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Trade secrets
Prison malpractice settlements surface

UPON FURTHER REVIEW | Bruce Rushton

Adam Harrison knew he needed help.
Repeatedly, he asked to see psychiatrists at Pontiac Correctional Center, but doctors didn't make scheduled appointments—the first was missed in September of 2015. Doctors skipped two rescheduled sessions in October. That's what the plaintiff says.

Twice in the late summer and fall of that year, Harrison, who'd been considered a suicide risk in prison, was placed on crisis watch. His supply of Buspar, a psychotropic that eases anxiety, ran low. Nineteen days after Harrison ran out of pills, he was found in his cell, dead, with a plastic bag, towel and jumpsuit wrapped around his head. He died on Nov. 7, 2015, shortly before his parole date. He'd been scheduled for emergency surgery to address a spinal cord compression that put him in agony during his final five months in prison. A Wexford doctor who missed the diagnosis had x-rayed Armbruster's knees, according to his lawsuit. Six months after surgery, Armbruster's doctor said that symptoms persisted, damage could be irreversible due to lack of treatment in prison and that the patient, then 41, could not function in a workplace due to risk of paralysis.

Wexford settled the case in July for $400,000, the same amount received in January by Lamont Hall, who had somehow shot his own penis before arriving at Stateville Correctional Center in 2014. Hall had been scheduled for reconstructive surgery prior to his arrest for a parole violation. While doctors on the outside recommended surgery, Wexford said no. Absent numbing gel that had been prescribed, Hall used catheters, which he says was both physically painful and humiliating. Without surgery, he could not urinate while standing, and other inmates noticed. “(T)hey were harassing me and stuff due to the fact that I had to self-catheterize and sit and use it as a woman,” Hall testified during a deposition. “And, you know, they was making all type of disturbing remarks.” Hall settled for $25,000 less than a jury had awarded in a verdict appealed by Wexford.

Charles Almond settled for $70,000. He tore a quadriiceps muscle, and likely broke a knee, in a 2013 fall at Dixon Correctional Center. He promptly told Wexford staff, but it was a month before a doctor examined him and nearly two years before he underwent orthopedic surgery to repair the damage.

Greg Coleman sued after he awoke to pain in his right ear at Stateville in 2016. He reported it right away but wasn't immediately helped. Meanwhile, he says that his reddened ear became bloody and swollen, and he lost hearing. Ten days after pain arrived, a nurse flushed pieces of cockroach from Coleman's ear; two days later, a doctor and nurse flushed out two whole cockroaches and additional cockroach body parts. In his lawsuit, Coleman complains that a Wexford doctor wouldn't send him to an ear doctor and that his hearing did not return as the doctor had promised. He says he also lost sleep worrying that cockroaches would crawl into his ears and lay eggs. He hit the Wexford settlement jackpot for $9,750.

 coleman File

What keeps many voters from voting for third-party candidates? One of the most common reasons I hear is that a vote for a third-party candidate will be “wasted” because only the Democratic or Republican candidates have a legitimate chance to win.

But there is a system of voting used in many parts of the U.S. called rank choice voting (also known as instant runoff and single transferable voting) that assures no vote is “wasted” if none of the candidates have received more than 50% of the votes cast.

Ranked choice voting (RCV) is used for statewide elections in Maine, primaries and special elections in New York state, presidential primaries in five states and numerous local elections in cities like San Francisco, Santa Fe, Minneapolis/St. Paul and, beginning in 2021, New York City. Democracies like Australia (state and national elections) and Ireland (presidential elections) use RCV.

How does RCV work?

Let’s say there are six candidates for an office. On your ballot you can rank the candidates from 1 for your first choice and then down to 6 for your last choice. If two candidates are unacceptable to you, then you have the option to only rank the first four candidates.

When ballots are counted, the #1 rank votes are counted for each candidate. If one candidate has more than 50% of the vote, they win.

If no candidate has more than 50% of the vote, then the candidate in last place is eliminated and each of that candidate’s individual ballots are allocated to whomever the voter listed as second choice. If no candidate has more than 50% of the votes after such allocation, then the process is repeated with the candidate who then is last.

How does RCV aid third-party candidates? With RCV you know that in a close election if your #1 rank third-party candidate doesn’t win, your vote may be reallocated to an acceptable second or even third choice. It is not

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Editor’s note

Ruth Bader Ginsburg did her part as a justice fighter, working in hostile territory as long as she possibly could, though we wish she could have held out just a little longer. A way for those on her side to honor her is to stay in the fight, in hostile territory, as long as they possibly can. –Fletcher Farrar, editor and CEO

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Discord over Madigan hearings

POLITICS | Rich Miller

During both the impeachment proceedings against Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the disciplinary proceedings that led to the expulsion of state Rep. Derrick Smith (D-Chicago), the Illinois House was able to call witnesses. But because of ongoing federal investigations in both instances, the US Attorney limited what some of those witnesses could be asked. Blagojevich had been charged with multiple felonies and Smith had been caught on audio accepting a cash bribe.

“We couldn’t call certain witnesses because we couldn’t ask them anything but their name,” explained an attorney who worked on both cases.

Last week, the House Republicans informed a Chicago newspaper that US Attorney John Lausch had granted permission to call witnesses to the special House committee taking a look at whether disciplinary proceedings should be started against House Speaker Michael Madigan over his alleged role in a bribery scheme detailed in ComEd’s Deferred Prosecution Agreement. The company, you certainly know by now, agreed to pay a $200 million fine for its possession of the federal government.

“Not Guilty” for the time being.

Not so fast, said the committee’s Democratic chairman, Rep. Chris Welch (D-Hillside). The US Attorney, Welch claimed, “requested we refrain from seeking any materials or testimony related to [ComEd’s deferred prosecution agreement] that is still confidential or anything in the possession of the federal government.”

In other words, Welch said, “we can call witnesses, but we can’t really ask them any questions.”

The committee’s next step was to draft a letter memorializing the conversation with Lausch and then send it to Lausch’s office for a co-sign.

But Rep. Welch accused the House Republicans of playing political games and the Republicans were shocked, shocked that someone would ever suggest such a thing, and drafting a bipartisan response proved impossible.

So, the two parties, evenly divided 3-3 on the committee, each drafted their own, conflicting letters.

US Attorney Lausch responded to the two letters shortly thereafter.

“We hope this clarifies the positions we described in our September 14 call,” Lausch wrote to the committee.

Nope. Not even close.

The House Republicans issued an immediate statement claiming that Lausch’s response had given the committee “the green light to pursue all avenues of the investigation, including testimony and documents, that were articulated in the petition.” The petition forcing the creation of the committee was filed by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin and focused mainly on ComEd’s deferred prosecution agreement.

Rep. Welch, the committee’s chairman, a successful attorney and a strong ally of House Speaker Madigan, claimed his read of Lausch’s letter was that “information underlying the deferred prosecution agreement beyond what is already public could be met with objection by federal investigators, and any further information collected by the federal government that informed that agreement is explicitly off limits.”

Lausch did reserve the right to object to specific testimony or documents. But he also said his office didn’t object “generally” to the committee’s “pursuit of testimony or production of documents,” even if the parties had shared the same information with the feds. The witnesses just couldn’t say whether they shared that information with the government or what they learned from federal investigators.

“The feds say we can ask our own questions as long as we don’t ask ‘Did you tell the feds XYZ?’” is how one Republican put it.

So, I assume the Republicans could ask Speaker Madigan if he ever tried to get anyone appointed to ComEd’s board of directors, or if he was aware of anyone in his ward applying for a ComEd internship program, or if he knew that people were being hired on contract with ComEd’s money to do no-show jobs (the DPA alleges that all this and more was done to secure the powerful Madigan’s favor). But would he answer the questions or even appear?

“If the GOP’s objective is to get Madigan sitting in front of them unable to answer questions, then they won that one,” said one attorney close to the House Democrats. “If the objective is to actually do an investigation, then they lost.”

We’ll see.

In the meantime, Welch set the next hearing for Sept. 29 in Springfield. He also said he sent letters requesting testimony from Speaker Madigan and everyone on the House Republicans’ witness list.

OPINION

The House Republicans' witness list.
HELPING THE HOMELESS
The first step in addressing Springfield’s homeless population would be to have an advocate listen, assess and make a plan for each person in Tent City and bring this information to the case managers at social service agencies who should be willing to work with these individuals (“How best to help the homeless?” Sept. 17). It’s great that volunteers are taking care of their basic needs with food and clothing; however, these people need a real plan.

It may be that if the social service agencies cannot help, local churches and other organizations could step in. There are only a handful of people in Tent City. It’s been my experience that the same people are experiencing homelessness over and over. An advocate to track these people and really get to the nitty gritty will be needed to really help them, or help them help themselves. They are people, and people are resourceful and resilient. Let’s end Tent City before it gets out of hand.

Linda Gessaman
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

OPINION

Another suicide poem
I wasn’t going to write about my daughter’s September suicide this year, with the times so troubled but my young friend Maisy reminded me this is suicide prevention month so – we buried Demi’s ashes recently; I didn’t want to leave this earth with her ashes still on my mantle, a friend said “it means you’ve finally put it behind you, you’re moving on – well, yes and no. I’ve moved on for so – we buried Demi’s ashes recently; I didn’t want to leave this earth with her ashes still on my mantle. A friend said “it means you’ve finally put it behind you, you’re moving on – well, yes and no. I’ve moved on for so – we buried Demi’s ashes recently; I didn’t want to leave this earth with her ashes still on my mantle.

To anyone who doesn’t

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WHILE PRIVILEGE IS REAL
To anyone who doesn’t believe there is white privilege – yes, there is. Your life, I fear, is almost completely unexamined.

“If you had a choice of colors,” as the old song goes, you would not want to be anything but white, Christian, male and straight, right? Because to be anything else, you would have to explain yourself to the world every day. You would not get the benefit of the doubt any more.

This is why you respond indignantly to Black Lives Matter, gay pride or people speaking Spanish. They force you to confront your fear of not being privileged, but only one of many.

Bigotry is a sin, but there is absolutoin. It’s a long journey that begins with discovering where your anger comes from.

Jeffrey Hobbs
Springfield

LESSER OF TWO EVILS
Joe Biden may not have been our first choice for president, but we must make sure he isn’t our last. All Americans have a serious responsibility to anti-fascism in the impending election.

Historians have used the decades after every tragedy of national authoritarianism to plead for vigilance; fascism takes hold easily, but requires generations and countless painful losses to reverse. In the case of the 21st century United States, it may already be too late.

That Donald Trump was elected in clear view of his moral and ethical shortcomings is a worrisome indictment of ours. Aside from being historical, anti-constitutioinal, diplomatically illelrate, anti-science and shockingly unknowledgeable, Trump was clearly a cruel man. His successful election was fuel poured onto the flames of indenency and hate he’d already boastfully broadcast as a candidate. Those warning signs that should have ended in his 2016 defeat instead burgeoned into a predictable wildfire of presidential hostilities and crimes toward our military, international human rights precedents – including those surrounding genocide – and constitutional guarantees to freedom of speech, protest, reproductive rights, asylum-seeking and term limits.

More and more Americans recognize that this election stopped being about politics years ago. They are willing to be apolitical and nonpartisan in the upcoming election as a response to this critical time.

The country’s continued freedom and safety are at the mercy of those who have yet to take a stand.

Sarah Eccles
Springfield

For fairer elections
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“wasted.”

Since whether a third-party candidate is included in debates or news coverage is often dependent on polls indicating support, people may well be motivated to express support for third-party candidates in such polls if they know their vote can be reallocated.

In the primary process, RCV would tend to promote candidates that have broader support, especially in a field with numerous candidates. Both the Republican presidential primaries of 2016 and the early Democratic primaries of 2020 provide clear examples of how candidates with loyal followings on the far right or left can win primaries or nominations without being supported by 50% of the voters during much of the process.

In general elections, we might even see some third-party candidates elected. With the current two-party system, the party with the majority can push legislation through without bipartisan support. If neither traditional party has a majority because of third-party candidates, compromise would be needed to craft moderate legislation that may meet the needs of a broader group of constituents rather than pass legislation that caters to a narrow base.

Currently there are two bills in the Illinois legislature that would establish RCV for statewide offices, SB 2267 and HB 5585. Two bills in the U.S. House of Representatives would implement RCV: HR 4464 for all House and Senate elections and HR 4000, which would mandate RCV for House seats only.

Currently organizations such as FairVote, Unite America and Reform Elections Now are working to promote RCV.

So I encourage readers who want to promote the viability of third-party candidates to read the bills listed and write letters of support for RCV to their state and federal legislators. Research various organizations that promote RCV and see if any merit your support.

We can have a system of fairer elections that broadens our choices, but only if we all take an active role in pressuring our legislators.

Steve Solty of Springfield is a retired physician who still teaches students at SIU on a volunteer basis.
Eviction moratorium continues
Meanwhile, landlords worry

Housing | Bruce Rushton

With Gov. JB Pritzker recently extending a moratorium on evictions, tenants who haven’t paid rent are largely safe from being removed from premises.

The governor last week extended the eviction ban, first enacted last spring, until late October, the latest in a series of extensions aimed at preventing people who’ve lost income due to the coronavirus pandemic from losing their homes. Under the governor’s order, nonpayment of rent isn’t sufficient reason for eviction, although tenants can still be evicted if they pose a threat to health or safety.

The number of eviction lawsuits in Sangamon County has plummeted since the ban took effect six months ago. Between April 1 and Sept. 22 of last year, landlords filed 730 eviction actions in Sangamon County Circuit Court. During the same period this year, the number has dropped to 221.

There is no shortage of people seeking rental assistance.

The city of Springfield has allocated $400,000 in federal funds for rental assistance. The city has put the Springfield Urban League in charge of administering the program and determining eligibility, with a limit of $1,000 in assistance per household. Urban League officials did not return a phone call.

Val Yazell, city economic development director, said that no funds have been distributed yet, but the need is great. More than 620 applications were received in three days when the program started last month, she said. Funding secured so far, she said, isn’t enough to meet demand.

“It’s a drop in the bucket,” Yazell said. “We’re hoping for more funding to be able to continue to help.”

Landlords are hurting along with tenants. Yazell says she’s kept in touch with landlords since the eviction moratorium began and says that they want to work with tenants. “They still are saying, ‘Reach out to us,’” Yazell said. “But the longer this goes on unresolved, the worse that’s going to be. At some point, landlords still have to make the mortgage payments, they still have to pay property taxes, there’s still insurance.”

The county extended the deadline to pay the first half of property taxes from June until this month. Despite pandemic, Sangamon County treasurer Joe Aiello said that this year’s property tax collections are on pace with past years.

Eviction moratoriums help prevent disease from spreading, according to public health officials. On Sept. 2, the federal Centers For Disease Control installed a nationwide eviction moratorium for tenants who make less than six figures and declare that they’ve done their best to pay and would be likely be left homeless, or forced to live in close quarters with others, if they are evicted. The federal moratorium, which is under court challenge by the National Apartment Association, is set to expire Dec. 31.

As with the state ban on evictions, the federal moratorium does not relieve tenants of their responsibility to pay rent: At some point, what’s owed must be paid, and so tenants eventually could face a reckoning. That worries Michael Durr, a Springfield attorney who represents landlords in eviction proceedings.

Durr sees evictions as carrots as opposed to sticks. Frequently, he says, landlords, once an eviction order is issued, work with tenants, agreeing to accept $50 or so extra each month along with the monthly amount due under the lease. If the tenant lives up to the agreement, the past-due amount is gradually erased, he says, usually in 14 months or so, and the tenant stays put. Otherwise, the eviction order is enforced. “I say, ‘This is designed to make you succeed – you’ve already failed,’” Durr recalls telling tenants. “‘If you want the other side of the coin, here’s your notice to vacate.’”

If all goes well, the tenant doesn’t have to move and the landlord doesn’t have to put the premises on the market. “This win-win has been in this community for years,” Durr says. “But it can’t happen if evictions aren’t allowed, he says, and whittling down six months of past-due rent is a far harder task than paying off debts that are far less.

“It’s like stages of a cancer or other illness: If we get someone early, if it’s $800 or $1,000, it’s a totally doable scenario,” Durr said. “But now, it’s $6,000. This was a solvable problem. But now, because of this kick-the-can-down-the-road philosophy, maybe now, not so much.”

Durr says landlords are frustrated, not so much at tenants as at the state’s eviction ban, and some are bordering on desperate.

“The media is trying to paint these people as rich,” Durr says. “Most of these people are like you and me – it’s a small, family-owned business. They own a few properties. It’s how they make their living. They supply decent housing to people, by and large.”

Landlords, like tenants, have debts and expenses, Durr says. “So, what happens in the end?” he asks. “If it continues and eventually you get the landlord to fail, now you’ve got the bank taking over. Many, many landlords around here, they’re Springfieldians – Sangamon County people. They’re local, they’re here, they’re treating the problems like local people instead of treating tenants like numbers on a balance sheet.”

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Springfield vigil for RBG
Officials and residents share gratitude and calls for action

Community | Rachel Otwell

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the day after Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died, community leaders and residents gathered outside the federal courthouse downtown for a vigil. It was one of many at courthouses across the country.

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton attended with some family members. She said as a young lawyer, she saw Ginsburg as a “real role model of what it means to be a strong woman who’s bold enough and courageous enough to be who you are, and go into spaces, as she said, where you may be the only one, but you belong there.” Stratton said she is inspired by her example. “We need trailblazers like her to lead the way. And then it’s now up to us to keep fighting and to make sure that we create space for other women,” noting the need for a continued push for equity for all marginalized people.

Monica Zanetti, a Springfield artist and business owner, was there with her 12-year-old daughter. “I’m teaching my daughter about her, and how important it is to continue to fight.” Some in the crowd wore apparel with artwork Zanetti had created with images of Ginsburg. “I’m not a big speech person, I put my thoughts in my art.”

There were more than 100 attendees. A sign that read, “May her memory be a revolution,” was surrounded by candles and flowers. Speakers included religious leaders, activist and historian Kathryn Harris, Verónica Espina of the Springfield Immigrant Action Network and congressional candidate Betsy Dirksen Londrigan. The crowd overflowed into the street, prompting a police barricade.

Springfield city council member Doris Turner also addressed the crowd, noting Ginsburg’s desire that a replacement judge not be appointed until after a new president is sworn in. While the evening was reverential and much gratitude was shared, it was also a call to action. Turner asked that everyone vote. “We will take others with us. We will talk to others about it. And in doing so, that way, we will truly honor her life and legacy.”

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Challenger cites experience in prosecutor’s race

ELECTIONS | Bruce Rushton

Both candidates for Sangamon County state’s attorney say experience is important. After four years in the county prosecutor’s office, Dan Wright, a Republican who was appointed state’s attorney in 2018, says he’s demonstrated that he deserves a four-year term. Michael Drake, the Democratic challenger, counters that he has spent more years practicing criminal law than Wright.

Drake spent eight years as a prosecutor in Cook County before former state’s attorney Patrick Kelley hired him in the 1990s to handle criminal cases in Sangamon County. Kelley, a Republican, has endorsed Wright and says it was not a difficult choice, although he considers Drake, a former college classmate at Bradley University, to be a fine lawyer.

While Drake may have more years as a prosecutor, Wright notes that the challenger’s full-time prosecutorial job ended two decades ago. Recent experience, he says, matters. “I’ve been in the trenches the last four years,” Wright says. “There is no better experience than doing the job.”

Recent experience, he says, matters. “I’ve been in the trenches the last four years,” Wright says. “There is no better experience than doing the job well.”

Wright’s record as a prosecutor isn’t perfect. In 2017, Johnny Priester was acquitted of possessing contraband in the jail – he argued that he needed a shank to protect himself from other inmates. Wright lost that case, but he won the following year, when Priester, who spent nearly six years awaiting trial, got an 85-year sentence for first-degree murder in a 2012 shooting. Priester had rejected plea bargains in the murder case. Last spring, a jury rejected attempted murder charges brought by Wright and convicted Guy Whitlow of aggravated battery and aggravated reckless driving for intentionally hitting a man with his car in Auburn. Sentenced to four years, Whitlow is due for parole in February.

Wright says he doesn’t duck hard cases. “I think that the people of Sangamon County understand that we need a state’s attorney who will come into court and not try just slam-dunk cases,” Wright says. “It’s my job to try tough cases.”

Drake, a sole practitioner and former partner at the law firm of Brown, Hay and Stephens, notes that Wright, a former partner at the same firm who focused on civil law, had little experience as a criminal lawyer before former state’s attorney John Milhiser hired him in 2016. Within a year, Wright became first assistant state’s attorney and was appointed to the top post in 2018 by the Sangamon County Board.

“He went straight to the head of the class and was first assistant under John Milhiser, anticipating that he would walk into the state’s attorney position,” Drake said during a recent interview with local radio personality Sam Madonia.

Wright says that he’s long wanted to work in public service and that he took a pay cut when he left private practice to work as a prosecutor. “It was not a decision that was lightly made,” he says “My wife is a saint for allowing me to do that.”

County Democrats chose Drake to run last spring, after no challengers from either party surfaced to run against Wright. Sangamon County voters last installed a Democrat as state’s attorney in 1948, the same year that Harry Truman jubilantly held up a newspaper with a headline wrongly proclaiming him the winner in the presidential race.

Drake acknowledges a tough state’s attorney race, given political history. He says the state’s attorney’s office, as well as judgeships, shouldn’t be partisan posts.

“It’s a real obstacle in that we have always had a strong Republican presence in the county,” Drake says. “It’s really hard to get your message out there, particularly outside town, and to get people to think about this race differently. I’m asking people to take a step back and take a deep breath and drop the R and the D from names.”

Drake raised some courthouse eyebrows a decade ago when he practiced law while also employed as inspector general for the state comptroller’s office, a post that pays six figures. Drake, who was appointed to the state post in 2004 and served 14 years, got approval from both former Comptroller Dan Hynes and the state Executive Ethics Commission to practice law while also holding down his state job.

This is Drake’s first run for public office. After being appointed to a seat on the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Board, which oversees Bank of Springfield Center, Wright, a former Republican committeeman, lost a bid to stay on the board in 2011, losing the election by 79 votes.

Wright started raising money early last year and has a big financial advantage over Drake, who had raised $4,300 as of June 30, according to his most recent filing with the Illinois State Board of Elections, which requires candidates to file quarterly financial reports and also report contributions of $1,000 or more as they come in. Wright, who had more than $23,000 in his campaign account on June 30, has raised more than $26,000 in contributions of at least $1,000 since early August. Contributors include labor unions, Sangamon County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter and former state Sen. Larry Bomke.
Harry Carlsen roasted a pig while his uncle, Buff Carmichael, sat in the backyard under a tent. A line of friends took turns greeting him. They wore masks and sat in distanced lawn chairs on a summer day in August. A rainbow windsock twirled nearby. A Black Lives Matter sign was planted in the lawn. Conversations lasted long into the night.

Carmichael sported a tight tank top, black with bright orange flames. The flames were reminiscent of some of his life’s proudest work, *Prairie Flame* newspaper, downstate’s premiere source for LGBTQ topics from 1996 to 2008.

The party in honor of Carmichael was organized by Carlsen and his wife, Lori, who is living with her uncle-in-law as his caretaker. It was one example of the legacy Carmichael, 73, has built. His life is dedicated to community building, policy change and visibility for the LGBTQ community. His influence on downstate is undeniable, the rippling effects of his work impossible to fully capture in scope.

Hailing from Texas, as is evident by his twangy accent, Carmichael repressed his sexuality well into his adult years. When he did come out, it was Carlsen’s mother, Carmichael’s sister, who stood by him. And later, when his nephew adopted a Black daughter, it was Carmichael who defied the family’s racist roots and welcomed his new niece into the family wholeheartedly.

Carmichael has cancer that he’s decided not to aggressively treat. He prefers to experience the end stages of life with his eyes wide open. He’s free from hospital confinements, which can be especially isolating given visitor restrictions during the pandemic. He’s living at home where he can regularly visit with friends in the lawn or the breezeway. And he’s planning for the future.

Carmichael is a member of the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Springfield. He’s also part of an ongoing study group based on a book called *A Course in Miracles*.

“A miracle is anything that somebody does with no expectation of reward,” said Carmichael. The book was published in 1976. Its author claims to have been inspired by divine intervention. Its premise, though,
is largely based in this world. Carmichael said it’s about how we all have the power to help others through the choices we make, even if we never come to know about it. “Miracles are the natural order of things,” he said. “When they don’t occur, that’s when something’s wrong.”

Carlsen, a grief support specialist who lives in Wisconsin, had helped organize the August party as a way for Carmichael to connect with family and friends, to speak of miracles and make them known. It was a chance for friends and family “to tell him how much they appreciate him and the work that he did,” said Carlsen. “It was a chance for me to tell people how much I appreciate them. Everything I did was with the support of somebody,” said Carmichael in response.

Visibility
Carmichael was baptized in activism by protesting the death penalty in Texas. Carmichael moved with his family to Dallas in 1978, where he sought a fresh start. Before, he had directed funerals in the Waco area. He was adept at consoling those going through difficult times and found the work fulfilling. But after about 12 years, the business folded. At the time, Carmichael was married to a woman. They had four children.

In Dallas, he was propelled toward activism. He was slowly beginning to come out of the closet. His marriage had a sort of don’t-ask-don’t-tell policy for a while. He was passionate about both criminal justice reform and gay rights. The latter movement was less eager to work with him. “I wasn’t pretty enough, I wasn’t rich enough and I wasn’t young enough.” Meanwhile, “the criminal justice movement said, here’s a microphone, there’s the camera. Look at that way and talk.”

“I found myself being a leader of the movement to abolish the death penalty in Dallas.” He helped organize demonstrations and he visited prisoners, working on the cause there from 1979 to 1991.

Then, in the early ’90s, when Carmichael moved to Decatur for work, “The opposite happened.” Those working on the death penalty issue said it was already covered by others in Chicago. They didn’t need him. “It was the gay community that said, ‘Help.’”

While living in Decatur, Carmichael drove 40 minutes to Springfield to attend the closest Metropolitan Community Church, a welcoming and affirming denomination. After church, he followed some new friends to a gay bar for Sunday night line dancing, where he met the love of his life, Jerry Dean Bowman. Within a few months the two lived together. They both would later retire from state jobs in Springfield. They were inseparable. Bowman died in 2017 at age 62.

The two were an activist team, some noting they balanced each other out. Bowman had a sort of teddy bear personality and a knack for disarming tense situations with a quick joke. Carmichael was more focused and forceful – both were unpretentious and willing to work with those they didn’t always see eye-to-eye with for the greater good. Both enthusiastically invited others to join them.

By 1996, Carmichael was publishing Prairie Flame, the LGBTQ newspaper. Over the years it grew to have bureau chiefs in eight downstate locations, including Bloomington and Champaign. Carmichael was the editor and publisher. He and Bowman ran the whole operation from their home for the first two years, before graduating to renting office space.

Carmichael found the paper was a way to help unite those living in communities where being openly LGBTQ was not easy or common. It was entirely a labor of love. As former staff writer Dusty Rhodes wrote for an Illinois Times story about the paper shuttering in 2008, “He never calculated the number of hours spent at the paper per month, but figures it was usually about 60, often slammed toward the bottom row of the calendar. But he could have made the job easier on himself. While most newspapers carry a 50/50 mix of ads and articles, or even 60/40, Carmichael made sure that Flame devoted twice as much space to articles as advertising.” Carmichael told her the paper never made any profit. Topics
people would dance to the sounds coming from the gay pride float. After all, it had the best music.

**Movement**

Tracy Baim is publisher and editor of *Windy City Times*, an LGBTQ periodical. She's also the publisher of *Chicago Reader*. She co-chaired the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality in 2013. Legislators had promised a vote during spring session. When the bill didn't make it through both chambers on time, activists were inflamed. Baim channeled the energy into a successful demonstration in Springfield.

“When I started this March on Springfield idea, all the organizations and leaders told me not to do it,” said Baim. “But Buff didn’t tell me not to do it.” Baim said when it came to downstate organizing, there was no one she trusted more. “He took that leap with me and I will forever be grateful because I needed him,” she said. “Buff was a critical person to have support early on to make it work.” Wasting no time, the rally and march of thousands happened on the first day of the fall veto session. The Illinois equal marriage bill passed on the heels of the demonstration.

Carmichael and Dean married in the woods of a state park in Clinton in 2014. They wore button-up tank tops, jeans and sandals. The wedding color was tie-dye. Baim was there to celebrate. “A lot of the gay weddings I go to are very pretentious. And it was one of the sweetest ones I’ve been to – in the middle of the woods with family and friends,” she said. “It was about the people, not all the little things that people get caught up in (such as) napkin choices.”

Baim said Carmichael’s lessons endure. “The most important thing I think he taught me is to listen and hear what people are saying about their past experiences, so that you do not repeat them.”

Mike Ziri of Equality Illinois, the state’s leading LGBTQ rights advocacy organization, grew up in Springfield. He would notice copies of *Prairie Flame* during his closeted youth. “Seeing it in grocery stores or seeing it out and about” was a comfort. Ziri is one of the countless people who have entered Carmichael’s orbit, with run-ins at the fair and other political events. Ziri said one of the most memorable encounters was at a campsite. Carmichael and Bowman had organized camping trips for years. One particular night at Sangchris Lake State Park the couple shared their stories and insight on central Illinois LGBTQ history with members of Equality Illinois, a memory Ziri holds onto. It was clear they were “pillars of the community,” as he put it. Jonna Cooley, executive director of the Phoenix Center in Springfield the past 14 years, keeps in contact with Carmichael.

“His been doing this work for so long and has (worked for) equality before it was ever even in the realm of possibility. And then was still there working for it with the March on Springfield and the passage of marriage equality.” He’s been a wealth of knowledge and a source of solutions, she said. And he’s still working. “I’m currently working with him on the committee to bring back the AIDS Walk,” said Cooley.

**Community**

Carmichael had been to Chicago several times before he traveled there with Bowman, who had been born downstate and never made it up until their first trip together.

“He was petrified,” Carmichael said with a chuckle. The two would later go back for galas and other events. It was nice to visit. But “this is my home down here. I belong down here,” Carmichael said of Springfield. He has relished the slower pace and the ability to dig into the ins-and-outs of a place. To clearly see all the connections.
For most of their relationship, the couple lived in a mobile home. In 2009 they both retired from the state. Afterward, they bought a house on a corner lot near a church in the central part of the city. There they took joy in decorating and held many dinner parties. “We’d go on camping trips with friends and delighted in being retired and enjoying life,” said Carmichael.

The dinner parties go on. On a chill September night, a dozen friends gathered in his yard eating out of bags of food they had brought along. It was their regular Friday night dinner date. With the pandemic, meetings had stopped. Then they resumed at Washington Park, where one friend set up an ornate table with a tablecloth, gourmet food and a candelabra.

The group includes those who have orbited Carmichael and Bowman throughout the past decades. They’ve paraded together. They’ve partied. They’ve rallied for access to basic human rights. They’ve mourned the loss of those who succumbed to AIDS and helped build a memorial in Lincoln Park to remember them by. They have come together to address them.

Robert Weis was one of the younger dinner attendees. With CORAL, he coauthored a survey and report about communication and collaboration within the local LGBTQ community. It’s an ongoing effort, largely inspired by Carmichael’s observation, all those years ago, that there should be more unity. In recent years, CORAL also helped form a group for young LGBTQ professionals in the Springfield area.

Weis said he used to work at Blackburn College in Carlinville, which distributed copies of Prairie Flame. “On more than one occasion, we had students who would come to visit our campus, and they would say, ‘I chose this institution because I saw that publication sitting out and realized this is the kind of place that’s comfortable with this.’”

Weis said when Bowman and Carmichael would host friends, they would “hold court.” When he met them, they seemed almost like “mythological people” who clearly carried a great amount of influence. “People are pretty candid and direct around Buff,” said Weis. “It’s not like people are just passing niceties … I do think that’s a legacy of Buff and Jerry – being very candid and direct.”

Even in the arguments that ensued, Weis said, there was always respect. The common fight for justice continually brings the group together despite lesser disagreements.

Carmichael knows if his husband were still alive, he’d likely advocate for a more aggressive treatment plan for the chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and bladder cancer he lives with. But Carmichael explains the treatments would come with various complications of their own. “It seems to me that I’m facing less suffering and, quite frankly, I’m not the least bit afraid of dying.” As he evolved to do over time, he’s living life on his own terms. Surrounded by friends and family who support him. Working for liberation. Unafraid.

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Bowman and Carmichael on their wedding day, with family Lori and Harry Carlsen in tie-dye. PHOTO COURTESY OF CARMICHAEL

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The rise and fall of the Mormons’ new Zion

A review of Benjamin E. Park’s Kingdom of Nauvoo

BOOK REVIEW | James Krohe Jr.

Prophets who offer a path to peace in this world and redemption in the next have never been rare in the U.S. They were never less rare than in the 1830s and 40s. The direction and pace of social change left many people uneasy in this world and yearning to find a better one with God. One of the men who promised to show them the way was Joseph Smith, self-styled prophet of the Mormons.

The Saints, as they called themselves, bought a town site on the Mississippi river in Hancock County in 1839, there to build a new Zion, a place Smith dubbed Nauvoo. The gathering at Nauvoo of Saints from two corners of the earth – the U.S. and Britain – resulted in a community of some 12,000 that was rivaled in size in Illinois only by Chicago. That growth, and the social, political and religious opposition it inspired from its Illinois neighbors, rattled the foundations of the young state of Illinois. Nauvoo’s rise and fall is recounted in a new book, Kingdom of Nauvoo: The Rise and Fall of a Religious Empire on the American Frontier, by historian Benjamin E. Park, which was published to enthusiastic reviews earlier this year.

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The events themselves have long been familiar in broad outline. Joseph Smith conceived not merely a new Christian church but a new religion. Believers founded a settlement in Ohio and another, beginning in 1831, in northwest Missouri, but trouble followed the Saints wherever they went, much of which they caused themselves. They voted as the prophet instructed, and thus upset often delicate local political balances. They engaged in dubious business practices, and their peculiar take on Christianity alarmed the pious.

Disputes between Mormons in Missouri and their neighbors fed a fever of hate that resulted in the murder of 17 Saints by vigilantes. The governor declared the Mormons enemies of the state in 1839. Fleeing Missouri, Smith’s believers gathered in the town of Commerce across the Mississippi in Hancock County.

Even at the time, it would have taken a hopefulness bordering on delusion to think that the Mormons’ new refuge in Illinois would be their last, but so it seemed for a while. Hastily built, the houses at first weren’t much more than shacks, but in a few years the merchant elites were able to build handsome brick homes. At the center of the town in every way stood a 165-foot-tall temple for the performance of the secret rites central to Mormonism, such as the baptism of the dead into the faith.

With new converts piling into Nauvoo, the Mormons had become numerous enough to dominate local elections. Politically, the Saints marched in unison, voting en masse at Smith’s direction for whichever party or faction promised them protection – usually Democrats, who were then roughly the equivalent of today’s Trumpish Republicans. For their support, the General Assembly granted Nauvoo an extraordinary municipal charter which gave the town its own laws and its own courts. Nauvoo even had its own army; at its peak, this city militia, the so-called Nauvoo Legion, had boasted artillery and 1,500 men under arms, making it by far the largest such force in the state. Thus was established a unique city-state within the Illinois commonwealth.

The Saints might have seen themselves as a godly movement, but Gentiles saw the church as a subversive political program, and on that basis opposed it. As for the Nauvoo Legion, the Mormons had an army to protect them from the Gentiles, as they referred to their non-Mormon neighbors, but the Gentiles, reliant on feeble institutions of the still-young state of Illinois, had no organized force at hand to protect against the Mormons. Any reader old enough to recall the 1960s and the Black Muslims’ Fruit of Islam – well-drilled units schooled in the use of firearms – knows the hysteria that can be excited by such pantomime soldiers.

The Saints not only subverted cherished political and legal systems, they subverted moral systems too, by the practice of polygamy. Park notes that no single aspect of the Mormon program troubled locals more than plural marriage. Murder was in the air – again. Vandalism and arson spread and scattered skirmishes with armed neighbors hinted at the possibility of civil insurrection in the western counties.

Tensions reached a head in 1844. Smith ordered the destruction of the printing press of an opposition newspaper, which led to arrest warrants for rioting that were dismissed by his courts. He declared martial law, which led to charges of treason against the state of Illinois. While he was awaiting trial in the jail in Carthage, a mob attacked the building and murdered Smith and his brother. In May 1845, five men were tried for the Smith brothers’ murders. The jury concluded that the five men could not be convicted for merely fulfilling the wishes of an entire community. “Sometimes the voice of the people,” notes Park, “transcended the laws of the land.”

The revocation of the city charter by the General Assembly and the disbanding of the Nauvoo Legion left the town vulnerable to raids during the summer of 1845; soon the situation became untenable. Flight seemed the only option, although no one knew quite where to, except that it would be – as always in the U.S. – out west. Most of the Saints left Nauvoo under the protection of state militia for their eventual new home in the Utah territory beginning in February 1846. Park uses the word “emigrated,” but “fled” is more accurate.

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Park, who teaches history at Sam Houston State
University in Huntsville, Texas, does not delve into the mysteries of Mormon theology, nor does he attempt a biography of Joseph Smith. He treats the prophet only to the extent his legal troubles, his political ambitions (Smith ran for president in 1844), his secret adoption of plural marriage, his often shaky judgment in colleagues and advocates determines the fate of the town.

Park's book is based in substantial part on recently released minutes of meetings of Nauvoo's governing elders that had been locked away for 172 years in the archives of the Utah church. Civic and churchly realms were mingled in old Nauvoo, and the minutes make clearer the evolution of polygamy among early church leaders, a topic that has been disputed for decades by believers.

Casey Cep, writing in The New Yorker in March, insists that Park's treatment of Smith's "sometimes contradictory political theology . . . elevates Kingdom of Nauvoo from pure religious history to the realm of political theory." If by "political theology" we mean a considered body of doctrine regarding the proper relation of his church to secular power, there was none. Smith was reacting to the successive political dilemmas raised by the Mormons' aggressive efforts to carve for themselves a safe haven in western Illinois by resort to tactical voting—using democracy to protect themselves from democracy.

If the Mormons decried the Gentiles' failure to apply the law to protect the Mormons, the Gentiles feared the Mormons' misuse of the law to protect themselves. Park sums up Gentile opinion. "Politicians refused to take any action that would cost them the Nauvoo vote," he writes, "legislatures refused to set a precedent by repealing the Nauvoo Charter, and judges refused to risk tensions by overturning Nauvoo rulings. Democracy, in other words, had proven too easily manipulated. The result was a religious tyrant."

Park draws no clear lines connecting Mormon Nauvoo to current events, but he returns again and again to the question, whether and to what extent and under which circumstances can a distinct people function as the members of the same polity? Readers are freer than the careful historian to examine the links between the events of the 1840s and the Gentiles and Mormons of today's Illinois. Just as the non-Mormons of Hancock County feared the city-state of Nauvoo, some residents of downstate counties fear the state of Illinois. Officers of the law in a few such places refuse to enforce gun laws or public health edicts that their neighbors find distasteful, complaining that the state thus overreaches its authority.

As their position grew more imperiled, the Saints' proposed solutions grew more radical. They resolved to offer an alternative to American democracy in the form of a theocratic kingdom that would achieve the stability and justice that the U.S. Constitution only promised. The Saints have been likened with reason to the Puritans, who also had been too good for their wicked neighbors; to build their own godly community, they had to seek land among the savages—their term—in America because no one in England could abide them.

One respected church member maintained that "only when societies were formed by like-minded citizens could democracy truly function." Park politely notes that the notion was contrary to mainstream American belief, which was to "to mix divergent groups together." In fact, forming communities of like-minded citizens is mainstream American belief. It is the American Dream distilled, the impulse behind the self-segregation of Americans in same-class towns and states. It explains why California is a very different society than, say, Alabama. The federal system permits just such segregation, indeed can be said to thrive on it, to the extent that the U.S. is a stronger nation for having both a California and an Alabama in it.

While less widely acknowledged, self-segregation also has always been crucial to keeping the social peace, it being an escape chute for embattled minorities who feel themselves oppressed by a majority whose values they find alien. One such is the constituency of the so-called Eastern bloc legislators, whose members are at odds with the Illinois majority, driven by Chicago, about abortion, guns and immigration. Their solution—calling on Congress to declare Chicago the 51st state, and thus expel Chicago from Illinois—would turn Downstate Illinois into Indiana. It will take more than a few barn burnings to drive Chicago out of the Commonwealth, however; it would be simpler for them to follow the example of the Saints and just pack up and move.

Park, to his credit, does not play to the cheap seats. He downplays the sensational and the lurid. Park's account of the events of those tumultuous years is as clear as a story can be that has dozens of characters. He writes with clarity and economy; the book is not a sentence longer than it needs to be. It is handsomely written, and marred only by a very poor index. If the book's title honors contemporary practice and employs a subtitle that exaggerates the significance of the work—the Mormon religious empire then existed only on the heads of Smith's followers—well, that is the publisher's doing.

Anyone interested in the Illinois of the 1840s should read the story; anyone interested in the Illinois of the 2020s should try to understand it.

James Krohe Jr. has written about Nauvoo previously for IT. See The melting pot both again from 2012 and Nauvoo, City of Wine and Mormons from 1979. He is the author of Corn Kings & One-Horse Thieves: A Plain-Spoken History of Middle Illinois.
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A chef’s secret weapon

‘Nduja, a spicy, spreadable salami

FOOD | Peter Glatz

About 12 years ago I started buying sausages and cured meats from Laurence Mate, an amateur charcuterie maker from Champaign. He had found a way around government regulations by selling memberships to a “buyers club” which he called This Little Piggy. The membership fee was one penny and members could obtain his homemade charcuterie by making a “donation.” He was doing this more as a way of subsidizing his hobby, rather than making a profit. His production was small-scale and his inventory was unpredictable so whenever I made the 90-mile trip to his house I’d take anything he had to offer. One time he gave me a package of something I had never heard of: ‘Nduja (pronounced en-Doo-ya). He described it as a spicy, spreadable Calabrian salami.

I am not timid about spicy heat, but his ‘nduja was ridiculously hot! Made from pork trimmings and chili peppers, it was brick red and had the texture of soft braunschweiger. I didn’t like it at first, but I found myself revisiting my fridge every so often to snatch little bites, and soon I was addicted.

Calabria is a region of southern Italy located at the toe of Italy’s boot, known for its chili peppers. Calabria was one of Italy’s poorest provinces and ‘nduja was conceived as a way of subsidizing its production and blend them into soft cheeses like ricotta or a burrata. ‘Nudja can add a layer of richness and spice to scrambled eggs. When gently fried in a bit of olive oil with some onions and garlic, it can be used as a base for pasta sauces or as a shellfish cooking broth. ‘Nduja can be a tasty pizza topping and a smear can elevate your burger or grilled cheese.

Pasta with ‘Nduja, Shrimp, and Cherry Tomatoes

Serves 2

Ingredients:
1/2 lb. tubular pasta
3 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
½ lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 cups cherry tomatoes
2 Tbsp. fresh basil, chiffonade
2 oz. ‘nduja, casing removed
Zest of 1 lemon
Juice from ½ lemon
Kosher salt and black pepper to taste
Chopped fresh parsley leaves to garnish
Grated Parmesan, for serving

Preparation:
Put on a pot of salted water to boil.
Heat olive oil in a large saute pan over medium heat. Add onion and a pinch of salt and cook about 3 minutes, then add the garlic

and cook about 3 minutes more, until onions and garlic are soft and lightly browned.

Add the cherry tomatoes and saute, stirring often, until they soften and start to blister, about 3 minutes.

Push the vegetables to the perimeter of the pan and add the shrimp and cook until pink. Drop in the ‘nduja, a spoonful at a time, breaking it up. Then stir in the basil and lemon zest. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook until al dente. Drain pasta, reserving a little of the cooking liquid.

Put the pasta into the pan with the tomato and shrimp mixture, pour in a small amount of the reserved pasta cooking liquid, add the lemon juice, and gently stir together.

To serve, top with grated cheese and parsley.

Spicy ‘Nduja Mussels

Recipe courtesy of La Quercia
Serves 2

Ingredients:
2 lbs. fresh mussels
2 Tbsp. olive oil
¾ whole onion, thinly sliced
4-5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 cup white wine
4 oz. La Querica ‘Nduja Americana
½ bunch parsley, chopped, plus some extra
Salt to taste
Butter for sopping up sauce

Preparation:
Thoroughly clean and debeard mussels, discarding any that are already open. Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, garlic, and a pinch of salt. Cook until onions and garlic are soft (being careful not to burn), about 6 minutes.

Add mussels, wine, butter, parsley, and tablespoon-size pieces of ‘nduja to the pot. Season with a few dashes of salt, stir, and cover.

Shake pot occasionally (don’t open the pot ~ you don’t want to let any of the steam out). The mussels are done once most are opened, about 10-12 minutes. Discard any unopened mussels.

Top with remaining parsley, and serve with crusty bread.

Peter and Ann’s summer jobs in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula have come to a close and they are headed south in search of warmer weather and new cooking opportunities.
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Yes, that’s meant to be a “so long, been good to know you” and a “it’s been so long of a September” double meaning to this week’s column headline as the ninth month with the seventh moniker has had its ups and downs. But here we are rolling on through 2020, working through the troubles, buoyed and blessed by lots of good live music, through and through.

Don’t forget about voting soon in our Best of Springfield as the deadline is at 11 p.m. on Sept. 28. The music section choices are always a spirited race, with some folks working hard campaigning for votes, others letting the chips fall where they may and some who think it’s all rigged and not worth participating in at all. Sound familiar? Just remember, you shouldn’t complain if you don’t vote, but who’s counting?

Kick off your week this Thursday when, in the form of The Band Relativity, the younger generation, with help from a father-figure musician, takes the Curve Inn stage. The Hofstrand family band hails from the Rochester region and covers cool covers while adding in hot original songs too. Not only will there be good rockin’ tonight as always, the cause is just as good, with the event booked as an ALS fundraiser, open to all ages. Rock on you relatives of Relativity as you keep it all in the family while spreading your good vibe music everywhere you go.

Make your Friday fun and friendly with a visit to Long Bridge to hang with arguably one of the best cover bands around, with definitely one of the best band names on record, as Deja Voodoo plays the bucolic golf course patio. A complete sextet of experienced local musicians, the group covers late 70s rock and more, doing classic and album cuts to give you a good mix of expected hits and unexpected off the wall numbers. Along with the superb musicianship, you get the added bonus of high-class harmonies and professional attitudes of guys having fun knowing what they’re doing and doing what they’re knowing they can do.

More Friday fun happens when, joined by local luminaries Pinch of Grace covering Jerry Garcia Band songs and plenty of originals, Birds of a Feather flock to the Phish phenomenon playing tribute to those Ichthyological-based jam band heroes out at Danenberger Family Vineyards on the way to New Berlin. Mississippi Leghound is a powerfully powered power-trio set to fantastically funkify you as they simultaneously rock your socks on and off wherever they go and this Friday that would be at Main Gate Bar & Grill.

Are you even ready for Saturday night when RockHouse and Sleeping Dogz combine forces to invade the Curve Inn with the rocking-est night of rock you might ever experience anywhere? Pop Ninjas attack Crows Mill Pub with the straight on strategy of striking with familiar dance songs “from then til now” to keep your toes tapping and head from napping. Out in Curran at Turasky’s Trails End, watch out for Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas, a band of good guys somewhat formed during Facebook Live events during the spring lockdown rocking out raucous songs from the rowdy side of the playground as bad grandpas are wont to do.

For some Sunday Funday action there’s our buddies, Marty and Tom, in Buckhart Road down at the Slaughterhouse in Auburn, Angel Brown’s Smooth N’ Blue jazzin’ at Always After Five and Jonathan Field and Schy Wilmore carving up the country bumpkin in the parking lot at It’s All About Wine.

Keep yourself healthy and have some fun, folks.
**LIVE MUSIC**

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield.

Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at www.illinoistimes.com or by email calendar@illinoistimes.com.

**Thursday**

**Sep 24**

**Devin Williams and Left Lane Cruiser**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

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

**RockHouse and Sleeping Dogzz**  
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Take a break with Cowboy Randy**  
Facebook with Randy Erwin, 7pm

**Friday**

**Sep 25**

**Jambalaya Jazz with Frank Parker**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Wowie Zowie**  
Casa Real Cocina Mexicana, 6-9pm

**Taylor June**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Fun DMC**  
The Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Birds of a Feather and Pinch of Grace**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 5-11pm

**Deja VooDoo**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 12:30-10:30pm

**Mississippi Leghound**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

**John Stevens**  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

**Tom and Geoff**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

**Saturday**

**Sep 26**

**The Irwins**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 6-9pm

**Tom Beverly**  
Boones Saloon, 11am-2pm

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**BAND SPOTLIGHT | Avery Kern**

Avery Kern  
Thursday, Sept. 24, 11:30 a.m.  
Dinner show 6:30 p.m.  
Curate

This talented, ambitious, inspiring and aspiring singer, songwriter, musician and entertainer is doing what it takes to get things done in the business of music show business. From Avery’s recent appearance on the Hollywood version of American Idol (getting that far is a big deal) to attending the esteemed Belmont University in Nashville for business and songwriting, she's making the rounds and not getting dizzy. During her high school days, Ms. Kern took music lessons from Micah Walk and found they had similar tastes in songwriting. Between her busy gig schedule here, Avery keeps up a professional presence in Nashville where she’s currently working on songs to develop into an EP of original music. Along with her aptitude for penning a fine tune, in her live shows she can cover a cover like nobody’s business. She’s also in the running for Best Songwriter and Best Female Vocalist in our Best of Springfield for 2020. “You go girl,” would be an understatement, ’cause this young woman is already going, going, gone.

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Long Bridge Golf Course, 12:30-10:30pm

**Mississippi Leghound**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7-10pm

**John Stevens**  
New Moon Cafe, Decatur, 6:30-8:30pm

**Tom and Geoff**  
VFW Post #755, 7-10pm

**Sunday**

**Sep 27**

**Dave Littrell**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

**Angel Brown’s Smooth N’ Blue Band**  
Always After Five, 4-6pm

**Jonathan Field and Schy Willmore**  
It’s All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Joel Honey**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 2-5pm

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**Monday**

**Sep 28**

**William Marsala**  
The Alamo, 7pm

**Live Music Monday**  
House of Music, 2-4pm

**Tuesday**

**Sep 29**

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

**Wednesday**

**Sep 30**

**Rick and Tom**  
Facebook with Tom Irwin, 7:30pm
THE CALENDAR

**Books & Authors**

All Booked Up virtual book club

**Theater & Comedy**

Brew Ha Ha

**Art & Architecture**

Glass pumpkin workshop
Fridays, 1-4pm. Learn some hot glass basics with the resident glassblower and make a glass pumpkin at this One Nighter event. Masks and social distancing are required. Class sizes will be limited and regular sanitizing will occur. springfieldart.org. Springfield Art Association, 700 N. Fourth St., 217-523-2631.

Untied
Through Oct. 30. An experimental exhibition and performance series that takes shape through the gradual contributions of five artists -- A.J. McClenon, alejandro t. acierto, Katherine Simone Reynolds, Marina Pong and Ruby T. It can be experienced on site and at the website at untied.info. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

Visitor Guide Cover Art Gallery Show
Through Oct. 15. This is a free event, but tickets are needed to reserve a time. Located in the Old State Capitol, this gallery show features artwork submitted in the Illinois Times Visitor Guide Cover Art Contest. Entry to the site is at scheduled times only. Call the site or visit the website to schedule your visit. historicspringfield.dnr.illinois.gov. Old State Capitol, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, 217-785-7960.

**Music Special Events**

Encore Drive-In Nights featuring Kane Brown
Sat., Sep. 26, 8:30pm. With special guests Granger Smith, Jimmie Allen and Lauren Alaina. Route 66 Twin Drive-In, 1700 Recreation Dr., 217-698-0066.

**Politics**

Illinois Fair Tax Amendment
Mon., Sep. 28. Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, will present his analysis of implications of the Fair Tax. A question and answer session will help further examine the debate over the proposed constitutional amendment. Call for the link for this prerecorded event. 217-206-6506.

Proposed State Income Tax Constitutional Amendment
Fri., Sep. 25, 8am. Join in an informative and timely event.

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**FOOD**

Help address food insecurity

Join the Junior League of Springfield’s (JLS) Sanga-Run 45-mile challenge to help support their mission of addressing food insecurity in the Springfield community. The JLS, a 75-year-old local service organization, adopted an issue-based community impact model in 2014 in order to strengthen the skills of members and create more community impact. Since establishing food insecurity as the focus of that model, JLS has committed over 200 hours of service toward the issue. The virtual 45-mile challenge encourages you to walk or run at least ½ mile each day for the entire month of October — essentially traveling the distance across Sangamon County. A drive-thru event is tentatively planned for packet and swag pickup, so check their Facebook page or website for more details and up-to-date information. Registration ends Sept. 25, www.jlsil.org.
conversation on the pros and cons of implementing this constitutional amendment. Watch live on Comcast Cable TV Channel 18, the City of Springfield website or Citizen Cub of Springfield’s Facebook page.

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Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 24. boocrew.com/info. Boo Crew ages 10+. Children’s matinee Oct. $96 per pack. Recommended for in four, five and six packs. $72-highly recommended. Tickets sold Advance online ticket purchases are the scare factor has been upped. Thursdays. The house will not be

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Holiday Happenings
Trail of Lost Souls
Thursdays. The house will not be open, but the trail is longer and the scare factor has been upped. Advance online ticket purchases are highly recommended. Tickets sold in four, five and six packs. $72-$96 per pack. Recommended for ages 10+. Children’s matinee Oct. 24. boocrew.com/info. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicsburg, 11083 Buckhart Road, 217-551-0969.

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Fairs & Festivals
Alpaca Farm Days Sat., Sep. 26. 10am-4pm and Sun., Sep. 27. 11am-3pm. Kids’ activities, fiber demonstrations, shopping and alpacas, of course. Alpacas of Indian Point Hills, Petersburg, 17229 Vaneman St., 217-414-0266.

[Image 522x485]

Lectures & Meetings
UIS Ceremony of Investiture for Dr. Graham Peck Thu., Sep. 24, 2-4pm. Graham Peck, Ph.D. will be honored as a Wegner Distinguished Professor of Lincoln Studies. He will then present the lecture, Abraham Lincoln and the Making of an Antislavery Nation. Registration is required for this Zoom event. Email or call for the link. advancement@uis.edu. Free. 217-206-4032.

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Health
Understanding Alzheimer’s and dementia Mon., Sep. 28, 12-1pm. Learn the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, its stages and risk factors and current research and treatments available for some symptoms. Attend by phone or watch online. Registration required and available by phone or online. alz.org. Free. 1-800-272-3900.

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Sports & Fitness
Let’s Get Fit Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9-10am. Online exercise classes for individuals 50+ hosted by Senior Services of Central Illinois. Via Zoom. Contact Justin Yuroff at 217-528-4035 for more information and to register for the Zoom link.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

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Said property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

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Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, your rights under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act are protected and you may have the right to sue the creditor if you believe the creditor is violating the law. You may obtain information about these rights and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act by calling the Consumer Credit Protection Hotline toll free at 1-866-428-8098.

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ESTATE OF MARK THOMAS REYNOLDS, Deceased.

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INFORMATION FOR COURT file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff’s Attorney: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), 919 N. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62702

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PUBLIC NOTICES
IN THE COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
TOM LYN WYKAUF FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO
GODDESS KRISTY ONA WHITE-WYKAUF

Case No.: 2020-MR-815
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name of TOM LYN WYKAUF to GODDESS KRISTY ONA WHITE-WYKAUF. Public Notice is hereby given that in such case made and provided. Dated: September 17, 2020

IN THE COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
KIRK ПAIBOONSRIWATTANA FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name KIRK ПAIBOONSRIWATTANA to PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in such case made and provided. Dated: September 17, 2020

IN THE COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
MARRIAGE OF MARK K. VINCENT AND JUANITA MONTGOMERY

Case No.: 2020-CO-19670
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on October 22, 2020 in said Court praying for the marriage of MARK K. VINCENT and JUANITA MONTGOMERY. Public Notice is hereby given that in such case made and provided. Dated: September 17, 2020

IN THE COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO
C. M. THOMPSON FROM
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Case No.: 2020-MR-814
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from C. M. THOMPSON to SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Public Notice is hereby given that in such case made and provided. Dated: September 17, 2020

IN THE COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO
MARY L. CENIZA FROM
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Case No.: 2020-MR-815
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2020 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from MARY L. CENIZA to SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Public Notice is hereby given that in such case made and provided. Dated: September 17, 2020
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE IS GIVEN to all persons interested in the Real Estate described in the above entitled cause on September 16, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, will conduct a sale at 10:00 A.M. on the premises described in said cause and pursuant to the Judicial Sales Act, 755 ILCS 50/5.01-5.09, as amended.

SOUTH NINTH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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

To the interest of KARTEL WELCH and DAEYUN WELCH, minors
Case No. 19-VS-3021
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN DAEYUN WELCH and UNKNOWN RATIONERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on July 28, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. hearing was held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND AVOID COURT, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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

To the interest of CHARLEE PYLE
Case No. 19-VS-3022
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN MELANIE TYLER, PYLE and UNKNOWN RATIONERS, respondents, and to all whom it may concern, that on August 14, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by State's Attorney's Office in this court and in that courtroom of Judge Karen Tharp or any judge sitting in her stead in Room 7A of Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, on or before October 25, 2020, at 1:30 PM hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND AVOID COURT, AN ORDER OR JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION. UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Case No: 2020-OP-1277
NOTICE OF SALE
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

Carolyn Dodson, Petitioner
Case No: 2020-OP-1278
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of MARGARET H. SMITH
Case No: 2020-OP-1279
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of MALCOLM SUTER
Case No: 2020-OP-1280
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1281
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Case No: 2020-OP-1282
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1283
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1284
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of MALCOLM SUTER
Case No: 2020-OP-1285
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1286
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1287
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of MALCOLM SUTER
Case No: 2020-OP-1288
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1289
NOTICE OF SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

To the interest of JASON D. VOYLES, CHRISTINA M. VOYLES
Case No: 2020-OP-1290
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Wednesday, Sept. 30th
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pneumonia shots also available — must be over the age of 65. If you have an underlying condition — for example, an immune disorder, diabetes, etc. — you must have a prescription from your doctor.

*Flu shots available when immunizing pharmacist or MinuteClinic® health care provider is on duty. If not on Medicare/ Medicaid, must present insurance card or pay out of pocket. Eligible patients will not pay any copayments unless otherwise required by their plan, including Medicare Part B. Without insurance: $39.99 for regular flu shot; $59.99 high-dose flu shot. Insurance card or Medicare card.

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