wouldn't attend because the group was holding a large event indoors, but when it was moved outside, he said he'd already made other plans. OK.

The rift will matter if campaigns suffer, but the state party has always been mainly a pass-through mechanism to obtain direct mail discounts, and the IDCCA is never a gigantic factor. So, I'm not yet sure that anything will truly suffer as long as the billionaire is spreading cash around and the two legislative leaders bring in big bucks.
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Hit and run heartbreak
A tragedy speaks to our need to look out for one another

STAFFWORK | Rachel Otwell

If the past year and a half of the pandemic hasn’t been enough of a lesson that life can change quickly and unexpectedly for the worse, an event earlier this month involving a former Illinois Times reporter and veteran journalist spotlights the message.

Dusty Rhodes was walking her dog Rosie, a beautiful Shar-Pei, around 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13. Rhodes walked Rosie around Springfield daily. I would see the two traverse down the alleyway in my backyard. On this night, Rhodes was crossing the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Fayette Avenue near Washington Park when a driver sped through, hitting them. Video, captured by a security camera, has been shared broadly in an attempt to track down the perpetrator, who fled the scene.

While the driver fled, the scene, others rushed to help. One person made sure Rhodes didn’t move until the ambulance arrived. Rhodes was strapped on a board and taken to the hospital. She later had surgery for a broken shoulder. She also broke a rib. Her face and other areas were banged up badly. Anyone who has seen the video will find it miraculous she is still walking and lucid. Tragically, Rosie did not survive.

Following the accident, Rhodes tweeted about some of the realizations she had come to: how many true friends she had, how lucky she was to be alive and how she never knew how much she could miss a dog.

Rhodes adopted Rosie in 2016 from a rescue in Peoria. Rosie had come all the way from Oklahoma where she was found in poor condition, living on the streets. “She was like a heart with four legs and a tail,” said Rhodes. Rosie made new friends fast. She was a sweet and goofy dog.

In 2017, Rosie became a bit of a local celebrity. That spring, Rhodes was hard at work at the state Capitol, reporting on a major piece of education funding legislation. Rhodes was well into a long day and night of work when Rosie escaped out of the front door of her home. Her son, who was home at the time, guessed that Rosie darted out starstruck by her, with her shock of short red hair that matched her fiery, magnetic personality. She represented what I wanted to be when I grew up.

We later were colleagues at NPR Illinois, where I got to witness firsthand her grit and bravery in speaking truth to power. Though we’ve both moved on from the radio station, we keep in touch, and I still lean on her for guidance.

The pandemic has made the inextricable ties that bind us all together clearer. Rhodes has been part of community efforts to help out those in need – volunteering to pick up school meals and drop them off to families, for instance.

And now, the community is again coming together to help Rhodes in a time of need. Wild Canine Rescue in Springfield has offered a reward to anyone helping find out who killed Rosie. Multiple people have offered to help Rhodes find and pay for a new rescue pup when the time is right. Others have helped with chores as she heals. “I feel like Tom Sawyer witnessing my own funeral,” Rhodes said. She’s received many meals and flowers and an outpouring of love.

MacArthur Boulevard is notorious for accidents. Perhaps this event will lead to action that changes the flow of traffic in ways that could prevent another such tragedy. Regardless, it should serve as a reminder to us all to drive undistracted and to slow the heck down – to care about other people.

After the hit and run, Rhodes said she feels lucky to be alive. We – her friends, family and the greater community – are lucky too.

The Springfield Police Department is asking anyone with information about the incident to call the department at 217-788-8311 and/or Crime Stoppers at 217-788-8427.

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What could be more American than apple pie? Loading up family and friends on a crisp fall day and heading to an orchard to pick the apples for that pie, that's what.

Central Illinois offers plenty of places to go for apples and other fall fun. Plus, orchards are good spots for enjoying the outdoors and tucking away any COVID worries, as Jeff Broom, co-owner of Broom Orchard in Carlinville, points out.

"With COVID, the demand for apples was just astronomical," Broom says. "We got a lot of new customers that found us as a safe place for families to be outside, and we are really optimistic for this year." Other orchard owners agree.

Whether you seek to fill your freezer with apple pies or pick a peck for eating fresh, nearby orchards are ready for you. Here is information on several, including website addresses to check operating hours, directions, apple varieties and other offerings.

**Jefferies Orchard, Springfield**
Co-owner Pam Jefferies says apple season runs from Sept. 1 until the orchard closes the day before Thanksgiving. The orchard’s own Golden Delicious and Russet are big sellers with many repeat buyers. "We have a lot of customers who have been coming here their whole lives," she says of the orchard that began in the 1920s.

Jefferies Orchard, 1016 Jefferies Rd, makes its own cider and sells apple varieties from other orchards, lots of fall vegetables and more than 50 varieties of pumpkins. U-pick is not available for apples or pumpkins.

The orchard will host an apple festival the second weekend in October with activities for children, including pumpkin painting. Caramel apples, apple butter and other products will be for sale, and a miniature horse will be around for photos. (www.jefferies-orchard.com)

**Apple Barn, Chatham**
The Apple Barn, 2290 E. Walnut St., Chatham, also does not offer U-pick apples from its 1,400 trees, but customers can buy filled bags in the store. Most popular among the orchard’s 12 varieties are Jonathan and Honeycrisp.

Apple season runs from the end of August to mid-October, but co-owner Lance Hedrick says other fall items including pumpkins, decorative gourds, cornstalks and straw bales – "anything to make your house look festive" – are for sale longer.

The Apple Barn also offers baked goods and other food items and is open year-round. Weekends are the busiest times, but Hedrick says the Apple Barn is humming seven days a week in the fall. (https://applebarn.net)

**Broom Orchard, Carlinville**
Jeff Broom agrees that fall weekends bring the crowds to his 50-year-old orchard. His 45 acres of apple trees yield 24 varieties, and U-pick is available and popular around Labor Day through the fall.

“We really emphasize that customers get some bags, grab a wagon and head to the marked rows,” he says. “They embrace that and really like it.” The most popular varieties are Jonathan, Fuji, Golden Delicious and Jonagold.

Customers can buy picked apples, Broom’s own cider, Amish-made apple butter and other goodies at the country store. Broom’s also has six acres of pick-your-own pumpkins and earlier crops such as peaches, nectarines, plums, blackberries and sweet corn.

Broom’s will host an apple fest Sept. 25-26 and a pumpkin fest the second weekend of October. Both events will feature crafts, food, pony rides, wagon rides, a corn maze and a petting zoo. A free playground is available any time. (www.broomorchard.com)

**Okaw Valley Orchard, Sullivan**
Three generations help grow the 1,500 mostly apple fruit trees, according to Okaw Valley Orchard co-owner Jennifer Mitchell. Her family makes their own cider and runs...
a bakery to sell apple dumplings, pies and doughnuts at the orchard’s store, open from mid-August until the day before Thanksgiving.

The most popular variety among the 30 offered is Honeycrisp, but Yellow Delicious still sells well, Mitchell says. Customers also seem to love the orchard’s cider slushies.

Mitchell says the orchard’s U-pick option is limited because new plantings are replacing many of the oldest trees. “Our goal is in the future to have a ridiculous amount of U-pick. We are growing the orchard with that in mind.”

She also says the orchard offers a free playground and picnic area to provide a “nice family atmosphere outside.” (www.okawvalleyorchard.com)

**Curtis Orchard, Champaign**

Randy Graham, his wife and in-laws open this popular spot near Champaign from July until Dec. 23. The family started the orchard in 1980 and added a country store, bakery, café, pumpkin picking, corn maze, pony rides, mini-golf, obstacle course, giant slide and goat petting zoo. The outdoor activities, most of which have a $2-$5 admission fee, go through October, and Curtis offers live entertainment on Saturdays and Sundays in September and October.

In addition to apples and activities, crowds come for the homemade cider, slushies, apple fritters, doughnuts and other baked goods, Graham says. To avoid the crowds, go on a weekday or before 10:30 on weekend mornings.

Honeycrisp is the most popular of the orchard’s 30 varieties and also the most difficult to grow, Graham says. All of the hard work of running an orchard is worth it, however, because “we get a lot of support from the community, and our customers become like family.” (https://curtisorchard.com)

**Tanners Orchard, Speer**

The orchard, 30 miles north of Peoria, began in 1947 with the fourth generation involved now. The 11,000 trees yield 17 apple varieties, and the orchard sports more than 20 acres of pumpkins and other fruits and vegetables.

But apples draw the most customers, and there are a lot of them. “On a busy day in good weather, we get between 4,000 and 9,000 people,” says co-owner Marilyn Tanner. Customers can ride a wagon to pick their own apples from Sept. 1 until sometime in October, depending on weather and availability.

A fourth of the apples Tanner sells are Honeycrisp, a contrast to the orchard’s earlier days when Red and Golden Delicious were popular.

Other highlights are the farm market and bakery, where visitors can pick up award-winning cider and apple doughnuts. Families flock to the Back 40 Fun Acres, which include a playground, outdoor games, Saturday pony rides, straw bale maze and sandbox in a grain bin. “We have a large variety of activities and have tried to include something for 2-year-olds up to grandparents,” Tanner says. (www.tannersorchard.com)

Mary Bohlen, a Springfield travel writer, spent most fall weekends for more than a dozen years picking apples in her husband’s “hobby” orchard and appreciates the work that goes into growing good apples.

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Barely 13 miles southwest of Springfield, in the middle of what seems to be nowhere is something unexpected – Sheedy Shores Wine Garden in Loami, 10300 Johns Creek Rd. Owned by Gloria and Mike Sheedy, you can sit on the beach and look at the water while savoring a glass of wine, or sip on a high-end bourbon or drink a cold beer – craft or domestic, it’s your choice.

Open on weekends only, Sheedy Shores Wine Garden is a family-friendly environment where you’re welcome to bring a picnic basket and order tea or lemonade for those under the legal drinking age. Gloria Sheedy said everybody in the family is welcome to come out and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere that makes you feel like you’re far away from home.

Initially the plan was to establish a winery, but after a couple of years featuring wine from distributors and getting a feel for their niche, the Sheedys decided to continue to operate as a wine garden. She said, “We bring in unique wines from around the world each season, along with some familiar labels that people might recognize. We also carry some local beers.”

When guests ask about locally made wine, Sheedy said they are happy to give directions to local wineries. Nearest to Sheedy Shores Wine Garden is Danenberger Family Vineyards in New Berlin.

Just off Route 4 in Chatham you’ll find 3Sixteen Wine Bar, named after its location at 316 N. Main Plaza. Owned by five guys who grew up together on the north end of Springfield and now call themselves The Whine Guys, and managed by Justin Kieffer, 3Sixteen Wine Bar is a chill hangout spot where people can enjoy fine wines, spirits, domestic and local craft beers, along with prepared-to-order gourmet finger foods.

In addition to wine and beer, Kieffer said 3Sixteen Wine Bar has a full bar that features specialty cocktails throughout the week. Mark the calendar for a complimentary wine tasting every third Thursday of the month where customers may try four wines exclusive to this market.

The perfect complement to good food and drink is live, local music every Sunday afternoon, and an open mic on the second Wednesday of each month. Kieffer said, “We’re always open to new musicians.” In addition, 3Sixteen Wine Bar offers comfortable outdoor seating for up to 30 people.

For an out-of-the ordinary twist on the wine experience, set your navigation to 105 S. Seventh St., Petersburg, where you will arrive during the day and painting the building at Adkins explained that when people walk through the front door of 1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar, they are welcomed into a community of inspiration where they can sip a glass of wine while shopping for home decor, gifts and clothing.

“People like to be in this space. They feel like they belong,” said Adkins. They can shop, find a cozy spot to enjoy a light lunch and read a book on the first floor or carry their glass of wine upstairs and listen to music on the third floor.

Owning their own business had been a pipe dream for Adkins and Carter, but after teaching from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, Adkins said, “Times were tough, and we were really evaluating what defined us. This reality check nudges you a little more to do what you truly want to do.”

And when the building they adored was put on the market, they were faced with the decision to make it happen or realize the dream some other time. With the support and encouragement of their families, they purchased the building, and by last spring were teaching Adkins and Carter were teachers prior to teaching from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and have been teaching together for 15 years, you learn a lot about wine.”

Sisters Elizabeth Carter and Maggie Adkins are former teachers who opened 1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine Bar last year. Photo courtesy of The Petersburg Observer.

Holly Whisler is a freelance writer from Springfield who enjoys a good glass of wine.
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Here are a few spots you can connect with nature, both in the city and a short trip away. Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, on Springfield’s northeast side, is an urban oasis for nature lovers and bird watchers. Trails wind throughout 40 acres of prairie, wetland and woods.

Carpenter Park has nearly 12 miles of trails on 434 acres bordering the Sangamon River. This park is a favorite of bird watchers, nature lovers, dog owners and families. Some trails are more rugged than others, and muddy in times of abundant rains. On Springfield’s north side, the park contains the only virgin woodlands within city limits.

Across a railroad right of way from Carpenter Park is Gurgens Park, a 270-acre addition, which features rugged hiking trails that are inaccessible in times of high water as the park also functions as a flood plain.

Riverside Park has 470 acres and is located on the opposite side of the Sangamon River from Gurgens and Carpenter Park. Together Riverside, Gurgens and Carpenter Parks contain 1,174 acres of mostly forested land along the Sangamon River and all three parks are popular with mountain bikers.

Not far from Riverside Park is Riverside Stables, which offers trail rides as well as canoe and kayak rentals along the Sangamon River.

The Springfield Park District maintains five bike trails throughout the city and the area surrounding it. Some trails are more maintained than others, but ticks seem common in season, so dress appropriately. Enjoy the lakes, prairies (including a rare hill prairie), woods, creeks and hills, as well as farm fields. The area is attractive to those into bird watching, fishing, hunting, boating, picnics and archery. The blossoming sunflower fields (in season) as well as other picturesque settings make it wonderful for nature-themed photography shoots. This is also a dark sky area of central Illinois, perfect for amateur astronomers and meteor watchers.

Rock Springs Conservation Area near Decatur features nine miles of hiking and biking trails through 1,300 acres of prairie and mature forest along the Sangamon River. Nature exploration kits and fishing gear are available to borrow for free from the Nature Center, while cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for a small rental fee (in season). Bring your own canoe to float in the river, and deeply inhale the cool breeze in the five-acre pine forest. This conservation area is very kid- and dog-friendly.

A short drive southeast of Springfield is Sangchris Lake State Park, featuring archery, boating, fishing, hiking, metal detecting and both hiking and equestrian trails on 3,022 acres, with Lake Sangchris being the main attraction.

Along Salt Creek near Lincoln, the Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area is 974 acres of prairie and forest, containing the largest sycamore tree in the state of Illinois. Seven miles of biking/hiking trails, along with fishing and cross-country skiing are the biggest attractions of this quiet piece of nature.

No matter what type of outdoor activities you enjoy, there are plenty of places nearby to explore.

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When it comes to family friendly activities, parents sometimes have a hard time coming up with ideas that will please everyone. Oftentimes, we end up with the same activities in heavy rotation and that can leave everyone feeling a little underwhelmed. Recently, when I was given the opportunity to try out two new family activities in Springfield, I jumped at the chance. Not only was I excited to add something new to my rainy-day arsenal, but I also wanted the opportunity to prove to my kids that it is possible for us all to do something fun together without having to travel any further than our own city.

The first activity we were scheduled to try together was ax throwing. However, as anyone who’s part of a family knows, sometimes things don’t go quite as planned; right before we were scheduled to throw axes, one of our children came down with a cough and mild fever. Luckily, her COVID test came back negative, but my husband and I erred on the side of caution and decided I would tackle this activity alone. I was disappointed, but I also have to admit that I had some reservations about letting my 6-year-old and 3-year-old children handle sharp, heavy tomahawks.

When I walked through the doors of Real Ax, a BYOB ax-throwing facility located at 2920 MacArthur Blvd. in Springfield, I was greeted by the owner, Dorothy Winter. She warmly ushered me over to a high-top table and informed me that things were a little busier than usual because it was the end-of-season party for the Monday night ax-throwing league. All around me were tables lined with delicious-looking food, coolers filled with drinks, and the facility was abuzz with laughter, cheers of encouragement and the continuous thud of axes slamming into wooden targets.

Winter, who has an easygoing personality and obvious passion for ax throwing, opened Real Ax in June 2019 during a sabbatical from her job as a respiratory therapist. She had thrown axes before and knew that opening an ax-throwing facility in Springfield was something that she wanted to do, but that doesn’t mean she didn’t have reservations.

“I had toyed with the idea of opening a place to throw for quite a while,” she said. “When this space came up for rent, I knew that if I didn’t take a chance, I’d always wonder what could have been.”

As it turns out, Winter’s hunch was right, and over the next few months, her business began to steadily grow. Now, not only does her facility host an ax-throwing league, but she also sees her fair share of parties and couples out on dates. “My favorite groups that come in are the families, though,” she says. “They are just so much fun to watch!”

Speaking of families, I admitted to her my previous concerns about letting my younger children throw axes, and I was relieved when she said that 8 years old is the youngest age allowed to throw the large axes. Although it’s a relatively safe activity, there is still the potential for accidents to happen, and she is adamant that children who come to her facility are old enough to understand and follow the safety guidelines.

It was easy to see why Winter knew that this type of activity would do well in Springfield. Watching the community that she’s been instrumental in creating was really inspiring, and before I left, I assured her that I would be back, along with my husband, my oldest daughter and our inner warriors.

A few days later, everyone was feeling better, so we piled into the car and headed off to Amazing Xscapes, Springfield’s newest family-owned escape room located in The Yard Shopping Center at 1650 Wabash. At the time of our visit, Amazing Xscapes wasn’t open yet for business, but owners Rick Briggs, Nathan Millsbaugh and Brett Moore were gracious enough to give our family a sneak peek and allow us to try our hand at escaping one of their impressively designed theme rooms.

While waiting in the lobby for Millsbaugh to set up our room, my oldest daughter informed us that she’s been waiting her “entire life” to go to an escape room, and her excitement was palpable. A few minutes later, after Millsbaugh had led us back to the room, explained the rules, set the timer for one hour and closed the door behind him, everyone’s level of enthusiasm matched my daughter’s. The room eerily resembled an Egyptian tomb and we were completely blown away by all of the intricate and beautiful details. It was obvious that the owners hadn’t cut any corners during the production and genuinely wanted their clients to have a totally surreal experience.

For the next 45 minutes, my family worked together in a way that I didn’t even know was possible. My oldest daughter, who was finally living her dream, was excellent at solving puzzles and looking for clues. My two youngest children are too little to understand the ins and outs of escape rooms, but that doesn’t mean that they weren’t involved. Once we knew we had solved a puzzle, we’d often let them be the ones to execute the final steps and would watch their eyes light up as doors opened and additional clues leading to our escape were revealed.

After our family solved the final puzzle and escaped the room in the nick of time, I reached out to Briggs and asked him to tell me more about why he and his partners, who also happen to be his sons-in-law, decided to build an escape room in Springfield.

“I’ve dreamed of having an entertainment business that our family owns and operates in Springfield, and the pandemic has created that opportunity,” he said. “We’re always disappointed when we look for new things to do, especially in the last year. We finally decided to just build it ourselves.”

Aside from Amazing Xscapes, the crew has also developed Springfield’s first mobile escape room. “It’s a shorter 30-minute experience that parties and companies can rent by the day to bring the entertainment experience to their home or office,” said Millsbaugh.

Co-owner Brett Moore spoke of how escape experiences are a powerful tool that allow people to work as a team. He says the experience builds critical problem-solving skills in an interactive, immersive and fun way, and my family could not agree more.

If you’re looking for a unique way to connect with your family, blow off some steam and share a unified sense of accomplishment, keep in mind these two new and unique options. Both add a whole new level of entertainment and fun to our community, and we’re so happy they decided to set up shop in Springfield.

Lana Shovlin is a freelance writer who lives in Springfield. Like most parents, she’s always looking for ways to keep her children entertained so that she doesn’t have to hear any whining or complaints of being bored.
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GOLF DICATUR!
Springfield’s music scene is as revved up as ever, and there’s no end in sight. From classic country to electric holiday rock music, the offerings are always diverse — which is what we’ve come to expect around here — and this season’s lineup does not disappoint.

Billy Bob Thornton and the Boxmasters are kicking off Boondocks’ season on Aug. 27 with the sounds of 60s rock. The venue will shift into county on Sept. 16 for a show by Frank Foster, who started his career in 2011 with the release of his first album, and he hasn't looked back since. Hard scrabble group, The Wild Feathers, spent part of last winter hunkered down in a small cabin northwest of Nashville to iron out some new songs they worked on during the pandemic, and they’re bringing them to the stage on Sept. 17. Colt Ford, born and raised in Athens, Georgia, and known for fusing country and rap, follows up on Sept. 9 with Drake White’s Hardscrabble group, The Wild Feathers, has been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing the genre, while of pace with a performance by Styx, a rock band with its roots going all the way back to 1972. The center will lead the audience into the holiday season with the magnificent Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular on Dec. 4. Next up on Dec. 15 is The Prophecy Show – The Music of Trans-Siberian Orchestra, an extravagant Christmas musical production. This powerhouse group of classically trained musicians come together to create nothing short of an electrifying evening of holiday rock music. The Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular will round out the season with the smash hit multimedia laser and light show featuring the music of Pink Floyd on Dec. 17.

The pace has been picking up again at the Hoogland Center for the Arts and it has some good things in store for us. Local favorite Dual Piano, with Mark Gifford and Damien Kaplan, will be performing Aug. 27-29. On Sept. 5, singer, songwriter and tribute artist, Ted Vigil will perform his Remembering John Denver show. It should prove to be an excellent performance as Vigil not only sounds like John Denver, he’s also Denver’s doppelganger. For more than 30 years, Riders in the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing the genre, while branding it with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit. You can catch their show on Sept. 23.

What better show to round out this entire music lineup than a James Taylor tribute by Bill Griese, also known as Sweet Baby James, at The Legacy Theatre on Sept. 18. Leave it to The Legacy to give us a show that pairs nicely with a mellow autumn evening.

Diamond Rio has been playing together since their first Opryland USA show back in 1982, so their sound on Sept. 24 should be well polished. The amphitheater has a lot more music going on through the rest of the season. Be sure to check the website so you do not miss a personal favorite.

The Illinois Symphony Orchestra has been warming up and is set to play an outstanding season-opening performance with award-winning pianist Claire Huangci on Oct. 2. On Nov. 6, the Resounding & Romantic show will feature Rachmaninoff’s Second Piano Concerto performed by the sensational pianist Michah McLaurin. The orchestra’s ever-popular Holiday Pops in the Heartland will be performed on Dec. 18. You can enjoy all of these shows at the UIS Performing Arts Center, however, you can also catch the Brilliant Brass performance, featuring the works of Gabrieli, Bach, Holst and Lauridsen, at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School on Dec. 3.

The UIS Performing Arts Center has other shows in store, covering a good range of genres. Straight No Chaser is in the middle of its Back in the High Life Tour and will make a stop at the center on Oct. 26. Foreigner will be performing their greatest hits on Nov. 5. Nashville recording artist Josh Turner will give us some country on Nov. 19. The following evening brings more than a slight change of pace with a performance by Styx, a rock band with its roots going all the way back to 1972. The center will lead the audience into the holiday season with the magnificent Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular on Dec. 4. Next up on Dec. 15 is The Prophecy Show – The Music of Trans-Siberian Orchestra, an extravagant Christmas musical production. This powerhouse group of classically trained musicians come together to create nothing short of an electrifying evening of holiday rock music. The Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular will round out the season with the smash hit multimedia laser and light show featuring the music of Pink Floyd on Dec. 17.
The cicadas are singing their late summer serenade and that means things are just starting to heat up again on the theater scene. This season’s stage offerings range from new and classic tales, personal stories and dance to comedy.

The UIS Performing Arts Center gets the season underway on Sept. 24 with actor, comedian and screenwriter Rob Schneider and his I Have Issues Tour. On Sept. 28, check out Escape to Margaritaville, a musical comedy featuring both original songs and your most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics – you don’t want to miss that party. Then, Tater Salad himself, Ron White, takes the stage on Oct. 14. If you enjoy improv with a little audience participation, check out Whose Live Anyway? on Oct. 16, for 90 minutes of comedy and song. Oct. 21 will bring #IMOMSOHARD: The Getaway Tour, which began as a popular web series by real-life best friends, comedians and moms, Kristin and Jen. The stage shifts gears on Oct. 23 with MasterChef Live, a high-energy, interactive stage production that brings the culinary hit TV shows “MasterChef” and “MasterChef Junior” directly to fans and foodies alike. On Nov. 13, some southern charm will sashay onto the stage with Leanne Morgan and her Big Pantry Tour – a hilarious storytelling about her own life, which seems to resemble everyone else’s. On Nov. 18, be sure to catch the musical drama, Rent. This 25th Anniversary Farewell Season of Love is your final chance to experience this celebrated touring production, so don’t miss it. The center’s final show of the season is Summer - The Donna Summer Musical, about that girl from Boston with a voice from heaven, who shot through the stars from gospel choir to dance floor diva.

On Sept. 18, The BoS Center will host Theresa Caputo. The star of the hit TLC show, “Long Island Medium,” will share personal stories about her life and explain how her gift works. On Nov. 21, not to be left behind on the comedy trail, the center is bringing Jim Gaffigan: The Fun Tour to its stage where Gaffigan will probably make some hilarious observations about fatherhood, laziness and food.

With a clever combination of the farcical and the macabre, the classic Arsenic and Old Lace hits the stage at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, courtesy of Springfield Theatre Centre, on Oct. 8-10 and Oct. 15-17. In November, the theater will present the two-time Tony Award-winning musical, American Idiot, based on Green Day’s Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album. The theater will lead us into the holiday season with Elf: The Musical, which is based on the hit motion picture.

The Hoogland Center for the Arts is warming up again, and on Oct. 1-3 and Oct. 8-10 it’s opening with a Spencer Theatre Company production, The Audience, the play that inspired the television series, “The Crown.” On Oct. 15-16, the center will present The Weir, set in a rural Irish pub with a barman, three men, a woman and their evocative tales.

The Springfield Masonic Center is presenting the local audience with a rare treat on Sept. 24. Give ‘Em Hell, Harry! is the Academy Award-nominated play performed by President Harry S. Truman’s grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel.
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1908 Race Riot Walking Tour
10:30am. This hour-long tour will visit a portion of the 1908 Race Riot sites that destroyed and affected the lives of many of Abraham Lincoln’s African American friends and their descendants. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

Military History Tour
Thursdays at 1pm. A 90-minute hike around Oak Ridge Cemetery visiting the final resting places of numerous veterans. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

Black History Walk
Fridays at 3pm. This 90-minute walk through Oak Ridge Cemetery focuses on the history of Springfield’s African American community. Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, 1500 Monument Ave., 782-2717.

Designing for Change
1:30pm. A one-hour walking tour to discuss the relationship between Frank Lloyd Wright’s Springfield project and the path to suffrage for Illinois women. Dana-Thomas House, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., 217-782-6776.

Ongoing events

Drawing studio
Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm. An undraped, live model, easels, drawing benches and chairs are available. Work in the medium of your choice. All skills levels are welcome. Reservations are required and donations are suggested. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Old Capitol Farmers Market

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50th Anniversary REWIND Celebration

Jacksonville Area Museum volunteer training
Thurs., Aug. 26, 6pm and Sat., Aug. 28, 10am. Prospective volunteers need to attend one of the two-hour sessions. Volunteers who are selected must commit to working a minimum of one three-hour shift of their choosing per month and be comfortable interacting with the public. Connect on the museum’s Facebook page for more info. Jacksonville Area Museum, Jacksonville, 301 E. State St.

Reform: Restoration, Revitalization and Representation

Cool Cruisers Cruise-In
Sat., Aug. 28, 5:30pm. Slick back your hair and listen to your favorite oldies. Put on your poodle skirt and hobby socks and have some fun. Don’t have a car? Come anyway. It’s a gas, man. Knights of Columbus Hall Council 4175, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

Off the Wall

River cleanup
Sat., Aug. 28, 9am-1pm. Because of a lack of large items to be removed, this event will be more of a recreational float. Pack a cooler and bring a hat and sunblock. Trip will take four to six hours. Hosted by the Friends of the Sangamon Valley, Wheeland Park, Riverton, Third St., 217-553-2243.

Riverton/Spaulding Fall Festival
Sat., Aug. 28, 4:30-10pm. Music provided by Schroeder’s DJ Service. Fireworks at dusk. Food, kids’ activities and more. Field of Dreams, Riverton, 6237-6269 Riverton Road.

Top Decatur Craft Beer and Music Festival
Sat., Aug. 28, 12-5pm. Sam’s Club presented by on sale. Tickets available online. devonampitheater.com. $10-$100 plus fees. The Devon Lakeshore Amphitheater, Decatur, 620 E. Riverside Dr., 217-619-8025.

Springfield Comic Book Convention
Sun., Aug. 29, 10am-4pm. Dealers have a huge variety of old and new comic books, as well as toys and related collectibles for sale. If you happen to have comic books that you no longer want, there will be dealers there that are interested in buying them. epguides.com/comics. Free admission. Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, 625 E. Saint Joseph St., 309-657-1599.

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Mini wood carving show
Sat., Sep. 4, 10am-4pm. Hosted by the Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers Club. Members of the club will have carvings on display, carvings for sale and a people’s choice carving competition. Carving tools and wood for sale. Door prizes. Beginner’s class sign up. Food available. Free. Williamsville Community Center, Williamsville, 141 W. Main St., 217-691-5943.

Negro League Beisbol
Sep. 4-Oct. 30. Open during normal museum hours. This traveling exhibit was developed to honor and explore the connections of African American baseball history with Hispanic cultures, communities and countries. The exhibit features profiles of significant baseball players, a timeline of American and Hispanic baseball history and detailed baseball histories of several countries. Several local players are featured. spiaahm.org. Free. Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum, 1440 Monument Ave., 217-391-8323.

Pancake and sausage breakfast

Small Town Dreamers Outdoor Market
Sat., Sep. 4, 3-7pm. Shop locally owned businesses while enjoying great live music and gourmet oyster dishes as well as food trucks. To date, the SOB Festival has donated over $100,000 to area charities. sobfestival.com. $20-$30. Food trucks. To date, the SOB Festival has donated over $100,000 to area charities. sobfestival.com. $20-$30. Handicapped-accessible facility. Lincoln’s New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

Fall fashion show - “Movement”
Fri., Sep. 10, 6-9pm. Wearable art fashions. $5. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 801-810-9278.

Justin Tuttle Headlines
Fri.-Sat., Sep. 10-11, 8-9:30pm. Justin will be joined by Rich Castle. $12.50 or $15 VIP. Mason City Limits Comedy Club, Mason City, 114 E. Chestnut St., 217-482-5233.

Watercolor art class
Fri., Sep. 10, 10am-12pm. Pre-registration is required by Fri., Aug. 27. Call for more information or to register. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-553-4643.

9/11 Memorial Stair Climb
Sat., Sep. 11. Participants age 12 and over can climb 110 flights of stairs (or fewer) to honor those who climbed 110 flights of stairs to rescue victims in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. Registration is $25 and the deadline is Sep. 1. Proceeds benefit the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. Crowne Plaza Springfield, 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-206-6400.

Auditions for Green Day’s American Idiot

Oktobefest Party
Sat., Sep. 11, 12-10pm. German bands Die Musikmeisters from Chicago, Die Spietsbaums from St. Louis and Heidelberg German Band from Quincy. German beer and food, Dachshund races, stein holding contests, children activities. $5 admission to benefit a charity. Columbian Grand Hall Knights of Columbus 364, 2200 S. Meadowbrook Road, 217-787-2360.

2021 Women’s Conference
Sat., Sep. 11, 8am-2pm. The theme is “I Will Serve the Lord.” Continental breakfast will be served at 8am and the program will follow. Carry-out lunch provided. CDC and state guidelines will be followed. Free. Table of Life Ministries, 2600 S. Fifth St., 217-720-5100.
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for more details and fun, visit:
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1(309)359-9463
Vehicle Show & Swap Meet
Sat., Sep. 11, 7am-4pm. See some of the finest antique and classic vehicles and also sports cars, motorcycles, trucks and tractors. Held rain or shine. Spectators and vendors are free. Contestants $10. Downtown Springfield, Second and Monroe streets, 217-557-7220.

Art Spectacular

Artists Kevin Veara and Amy Denny

Capital City Century

Horses 4 Heros

Marbold Heritage Festival
Sat.-Sun., Sep. 11-12. Historical portrayals of Mary Todd Lincoln and her dressmaker and confidante, Elizabeth Keckley, on Saturday. Civil War presentations both days. Antiques, artisans, children's activities and food. On Sunday, homemade pies will be available. Historic Marbold Farmstead, Greenview, 21722 State Hwy 29.

“Movement” exhibit opening
Sat., Sep. 11, 6-9pm. All new work by Pharmacy artists. Featured artist is Mark Mangiaracina who recently completed the Pharmacy’s Emerging Artist Program. Music and refreshments. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 201-810-9278.

Ride to Remember
Sat., Sep. 11. Line up of all vehicles begins at 4pm at Hall’s Harley-Davidson. The police-escorted procession will leave at 5pm and proceed to the Illinois State Capitol grounds to the 9/11 Memorial site where a ceremony will take place around 6pm. Free. Hall’s Harley Davidson, 2301 N. Dirksen Pkwy., 217-528-8356.

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Sat., Sep. 11, 10am-4pm. Shop over 60 of Springfield’s finest crafters, artists, authors and more. Magro’s Meat and Produce, 3150 Stanton Ave., 217-501-1598.
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Buzz Fest Square
Sat., Sep. 18, 2pm. In true Oktoberfest fashion, this festival highlights local/regional breweries, live music, games for all ages and amazing food trucks and craft vendors. Come spend the afternoon or evening with the family as this is an all-ages event. In collaboration with Elderbeard Musicwerx. Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 406 E. Adams St.

Car Pool and Damned Torpedoes
Sat., Sep. 18, 6:30-10pm. Tributes to The Cars and Tom Petty. Bring a lawn chair, $10 for ages 19 and up. Free for all others. Food and drinks available for purchase. Call for ticket info. Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, 1200 Rail Fence Drive, 217-496-2621.

Chatham Paws-A-Palooza

Curiosity Week
Sat.-Fri., Sep. 18-24, 10am-4pm. Express your curiosity and wonder throughout the natural history exhibit. Changes by posting questions and comments on the exhibit itself. The comments will then be posted on social media throughout the week. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., illinoisstatemuseum.org. 217-782-6044.

Enos Park Historic Home Tours
Sat., Sep. 18, 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.

Fall Festival
Sat.-Sun., Sep. 18-19, 9am-4pm. Come celebrate MJ Kelner’s 100 years in the community. Food trucks, building tours, music and more to say thank you for your support through the years. MJ Kelner Foodservice, 5700 International Pkwy., 217-493-1700.

Oktobefest
Sat., Sep. 18, 12-7pm. German beer, wine, food, music, dancing, contests. Hosted by the Jacksonville Rotary Club. jacksonvillerotary.org. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-243-5678.

Abraham Lincoln National Railsplitting Festival
Sat., Sep. 18, 9am-6pm and Sun., Sep. 19, 10am-4pm. Working crafts, pioneer village, children’s activities, displays, live music, food. Postville Courthouse, 914 Fifth St., Lincoln.

Theresa Caputo
Sat., Sep. 18, 7:30pm. Theresa Caputo, a practicing medium for over 20 years, will share personal stories about her life and explain how her gift works. She helps individuals find closure by delivering healing messages. $39.75-$89.75. BuS Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, 800-745-3000.

Fall Farm Day

The Architecture of Place and Sound
Tue., Sep. 21, 11:30am. David Finnigan will discuss his research of the history and gardens of Allerton Park. Dr. Paula Pugh Romanaux will discuss Andrew Carnegie’s Organ Benefactions. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn Series. Offered in hybrid format. $37 includes lunch. Virtual attendance is free. Call for more information. UIS Student Union, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6058.

Interview with President and General Ulysses S. Grant
Wed., Sep. 22, 7pm. Fellow Illinoisan Ulysses S. Grant is one of the least understood of our American heroes. Played by Larry Werline, Grant will be interviewed with no question off-limits. Hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Register for the Zoom link at alplm.org. 217-557-5610.

Riders in the Sky
Thu., Sep. 23, 7:30pm. For more than 30 years, Riders in the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing the genre, while branding it with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit. $28-$34. Hoogland Center for the Arts LRS Theatre 1, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival
Fri.-Sun., Sep. 24-26. Celebrating 20 years, this festival brings street machines, muscle cars and hot rod enthusiasts to historic downtown Springfield for an incredible weekend of family farm day, Boats, trains and more at the Festival. $5. Carpool and Damned Torpedoes.

The “Maine” Event

100 Year Open House
Sat., Sep. 18, 1-4pm. Come celebrate MJ Kelner’s 100 years in the community. Food trucks, building tours, music and more to say thank you for your support through the years. MJ Kelner Foodservice, 5700 International Pkwy., 217-493-1700.

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Fall Festival and Steam Show

Rob Schneider, I Have Issues Tour
Fri., Sep. 24, 8pm. The actor, comedian, screenwriter and director will kick off his tour right here in Springfield. uispac.com. $35-$100.

UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Spinning event
Fri., Sep. 24, 12-6pm and Sat., Sep. 25, 9am-5pm. This informal event offers an opportunity to observe experienced spinners and to practice on various wheels, even if you have never spun. Leave for meals or bring a brown bag. Register by Sep. 20. $25 for one day participation or $40 for two days.

Jubilee Farm, 6760 Old Jacksonville Road, 217-787-6927.

Give ‘Em Hell, Harry!
Fri.-Sat., Sep. 24-25, 7pm. Academy Award-nominated play performed by President Harry S. Truman’s grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel. Seating is limited. aasr-spi.org. $30. Springfield Masonic Center, 1020 Rickard Road, 217-793-7728.

Upscale Collectible Sale

Hells Bells and Nighttrain international

Auditions for Elf: The Musical

Let Our Prayers Arise

Sip and Savor Fall Fiesta
Sat., Sep. 25, 4-7pm. Hosted by the Share the Spirit Foundation in its mission to provide children with new shoes and socks. sharethespirit.info. $75 per person. Sponsorships and tables also available. Illini Country Club, 1601 S. Illini Road, 217-494-2990.

Fall Senior Celebration

October

Boo Crew Haunted House
Open every Friday and Saturday night in October. Both the Trail of Lost Souls and the haunted house are back this year. Recommended for ages 10 and over. Box office opens at 6:30pm. Haunting begins around 7pm. Rain or shine. Admission $20 or $35 VIP. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-6969.

The Audience
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 1-3. For sixty years Queen Elizabeth II has met each of her twelve Prime Ministers in a weekly audience at Buckingham Palace. Both parties have an unspoken agreement never to repeat what is said. This play was the inspiration for the TV series “The Crown.” Presented by the Spencer Theatre Company. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

2nd Annual ParTEE for PCASA
Sat., Oct. 2, 8am-4pm. Fee of $60 per person includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch and snacks, goody bag, games, silent auction and more. Payment for each team is due the day of the outing. $60 per person. K’s Creek Golf Club & Kitchen 63, Jacksonville, 1265 Sandusky Road, 217-744-2560.

Beth Shadur
The Animal Protective League’s Upcoming Events

ANNUAL Upscale Collectible Sale
Friday, Sept. 24 – 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25 – 8 a.m. to Noon
(Bag Sale, Saturday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Everything you can fit into a bag for $5! Excludes antiques.)
2501 Wabash Ave.
Not your average garage sale! Quality items including furniture, antiques, jewelry, home décor, children’s clothes, toys and more! Shoppers will pay $8 to enter the Upscale Collectible Sale, but for that donation, they will receive a chance for one of several high-quality door prizes.
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(Top floor of the old Bergner’s location in White Oaks Mall.)
Donate your good-quality items to APL! We cannot accept adult shoes or clothes, computers, monitors, mattresses, large appliances or TV’s.
Drop off your items at 2501 Wabash Avenue during the days and times listed below:
Sat., Sept. 18: Noon to 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 19: Noon to 5 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 20: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 21: Noon to 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 22: Noon to 7 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 23: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

September 23—Remember Me Thursday Concert
Join us at the Blue Grouse Pub for a concert to benefit and raise awareness of shelter animals from 6-9 pm! Enjoy music by Cody Lee, For the Love of Lennon and the Open Mic Allstars.

September 30—Get Your Licks On Route 66
This nationwide pet tour will be stopping in Springfield at PetSmart from Noon-4 pm. Stop by to spin the prize wheel and win!

October 2—Boo Bark Party at the Park
Come out to Stuart Park from 11 am to 2 pm for Springfield’s only Halloween Party for dogs! Vendors, costume contests and more!

September Adoption Events
Every Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm & Sunday, 12 - 4 pm at PetSmart
Sept. 11, Harvest Market, 3000 S Veterans Pkwy, 11 am - 4 pm
Sept 18, Cats at Pet Supplies Plus, Chatham, 11 am - 4 pm & dogs at Paws-A-Palooza, Chatham Community Park, 1-4 pm
Sept 25, Upscale Sale, 2501 Wabash, 8 am - 2:30 pm
For more information, visit our website at www.apl-shelter.org or call 217-544-7387.

Adoption Corner
River is 6-years-old and 40 lbs. She loves to play and make new friends. She always has a winning smile and a wagging tail! No cats please.
This handsome black cat arrived with two of his siblings and is a little under 6-months-old. Walter is still looking for a black cat lover to take him home!
Henderson is an 80lb Plott hound mix with long floppy ears and a keen nose. He still has a lot of puppy in him and would flourish with consistent training.
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Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show
Sat., Oct. 2, 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 3, 10am-5pm. Amazing agates from around the world. Mineral and fossil dealers, demonstrators, kid’s activities, silent auction, exhibits and more. loes.org. Adults $2, seniors $1 and kids age 12 and under are free. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave., 309-838-7782.

Small Town Dreamers Outdoor Market
Sat., Oct. 2, 3-7pm. Shop locally owned businesses while enjoying great live music and great food and drinks. Farmersville Square, Farmersville, Downtown.

Echoes of Yesteryear
Sun., Oct. 3, 12-4pm. A walking tour featuring seven actors in period costume telling the stories of the historic individual they are portraying. Most are namesakes of local schools. Maps will be provided for the two-hour tour. Refreshments available for purchase. Free, Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument Ave., 217-789-2340.

Paul Page
Tue., Oct. 5, 7pm. Meet the man behind the voice of the Indianapolis 500 and ABC and ESPN announcer. Paul will talk about the racing legends, his broadcasting career and his new book, Hello, I’m Paul Page. It’s Race Day in Indianapolis. Proceeds benefit the Children’s Dyslexia Center. aasr-spi.org. $10. Springfield Masonic Center, 1020 Rickard Road, 217-793-7726.

Conference on Illinois History
Thu.-Fri., Oct. 7-8. Panels covering a wide range of topics from Illinois’ political, cultural and social history that will appeal to academics, teachers and anyone interested in the past. Continuing education credits are available. alpm.org. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St. 558-8844.

Arsenic and Old Lace

Fat Ass 5K & Street Party for Charity

Ron Milton Race of Champions

Youth Charity Horse Show
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10. Class sessions are 8am-10pm Friday and Saturday and 8am-6pm Sunday. The organization donates its annual proceeds to area charities. Free. Coliseum, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-494-1215.

Fall Harvest Festival

Juried Artisan Fair
Sat., Oct. 9, 10am-3pm. Artisans, live music, food vendors, beer, wine and mimosas. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-243-5678.

Outstanding Opening
Sat., Oct. 9, 7-30pm. the Illinois Symphony Orchestra’s opening performance for the season. ilsymphony.org. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Roasted
Sat., Oct. 9, 3-9pm. Join in this unique ceramic raku fundraiser event. Glaze a pot, fire it in an outdoor kiln and then it is ready to take home. Enjoy the fire, food and live music. Admission $20 or $30 with a pot, children 12 and under $15. Members receive 10% off. Pre-registration recommended. All prices increase $5 on the day of event. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Friends of Sangamon Valley fundraiser
Sun., Oct. 10, 4-8pm. The evening will feature an auction of items including an original short-eared owl painting by Kevin Veara. Solar Charlot Acoustic will provide the entertainment. Call to make an auction item donation. Admission is $10 at the door. Lake Springfield Beach House, 100 Long Bay Dr., 217-525-1410.

Springfield Marathon
Sun., Oct. 10. A marathon, half marathon and quarter marathon. This is a USATF-certified course for qualifying for the Boston Marathon and other large iconic marathons. An easy, mostly flat route. No race day registration. Denenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 12341 Irish Road, 217-488-6321.

Ron White
Thu., Oct. 14, 7:30pm. $39-$95. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fall fundraiser

Fall GAYla Dinner and Auction
Fri., Oct. 15, 5:30-10pm. This event helps support the Phoenix Center’s programs and services it provides as central Illinois’ LGBT center. $50. Erin’s Pavilion, Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 217-528-5253.

Illusions, Magic and Spirits
Fri., Oct. 15, 7-8pm, 9-10pm. Continues every Friday and Saturday through Oct. 31. A uniquehaunting stage show presented by Terror on the Square. Set in an old, art deco theatre, expect a mix of illusions, magic and spirits to mystify all ages. $18. Salem on Seventh Theater, Petersburg, 119 S. Seventh St., 217-632-7068.
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Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk  
Sat., Oct. 16, 2-4pm. Walk to increase mental health awareness, support those who struggle and honor those lost to suicide. It’s important to be there for one another and take steps to safeguard our mental health and prevent suicide. Visit the website to register and be part of the movement coming. afsp.org/SpringfieldIL. Free, donations accepted. Hope Pavilion at Southwind Park, 4963 S. Second St., 312-890-2377.

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Whose Live Anyway?  
Sat., Oct. 16, 8pm. $35-$69.  

Jacksonville Main Street Pumpkin Festival  
Sat., Oct. 23, 10am-2pm. Petting zoo, face painting, pumpkin painting, blazing wing challenge, pie eating contest, kid’s costume contest, pet costume contest, pumpkin patch, cornfield. $10 per child includes all activities and contests. Central Park Plaza, Jacksonville, 32 N. Central Park, 217-245-6884.

MasterChef Live!  
Sat., Oct. 23, 7pm. This family-friendly show will feature head-to-head cooking demonstrations and fun (sometimes messy) challenges with past “MasterChef” and “MasterChef Junior” contestants, and an overall immersive audience experience fun for all ages. $39-$99. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Rochester Fall Festival  
Sat., Oct. 23, 8am-3pm and Sun., Oct. 24, 12-3pm. Local vendors, food trucks, free games and activities, plus live music. The 5k starts at 8am on Saturday. Free. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-498-8454.

Chili Supper and Paw Paw Patch Bazaar  
Sun., Oct. 24, 11am-5:30pm. Dine in, carry out or curbside service. Unique gifts, 50/50 raffle, craft items, baked goods and new apparel. Mobile adoption on site 11:30am-4pm. All proceeds benefit the Animal Protective League. Visit apl-shelter.org or call 217-544-7367 to order chili online or for more information. Columbian Grand Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook Road.

Straight No Chaser  
Tue., Oct. 26, 7:30pm. Back in the High Life Tour.
The Regional Cancer Partnership of Illinois is providing FREE Colorectal Screening Kits.

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**Age 50+ | Family History | Smoker | Heavy Alcohol Use | Overweight**

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| 4 – 6 p.m.  | Memorial Drive-Thru Lab  |
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| **Aug. 27, 2021**  |
| 9 a.m. – noon  | Taylorville Memorial Hospital  |
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| **Aug. 27, 2021**  |
| 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  | St. John’s Cancer Center  |
| 301 N. 8th St. | Springfield | 217–525–5640 |

| **Aug. 31, 2021**  |
| 5 – 7 p.m.  | Simmons Cancer Institute  |
| 751 N. Rutledge | Springfield | 217–545–1123 |

| **August 2021**  |
| Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital  |
| 200 Stahlhut Dr. | Lincoln | 217–605–5008 |
November

217 Italian Week

The Greatest Hits of Foreigner
Fri., Nov. 5, 7:30pm. $39-$275. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

Fossil Finds in Midwestern Caves
Thu., Nov. 4, 12-1pm. Melissa Pardi, paleontologist and Illinois State Museum’s curator of geology, explores the museum’s paleontology collections from caves in the Midwest. Advanced registration is required. Illinoisstatemuseum.org. 217-782-6044.

Route 66 Film Festival Award Ceremony
Sat., Nov. 13, 2-4pm. Celebrate the award-winning films of the 20th Route 66 Film Festival at this awards presentation, which will also be webcast on Zoom, allowing filmmakers from around the world to participate. Light hors d’oeuvres provided and a cash bar. No films will be shown at this event. Film sessions may be viewed at filmfestivalflix.com from Nov. 5-15. Free. The State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St., 217-494-1279.

Autumn Artisans Fair

Springfield Poets and Writers open mic
Wed., Nov. 17, 6-8pm. Share your original work or that of a favorite author, poet or songwriter, or just log in to be entertained. Open to the public and unlimited by geography. Call for Zoom information. Free. 217-544-3611.

Resounding & Romantic
Sat., Nov. 6, 7-30pm. Rachmaninoff’s romantic Second Piano Concerto performed by the sensational pianist Micah McLaurin. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

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My love of bacon has been my biggest deterrent to embracing full-out vegetarianism. When I was attending the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, I had an apartment in Oak Park, home to 25 Frank Lloyd Wright structures. In the early morning I’d go for a run through the historic Frank Lloyd Wright District, and my route would take me through the back alleys behind some of the houses he designed. From the alley behind one of these houses, I was always greeted by the smoky aroma of bacon frying. This was my morning ritual for four years. This sensory memory has stayed with me for 45 years.

Back around 2005 I started hearing a lot of buzz about Benton’s Country Hams. High-profile New York chefs, including David Chang of Momofuku, were singing the praises of the heavily smoked bacon and hams coming out of a dingy cinder block smokehouse located 40 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee. Intrigued, I ordered an assortment of Benton products — ham, bacon and prosciutto — and had them shipped to an offsite room working on a patient when I detected a wonderful smoky aroma. UPS has just delivered my package, and even through the insulated box, the smell of smoked pork products had filled my clinic.

Benton’s bacon is expensive, but not outrageous. It’s about $8 a pound, but the $24 shipping cost makes it too pricey for everyday use. When I discovered that the restaurant I was working for in Oklahoma CIty was ordering Benton’s hams through their purveyor, I asked if I could add six packages of bacon to their order to avoid the shipping costs. When the order arrived, my jaw dropped. For restaurant accounts, Benton bacon comes in 10-pound packages. I had just ordered 60 pounds of bacon. Over $400 worth!

I’ve always kept a jar of reserved bacon fat in the back of my fridge. I add new bacon fat to my jar at about the same rate as I use it up. But after the Benton bacon debacle, inflow exceeded outflow and I soon had several quarts of delightfully smoky Benton bacon fat taking up valuable real estate in my fridge. The time had come to use it or lose it.

I’ve used bacon fat to caramelize onions and roast garlic. I’ve added it to mashed potatoes in place of butter. Warm bacon fat, when combined with apple cider vinegar and a dash of maple syrup makes a tasty vinaigrette for a wilted lettuce salad. I’ve used it to sear steaks, salmon and scallops. But with such a large amount of smoky Benton bacon fat living in the back of my fridge, I decided to search the internet for other uses.

Would you believe that bacon fat was once used for making bombs? During the Second World War, homemakers were asked to contribute their bacon fat to the war effort. Posters instructed homemakers to bring their bacon grease to the local butcher who would turn it over to the government to be used in the production of glycerin for making bombs. However, it wasn’t a very successful program. During a time of rationing and a scarcity of cooking oils, homemakers were reluctant to part with their bacon fat.

I learned that bacon fat could be used to make mayonnaise. Before the availability of commercial mayonnaise, anyone making mayonnaise at home would have used whatever fat they had on hand and bacon fat would have been common in American kitchens. So I made a batch of mayo with my smoky Benton bacon fat and it made a killer BLT.

The most interesting use I found for my smoky bacon fat… bacon-infused bourbon. In 2007, a bartender at a speakeasy in New York’s East Village became enamored with the Benton’s hams and bacon being served at David Chang’s Momofuku Sam Bar. He asked them to save the bacon fat so he could try “fat washing” bourbon to infuse it with a smoky aroma and taste. Because fat is soluble in alcohol, he found that by mixing an ounce of warm bacon fat with a bottle of bourbon, letting it infuse for four hours, then chilling and straining to remove the solidified fat, he could create a bourbon with a smoky essence. He’d use the infused bacon fat to make a “breakfast”-themed Old-Fashioned by adding maple syrup, Angostura bitters and an orange twist.

Bacon Mayonnaise

*Recipe from Zingerman’s Guide to Better Bacon by Ari Weinzweig*

Makes about 2 cups

**Ingredients:**
- 5 egg yolks
- 7 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 ¼ cups rendered bacon fat
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

**Preparation:**
Chill all the ingredients and utensils (including your mixing bowl) down to about 40 degrees F. Don’t skip this step or the mayonnaise may break.

Put the egg yolks, mustard and 1½ teaspoons of the lemon juice into a blender or mixing bowl. Beat on high for two minutes, until well blended.

**Add:** in the bacon fat (no need to add gradually if everything’s properly chilled), continuing to beat until the mixture is thick. Depending on how thick and rich you like your mayonnaise you may or may not need the entire amount of fat.

Slowly blend in the remaining lemon juice, sea salt and pepper, whipping it pretty much continuously throughout. Adjust seasoning to taste.

**Bacon-infused Bourbon**

*Use extra-smoky bacon such as Benton’s. Oscar Meyer won’t infuse your bourbon with enough flavor.*

**Ingredients:**
- 4 slices bacon, or enough to render 1 ounce of fat
- 1 750-ml. bottle of bourbon (I like Four Roses)

**Preparation:**
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
Place bacon on a wire rack set inside a rimmed baking sheet. Bake, rotating the baking sheet occasionally until the bacon is brown and crisp, 35-50 minutes (depending on the thickness).

Eat the bacon and reserve the rendered fat.
Pour bourbon into a wide-mouthed container.
When bacon fat has cooled a bit, strain about 1 ounce into the container and infuse for four to six hours at room temperature.
Place the container into an ice bath or in the freezer until all the fat is solidified.
With a slotted spoon, remove fat and strain the mixture through a cheesecloth or fine mesh strainer back into the bottle.
It will keep in the fridge for approximately two months.

**To make a bacon-infused Old-Fashioned:**
In mixing glass, stir 2 ounces of bacon-infused bourbon, ½ ounce B-grade maple syrup, and 2 dashes of Angostura bitters with ice. Strain into chilled rocks glass filled with ice. Garnish with an orange twist.

Peter Glatz is a retired dentist, professional baker, full-time nomad and bacon-vegetarian.
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18 Rent
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December
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15 The Prophecy Show The Music of Trans – Siberian Orchestra
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19 Summer - The Donna Summer Musical

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23 Anastasia the Musical

For additional route and schedule information go to SMTD.org
Butch, Sam, Lovelorn and blues

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

Now that the 2021 Illinois State Fair is behind us, we can take a deep breath and continue on our adventures in local live music as before with much ado about a lot of things ahead.

First comes a tribute to Robert “Butch” Emil Ramelow, a Springfield-area music icon who passed away May 23 after a long and productive life as a performing guitarist, singer and songwriter. Butch played guitar and sang with several groups, including the Stingrays, a mid-60s Springfield band, then later fronted his Butch’s Backstreet Band for many years. Both these combos recorded 45s that you can listen to on YouTube.

Performing as a one-man band in his later days, Butch played every Sunday for 20-some years at the Buckhart Tavern. This Sunday at Boondocks (1-6 p.m.), friends, family and fellow musicians are gathering to play music, swap Butch stories and commemorate the legacy of this luminary of the Springfield music scene. Longtime local drummer Jimmy Bonefeste originated, organized and will emcee the event, with music provided by Mississippi Leghound, a Hipbone Sam band reunion and many other musicians and groups joining in to jam along. This is not a benefit or fundraiser, only a heartfelt celebration of how Butch Ramelow spent a lifetime giving his gift of music to others and all that radiated from that shared talent. Join in if you can.

Here’s good news as SamJam’s End of Summer Bash is back at the Macoupin County Fairgrounds near Carlinville this Saturday (12-11 p.m.). As always, proceeds go to the NF Midwest organization to aid in research of Neurofibromatosis, the debilitating disease that Sam Oswald, the namesake of SamJam, has been successfully battling for decades. Peter Oswald, Sam’s father and organizer of the event, decided to “try something different” than the usual progressive bluegrass of past years and set up a tribute concert with four bands covering well-known acts such as John Prine, Neil Young, Jimmy Buffett, the Rolling Stones and Grateful Dead. Find out more at samjam4nf.com and come do good while having a good time.

On Friday night at the Gin Mill (old Bar None), a new group from Springfield called The Lovelorn hosts a celebration of their recording debut, “May You Find Worth in the Waking World,” originally released on Feb. 12, 2021. Describing their music as “back woodsy blues vibes with a modern twist,” band mates Keagan Cross, John Peters, Richard Stone and Harrison Ketchum will be joined by opening acts Lone Canary and Spencer Stokes, with the action starting at 8 p.m.

This Friday and Saturday, a popular festival returns when the Old Capitol Blues & BBQ sets up on the streets of downtown. Along with touring bands Ana Popovic and Joe Moss Band (Friday) and Big Head Todd & the Monsters and Wayne Baker Brooks (Saturday), a couple of well-loved and well-respected local groups are back in action, as the Mary Jo Curry Band plays Friday and Black Magic Johnson hits on Saturday. Without revealing too much personal information, MJ and Reggie B are back to feeling good, and we all could not be happier, nor luckier, to be the beneficiaries of such fantastic hometown, homegrown talent. On Saturday at 1 p.m., the Illinois Central Blues Club hosts a contest to determine what artists will represent the ICBC at the International Blues Challenge this January in Memphis, Tennessee. Winners receive your admiration and a stipend to attend the IBC.

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

Mississippi Leghound
Brookills Golf Club, 7pm

Devon Williams
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

The Collective
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

Birds of a Feather
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

Michael Burnett
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

Bad Grandpas
Koo Koo's Nest, 6-9pm

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

Hat Trick
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Eric Burgett
Long Bridge Golf Course, 7-10:30pm

John Stevens and Geoff Ryan
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

Buckhart Road
Springfield Motor Boat Club, 7:30-9:30pm

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

The Stone Cold Band
A & B BBQ Bar and Grill, 7-9:30pm

Artists in Harmony
Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 7-11pm

Deja Voodoo
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

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

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

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

Unchained
Curve Inn, 6pm

Sleeping Dogzz and The Red Tide
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 6pm

Julie Jules and Company
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

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

Fun DMC
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm

Hunderd 80 Proof
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 6-10pm

Ryman's Way
Pop's Place, Decatur, 8pm-12am

Off the Wall
Sherman Village Park Amphitheater, Sherman, 6:30-10pm

Tom Irwin
Walnut Street Winery, Rochester, 6-9pm

Josh Holland Band
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm
**Real Estate Foreclosure**

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

**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.**

**Plaintiff**

v.

**JESSICA ROSTOK, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Defendant**

**19 CH 142**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will, at 1:00 PM on October 5, 2021, at 401 S. Sangamon Street, Springfield, IL 62702, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Common known as 2559 S. 7th St, Springfield, IL 62702.

Proper Index: 72-03-003-032-002 as 20-03-003-032-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $683,120.00.

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The property will be sold in accordance with the judgment and the receiver will be responsible for the collection of assessments. The purchaser shall have the right to remain in possession for 30 days after entry of an order of possession, pursuant to the Illinois Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser assumes all responsibilities of the unit owner under subsection (i) of Section 18 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

The sale will be conducted pursuant to the method of sale as described in the judgment. The court has authority to amend the method of sale as necessary to effectuate the sale for the benefit of the plaintiff.

The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, certified funds or wire transfer or the highest bidder for public fixtures and improvements, and other items identified above.

If you are the mortgagee, you are advised that the Foreclosure Sale is a public auction of real estate and you are bidding on the real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid for the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $600, in certified funds or wire transfer is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fees shall be paid for the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate.

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and which said Mortgage was made by Alan W. McMullin, dated March 17, 2011, recorded with the Sangamon County Recorder’s Office on March 22, 2011, as Document Number 2011R006677, and a Modification of Mortgage made by Alan W. McMullin, dated September 23, 2011, recorded with the Sangamon County Recorder’s Office on September 29, 2011, as Document Number 2011R009767, and the Modification of Mortgage made by Alan W. McMullin, dated October 11, 2019, recorded with the Sangamon County Recorder’s Office on July 22, 2019, as Document Number 2019R002154.

AND

Section 33, Township 16 North,
the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of
Lot 119 of Spaulding’s Illinois Watch Factory Addition,
the said suit is now pending.

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The Mortgage to be foreclosed as to Parcel 4 is a Mortgage conveying the premises described as
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across entitled cause, the Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on October 5, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the COUNTY BOARD CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, SANGAMON COUNTY COMPLEX, 200 S. 9TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, sell to public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, as much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

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The terms of the sale: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to 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.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of the entire judgment, to wit: $99,755.79, is subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will not be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Auction Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2020, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, will on October 5, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Sangamon County Building, 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, and public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: $99,755.79

Sale terms: Twenty-five (25%) down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “as is” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser 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 and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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