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Both governor candidates use non-answers in debate

Pritzker, Bailey refuse to get specific in some important areas

ANALYSIS | Jerry Nowicki, Capitol News Illinois

Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker and Republican state Sen. Darren Bailey generally stuck to their talking points Oct. 6 at their first debate on the same stage. The questions and answers were similar to those posed during a forum organized by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors, on which I served as a questioner.

During the debate, organized by Nexstar Media Group and AARP and hosted at Illinois State University in Normal, I found some of the most interesting answers were the ones where specifics were lacking.

For the governor, that was when he wouldn’t say what changes he’d make to the Pretrial Fairness Act provision of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform that will end cash bail on Jan. 1. It’s one of the only aspects of the wide-ranging law that has not yet been amended nearly two years after its initial passage, but changes are likely coming.

An Illinois Supreme Court task force charged with assisting in implementing the law has pointed to needed clarifications, and even the law’s most ardent supporters have noted that negotiations continue on follow-up legislation.

The crux of the matter is that various sections of the bill, taken together, are seen by prosecutors as too limiting for judges who consider whether an individual should be denied pretrial release. Pritzker as too limiting for judges who consider whether an individual deemed a safety threat, and would remove language stating officers should apply a presumptin in favor of pretrial release while making arrests.

But the bill also had some provisions which bail reform advocates worried would increase pretrial detention, and Pritzker didn’t specify which portions of the 71-page bill he would support.

Bailey, meanwhile, argued that the law should be fully repealed, and any negotiations on changes should be conducted in the open and prior to Election Day.

But Bailey, a state senator and farmer from downstate Xenia, had his share of non-answers as well.

Or at least he answered “zero-based budgeting” to a number of questions while declining to go into greater detail as to how he would cut the state’s budget.

Bailey didn’t give a specific definition for “zero-based budgeting.” In general, he’s suggested it means agency heads would have to sit down each year and justify every dollar spent, rather than operating on the baseline expenses that agencies carry year after year.

“One we do a zero-based budget, I believe there’s $10 to $15 billion in that budget of waste. And we can take that and begin to get our state healthy again,” Bailey said when asked about pension debt.

There’s a lot to unpack there.

For starters, cutting that much money from the state budget would be the equivalent of eliminating the Department of Corrections 10 times, or eliminating the state’s general revenue fund contribution to K-12 and college-level education entirely.

To be clear, those are not things Bailey has proposed cutting. He hasn’t said what he’d cut.

The point is, he’d have to cut a lot to reach that level of savings.

The state’s total general revenue fund operating budget is $46 billion for the current year. That means Bailey believes 22-33 percent of the state’s general revenue fund spending is waste.

It’s an even more eye-popping figure when you factor in that the state’s pension payment this year is $9.9 billion. Since Bailey criticized Pritzker for “short-changing” pensions — the governor hasn’t shorted the pension payments required by law, although accountants generally believe pension payments should be higher than they are under law — we can assume he’d want to maintain at least the statutory minimum contribution.

Which would mean he believes 28 percent to 42 percent of non-pension state spending is “waste.”

If that were the case, one would think Bailey would have a long list of wasteful spending he’d plan to cut. But he didn’t identify any during the debate.

Instead, he assured moderarors, his people will identify cuts through zero-based budgeting, which will also “solve the problem” of making Illinois more business-friendly and will allow the state to addres high property taxes.

The two candidates will meet again on Oct. 18 for a debate in Chicago. Maybe they’ll get more specific.

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Cannabis grants help fund businesses
One-third of applicants receive funding, many also receive additional TIF funding

BUSINESS | Dean Olsen

Taurance Thomas has sold hospital scrubs to select customers for more than seven years, but his dream is to open a brick-and-mortar retail store in Springfield that focuses on urban clothing.

The 50-year-old Springfield resident hopes to bring that dream to fruition by the end of the year in a leased building at 2701 Old Rochester Road.

The $40,000 that Thomas’ business, Urban Vines, was awarded recently through the city’s Business Assistance Cannabis Grant Program, along with an additional $40,000 in tax-increment financing funds that most grant recipients qualified for, were key to the project’s progress, Thomas said.

“It means everything to bring that dream to life,” he said.

Thomas’ future store was among 22 grants to minority-owned businesses in the first round of allocations from the city’s share of recreational cannabis taxes.

The awards represent amounts that will be reimbursed to businesses after they incur expenses that include equipment, renovations and payroll.

The council is devoting the other half for economic development on the east side, most of it through the business grant program, and the remainder for a home-improvement grant program.

The city received about 65 grant applications but only had enough money to make awards to one-third of applicants, totaling $622,719, according to Ravi Doshi, TIF and enterprise zone administrator for the city.

The additional TIF funding that will go to 14 of the cannabis grant recipients totals $404,000.

Cannabis tax revenue being replenished, the city hopes to reopen applications between late December and early February so a second round of grants can be issued in spring 2023, Doshi said.

Business owners that already have received money can apply for more, he said, noting that the program currently caps total cannabis grant funding to $100,000 per recipient over a 10-year period.

“We want to create this continual level of excitement,” Doshi said. “This is one of the most versatile funding sources that we have.”

The grant program is giving city officials the opportunity to hear about the needs of minority entrepreneurs and consider various ways of assisting them in their journeys, he said.

The $43,719 grant that Calvin Pitts, 53, received for B.O.N.E. LLC, headquartered in the Southtown business district in the 1100 block of South Grand Avenue, will help his business bid for more projects, he said. The grant will pay for an upgrade to a bucket truck, as well as new equipment and inventory, he said.

Pitts, a Springfield resident, has been in business almost 16 years.

He said the grant also will allow him to hire more workers and train more minority workers for the construction industry.

“Although the bottom line is important, the matrix of my business is simple: Reach one, teach one, and help individuals from all walks of life become productive citizens,” Pitts said.

Lisa Gaines, the owner of Luxe Floral, 424 S. 11th St., said the $25,000 grant she received helped her buy a new $6,000 cooler and used delivery van, replace flooring and make other renovations to the site she has operated for the past year.

Gaines, 49, who lives in Kincaid but plans to move to Springfield soon, said she hopes to apply for more grant funding in the future. She said the grant she received “did help a lot.”

She has worked in the floral industry since 1999 and previously operated a shop on the city’s west side that filled floral wire-service orders. Gaines said she found the fees she had to pay to fill such orders too costly to make much of a profit.

Gaines said she has been successful filling non-wire-service orders in her new location, despite challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I’m the only African American florist in Springfield,” she said. “The community has really embraced me, and it’s not just the African American community, but the entire community.”

Thomas, the owner of Urban Vines, also owns its parent company, More Scrubs LLC, which sells hospital scrubs.

He works a full-time job as a union laborer but said he hopes to eventually devote full time to the clothing business.

Thomas, a fashion devotee who is married and has seven children, said he and other Springfield residents need to travel to St. Louis or Chicago if they want to buy urban-style clothing.

The cannabis program grant and TIF money will help him pay his lease, complete remodeling and purchase inventory, according to Thomas, who also works part time directing the youth business program for One in a Million, a Springfield nonprofit.

Despite the popularity of online buying, Thomas said he is convinced there is a market for the in-person experience of purchasing urban clothing. Urban Vines initially will focus on men’s clothing, including formalwear and sportswear, he said.

“It’s needed, and the energy I bring with that experience will make a difference,” Thomas said.

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WIBL opens be lovely Boutique

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

Wooden It Be Lovely (WIBL) is known for its beautiful and colorful hand-painted furniture. This is a ministry started by Margaret Ann Jessup in association with Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church that offers hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction and abuse. They recently opened the “be lovely Boutique,” featuring hand-poured candles and decorative items made by women who are healing while working to turn their lives around. The Boutique is in back of the WIBL residential home established earlier this year at 801 S. Grand Avenue West. The home and Boutique are recognizable by their bright pink doors.

Positivity is at the heart of WIBL, and the Boutique reflects that. Large hand-painted letters hang overhead beneath a paintbrush with pink bristles, declaring “What A Lovely Day To Be Kind.” Candles, with names such as Be Thankful, are packaged with a message to “shine your light” and “Be Lovely – one who is grateful, kind, forgiving, strong and seeking a better tomorrow.” Hand-painted pillows, metal wall hangings, cards and kitchen towels are examples of items for sale. Many feature hearts, flowers, butterflies and other symbols of love, beauty and renewal.

The Boutique will be open Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A holiday open house is set for Nov. 17, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Additional hours will be posted on the Wooden It Be Lovely Facebook page. The next Showcase Furniture Sale at Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church is Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. More information is at https://woodenitbelovelylove/ along with this message: Wooden It Be Lovely if All Women Had Hope!
Pharmacists face shortages
Some close, cut hours due to lack of pharmacists

**PHARMACISTS | Scott Reeder**

Pharmacists measure and count every day, but one calculation weighs heavily on Tim Gleason.

“I have two kids, ages 2 and 5. I work from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. That means I have less than an hour to spend with them on weekdays before they go to bed. I’m thinking about shortening my hours so I can spend more time with them,” he said.

He isn’t alone. More and more pharmacists are cutting back on their hours or leaving the profession altogether, creating an acute shortage.

Gleason owns the Potter Drug stores in Rochester and Petersburg, and he is trying to operate the stores with just two pharmacists. That means they are both working a minimum of 54 hours each week.

Business is brisk, hours are long and workers are few.

“We had a pharmacist leave for a state job in August, and we haven’t been able to fill the position since,” he said. “That means the two of us who remain have to work longer hours.”

Gleason said he has sought to hire another druggist but the competition is keen.

Illinois and much of the nation are experiencing a shortage of pharmacists willing to work in retail settings.

The shortage is particularly acute in central and southern Illinois, said Mark Luer, dean of the pharmacy school at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Luer leads the only pharmacy school south of Interstate 80 in Illinois. Part of the school’s mission is to educate pharmacists who will serve in central and southern Illinois.

“Right now, a new graduate can expect to start out making $125,000, and on top of that, many are being offered $75,000 signing bonuses,” he said.

Despite the incentives, area pharmacies are cutting back their hours or temporarily closing. For example, the pharmacy at the Walgreens at 1310 S. Fifth St. in Springfield is temporarily closed, and the one at 2305 W. Monroe St. has cut back on its hours, said Fraser Engerman, a spokesman for Walgreens.

Walgreens has also stopped offering 24-hour pharmacy service at its location at 2020 South MacArthur Boulevard.


There are several causes of the pharmacist crunch.

“Just a few years ago, new graduates were having trouble finding jobs because of consolidation in the industry,” Luer of SIU-E said.

“Since then, the number of applicants applying to pharmacy schools has dropped by one-third and the number graduating has also dropped. Now we have an acute shortage.”

With fewer pharmacists working, those who remain in the industry are often expected to work longer hours. And the COVID pandemic put further stress on retail pharmacists, Luer said.

“A lot of pressures were put on them with vaccinations, COVID testing and everything else,” he said. “And it was all happening at a time when support systems really weren’t in place for the increased workloads.”

Further complicating the matter is that pharmacies are essential businesses and operated throughout the pandemic, while many schools did not.

Many pharmacists who are parents of school-age children found themselves with the conflicting demands of their profession and their families.

“Many in the profession, which is a majority female, opted to either cut back on their hours or become full-time, stay-at-home parents,” Luer added.

“Pharmacy hours are being restricted, and really you were getting down to what you would consider the bare minimum to keep a pharmacy open,” he said. “They may only have one pharmacist, whereas in the past they would’ve had several pharmacists working. So, they tried to augment that with pharmacy technicians. But there’s a pharmacy technician shortage going on, too.”

Reynolds, of the pharmacists association, said the state’s rising minimum wage has made other, less stressful positions, attractive to technicians.

“I know some pharmacists will go and teach chemistry because we basically have 95% of a chemistry degree with our blended curriculum,” he said. “I’ve known pharmacists that have taught chemistry at college levels and in high schools. And they’re doing this because of the pressures of taking care of patients in today’s environment.

... We’re asked to do everything. We (administer) COVID vaccinations in addition to everything else. Nothing else stopped. We still have to get everyone’s prescriptions ready.”

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Plans for Pillsbury site
Seeking federal grants to demolish remaining buildings next step

REDEVELOPMENT | Scott Reeder

It will cost about $10 million to level the 18-acre Springfield eyesore that was once the largest flour mill in North America.

Just where the money will come from to demolish the former Pillsbury plant remains a bit of an open question, said Joel Zirkle, an owner of the Rockford-based engineering and environmental firm Fehr Graham.

Zirkle’s firm completed an environmental study of the site this week. Key findings are:

• While most asbestos was removed from the site several years ago by emergency U.S. EPA action, some remains. The silver paint coating the site’s 160 silos contains asbestos and will have to be removed.
• No discernible groundwater contamination was found on the site after samples were taken from 15 test wells.
• The soil on the site is free of almost all industrial contaminants. A slightly elevated level of arsenic was found, but Zirkle said that can be easily remediated.

Zirkle said the next step will be to seek federal grants to demolish the dilapidated buildings and other structures. It will likely be at least four or five years before the site is fully cleared.

Demolition will begin with the structures nearest the site’s main entrance. The final buildings to be razed will be the silos and the headhouse, where grain transfers were managed.

Before the silos can be destroyed, the asbestos-based paint will need to be removed. There are several methods that can be employed to do this. Some could involve creating an envelope around the structures as the paint is removed, Zirkle said.

Chris Richmond, president of the nonprofit Moving Pillsbury Forward, said ideally the site will eventually be redeveloped for industry.

“We’ve got heavy utilities coming into the site,” he said. “We’ve got a six-inch natural gas line at two different locations coming in and a 12-inch water line. There’s 12,000 people that live within one mile. So, there’s a ready workforce. It’s 18 acres and it sits right next to a railyard.”

Community volunteers have worked extensively on the site this year to clear trash, weeds and brush, he said.

“We have had 450 cubic yards of general refuse hauled out of here,” he said. “We’ve chain-sawed out trees that are as much as a foot around. There was just a green canopy all the way through the site because it was 10-20-years’ worth of weed tree growth. We really had a forest of trees that we utilized volunteer labor to get rid of.”

Moving Pillsbury Forward acquired the 18-acre site in April after years of both illegal and legal scrap removal since the plant shut down in 2001. The nonprofit bought the site at 1525 Phillips Ave. for $1.

Pillsbury Co., which was acquired in 2001 by Minneapolis-based General Mills, built the Springfield plant during the 1920s, Richmond said. He added the silos on the site had a 3 million-bushel capacity.

In the 1950s, at its peak, the plant employed about 1,500 people, he said.

Pillsbury sold the site to Cargill in 1991 for $19 million. Cargill ran the plant as a grain storage facility for about 10 years and the facility then sat vacant until 2008, when the site was sold to a series of owners who removed scrap metal.


During those years, around half of the original 850,000 square feet of building space were demolished and removed.

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A rendering of the proposed Route 66 development at the fairgrounds.

Fifth-Grade Memory: Posters

when our teacher told us one of our class won the city-wide 5th grade safety poster contest I knew of course that it was me but surprise, it was my good friend nora smith who won with her picture of an open medicine cabinet with bottles of different sizes lined up on the shelves I was glad for nora for I instantly realized her warning to be no easy task and many questions historically accurate textbook, is instructional subject, especially a classroom is a difficult process. A textbook for study in a K-12 class-war-based misgivings, with no basis in reality. Despite the Chamber of Commerce president Todd Maisch is worried that scheming labor lawyers would use the amendment to maximize workers’ rights. Yes, just as the Chamber of Commerce legal team presses the business community’s case in court – so what? Mailee Smith of the Illinois Policy Institute raised objections what? Some 70% of people think that is reflective of the general sentiment, since, as was mentioned, some 70% of people favor unions. That would be enough for the amendment to pass easily. Illinois Chamber of Commerce president Todd Maisch is worried that scheming labor lawyers would use the amendment to maximize workers’ rights. Yes, just as the Chamber of Commerce legal team presses the business community’s case in court – so what?

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GREAT IDEA

I recently visited Springfield and had an enjoyable time visiting family and touring the impressive Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. I have fond memories of my childhood visits to the Illinois State Fair, so I was very interested to read Karen Witter’s article on the Route 66 Experience at the fairgrounds (“Monarchs and the Mother Road,” Sept. 29). What an inspired idea!

I’m impressed with the vision and consciousness of all those who are bringing this project to life. When I was a child in Illinois, the monarch migration was stunning. I could look up in the trees and see orange everywhere. Hopefully the Monarch flyway will once again bring a sea of orange to Illinois.

Carol Rathe
Denver, Colorado

GREAT FOR CITY

This will be another boon for our city. Great to see so much development, and not only on the west side.

Heather Dykes
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes

AMENDMENT NEEDED

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"Boys don’t cry."

That was the oft-repeated refrain my father said to my brother and me growing up. If one of us fell and skinned our knees, it was, “Knock it off, boys don’t cry.”

It didn’t matter if we were 4 or 5. Crying was a sign of weakness and of questionable masculinity.

When I was 8, our dog, Princess, died on Christmas Day after licking up some pesticide stored in a shed. It was a stiff upper lip for me. No crying was allowed. Dad was watching.

The rules for manhood were well-defined for him. When our pastor showed up for a church cookout wearing a pair of pink golf trousers, we heard about it all the way home: “It’s inappropriate for a man to dress that way.”

Neither my brother nor I wore pink growing up. Ever.

A strange thing happened as my dad aged; he learned to cry. The first time I saw it, it was disconcerting, like witnessing a dam break or feeling the earth shift off its axis. It was just strange. The tears raced down his cheeks. My brother was ill, and he couldn’t do anything to save him.

“Incurable” was a word that didn’t compute with my father. He was a fixer, a magician with his hands. Whether it was getting a seized auger to rotate, repairing a malfunctioning fuel pump or getting a downed cow with milk fever to stand: He fixed the situation.

But when my brother, Danny, was afflicted with a rare and incurable liver disease, tears flowed. Didn’t he remember what he taught us? Boys don’t cry.

Despite the tears, Danny died at age 48.

I remember him gripping her right hand while I held her left at her bedside. As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, “Save a place for me in heaven.” Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed. We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone. The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to Mom: family. Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames.

A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories.

For me, June 2, 2013, always will be a day of sadness. But for my dad, it marked a tragedy from which he never recovered.

We thought it was a good idea to occasionally get him away from the home he had shared with mom. So, my wife and I would have him visit our family in Springfield.

After church one Sunday, we decided to visit the State Fair. I slipped on a pair of sandals and a T-shirt. The shirt was bright, almost fluorescent pink.

“You’re going to wear that?” my father growled. I pointed to the lettering on the front that read, “Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure,” and said, “I wear this to honor Mom.”

Tears welled in his eyes; he swallowed hard and nodded his head.

Yes, it’s OK for men to cry. And men can wear pink.

Breast cancer and the women we love make us do both.

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“If we didn’t pass something, we wouldn’t have gotten anything from law enforcement. We wouldn’t have gotten a serious conversation,” claimed Rep. La Shawn Ford, D-Chicago, recently about why the SAFE-T Act was originally written and passed the way it was.

Ford was speaking about the cash bail provisions within the SAFE-T Act during a public event in suburban Forest Park, according to the Forest Park Review.

Lots of folks on the other side of the negotiations were taking a hard “No” position, so a decision was essentially made to jam the bill through in order to eventually force the other side to the bargaining table.

The cash bail provision is the most discussed aspect of the law. But the original legislation also prevented police officers from using their body cam footage to write reports. The provision wasn’t designed to be permanent, but was specifically inserted to make the other side adopt a good faith position at the bargaining table. It worked, and the provision was removed in a subsequent trailer bill.

The difference between these two topics, of course, is that the end of cash bail has caused big public relations headaches for the Democratic Party in the lead-up to the general election, as state’s attorneys, sheriffs, police chiefs and others have denounced the law in a way that has put the majority party on the defensive. But the Democrats have such large supermajorities with a new and more favorable legislative district map that they apparently believed they could assume the risk.

Ford and others have said privately and publicly that some components of the law will have to be changed. But they are sticking with the overall concepts. And with less than three months before the elimination of cash bail and other provisions of the law take effect, maybe the gambit will work. But it hasn’t come without political trouble for people like Gov. JB Pritzker.

I saw Pritzker at an event not long after he refused to answer a question from my associate, Isabel Miller, about what specific changes he would like to make to the SAFE-T Act. I warned him that, since he agreed the law needed to be changed, Miller’s question wasn’t going away.

Well, the governor dodged the same question again and again during and after last week’s televised gubernatorial debate, saying only that he wants unspecified “clarifications” to the law.

The governor likely didn’t want to insult the Black Caucus or have any sort of negative impact on the trailer bill discussions by publicly negotiating against his own side. He probably also didn’t want to cave into pressure from disingenuous actors and instead wanted to tough it out through the election and then deal with the issue in the post-election veto session.

Even so, campaigns ought to be about the exchange of ideas and the governor’s refusal to engage deserved to be called out.

Besides, this shouldn’t be that difficult. For example, some are making wild claims about the law’s trespassing language. Hinsdale’s Village President Tom Cauley recently said, according to the Hinsdale Patch, “I guarantee you that we’re going to find ourselves with people just camped out in parks, and we cannot ask them to leave. They may be in your backyard or in your shed living there.”

Nonsense. The Illinois Supreme Court’s Implementation Task Force has officially advised law enforcement that they “do have discretion to remove the person from the location of the alleged criminal activity, and then cite and release the person from another location.” Repeated refusals to comply could then easily be interpreted as being a threat, which would allow an arrest.

It just seems to me that tightening up the law’s language to fully reflect the task force’s guidance and resulting inference about arrests would be a no-brainer response to the question about changes he wants to make.

The list of forcible felonies which trigger provisions to hold people without bail could and should also be expanded, which even some proponents are saying behind the scenes.

And so, not long after I challenged Pritzker in my subscriber newsletter to step up, he did finally tell reporters on Oct. 7 that he thought former prosecutor state Sen. Scott Bennett’s, D-Champaign, proposed changes were worth a look, but stopped short of endorsing any specifics in the Downstate Democrat’s bill.

Baby steps, I guess.
Stop trying juveniles in adult court

What does society want back in the long run? Someone who has been rehabilitated in the juvenile system?
Or a person hardened by the adult criminal justice system?

GUESTWORK | Susan Allen

This year in Sangamon County, the state’s attorney successfully sought the removal of two cases involving adolescents to adult court for trial. It’s true that their crimes are serious, each involving a loss of life, but adult court is the wrong place for juveniles for three reasons: 1. adolescent brains are not yet fully developed, 2. adult court focuses on punishment, while the juvenile court system focuses on rehabilitation and 3. the adult court system can look at black youth in a biased way. This can lead to “adultification” – viewing black adolescents as adults.

The primary reason that young people belong in juvenile court is that science has proved the teenage brain has not fully developed. Neuroscientist Sandra Aamodt, author of the book Welcome To Your Child’s Brain, puts it this way: “Brain scans show clearly that the brain is not fully finished developing until about age 25. The changes that happen between 18 and 25 are a continuation of the process that starts around puberty, and 18-year-olds are about halfway through that process. Their prefrontal cortex is not yet fully developed. That’s the part of the brain that helps you to inhibit impulses and to plan and organize your behavior to reach a goal.”

Another reason juvenile court is a better approach for young people is its focus on rehabilitation. Juvenile rehabilitation is a process that attempts to restore a troubled person to one who is an asset to society. A variety of methods are devised to deter future delinquency and provide strong guidance rather than to simply punish. In Illinois, we’ve recognized the need for a juvenile court for more than 100 years. In fact, the first juvenile court system in the nation was created under the Illinois Juvenile Court Act of 1899. The law created a special court for neglected, dependent or delinquent children under the age of 16. It defined a rehabilitative purpose, rather than a punitive purpose, for the court. The law established confidentiality for juvenile records and required that juveniles be separated from adults when placed in the same institution.

Experts believe that rehabilitation of young offenders is appropriate even when serious crimes are involved. Judge LaDoris Cordell, who served on the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, California, where she heard both juvenile and adult cases, makes the case for juvenile courts: “The problem [with adult courts] is that we’re taking 14-year-olds, 15-year-olds, 16-year-olds, and we’re giving up on them. … And I have found, in my own experience, that there are salvageable young people who have committed some very horrible kinds of crimes, who are able to get their lives together and be productive members of society. … I have had these young people come into my court charged with committing some violent acts as serious as murder, but they had not gone into the adult system, because it was a decision I made as a result of a fitness hearing that this person indeed was amenable to treatment. And in some cases – not all, but in some cases – I have been proved right. So, I know this can happen. Lives can be turned around.”

Society itself benefits from the rehabilitation of youth, particularly because young people will be part of the community when they leave the system. Bridget Jones, former supervisor of the juvenile division of the Santa Clara County (California) Public Defender’s Office, explains the value of juvenile rehabilitation: “I think the community understands … that the younger a person is the more likely it is that they can change.” It’s better down the road to have a young person who’s committed a crime “as a graduate from college versus a graduate from a penal institution. … As a community we have to decide what it is we’re willing to get back in the long run” – someone who has been rehabilitated in the juvenile system or a person hardened by the adult criminal justice system.

A final factor making the adult criminal justice system the wrong place for juveniles is recent research showing the ways in which a child’s race can affect his or her outcome in court. A recent study from the Georgetown Law Center on Poverty found that the public views black girls collectively as more adult than white girls, needing less protection and less nurture than white girls. The study’s authors note, “adultification” (looking at a child as if he or she were an adult) contributes to the false narrative that black youths’ transgressions are intentional and malicious instead of the result of immature decision-making.

We should keep teenage offenders in juvenile court, where the system understands that a child is still developing cognitively and realizes that the rehabilitation of a young person is the best option for the individual and society.

Susan Allen is a member of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good’s Transformational Justice Task Force, which seeks to ensure equality in the criminal justice system. She is a longtime Springfield resident and a former state employee with the Illinois Department of Human Rights. She has always been interested in social justice issues.
Farmers and landowners in Christian County have joined more than 100 residents of Sangamon, Morgan and 10 adjacent counties to formally challenge a proposed pipeline that would carry liquified carbon dioxide from the Midwest halfway across the state for permanent underground storage in central Illinois.

Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline was granted intervenor status this summer in the Navigator Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline case pending in front of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Sangamon County government also became an intervenor in the case, which pits a pipeline company and ethanol and fertilizer producers incentivized by generous federal tax credits against landowners and environmental groups.

This step by the citizens’ group to become a formal participant in the scheduled 11 months of ICC proceedings – as well as county-level moratoriums on pipeline-related construction being debated and enacted – are part of strategies by opponents of the proposed $3.2 billion project.

The Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines, which is aligned with, but separate from, the group intervening in the ICC case, is trying to engage county governments and inform Illinoisans about the potential hidden costs, environmental and public-safety hazards, and threat of long-lasting damage to croplands.

“Th e more people learn, the better it will be,” Glenarm resident Kathleen Campbell, who lives within a half-mile of the proposed pipeline route in southern Sangamon County, told Illinois Times. “This will be the longest, largest CO2 pipeline in the United States.

“We’re becoming a trash bucket for the waste of other states,” said Campbell, 70, vice president of Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline and professor emeritus and distinguished scholar at Springfield’s Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

But Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, vice president of government and public affairs for Navigator CO2 Ventures, said the project, backed by the BlackRock global investment firm, will be safe and secure, and actually will preserve the environment long term by keeping CO2 out of the atmosphere and slowing global warming.

The Heartland Greenway project will be able to store up to 15 metric tons of CO2 underground each year, over a 30-year period, once operating at full capacity. That’s the equivalent of emissions from about 3.2 million cars driven for one year and the amount of CO2 stored by 18.3 million acres of U.S. forests annually, according to Navigator.

The pipeline will help businesses meet mandatory and voluntary CO2 limits, support Illinois’ ethanol industry and lead to spin-off businesses that could use CO2 to make fuels, chemicals and building...
And the project will result in payments for governments in lieu of property taxes, she said. 

"Carbon is an important piece to every business today," Burns-Thompson said, adding that carbon sequestration is the "biggest tool" for reducing carbon emissions.

"Carbon capture is not the only solution, but it is a pretty substantial piece of the pie," she said.

For Navigator to kick off construction as planned in 2024 and begin transporting and storing CO2 in 2025, the 1,300-mile pipeline needs approval from government regulators in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota. The regulatory process in Illinois is the farthest along, with public hearings scheduled Feb. 21-24 and a final ICC decision expected in the spring or summer of 2023.

Wells for injecting the highly pressurized CO2 about a mile underground for permanent storage will need to be approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Navigator has indicated its plans to happen by December 2023, though the company’s application filed with the EPA hasn’t yet been deemed complete. The draft application was filed this summer but isn’t yet available on the EPA website. Illinois Times hasn’t received an answer to its federal Freedom of Information Act request for the draft.

There’s a favorable regulatory environment in Illinois for CO2 pipelines and bipartisan support in Washington, D.C., for tax credits available to companies that use pipelines and carbon sequestration to reduce CO2 emissions. President Joe Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act makes those credits even more lucrative.

But pipeline opponents say there’s disagreement in the scientific community over the long-term safety of Heartland’s proposal to inject liquefied CO2 more than a mile underground in Christian County north of Taylorville and potentially at other central Illinois locations, including Montgomery County.

“We’re trying to stop it, in part, because CO2 pipelines are so dangerous and under-regulated, and carbon sequestration at this scale remains risky and unproven,” said Pam Richart, co-director of the Champaign-based Eco-Justice Collaborative.

Richart leads the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines and serves as an adviser to Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline.

“For whatever reason,” she said, “people think this is technology worth pursuing, despite the unknowns. It prolongs the use of polluting fossil fuels and diverts funding from proven technologies, such as energy efficiency and the deployment of renewables that are far less costly and we know work.”

The scope and impact of the pipeline project

The pipeline, five feet underground and between six and 20 inches in diameter, would pick up CO2 from at least 21 different industrial sources, cross the Mississippi River from Iowa, then enter Illinois’ Hancock County and cover 250 miles in the state.

A fork of the pipeline would go north from the northeastern tip of Adams County and proceed through Schuyler, McDonough, Fulton and Knox counties before entering Henry County to pick up CO2 from the Big River Resources ethanol plant near Galva.

The main pipeline section would continue through Schuyler, Brown, Pike, Scott, Morgan and Sangamon County before reaching a 40-mile area northeast of Taylorville. The area, Navigator said, contains 25,000 acres of available “pore space” in sandstone that’s part of the larger underground Mount Simon formation extending across several states.

The part of the formation in Christian County has the ability to sequester hundreds of millions of metric tons of CO2 in the sandstone, which binds with the CO2 and prevents it from moving, Navigator officials said.

There would be six injection wells and a dozen monitoring wells in the sequestration area, according to Navigator’s project application.

“Navigator is highly experienced in the pipeline industry with a proven management team with over 200 years of combined industry experience in the pipeline and infrastructure industries, including technical expertise across pipelines transporting multiple commodities, and has a strong safety track record,” the company’s application said.

“The management team works with some of the world’s largest energy companies as a trusted, safe and reliable developer/owner/operator of critical infrastructure.”

However, Navigator disclosed to Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline that no one on the company’s management team has experience with the construction and operation of a pipeline that carries CO2 but that Navigator is working with engineering firms that do have CO2 pipeline experience.

Navigator’s application said the cost of materials installed as part of the project in Illinois would exceed $140 million. About 1,600 construction jobs and 1,900 indirect jobs would be created at the peak of installation, and 30 to 35 permanent jobs would be created to operate the pipeline in Illinois, the application said.

About $32 million has been set aside for “right-of-way” payments to landowners. An additional, undisclosed amount has been set aside for “ongoing community benefit agreements with local governments along the route in Illinois” to reimburse them for property taxes on the pipeline that wouldn’t be collected, based on current Illinois law.

Navigator spokesman Andy Bates said the company is pledging to reimburse farmers for the value of 250% of possible yield loss over several years, paid upfront and before any construction, regardless of whether the landowner experiences that much crop damage.

“And if anyone experiences yield losses beyond that, at any point throughout the life of the project, we are committed to making landowners/farmers
Landowners are skeptical

Landowners, environmental groups and other critics of the project have been skeptical of Navigator’s claims.

The Illinois-based Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines was founded in January and includes the Eco-Justice Collaborative, the Sierra Club, Central Illinois Communities Healthy Alliance, Save Our Illinois Land and the Springfield-based Faith Coalition for the Common Good.

Christian County farmers have banded together in opposition, and many have formed a group called Christian County Citizens to Protect the Aquifer and erected billboards carrying the message, “No CO2 Pipeline.”

“We don’t want it. It’s too dangerous,” said Ralph Hodges, 80, a rural Taylorville resident. He owns land in Christian’s Buckhart Township, which is part of the targeted sequestration area.

Nicole Lanham, 37, of rural Edinburg, said: “We honestly don’t know anybody who’s for it. Low-risk is not the same as no risk.”

Like Campbell, Lanham and her fellow farmers have read about the 2020 rupture of Denbury Inc.’s CO2 pipeline near Satartia, Mississippi, that hospitalized almost 50 people and forced 300 residents to evacuate.

CO2 is an odorless, colorless gas that needs to be processed and compressed into a liquid so it can be transported. If released above-ground, it can hang low to the ground for hours and cause asphyxiation and prevent vehicles powered by gas-combustion engines from working.

Glenarm resident Campbell said the pipeline route comes within 75 feet of occupied buildings in Fulton County. The pipeline would be a half-mile from the village of Vinden and within a mile of 275 homes in Glenarm, which is 12 miles south of Springfield, and as close to 300 feet from buildings in Chatham, she said.

Critics say the potential of earthquakes, other geological events and equipment failures puts their groundwater at risk, even though groundwater is far above dense rock known as capstone that Navigator officials say would prevent the Mount Simon sandstone from leaking CO2.

And opponents say inadvertent damage to farm ground and drainage tiles in the construction and placement of the pipeline could be permanent.

“More pipeline means more risk,” Lanham said during a meeting when more than a dozen Christian County farmers expressed concerns about the pipeline and carbon sequestration to an Illinois Times reporter. “It has never been done on this scale before,” she said.

Farmer Dean McWard, 59, of rural Taylorville, said Navigator representatives have told landowners the sequestration will “probably work. … Nobody in this room has bought a plumbing product that is foolproof.”

Sallie Greenberg, a principal research scientist with the Illinois State Geological Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said she and other scientists have worked with Archer-Daniels Midland since 2006 on a carbon-capture storage project from ADM’s ethanol production plant in Decatur.

Based on that project, they have determined carbon sequestration to be safe and effective, meaning groundwater contamination and potential migration of CO2 from its underground storage site into groundwater or the atmosphere aren’t happening, she said.

Greenberg noted that she and others at the geological survey, part of Prairie Research Institute, haven’t studied the safety of CO2 pipelines.

Richart, from the Eco-Justice Collaborative, said CO2 pipelines put residents who live along the route at risk. She said sequestration is “evolving technology,” and there’s disagreement in the scientific community as to its safety, cost and long-term effectiveness. But Greenberg said she hasn’t encountered such concern among other experts in geology.

Concerns about eminent domain

Christian County farmers said they are worried enough by the unknowns to oppose the project, and they are incensed by the potential for Navigator to use eminent domain to seize land if landowners refuse to grant rights-of-ways.

A 2011 state law designed to assist the now-defunct FutureGen project to capture and sequester CO2 for a proposed coal-fired power plant in Morgan County would clear a legal path for Navigator to use eminent domain for its pipeline.

Companies don’t have eminent domain power when it comes to carbon sequestration sites, but pending legislation introduced in the General Assembly by state Rep. Thomas Bennett, R-Gibson City, would essentially grant eminent domain for sequestration if a majority of landowners at a site agreed to easements and pore space. Bennett hasn’t returned phone calls from IT seeking comment.

Burns-Thompson said Navigator might push for passage of this legislation, but she said eminent domain will be a last resort for Navigator for pipeline and well construction.

“Voluntary’ makes the most business sense across the board,” she said.

Richart said opponents of the pipeline have been working with township officials, village boards and county boards and are starting to reach out to members of the Illinois General Assembly.

State Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, whose new Senate district includes most of Christian County, said: “I am meeting with constituents and others to discuss the project this week and take very seriously the concerns that are being shared with me about the project.”

The offices of U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, and Gov. JB Pritzker, a Democrat, didn’t respond to requests for comment.

Karen Brockelsby, 67, treasurer of Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline, said, “Basically, we feel assailed by big businesses out here.”

“My family has farmland both along the pipeline and in the proposed injection site … and we are very concerned about what damages may occur to water sources and cropland if the CO2 doesn’t stay where it is when pumped beneath the capstone,” the rural Edinburg resident said.

“There are other instances in Illinois where natural gas has escaped to the surface from under rock that was supposed to hold it in place,” Brockelsby said. “These areas have ongoing water and soil contamination with no real solutions available.”

Her husband’s cousin, Steve Brockelsby, 67, of rural Taylorville, said he and other farmers have contacted landowners in the designated sequestration area, and almost 90% have told them they oppose the project and won’t agree to financial agreements that would give Navigator the rights to pore space under their land.

“We want our door locked,” he said. “We want them to leave us alone.”

Steve Brockelsby said many residents of Taylorville, a county seat of about 10,800 people in a county of 32,700, aren’t concerned about the project and see it as a “farmer problem.” But a contaminated aquifer affects city and rural residents alike, he said.

On the ICC website, Illinois residents opposing the project have voiced concerns.

Many supporters of the pipeline have posted the exact same comments for case 22-0497. Their comments read, in part: “As a leader in the biofuels industry, Illinois is uniquely situated to spearhead efforts of carbon management and the race to carbon neutrality. … By providing an economic way to reduce the carbon intensity of Midwestern products, Heartland Greenway will help expand the market potential for corn-based ethanol and other value-added goods while also creating valuable employment opportunities for highly skilled laborers, and generate ongoing increased tax revenues for communities across the footprint.”

Elected officials becoming involved

The Christian County Board voted in May to impose a six-month moratorium on issuing special-use permits for underground CO2 facilities. And the Sangamon County Board voted Oct. 11 to enact a moratorium on “permits or other grants of authority to construct any carbon-dioxide pipeline … prior to May 1, 2023.”

Sangamon County’s intervention and moratoriums “are meant to express, in particular to the Illinois Commerce Commission, the deep concerns of the citizens in our community who may be affected by the proposed construction of this pipeline,” a Sept. 1 statement from county officials said.

These are the types of actions being promoted by the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines, Richart said.

The coalition recently obtained a legal opinion from Ancel Glink, a Chicago-based law firm that has offices throughout central and western Illinois. According to the legal opinion, counties have the authority to regulate CO2 pipelines, including setbacks.

The opinion said that while counties don’t have the ability to prohibit CO2 pipelines or regulate design, a county can issue a moratorium on pipeline construction tied to the actions of a federal agency known as the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

That agency is updating rules governing CO2 pipeline construction, and the update should be complete by October 2024, Richart said.

It’s possible that the Illinois Commerce Commission could overrule a county’s zoning ordinance and moratoriums, she said.

But having a zoning ordinance in place “would help the ICC understand a county’s concerns regarding Navigator’s project and how it affects public safety, infrastructure and the economy,” she said.
If the ICC ends up approving the pipeline, the commission could ensure that local counties receive funding from Navigator to mitigate these issues, as well as require Navigator to provide equipment that would be needed in emergency services, Richart said.

The statement from Sangamon County said officials understand "that ultimately it may be determined, either through continued ongoing legal research, a ruling from a court of law, an ICC ruling or a change in state law that it has no role in regulating the Navigator pipeline."

But the statement said intervening is a "reasonable and responsible approach."

Other potential locations for sequestration

It’s unclear whether the opposition from Christian County landowners has altered Navigator’s plans. Burns-Thompson said the company is still focusing on Christian County as a potential CO₂ sequestration site. But she also said the geology is "pretty robust in many areas. It’s not just Christian County. We want to make sure that we’re having the opportunity to match both the geology and the landowners who are interested in the project."

“We do have the opportunity to get, and are getting, very vast interest in the project, both from the pipeline side as well as the sequestration and pore space,” she said.

She acknowledged that Navigator officials are talking with officials in a Montgomery County, immediately south of Christian County, as well as government officials and landowners "all over central Illinois."

Burns-Thompson wouldn’t be more specific as to the locations but said, "We’ve had very positive feedback from these folks." She said Navigator has been "very successful" in securing leases for potential pore space and CO₂ well sites.

Campbell said Navigator apparently is looking at potential sequestration sites in Sangamon County. She said she has documentation that Navigator offered to pay the owner of land near Pawnee for a proposed CO₂ well site, but the landowner turned the company down.

Montgomery County Board Chairman Evan Young said at least one landowner in the county’s far-eastern Audubon Township has signed a contract with Navigator for rights to build a well and to use pore space. Another landowner is contemplating an offer, he said.

Young said Navigator officials made a presentation to the board in September to propose an agreement that would pay the county at least $1.5 million per year in lieu of property taxes and in exchange for the county not opposing the pipeline and sequestration sites.

Montgomery County is dealing with a $1.5 million budget deficit based on a total general fund budget of $6 million per year. The Navigator money could come in handy, but the County Board is analyzing and weighing the proposal, Young said. "We're wanting to have the growth, but we want to be responsible for the citizens of the county," he said. "I think right now most of our board members are on the fence and trying to learn more. I've only had one person really firmly against it. Some citizens have voiced concerns against the project, and some are for it."

If Navigator were interested in sequestration sites outside Christian County, the company could amend its EPA application, company spokesman Andy Bates said.

Because Navigator doesn’t have a “clear path” to a specific site for CO₂ sequestration, Champaign lawyer Joseph Murphy, who is representing the citizens group, asked an administrative law judge presiding in the Navigator case to dismiss the case for now. Otherwise, Murphy said in a Sept. 1 meeting with the judge and other intervenors, the project would create a "pipeline to nowhere."

The judge didn’t rule on that informal request, which Richart said could become a formal motion in the future.

Burns-Thompson said the pipeline and sequestration sites need to be worked on at the same time. Doing one without the other is "not a feasible way to do development," she said.

Campbell, the retired SIU professor helping to lead the charge against the project, said she feels "more optimistic than I did three or four months ago" when there was little publicity and less awareness.

She said she is an audiology researcher, not a geologist, but she remains undaunted in a mission being carried out almost entirely by volunteers. "This is our county. This is our state," she said. "We don’t belong to Navigator."

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Going nuts about butternut
How I learned about “squash hands”

FOOD | Peter Glatz

The R&D and Fermentation Lab at Chef Sean Brock’s Audrey restaurant in Nashville is one of only three of its kind in the whole world, the other two being in Copenhagen. My job in the lab is to find ways to unlock hidden flavors from foods through ancient food preservation practices like lactic acid and koji fermentation, and modern technologies like microwave extraction, freeze drying and ultrasonic sonification. Because I came to this position without formal food science training, and because much of what we do takes us into unchartered territories, I am constantly learning and experiencing new things, such as Cucurbita moschata dermatitis.

This past week the produce deliveries coming through the back door of the restaurant have shifted from summer vegetables like corn to fall vegetables such as butternut squash (aka Cucurbita moschata). Chef Brock likes to season his dishes with fermented sauces, pastes and dehydrated powders made from the same product, so I recently spent the better part of a day peeling, cutting and seeding several bushels of butternut squash. After filling a couple of 5-gallon buckets with shredded squash, I cleaned up my station and started washing my hands, which were covered with a sticky-but-stiff orangeish film that I couldn’t rinse off. After I dried my hands, I noticed that my palms had gotten tight, discolored, crackly and tingly. I rewashed them, and as I scrubbed, the skin on my palms started sloughing away. I showed my hands to my boss and he chuckled and said: “You have squash hands. Next time wear gloves!” I wasn’t aware that “squash hands” was a thing.

Squash hands, or Cucurbita moschata dermatitis, is caused by an unidentified allergen present in butternut squash. Fortunately, it only affects the skin, so you won’t have an allergic reaction from eating the squash. Which is a good thing for me, because butternut squash is a staple in my pantry. It doesn’t require refrigeration, it keeps a long time, it is nutrient-dense and it is very versatile.

Depending on the requirements of your recipe, there are a few different ways to prep butternut squash. If you are making mashed squash to serve as a side dish, all you have to do is trim the top and bottom of your squash, cut it in half lengthwise, and scoop out the seeds with a spoon. Brush both sides with olive oil, sprinkle with salt, place the halves on a sheet tray, flesh-side down, and roast at 375 degrees F for 40 minutes or until tender.

To use as a component in salads or rice dishes, butternut squash can be cut into cubes and roasted. Start by trimming off the ends, removing the skin with a vegetable peeler, and cutting in half widthwise. The “neck” of the squash doesn’t have seeds and can be cut into uniform cubes. In a mixing bowl, toss the cubes with some olive oil, season with salt and spread out on a sheet tray. Roast at 375 degrees F for 20-25 minutes until golden brown and tender.

The bulbous base of the squash contains the seed cavity, and it is difficult to prep into uniformly sized cubes, but it can be diced and used for soups or pasta sauces. Cut the base in half and remove the seeds with a spoon. Slice into strips, then cut into small pieces. Put the pieces of squash into a pan, cover with water, season with salt, and simmer for 10-15 minutes until soft.

Check to see if it’s properly cooked by inserting a knife into a piece. Whizz to a smooth paste with an immersion blender or food processor. If you want a thicker puree, drain the cooking liquid before blending.

Butternut Squash Apple Soup
Serves 4

Ingredients
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium carrot, diced
1 medium yellow onion, diced
1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cubed
2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
1 teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon ground coriander
1/8 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 cup dry white wine
6-8 cups of low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
1 teaspoon kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon fresh sage, chopped, plus more for garnishing
½ cup grated parmesan, plus more for garnishing

Preparation
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Cut the squash in half lengthwise, and then crosswise to separate the base from the neck. Peel the neck and cut it into ½-inch cubes. Leave the base unpeeled and scoop out the seeds. Line a sheet tray with parchment. Brush the base halves with a little olive oil and toss the cubes in a bowl with the remaining oil.

Place base halves cut side down on one section of the sheet tray and scatter the cubes on the other section of the tray.

Roast for 20-30 minutes, checking the cubes for doneness. Remove the cubes when tender. Let the base halves roast a little longer, until tender throughout. Scoop out the squash from the skins and place it in a bowl. Mash with a potato masher or large spoon.

In a saucepan, warm the stock and stir in the mashed squash. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large heavy pot. Sauté the onion and garlic with a pinch of salt for about 5 minutes, or until translucent, but not browned. Add the dry rice and toast for about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low. Add the white wine and cook until the alcohol boils away. Begin adding the stock/mashed squash in 1-cup increments, stirring until absorbed, before adding each additional cup. After it reaches a slightly thick, soupy consistency, add the roasted squash cubes, salt, pepper, sage and Parmesan cheese. Stir to combine. Serve topped with additional Parmesan cheese, black pepper and sage.

Turn off the heat and use an immersion blender to purée until smooth. Alternately, purée in batches in a blender or food processor. If too thick, thin it with a little water. Taste the soup and adjust the seasonings as needed. Serve with a dollop of yogurt, if using.

Butternut Squash Risotto
Serves 4

Ingredients
1 butternut squash
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 yellow onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups Arborio rice
1 cup dry white wine
6-8 cups of low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon fresh sage, chopped, plus more for garnishing
1/2 cup grated parmesan, plus more for garnishing

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Another legal thriller by Scott Turow

Illinois author and attorney features a me-too accusation against a female police chief

BOOK REVIEW | Stuart Shiffman

Chicago attorney and author Scott Turow has returned to fictional Kindle County for the setting of his 15th book, Suspect. Turow’s courtroom novels place him in the upper echelon of the genre along with such well-known writers as John Grisham and Michael Connelly. He and Grisham often appear together to boost their legal advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty. Turow, an Illinois product and award-winning writer, has returned to familiar territory in his most recent offering.

Suspect reintroduces readers to Clarice “Pinky” Granum, a private investigator who first appeared in The Last Trial, published in 2020. Some back story is required, although no spoilers are present. “Pinky” is the granddaughter of Alejandro “Sandy” Stern, the urbane, Argentinian-born attorney who plays a prominent role in many Turow novels. After failing to complete training as a police officer, she began a career as a private investigator. Her grandfather is now retired and living in an assisted living facility, but he does make a few appearances in Suspect. “Pinky” has a new boss, Rik Dudek, an attorney who in almost every respect is the opposite of her grandfather. Where Sandy Stern took on high-profile cases with polish and style, Dudek scrambles for clients charged with less serious crimes, as well as minor civil matters. But a major case has come to Dudek, and he and “Pinky” find themselves breaking into the legal big leagues.

Turow’s legal-themed novels often take on current legal issues. In Suspect, readers will find themselves in the center of a reverse me-too accusation. Lucia Gomez is the police chief in the city of Highland Isle, a community in Kindle County. Her career has produced a spotless record, culminating in her appointment as the first female chief in department history. But now she finds herself defending accusations from three male officers that allege she solicited sex in exchange for promotions. Chief Gomez believes that she is the victim of a plot by people outside the department to end her career. She has turned to Dudek, a longtime friend, whom she trusts to represent her in a federal investigation and a civil service complaint that could end her career.

Who is responsible for putting Gomez in the frame? Her defense believes that Moritz Vojczek, known to most in Kindle County as “The Ritz,” is behind to effort to get Gomez out. Vojczek is a former high-ranking police officer with a shady reputation when he was on the police force. After her appointment as chief, Gomez demanded his resignation. As Turow parses out the history between “The Ritz” and the Chief, both clearly have strong motives to bring the other down. The battle between the two takes place on the streets and in law enforcement agencies. At the same time the battle for Gomez’s job takes place not in a traditional courtroom but in an administrative hearing. Regardless, the legal proceedings of Turow’s novel are completely up to his standards. Turow spent substantial portions of his legal career as a trial attorney and he uses that experience to write compelling and forceful courtroom scenes. They are always the finest portion of his novels.

While the Gomez hearing is an administrative matter, for the attorneys it is still the same as a courtroom contest. There is preparation and anticipation as well as the never-ending battle between attorneys where the rules of procedure are viewed more as suggestions. Turow is skilled in his courtroom scenes and, while remaining true to the less structured administrative hearing process, the attorneys play by the rules learned in court. As Rik observes, “it is hard to cross-examine a cop. They are used to testifying and, to put it bluntly, good at lying when they have to.” In the Gomez case both sides have strengths and weaknesses in their cases. Unlike a trial, there is not the same ebb and flow, because the hearing stretches out over several evenings. As a plot for Suspect, it works well because one night a week on the pages of Turow’s novel, witnesses are testifying in the Gomez matter, while at the same time “Pinky” is looking to uncover evidence against “The Ritz.”

This is a different Turow novel. It’s not the courtroom where the denouement occurs but out on the street, as law enforcement is working to gather evidence. It’s not the lawyers, judge or jury who bring the story to conclusion, it’s the local police and FBI. In any respect, Suspect is an interesting and thoughtful novel by a keen observer of the legal system.

Stuart Shiffman of Springfield, a retired judge and trial attorney, reviews courtroom fiction for Illinois Times.
Ides of October music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

No need to beware these Ides, for they come complete with good tidings of excellent live music simply there for you to enjoy. All that is needed is for said “you” to get out and participate in a number (or just one) of the many musical moments happening this week around town.

First, allow me to remind you of the upcoming concert, An Evening with Maria Alejandra Rodriguez, going on in the Hoogland Center for the Arts Club Room this Friday at 8 p.m. Maria, who I wrote about briefly last week, will sing and perform, accompanied by José Gobbo on guitar and Max Beckman on bass. Get your tickets at the HCFTA box office, and please do so in advance if you can. This is partly because Springfield has a reputation for buying tickets at the door or the day of the performance and that can be nerve-wracking on folks involved, and partly because then you will definitely go and not change your mind at the last minute, but mainly because this will be an astoundingly good show that you don’t and won’t want to miss. Go online to the Facebook event or the HCFTA ticket page to read up on this incredible artist, producer and composer from Venezuela now residing (lucky for us) in the States. Welcome, Maria, and have a great show.

There’s some good stuff on Thursday you should look up, but I am heading straight to Friday this week in order to get it all in, as they say. We haven't spent much Now Playing time in the bars lately and we should, as the outdoor libation/live music spaces so popular in the Springfield area are bursting at the stages with a last gasp to get in good gigs before the weather turns and we head inside for the winter. Here's your chance to see the consistently voted Best of Springfield cover band, Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters, at the consistently voted best live music (small) venue in town, the Curve Inn, when the two top shelf-ers meet on the same night in the same place this Friday. Stand back and look out, I say.

The high level of popular bands in well-liked venues continues unabated as Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas rock in and out at Long Bridge, Rosschool takes you to task at Blue Grouch, Soul Experience funk-t-fies Casey’s Pub and Grounded grooves the groove at Weebles.

As Friday feeds the fun with a little more laid-back sounds, here’s a shout-out to Tom Beverly & Geoff Ryan working it well at Brewhski’s Pub, Random Hands with Eva and Marla (that’s Eva Hunter, by the way, for you Springfield fans of that incredibly emotive singer and excellent songwriter) cueing up the hits at Mowie’s Cue, Blue Note Quintet bringing it all back home to Boones for the Friday Night Jazz music show and Joel Honey delivering his Jams to Maddy's down Divernon way.

Now keep your eyes (and ears) peeled for Saturday night as the killer lineups continue. Among several repeats from Friday and other local ‘peats who didn't already play this weekend, we have out of town guests Grady Spencer and the Work hoofing it all the way from Lubbock, Texas, to hit at Connor's Corner Pub in Talula. Among other Sunday Funday groups, a longtime (and I mean a longtime) favorite band of the area, Groove Daddies, take the dandy stage at Danenbergers for an afternoon show.

I think we can call that a weekend full of good stuff to do with another one on the way next week. Take care and until then...
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
Oct 13
Samba Llamas
BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm
Open mic with Joel Honey
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm
Mary Jo Curry Band
Casey’s Pub, 5-7pm
Jackpot Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Curve Inn, 7-11pm
J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

Friday
Oct 14
Roxschool
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm
Friday Night Jazz - Blue Note Quintet
Boone’s, 5:30-7:30pm
Johnnie Owens
Bourbon Street, 9pm-12am
Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan
Brewski’s Pub, 6:30-8:30pm
J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
Bunkers Bar, Illiopolis, 8pm-1am
Soul Experience
Casey’s Pub, 6:30-10:30pm
Captain Gecho and the Shrimp Shack Shooters
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30am
B-Flat Karaoke
Dew Chilli Parlor, 7-11pm
Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6-9:30pm
Joel Honey Jams
Maddy’s Tavern, Divernon, 6-11pm
Random Hands with Eva and Marla
Mowie’s Cue, 8pm-12am

Saturday
Oct 15
Jeff Young and the Bad Grandpas
Becky’s Good Time, Virginia, 8pm-12am
Gabe Marshall
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm
Mississippi Leghounds
Brookhills Golf Club, 3pm
Kirsten Osterholt and Lacey Minnis
Bullard’s 311 South Sixth, Morrisonville, 7-10pm
Grady Spencer and the Work
Connor’s Corner Pub, Tallula, 8pm
Highway 615
Curve Inn, 6-10pm
Lick Creek
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8pm
Positively 4th Street, The Tangents. Blue Country Revue
Mowie’s Cue, 6-10pm
Grounded
Third Base Sports Bar, 8-11pm
Adam Maletich
Wheat Street Winery, Rochester, 4-7pm
Stone Cold Cowboys
Weebles Bar & Grill, 6:30-10:30pm

Sunday
Oct 16
Groove Daddies
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 2-5pm
John Drake
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

Monday
Oct 17
Coldwater Creek
The Alamo, 7pm
Open mic with Joel Honey and Silas Tockey
Whiskey Jack’s Sports Bar, 8-11pm

Tuesday
Oct 18
J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke
The Alibi, Rochester, 8pm-12am
Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm
Open mic with John Stevens
George Rank’s, 7:30-10pm
Songwriter open mic with Tom Irwin
It’s All About Wine, 6-9pm
Jim Ackerman
Silver Sevens Bar and Grill, 6:30-9:30pm

Wednesday
Oct 19
Open mic
Boone’s, 7-10pm
Karaoke
Clique, 9pm-1am
Karaoke
Crow’s Mill Pub, 8pm
Karaoke with Debbie Cakes
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm
Karaoke with DJ Jeff
Whiskey Jack’s Sports Bar, 7pm

Lick Creek plays at Locals Bar, in Pawnee on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 6pm.

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ICASH BY THE NUMBERS

Reported to Treasurer’s Office 3/1/2022 – 2/28/2022

- Reports 20,914
- Properties 964,773
- Cash $152,646,606.73
- Stamps 26,346,960

Returned to Owners 3/1/2022 – 2/28/2022

- Number of paid claims 13,957
- Cash and Stamps value returned $220,437,305.56

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Submit online at: www.illinoistimes.com
Email: calendar@illinoistimes.com
Date, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

Special Music Events
Arlin and Erin
Sat., Oct. 15, 10am-12pm. Part of the Music at the Market series. Downtown, Fourth and Adams streets.
217-753-3519

An Evening with Maria Alejandra

Books & Authors
Author’s workshop with D. L. Dennis
Thu., Oct. 13, 5:30-7:30pm. A publishing and marketing seminar for the aspiring author presented by author D. L. Dennis. Learn about traditional publishing and self-publishing, plus secrets to a successful marketing plan after publishing. Registration required.

Kinky Boots the Musical

Book signing
Sat., Oct. 15, 10am-12pm. Local author Cinda Klickna will be reading and signing her children’s book, Out of the Beaks of Birds, Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 3111 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-546-9440.

Theater & Comedy
Brew Ha Ha

Chris Schlichting
Fri., Oct. 14, 8-10pm. A high school speech teacher by day and a stand-up comic by night, Chris is a funny, clean comedian who wins over any audience with clever material and natural charm. $15. Broadwalk, Petersburg, 101 North 7th St., 773-480-2326.

The Play That Goes Wrong
Oct. 14-16. Follow the antics of 50 professional ballet dancers gathered to bring the most famous love story to life. See the iconic Dance of the Little Swans, count the 32 fouettés performed by the Odile and immerse yourself in magical Tchaikovsky’s music. uis.pac. $35-$89. UIS Public Affairs Center (PAC), One University Plaza, 217-206-6073.

Art & Architecture
“Poly-wave: Seeds of Color and Shape”
Through Oct. 20. A solo exhibition by Chicago-based artist and UIS alum Mauricio Ramirez, who has developed a career as an accomplished muralist since graduating from UIS in 2012. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HS8 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

“Print Matters: Surviving No Matter What”
Oct. 15-16, 12-4pm. Opening reception for a comic and zine art show featuring tons of zines, comics and art inspired by them. Meet local and regional zine and comic makers, and discover acres of independently published print matter. DIM Art House, 319 Chatham Rd.

Auditions
Kinky Boots the Musical

Food & Drink
Old Capital Farmers Market
Wednesdays, Saturdays, 8am-1pm. Shop for fresh local produce, baked goods and products. Please note health guidelines will be followed. Old Capital Farmers Market, Fourth and Adams streets, 217-544-1723.

Springfield Poets and Writers open mic
Third Wednesday of every month, 6-8pm. Read some poetry, prose or nonfiction, whether your original work or the work of a favorite author. You can also just relax and listen. Get the Zoom link at springfieldpoetsandwriters.com. Free. 217-725-9058.

History
Friends of Genealogy

Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Virtual Conference
Sun., Oct. 16, 7pm. “Mid Century to Modern.” Live and on-demand lectures, Q&A sessions with experts, door prizes, workshops, and more. Registration deadline is October 13 and workshop space is limited. Go to ilgensoc.org and click on the 2022 Conference tab. $25-$45.

UIS History Harvest
Sat., Oct. 15, 10am-2pm. Hosted by the UIS history department. Bring photos, souvenirs and memorabilia from your travels, both recent and from the past, to “The Great Road Trip” History Harvest. UIS students will photograph or scan the items for inclusion in an online digital archive and exhibit, uis.edu. Free. Illinois State Museum, 502 S. Spring St., 217-207-7432.

Faith & Philosophy
Anticipation

Singer/songwriter Joe Avree
Sat., Oct. 15, 6-7pm. Avree’s songs are intended to strengthen Christian families and give hope to the nonbeliever. Springfield First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 3168 W. Jefferson St., 217-306-5617.

Holiday Happenings
Boo Crew Haunted House
Open every Friday and Saturday night through October. Both the Trail of Lost Souls and the haunted house are back this year. Concessions available. Boo victims should be at least age 10, but matinee hours are available for youngsters. Box office opens at 6:30pm. Haunting begins around 7pm. Rain or shine, $25-$40, matinee hours $15 and $5 for children. Boo Crew Haunted House, Mechanicshop, 11083 Buckhart Rd., 217-551-6989.

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular
Oct. 14-15, 6:30-9:30pm. A popular Springfield tradition featuring carillon music, lighting, sound effects, a unique Tree of Lights and food vendors. Proceeds benefit the Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon. Adults $7-10, children age 4-11 $5-$7 and ages 3 and under are free. Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-3853.

Terror on the Square
Fridays, Saturdays, 7-11pm.
A terrifying haunted tour with mystifying illusions. Do you dare enter the 1930s funeral home knowing that terror awaits? Go to terroronthesquare.com for the gory details and tickets. $23. Terror on the Square, Petersburg, 110 S. Seventh St., 217-632-2731.
Fairs & Festivals

The Harvest at The Gables
Sat., Oct. 15, 12-5pm. Family yoga sessions, costumes encouraged. Live music, Touch-A-Truck trick or treating 1-5pm. Kids' costume contest at 4pm. Free. The Gables, 2800 Plaza Dr. 733-3344.

Shoetober Fest
Sat., Oct. 15, 11am-4pm. An Oktoberfest-style festival with activities for the whole family to enjoy. Food trucks, inflatables, games. The Beer Tasting experience includes samples of all beers from all breweries in attendance, a can of Lucky Lager, admission and a souvenir 'Shoes beer bat mug. Admission $8 or $30 for beer tasting. Robin Roberts Stadium, 1415 N. Grand Ave. E., 217-753-0700.

Fundraisers and Galas

Blanket and Coat Fair
Sat., Oct. 15. Providing warm winter hoodies, hats, gloves and coats to families and individuals in need. Must show proof of need. Donations of items are still being taken. Volunteers are needed and must call before the date of the event to schedule an orientation. Freedom in Holiness Mission, 1430 Loveland Ave., 217-522-2527.

Fall GAYla
Fri., Oct. 14, 5:30pm. Silent auction, dinner, live auction, awards and cash bar. $50. 217-528-5253.

Great Futures Gala

Honoring Our Heritage Gala

Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk
Sat., Oct. 15, 2-3pm. Walk to promote mental health awareness and prevent suicide. Funds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for research, education, advocacy and support.

Children’s Corner

Children’s Art Auction
Oct. 17-21. Hosted by the Mini O’Beime Crisis Nursery and Heart of Wes Barr Foundation. Artists of all ages are welcome to submit completed artwork directly to the nursery. Submission deadline is Sep. 30. Bidding will take place on Oct. 17-22. All proceeds will help with the nursery’s technology upgrades. miniobeime.org.

Nature, Science & Environment

Bird Hike
Sat., Oct. 15, 8am. Join local birder Kevin Vears for seasonal migratory bird hikes that are open to all skill levels. No registration required. Free. Lincoln Memorial Garden, 2301 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-529-1111.

M.A.P.S. Satellite Hotel Rock Show

Oak Ridge Tree Tour

Lectures & Meetings

Altruus International of Springfield
Third Monday of every month, 6:30pm. The club is dedicated to service projects within the Springfield area. Welcoming new members and visitors. Laurel United Methodist Church, 631 S. Grand Ave. W., 217-331-8963.

Public Meeting
Thu., Oct. 13, 6-8pm. Join a discussion with key state leaders and faith-based and civic organizations about important public policy issues, such as temporary driver’s licenses, juvenile justice fines, gun violence, CO2 pipeline and the Safe-T Act. Call for advance registration info. Hosted by Gamaliel of IL-IA. Free. Monroe Street Christian Church, 1229 E. Monroe St., 217-361-7262.

Bulletin Board

Backgammon Club

Cat Show
Sat., Oct. 15, 10am-6pm and Sun., Oct. 16, 9am-5pm. See breeds such as Maine coon, Persian, exotic shorthair, Devon Rex, Bombay and British shorthair. Best Household Pet competition. Adoptable cats, vendors, bake sale with proceeds benefiting the Forever Home Feline Ranch. Hosted by the Lucky Tomcat Club and Tigers Lair Feline Fanatics. Seniors $5, adults $10, kids 6-12 $5, family of 4 $25. Illinois Building, Gate 1 (Main Gate), Illinois State Fairgrounds, 1101 E. Sangamon Ave., 217-883-7661.

Legal Aid
Third Monday of every month, 9am-3pm. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal help to eligible seniors. To Call 217-503-4643 to make an appointment. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

Ride 4 Life
Sun., Oct. 16. Ride at 10am. Celebration at 1pm. Join former BMX racer, Justin Harris, to help celebrate life and promote awareness for handicapped individuals. Food, music and socializing at the park pavilion. Lincoln Park, Fifth Street and Sangamon Avenue, 217-544-1751.

Sports

For the People Speaker Series: Jason Benetti
Tue., Oct. 18, 7-8pm. Diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a child, Jason never let barriers stand in the way of realizing his goals. He worked on air in sports while earning degrees in broadcast journalism, economics and psychology; and later from law degree. That led him to opportunities with ESPN and to becoming the lead announcer for the Chicago White Sox. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8934.
Estate sale. 4616 Lily Lane  Spfld IL 62703  . October 14 and 15. 9am-4:00. Cash only. All sales final. Buyer responsible for moving furniture/large items. Included in the sale: 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche, two sets of truck rims, dining china cabinet, various small side tables, small desk, vintage bedroom chests of drawers, two large flat screen TVs, Living room leather club chair, foot stool, leather side/slipper chair and other furniture items. Many new male clothing items, (hats, ties, shirts, trendy boots, etc), lamps and various wall decor items. Collectibles including decorated plates, vintage china, everyday kitchen tools, also some sports memorabilia and lots more odds and ends. October 14 & 15. See you there!
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on August 17, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on November 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of the sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**BANKNOTED N.A.**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs.**

**Randal S. Thomas Belczak (6193705)**

**Laura J. Anderson (6224385)**

**Debra Miller (6205477)**

**Amy Aronson (6306039)**

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

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**FORECLOSURE LAW.**

**REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS**

by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/2-505d.

The judgment amount was $51,129.44. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify the information. If YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

**Notice of Sheriff’s Sale:**

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on August 17, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs.**

**Jack L Campbell, Sheriff, #1 Sheriff’s Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of the sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.**

Say said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 1411 North 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702

**Permanent Index No.: 14-22-0.308-025 Improvements: Single Family Residential**

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

The judgment amount was $84,176.32. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. If YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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**Permanent Index No.: 14-43-0.251-024 Improvements: Single Family Residential**

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

The judgment amount was $51,110.38. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify the information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Please be ADVISED that IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR SPECIALIZED LOAN TRUST 2007-02 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES**

**vs.**

**Peterson Persinger a/v Richard P. Persinger, Madison County, Illinois**

**MIDFIRST BANK**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs.**

**Peter Kromah a/v Peter S. Kromah; SN1, LLC, State of Illinois; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NO-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS**

**DEFENDANTS:**

**NO. 22 FC 20**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE**

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 17, 2022, Sheriff of Sangamon County, Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

**ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

Plaintiff’s attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Estate of:

Spencer E. Barkley, Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-370
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Spencer E. Barkley, of Sangamon County, Illinois, to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

In the Matter of the Estate of:

WILLIAM LEE MILLER, Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-362
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of William Lee Miller of Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2022, to Pamela S. Aborg, 60809 Windsor Court, Bend, Oregon 97702, and to the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 20, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

In the Matter of the Estate of:

RICHARD J. DHABALT, Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-379
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Richard J. Dhabalt of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 6, 2022, to Larme L. McClel-ker, 4825 Sweetbriar Lane, Athens, Illinois 62631, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 6, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

In the Matter of the Estate of:

JOYCE E. STOCKUS, DECEASED

Case No. 2022-PR-380
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Joyce E. Stockus of Sangamon County, Illinois, Letters of Office were issued on October 3, 2022, to Tina Kirk, 125 Blue Springs, Sherman, Illinois 62684, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 3, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

In the Matter of the Estate of:

JUDY D. RAMSEY, Deceased

Case No. 2022-PR-382
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Judy D. Ramsey of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on October 21, 2022, to Lorraine A. Quon, 1215 South Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, and to the Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, 1700 S. Fifth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before April 20, 2023, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Claims filed from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
R. PHILLIP REED

Case No.: 2022-PR-353

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JACK P. CHILDRESS,

Case No.: 2022-PR-356

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY FRANCES FARMER

Case No.: 2022-PR-383

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JANET D. ARGENTA,

Case No.: 2022-PR-374

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BERTHA JEAN HOULIS-BERGEN

Case No.: 2022-MR-388

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARREN D. ARGENT

Case No.: 2022-PR-371

IN PROBATE

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JANET D. ARGENTA

Case No.: 2022-PR-367

IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JASON FLYNN

Case No.: 2022-MR-417

IN PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY ANNE VINCNET

Case No.: 2022-PR-364

IN DEATH CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA ANN MCLYDO, deceased

Case No.: 2022-PR-00357

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA ANN MCLYDO

Case No.: 2022-PR-00357

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARREN D. ARGENT

Case No.: 2022-PR-371

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Case No.: 2022-PR-367

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Case No.: 2022-MR-417

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JASON FLYNN

Case No.: 2022-MR-417

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois

Petitioner: the marriage of Jason Flynn, Petitioner

And

Angel Spatafora, Respondent

Case No.: 2022-PR-366

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Helen Phan Sang

Case No.: 2022-MR-417

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SAN GAMBON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY J. WISE

Case No.: 2022-MR-415

PUBLIC NOTICE
Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspec-
tion prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was $84,176.32.

The requisite affidavit for publication provided additional information other than

Debra Miller (6205477)

Bannockburn, IL 60015

LOGS Legal Group LLP

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2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301

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(6277119)

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Debra Miller (602654)

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Said property is commonly known as 419 South New Street, Springfield, IL 62704

Permanent Index No.: 14-22-026-008

Improvements: Single Family Residential

For information on how to bid and purchase the property, please visit the website of the Sangamon County Circuit Court (www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp) or contact Mr. Plummer at (217) 784-1589. The requisite affidavit for publication has been filed, notice is hereby given you, the purported mortgagor (homeowner), and any person claiming an interest in the property by virtue of inheritance, gift, purchase, or otherwise make your appearance therein, answer the complaint, and otherwise defend your rights within 30 days after the publication of the notice or the last publication of the notice.

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MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS BANK OF SPRINGFIELD, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff v. MITCHELL T. BARNOSKY, DANIELLE R. BARNOSKY, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2022-CV-200

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILS 5/1512 and 15 1502 and Sec. 2 206 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is November 20, 2022.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on October 3, 2022.

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are as follows: Bank of Springfield, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2022-CV-194.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois.

(iii) The names of the title holder of record: Jessica L. Watson

(iv) Legal description and common address of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty are as follows:

Lot 154 in Harvard Park, an addition to the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois, and legally described as:

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OR DECREED BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Dated 9/20/2022 Clerk of the Circuit Court
YOU, LAW PARTNERS, P.C.
1300 South 6th Street, Suite 2
Springfield, IL 62703
Phone 217-544-8500
B01-92788

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
J. P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., Plaintiff,
vs.
Cindy Bramblett, et. al., Defendants.
Re: Estate of Gary L. Bramblett, deceased.
No. 2022-FC-154

NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GARY L. BRAMBLETT, deceased.
Notice is given of the death of Gary L. Bramblett. The Court has appointed Dan E. Way as Special Representative for Gary L. Bramblett, deceased, and the above-entitled estate seeking a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale on property located at 120 N. 22nd St., Springfield, IL 62702.

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

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

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 760

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JoshJosh answers from #759

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