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# Advocating for animals

Some welfare groups contend recent deaths at Animal Control were preventable

NEWS | Scott Reeder

As a virus has swept through kennels and allegations of incompetence and wrongdoing have pulsed across the internet and within the halls of local government, at least 17 cats have died that were once housed at the Sangamon County Animal Shelter.

The deaths have sparked talk by Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder of outsourcing the service the city now pays the county to perform. The municipality is about halfway through a three-year contract with the county.

Both county officials and animal advocates agree that there is a shortage of personnel keeping the kennels clean and of veterinarians keeping the animals healthy. Both situations may have contributed to the outbreak of several diseases within the shelter.

“It used to be that veterinarians would come in and work for two hours, four days a week,” said Dr. Tom Thornburg, a veterinarian who worked periodically at the shelter until he retired about six months ago.

Today, veterinarians work at the shelter between two and four hours total each week.

“This is a real problem – a national problem,” said Andy Van Meter, chairman of the Sangamon County Board. “We do not have enough veterinarians in this community.”

Further aggravating the problem is that several large Springfield-area veterinary practices have been quietly purchased by national conglomerates that prohibit their veterinarians from working at the pound or at other practices, said Jane McBride, a lawyer specializing in animal law and president of Illinois Humane, an animal welfare group.

There are two veterinarians who work at the shelter occasionally: a horse specialist from Rochester and a small animal practitioner from Springfield.

Shelters are particularly vulnerable to outbreaks of disease because the animals live in



WILD Canine Rescue and PAWS for Life held a protest outside Sangamon County Animal Control on Oct. 16.

PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

close proximity and there is a constant influx of strays that may be infected with various diseases, including the cat herpes virus, or feline viral rhinotracheitis.

Once infected, a cat will carry the virus for life. At times of stress, it manifests itself as an upper respiratory disease that also causes inflammation of eye tissues. While feline herpes is seldom fatal, it can leave the animal vulnerable to secondary infections, such as distemper, which often is fatal.

“Airborne diseases are just about impossible to contain in an animal shelter,” Thornburg said. “Ideally, you wouldn’t take in animals that might be sick. But that really isn’t an option for a shelter; their job is to take in strays.”

Several animal welfare groups are lobbying for SCAC executive director Greg Largent to

be removed from his position, blaming him for the disease outbreak.

“There is a shortage of people working in the kennels. He ought to be back there helping out,” said Jill Egizii, president of the nonprofit WILD Canine Rescue.

Others contend the facility is filthy.

“Those poor animals out there have to eat and sleep where they poop and pee,” said Mary Coventry of Friends of Sangamon County Animal Control, a volunteer group associated with SCAC.

“People will have these big, crazy rallies. And I hope this isn’t some dramatic push. I hope this actually brings change, because we have been working for this for years,” she said.

But county board chairman Van Meter said there is little evidence that the director of the facility is at fault. He noted that he supervises a unionized workforce but few formal grievances have been filed against him. Van Meter noted that hiring entry-level employees, which includes kennel workers, is a struggle for employers throughout Sangamon County.

“Virtually every enterprise in our community is struggling with inadequate staffing levels,” Van Meter said. “Our undermanned animal control staff has worked diligently to provide the service our community rightfully expects. But no organization is perfect. We are sure that our operation can be improved.”

The shortage of veterinarians to work at the shelter is also something out of the director’s control, he added.

“My understanding is he has written to every veterinarian in Sangamon County asking for help, and he hasn’t received much of a response,” Van Meter said. “Most vets are busy in their own practices.”

While the veterinarian shortage is widespread, it is particularly pronounced in communities in downstate Illinois, said Larry Firkins, an associate dean at University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Van Meter added many of Largent’s critics have ulterior motives.

“Some of the people want his job for themselves, while others want to have a big voice in who fills the job,” he said.

WILD Canine Rescue alleged in a news release that animals in the shelter are being improperly euthanized. Animals are typically put down by shelter staff rather than by veterinarians, Thornburg said.

“Oh, sure, if we were there and they asked us to put an animal down, we would,” he said. “But typically, that was done by the staff.” Thornburg said during the years he was a veterinarian at the shelter he never saw evidence of improper techniques being used to euthanize dogs or cats.

The county has requested that the Illinois State Police investigate allegations made against staff and leadership alleging criminal abuse or neglect of animals. On Monday, a veterinarian from the Department of Agriculture conducted a surprise inspection of the shelter and found no violations. Staci Slager, the department’s bureau chief for animal health and welfare, said the facility was previously inspected March 12 and no violations were found at that time either.

Mayor Langfelder said city council members are receiving complaints about conditions at the shelter and that he is open to seeing if any private nonprofit groups in the community would have the capacity and necessary resources to eventually replace the county in providing animal control services.

“First, we would ask: ‘Do you have the capacity to provide the service like the county’s currently doing? And two, can you do it as well or better?’ You have to do it better, otherwise why do it?” □

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## Editor’s note

One of this state’s wicked problems is that health in Illinois isn’t equal or equitable. The George Floyd protests in the midst of a pandemic were a stark reminder that Black Lives don’t last as long as others, and that racial and low-income health disparities have been neglected. Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, has ideas and energy to use lessons learned from COVID-19 to eliminate barriers that leave whole groups behind. As she explained during an Oct. 19 webinar, her solutions go well beyond vaccines, though those are necessary. Ezike’s vision includes: Continued robust funding, not just now but for the long term. Increased trust from underserved communities, developed through honest communication over time. And attracting new young leaders to the exciting field of public health. “This is the most noble work that people can do,” she says. —Fletcher Farrar, editor

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# The driver behind the coat drive

Alyce Lyle wants Springfield to have a better attitude about the east side

PROFILE | Maria Gardner

During the brisk morning, a visitor held up a coat wondering if the item would be a good fit. Sherrie Henderson said the coat and blanket drive held by Freedom in Holiness Mission on Loveland Avenue is convenient because it occurs right before winter arrives.

“They wash everything and there are no bugs,” Henderson said. A regular visitor to the event held every fall, she said it’s helped her save money over the years when clothing several of her children.

Over 200 coats of all styles and sizes, winter gear and blankets were available for people to take as needed at the event. The lady in charge sat on the front porch of the Mission, which gave her an overview of the scene – visitors browsing through the various blankets and quilts, while volunteers, wearing masks, held off the wind from blowing items away.

Alyce Lyle said she began organizing this event in 1992 because it’s what she has known all her life. “My mom and dad gave a hand to anybody who went down the dusty road in Tennessee,” Lyle said. She grew up in the South in Clarksville, 50 miles northwest of Nashville, in a log cabin on a sharecropper farm where her family resided for generations, raising mainly tobacco.

The seventh out of 12 children, she remembers helping her mother stuff cotton inside sewn squares to make quilts. And yet, she recalls there were cold nights, and sometimes not enough cover to go around.

A retired schoolteacher, or educator, as Lyle prefers to be known, she dedicates herself to organizing community programs such as tutoring, an Easter basket and New Year’s Food basket giveaway. These events take place on the east side of Springfield throughout the year.

On Dec. 4, the Mission will host board game tournaments for children from three to 16 years old at Lincoln Library from 11-2:30 p.m.

Lyle’s long-term project is the development of an outside photo gallery of east side residents. She said negative news reports of this part of the city have not put her neighborhood in a good light. “They made the east side sound so ugly,” she said.

Lyle recalled asking herself, “What can I put over here to give people a better attitude about the east side? And, what can I do to include the people of the east side in a project on this lot?” With this venture, she aims to give east side residents an opportunity to collectively create another beautification project on the block and



Alyce Lyle, overseeing the coat drive. She organizes events like this because that’s how she was raised: “My mom and dad gave a hand to anybody who went down the dusty road in Tennessee.” PHOTO BY MARIA GARDNER.

project another view of the neighborhood for the rest of the city to see.

Her vision entails seven billboards sized eight feet wide by four feet tall, standing five and a half feet off the ground, spread out over a path on a plot of land she’s owned for several years. Each billboard she plans to be double-sided containing 200 pictures. She has the plot of land fenced, but still needs a permit to install the parking lot. A city official, she said, has completely ignored her requests for specification requirements, while finding time to reach out to the architects and paving contractors she’s hired.

Lyle said she’s knocked on countless doors, but has not received any funding for this project. She said a bank has pledged support, but declined to say how much they committed. She said \$12,000 from her savings could pay for the parking lot, but her daughter cautions her against using that.

Meanwhile, Lyle is accepting pictures for the project. She’ll require individuals to sign consent forms, giving their consent to

participate.

Mary Palmer, one of the volunteers, sat quite photogenic as she handed visitors large bags to put their items in during the coat and blanket giveaway. Palmer, a retired nursing assistant, has been volunteering with the Mission for six years. She said Lyle is a hard worker, kind, and generous, who knows exactly what she wants. “You have to learn her, just like we all have to learn each other,” she said.

Lyle already has selected her photo for the gallery. In the picture, she has in her left hand a hoe and in her right a batch full of peanuts, just pulled out of the ground, proudly showing the fruits of her labor. Pictures of any size or donations can be dropped off at the Freedom in Holiness Mission, a registered 501c3, located at 1430 Loveland Ave. in Springfield. For more information, call Alyce Lyle at 217-522-2527. □

*Maria Gardner is a graduate student with the Public Affairs Reporting program based at University of Illinois Springfield.*



Casey Conn of Obed and Isaac’s and volunteer “curator” Mary Coker PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

## Art on the menu at Obed and Isaac’s

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

At Obed and Isaac’s, you can acquire art along with your amber ale. Several dozen original works of art by Springfield artists grace the walls surrounding the dining tables. The art contributes to the décor of this popular microbrewery and eatery in downtown Springfield. All of the work is for sale. While enjoying your food and drink, take time to savor the art.

Obed and Isaac’s will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February. Art has been a part of this establishment from nearly the beginning, thanks to Mary Coker, who approached the Conn family with the idea. Casey Conn says the Conn family is committed to helping the community. They source products locally as much as possible, so it is a perfect fit to showcase local artists and give them exposure.

Coker rotates the art monthly, communicates with participating artists and coordinates a review process to accept new artists. “This is the best unpaid job I’ve ever had,” says Coker. She started painting 10 years ago after a long career as an Avon district manager overseeing more than 500 independent representatives. Her inspiration came from taking drawing and painting classes at Lincoln Land Community College.

There are currently nine participating artists – Rob Campbell, Mary Coker, Yinka Fatoki, Dave Hinds, Phil Locascio, Brian McKenzie, Felicia Olin, Tracey Maras and Kate Worman-Becker. Many are familiar names in the Springfield art scene.

The art ranges from serious to whimsical, abstract to realistic, landscapes to caricatures, in a diversity of media such as pastels, watercolors, acrylics and photography. If you are more likely to go to a bar or restaurant than an art gallery, take advantage of this opportunity to view and purchase local art. If you are a shopper or art aficionado, visit the several shops and galleries downtown that feature local artists and add Obed and Isaac’s to your shopping destinations. “This is an opportune time to buy art,” says Coker. “The supply chain isn’t broken here.” □

# Legislators back in town

Session preview: Congressional remap, Parental Notice of Abortion, Health Care Right of Conscience Act up for debate

STATEHOUSE | Jerry Nowicki, Capitol News Illinois

Illinois' first congressional remap draft is out but changes could be in store as lawmakers returned to Springfield this week for the first of their final two weeks of scheduled session in 2022.

It's customary for lawmakers to meet each fall to consider overriding or accepting any of the governor's vetoes or amendatory vetoes of legislation passed in the regular session. The two-week period is generally referred to as the fall "veto session."

But this year, lawmakers took their override votes when they were in town to consider a recently passed energy regulatory overhaul bill, leaving no more veto business to be considered over the next two weeks.

Instead, the congressional maps will be the main topic of discussion during the fall session, while lawmakers are also considering repealing a Parental Notice of Abortion law and making changes to the state's Health Care Right of Conscience Act to strengthen the governor's ability to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations or testing requirements, among other potential actions.

## Congressional remap

Lawmakers unveiled draft congressional maps Oct. 15. But if they follow a similar process to the one taken to approve state legislative district maps earlier this year, there will likely be changes to the boundaries ahead of their final passage.

The remap effort will have national implications, as it will create the congressional boundaries for the next 10 years, including for the first midterm election under President Joe Biden next year.

The U.S. House is split 220-212 in favor of Democrats with three seats currently vacant – two last held by Democrats and one last held by a Republican. With Democrats firmly in control of the remap process in Illinois, national observers have noted the state would be pivotal to Democrats maintaining the balance of power in the House.

Illinois will have 17 congressional districts to draw this year, down from the 18 it had for the past 10 years, due to a population decline since the 2010 U.S. Census. Currently, the state has 13 Democratic congressional representatives and five Republicans, but observers have noted the Democrats have several pathways to drawing a map to give the party a 14-3 advantage in the state.



## Parental Notice of Abortion

Currently, Illinois has a law on the books stating "no person shall knowingly perform an abortion" on a person under the age of 18 unless the physician's office "has given at least 48 hours actual notice to an adult family member of the pregnant minor."

The notice requirement doesn't apply if a minor is accompanied by an adult family member or if an adult family member waives the notice in writing. Additionally, there are exceptions for minors who are victims of physical or sexual abuse or neglect by an adult family member. The law also allows for "judicial bypass," meaning the courts can waive the requirement in certain circumstances. The law does not require parental consent.

House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch was the cosponsor of a bill to repeal the parental notification requirement earlier this year, contained in House Bill 1797. That measure stalled in committee, but advocates have restarted the push in recent weeks to repeal the notice. Last week, Gov. JB Pritzker said he was in favor of repealing the parental notice law, although he was unsure if it would come for a vote in the veto session.

## Health Care Right of Conscience

Pritzker has mandated vaccine or testing requirements for state workers in congregate settings, for health care providers and for school employees – although negotiations with one of the major unions representing many of those workers are still ongoing.

Now, the governor is seeking a change to an existing state law that some are using to defy the mandates and testing requirements based on religious beliefs.

The Health Care Right of Conscience Act defines conscience as "a sincerely held set of moral convictions arising from belief in and relation to God, or which, though not so derived, arises from a place in the life of its possessor parallel to that filled by God among adherents to religious faiths." On those lines, certain care can be refused.

The governor's office has been promoting legislation that would narrow the allowable exemptions when it comes to COVID-19 requirements, although a spokesperson did not identify the exact language it was pursuing.

## Unemployment

The state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has a deficit of \$4.4 billion, according to the U.S. Treasury. This week, lawmakers are not expected to pass a long-term solution to pay down the debt – those talks are likely to come in the regular budgeting process next year.

But a major insurance premium hike for businesses and benefit cuts for people claiming unemployment is scheduled to take effect in January without legislative action, so negotiators on the unemployment front said the tentative plan is to push off the effective date of those rate changes to give lawmakers more time to consider a long-term fix. □

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Washington Park in a more colorful year.

PHOTO BY KAREN WITTER

## Don't give up on fall colors

CAP CITY | Karen Ackerman Witter

It's that special time of year in the Midwest when we are treated to the beauty of trees turning vibrant shades of red, yellow and orange. As temperatures and daylight hours drop, so does the production of chlorophyll which allows the carotenoids in the leaves to reveal their colorful pigments. With the onset of fall, anthocyanins are produced as a result of sugar being trapped in the leaves' veins. The proportion of all these pigments determines the color, and different tree species have different proportions.

Predicting the vibrancy of fall colors is not a precise science, but October is projected to be the best time to view fall colors in the Land of Lincoln. For up-to-date information check out the Fall Color Report, a joint initiative of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Office of Tourism. Information is posted weekly and includes what's being seen that week and the best places to view fall colors in four different regions of the state <https://www.enjoyillinois.com/plan-your-trip/seasonal-adventures/fall-travel-in-illinois/illinois-fall-color-report/>.

Guy Sternberg of Starhill Forest Arboretum in Petersburg explains that our colors typically last a long time because we have a diversity of tree species, and they turn color sequentially. Cottonwoods and sumacs change color early, then maples, followed by hickories, then oaks and other species. Weather has a big impact on fall color, and each type of tree has its own reasons for coloring. Sternberg says this year's extreme fluctuating weather and insect and disease outbreaks may make many trees less vibrant. To best enjoy fall colors, visit sites with a lot of species diversity, and return multiple times to witness the changes as each species takes its turn revealing its unique hue. □



Two Springfield police officers responded to a disturbance call at All In One Laundry Center & Services but took time to play with the children there.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PAMELA FRAZIER

## Archival memory #35

My grandpa – minister turned farmer didn't go to church, said his deafness prevented his getting much from it but grama loved all meetings she had a willing escort in Mr. Griffiths a long-time employee until Mr. G started courting Josie grama's helper with all the big housework grama lost her driver into town events – my big sister recalls Josie saying with shining middle-age face "Joan today is my wedding day!" but I recall grama saying with an emphatic sniff, "He doesn't love her he just wants a housekeeper!"

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## LETTERS

We welcome letters. Please include your full name, address and telephone number. We edit all letters. Send them to [editor@illinoistimes.com](mailto:editor@illinoistimes.com).

### KUDOS TO OFFICERS

With all that is going on in this world, I felt moved to personally acknowledge the officer in this picture, along with a fellow officer who came to All In One Laundry Center & Services for a disturbance. This picture demonstrates the sincere humanity of this officer for taking time to address the matter at hand and going above the call of duty to entertain this lovely young lady for a moment in time.

As the business owner, I encourage all to come by and visit as we welcome and promote kindness at All In One Laundry Center & Services.  
*Pamela Frazier  
Springfield*

### SAVE THE TREES

It's a real shame Oak Ridge Cemetery recently cut down so many beautiful, healthy trees in the tomb area, apparently to sell vanity plots ("Oct. 16 Oak Ridge Cemetery tour features historic and rare trees," Oct. 14). They also killed off the amazing tree by the entrance near the war memorials. Seems no one knew tree care 101 and built up a big pile of mulch

along the trunk and rotted it away.

*Kathy Trager  
Via Facebook.com/illinoistimes*

### NO PAROLE

Scott Reeder's opinion piece talks about victims' families equating the value of their loved one's life to the severity of the punishment the killer receives ("Parole offers hope for offenders, while victims relive trauma," Oct. 14). Well, it is far more than that. It is having to watch a person who willingly committed murder eventually walk free while your loved one is in their grave. No chances were given to the victim. The victim received a life sentence the day that criminal took their life away.

Now maybe there are loved ones who can forgive, and that is wonderful. But there are some who can't, and they shouldn't have to. They move on with life without their loved one. Every anniversary, birthday or special occasion is a crushing reminder that their loved one is in their grave at the hands of someone who knew right from wrong.

I had a close friend lose her sister to a heinous murder that shook this nation to its core in 1969. Those that committed the murders and the one that masterminded it thought nothing of what they did to seven people, slaughtering them, then laughing at their trials and for years after, showing no remorse. It was only after years

in prison they decided to say they turned their lives around, except the mastermind.

I had to watch what it put that family through: How the mother, father and my friend grieved heavily to the day they died. They attended parole hearings to keep these people in prison, which caused them to relive that crime over and over. And now the other sister lives on, desperately trying to keep these animals in prison. They initially received the death penalty, but it was converted to life with the possibility of parole when California overturned the death penalty. Why they were given a chance at parole is beyond me. They initially were to receive death.

If a person is wrongfully convicted or commits a murder in passion there should be mitigating circumstances, but not for those who cold-heartedly take a life and leave the loved ones to grieve forever. So I do not think reconsidering the life without parole sentence is right.  
*Cheryl Bast  
Sycamore, Illinois*

### CONGRATS

This is wonderful ("Hindu Temple to open Oct. 13-17," Oct. 14). Congratulations to the community for their hard work and dedication bringing them this far.

*Jen D. Rock  
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**OPINION**

# Governor under pressure to address gun violence

**POLITICS | Rich Miller**

Catholic priest and Chicago community activist Michael Pfleger has now twice called on Gov. JB Pritzker to declare a “state of emergency” over his city’s notorious gun violence problems.

The first time was this past July, when Fr. Pfleger demanded that Pritzker issue a similar emergency declaration to the one announced by New York’s then-governor Andrew Cuomo. Pfleger repeated his demand again last week after a security guard and a little girl were injured by gunfire outside of a school.

The Democrat Cuomo issued his emergency declaration about a month before he finally resigned his office in disgrace. A chorus was building against him for a variety of reasons, including numerous sexual harassment claims. His emergency declaration was seen by some at the time as a way to distract from the growing calls for his immediate ouster.

As far as the substance goes, there wasn’t much in former Gov. Cuomo’s declaration that the state of Illinois isn’t already doing. Cuomo unilaterally increased spending on violence interruption and youth job programs, which Illinois did in its current fiscal year’s budget.

Cuomo’s declaration also created a new Office of Gun Violence Prevention, but the Illinois legislature has already done that here.

Cuomo created a gun trafficking interdiction program to stem the flow of guns from other states, but that’s already being done here, too.

Cuomo was criticized by New York Republicans for not also rolling back some of the state’s criminal justice reforms passed two years earlier, but Illinois’ reforms haven’t even taken effect yet, so they aren’t contributing to the problem, no matter what some ill-informed blowhards might be saying.

Look, the hard truth is, if there was a legal magic wand that could be waved to immediately solve the nation’s violence problem, it would’ve already been waved years ago.

Even so, the Chicago news media has long been notorious for amplifying mostly empty but very loud calls to “Do something right now!” about violence. Mayors Richard M. Daley, Rahm Emanuel and now Lori Lightfoot have all been pilloried for failing to adequately address the city’s violence problems. Remember when another disgraced governor, Rod Blagojevich, threatened to call out the Illinois National Guard over Mayor Daley’s opposition? Blago

got a ton of news media coverage for that, which, like Cuomos, is what his threat was really all about.

One thing deserving attention is a better understanding of what’s actually going on.

For instance, we are told over and over that gun violence in our cities is a gang problem. But a study conducted this year of Chicago police incident data for 34,000 shootings during the past decade found that detectives “labeled fewer than three in 10 of them gang-related,” according to The Trace. In 2020, the city’s police department claimed 43% of fatal shootings were gang-related, down from 70% five years earlier. But that police data is probably unreliable, so we don’t really know.

There are surely other things that can be done which are working elsewhere. And the current violent surge began with the COVID-19 pandemic, so it might eventually subside on its own once (hopefully) the pandemic finally recedes.

Some things take time. You can’t snap your fingers and bring back factories to the inner cities, or get rid of guns, or force people to trust the police and stop fearing

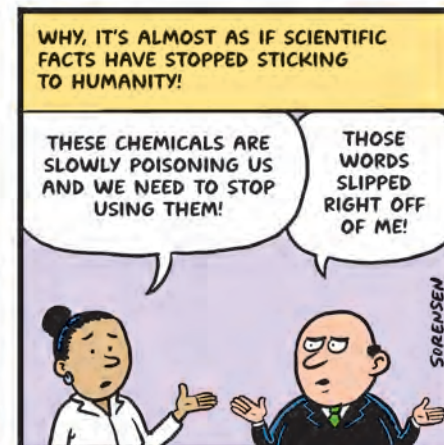
neighborhood killers.

In the meantime, it wouldn’t kill the governor to be more aggressive in informing the public of what the state has done so far and what can be done in the future. He often tries to distance himself from local crime problems to the point where he comes off as uninvolved or uninterested.

Pritzker has done some good things, including vastly expanding violence interruption and prevention programs, but even then, the money spent to treat violence like a public health issue is a relative drop in the bucket of what’s likely needed.

More funding for mental health programs is a no-brainer. This country’s track record on dealing with mentally ill people is beyond shameful. Schools should have counselors. Neighborhoods should have clinics with easy access. Police, nurses, doctors and so many others should get all the help they need so they can better deal with the devastation they engage with every day.

This stuff isn’t free, obviously. Magic wands are free, but they don’t exist. Make the case for more spending on real solutions and move the state forward. □



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# Forgiveness or enforcement?

WEEKLY REEDER | Scott Reeder

I'm not sure if I really understand forgiveness, but I can acknowledge its value. I'm sure at a loss as to how it works, though.

By one count, the Bible has 62 passages with the word "forgive" and 27 with "forgiveness," but nowhere does it say exactly how to do it.

I remember sitting in the kitchen of a woman who had been shot three times by a criminal who also murdered a relative and allegedly raped another. The woman is a devout Christian, but 30 years after the crimes she still struggles. As to whether she has forgiven, she looked at the linoleum and said simply, "I've tried."

Still, two minutes of senseless violence more than three decades ago has emotionally tethered her to the killer.

She didn't testify against him at parole hearings because she wanted to forgive. She has prayed continually to absolve the man who wronged her. Still, she wonders if she has reached a state of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is hard.

It's important to remember that we forgive not just for the benefit of the one who wronged us but for ourselves as well. Holding a grudge is like drinking a bottle of poison and expecting that it will harm the person who wronged you.

During the past few weeks, I've pondered forgiveness, not just on the individual level but on a societal level.

I first started thinking about it when I chatted with Michael Vujovich. The state refused to renew the Petersburg man's gun permit because when he was 13, he was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle and served 12 months of probation.

How long ago was this? Well, John F. Kennedy was president.

In the years since, he served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam, graduated from college and law school and spent 44 years as a state prosecutor. Despite keeping his nose clean for decades, he doesn't expect to go deer hunting this year because a mistake from his childhood came back to haunt him.

Bureaucracies don't forgive, they enforce.

On Thursday, I sat across a desk from a Springfield man, Lynard Joiner. He was convicted of dealing crack cocaine and served 17 years in federal prison. When he was released, he was a marked man.

Employers wanted nothing to do with an ex-offender. Neither did landlords, nor banks. Finding a place to live and a job to support himself was nearly impossible. But he persevered and committed himself to helping others. He works at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Illinois and owns a food trailer with his brother. He now tries to help other ex-offenders.

Although we are more than a quarter century removed from his legal transgressions, he's still barred from consideration for many government jobs. And he's been turned away from even menial positions in restaurants.

He remembers his experience with an area hotel. "They let me work for about two weeks. Then they called me down to HR and said 'Mr. Joiner, oh, we love everything you're doing. You're a great cook, man. You're very dependable, but there is a problem. You have a felony conviction.' I said, 'Yeah, I put that on the application and we talked about it during the interview.' And then they said, 'You have, Mr. Joiner. But you just slipped through the cracks. Our policy doesn't allow us to hire ex-offenders.' So, they terminated me immediately."

Again, bureaucracies don't forgive, they enforce.

As Joiner told me this sad tale, I couldn't help but wonder, "Is society hurting itself when it fails to forgive men like Vujovich and Joiner? Could it be we all are drinking the proverbial cup of poison thinking it will hurt someone other than ourselves?"

When I see "help wanted" signs across the community, I can't help but wonder how many jobs remain unfilled because they won't consider someone who has a mistake in their past?

Don't get me wrong, people should be held accountable for their offenses. But once they have paid their debt to society, should we keep on punishing? □

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After serving 17 years in prison for drug offenses, Lynard Joiner struggled to find a job and housing when he re-entered society. The Springfield resident now tries to help other ex-offenders.

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# Public meetings should be in-person

Virtual meetings helped during a pandemic. But that should be an exception, not the rule.

GUESTWORK | Don Craven, Illinois Press Association

Should residents be allowed to have chickens within city limits? Should the city-owned hospital be sold? What programs should the school district cut to have a balanced budget? How should students be allowed to dress in school? Every city council or school board has issues large and small that impact the lives of the people it serves.

Even matters that may seem trivial are important to someone. It is the duty of public officials on public bodies to give every matter serious consideration. And it is the duty of citizens to whom those matters are important to provide input.

Those duties are most effectively carried out in person, during in-person interactions.

Meetings of city councils, school boards and other public bodies are opportunities for community residents to voice their opinions, and for public officials to hear them. Those meetings, many times held in a room full of people with passionate and sometimes opposing viewpoints, are fundamental and vital processes that play out in all Illinois communities.

The impact of those vital interactions has been diminished since the pandemic forced many public meetings to be held virtually. Now, there is a bill in the Illinois Senate that would give government entities the power to conduct any meeting electronically, not in person, for any reason. The bill is a threat to our democracy, and must not become law.

Senate Bill 482 was introduced in February by Sen. Christina Castro, D-Elgin. It did not make it out of committee during the regular

session, but it could be considered when the legislature begins its fall veto session this week. The legislation is a top agenda item for the Illinois Municipal League.

The bill would amend the Open Meetings Act by modifying requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members.

The bill's proponents believe virtual meetings are more efficient and transparent than those held in person. Nothing could be further from the truth. Anyone who has attended a virtual meeting or family gathering during the past 18 months – who hasn't?! – knows that discussions are shorter and ultimately less effective when they are not held

in person, face to face. Dialogue simply isn't as meaningful when we're all in different rooms.

In public meetings, people are more reluctant to provide input if they are forced to do it remotely. There's just something about being able to look a board member in the eye, and gauge their reactions, in person. Often, that board member will look back at you.

And there's much to be said about the access a resident or reporter has to a public official once the meeting has concluded. They're in the room. In a virtual meeting, the "leave" button is an escape hatch for any public official who wishes to have no further conversation.

Certainly, the pandemic was a valid reason for taking proceedings from council chambers to a Zoom room. But it was simply an

exception to the rule, a need that no longer exists as we all return to a safer normal. The public has a right to interact with their elected officials, face to face and not on a screen.

Let's not create an environment that further removes governing from the public's eye. Let's find ways to create more opportunities for personal interactions with our elected officials.

As society returns to normal, so, too, should public meetings. The rule must be for in-person proceedings. Virtual meetings should be an exception, only when participants' health and safety is at risk.

Senate Bill 482 must be rejected. □

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# A nurse's plea: Help us fight this war

The pandemic is not political

GUESTWORK | Carly Hinkle

*Carleen Hinkle worked as a registered nurse at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield for 22 years, including many years in the intensive care unit and two years as a CVICU (cardiovascular intensive care unit) nurse manager. She left MMC and worked as a travel nurse in Chicago from April to July 2020 in the beginning stages of the pandemic to help care for COVID-19 patients. She returned to her home in Springfield and joined SIU School of Medicine as a pediatric clinic nurse. She is also currently an intensive care nurse at HSHS St. John's Hospital. She writes:*

COVID-19 does not care who you are, what you do, where you come from.

I began fighting COVID from the beginning. In April 2020 I left my family in Springfield for 13 weeks to work in Chicago at a COVID intensive care unit to help my fellow nurses fight this deadly virus. It is like nothing I have ever gone through, and I had experienced 2009 H1N1 flu. Trust me when I say COVID is real. I saw death and fear in my patients and their families. When I arrived in Chicago, I saw a city on its knees. Everyone was scared.

When I started in the COVID ICU, I did not know what was in store for me. It was the beginning of a long journey of self-resilience, anger, fright and perseverance. I immediately started taking care of extremely sick patients who came to the hospital in droves. We converted rooms to negative air flow, putting two people in one room. It was overwhelming and heartbreaking. We didn't have time to process what was happening.

Nurses were becoming sick and exposed.

I got scared, called my family and decided I could not come home and risk the safety of my loved ones. I told my family to stay home and wear masks. My family feared the possibility of me getting exposed to this unforgivable virus. I was thinking of the safety of those I loved. Funny how nurses think of others before themselves.

I saw patients struggle for air and fight to live. I saw the fear in their eyes thinking this was their last breath. I saw moms and dads dying together because their adult children brought it home to them. I will never forget Zoom calls with patients and their loved ones wanting to hold each other's hands. It was somber and lonely to watch as they took their last breath. I cannot get these images out of my head.

The worst part was putting these loved ones in big, black body bags. I feared they might wake up. I listened again and again for heartbeats to make sure. There were none. They were gone and now zipped in a bag and placed in the morgue or a refrigerated truck. Can you imagine your loved one in a truck? Neither can I, but it's still happening.

The haunting images of struggling, intubated and prone patients, families on Zoom, the fear of running out of PPE and so much death has forever changed me. I can no longer go back to being the person I once was. I was strong. I was fierce. Now I can't sleep. I have anxiety in crowds. I get angry when people talk about COVID being fake or no big deal. If you had seen what I have, you would eat those words and choke on them. This is no joke.

I write this now because once again I



Carly Hinkle

right. I bought my own PPE, wore my mask and followed the rules. I was fully vaccinated to protect my family, my friends, the people I love, my community and my patients. Still, it got me. I became sick and sicker as the days went on.

I was lucky I had my vaccine to help my body fight for its life. I fought hard but still got sick. I can no longer taste and smell, but I recovered. I beat COVID because of my vaccine. I quarantined and wore a mask in my own home if I left my room. I stayed away from my family for the second time during this pandemic. Only this time, I was alone with my PTSD, my anxiety, my depression and my anger. I was alone with my family on the other side of my quarantined door. The only positive was my family remained negative. My vaccine, mask, constant handwashing and cleaning helped save my family from getting sick.

Why can you not see us? Why can you not understand this is real? It will eventually come to you. Why would you want this? Why would you want your child or someone else you love to get this? Health care professionals are begging you to get vaccinated and wear a mask. Help us fight this war and not let another wife, mother, father, brother, sister, daughter or son die because you think we are infringing on your rights. This is not political. This is a public health emergency. We nurses and physicians are tired. We need you to help us. It is time to end this. □

*Carly Hinkle of Springfield, RN, BSN, MPH, CVRN-BC, wife, mother, nurse, Rotarian, ER Abroad.*

am angry. Unfortunately, I was exposed to COVID and recently got sick. I don't know when, how or by whom. Was it someone who refused to wear a mask or chose not to get vaccinated? Health care and science gave the public a tool to fight this virus. Yet the public chooses to ignore it. Why? Because my body, my choice? Do you know how stupid that sounds? You trusted me to take care of you and your loved ones. I gave it my all....my mind, my body and my soul.

We wanted to end this suffering. We wanted a break from death. As a nurse, it hurts more than anything to think the public doesn't care. I am positive I did everything

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# Help wanted

With many reluctant to apply for entry-level jobs, employers try to sweeten the deal

EMPLOYMENT | Kenneth Lowe



For those dining out, hitting the drive-thru lane, dropping their children off at the bus stop or walking through the aisles of retailers in Springfield, the news that 4.3 million Americans quit their jobs in August likely comes as no surprise in light of the many “Help wanted” and “We’re hiring!” signs on display in recent months.

In its report detailing the historically high wave of resignations, the U.S. Department of Labor also numbered open positions at 10.4 million nationwide. Leading the resignations were restaurant and bar workers, 892,000 of

whom left their jobs. Retail workers vacated 721,000 jobs, along with 534,000 in health care. While Illinois is among the states least affected by resignations (with 0.59 open positions per unemployed person, as opposed to Nebraska at 1.8, or the District of Columbia, at higher than 2), the effects are still being felt in the Springfield area, from restaurants to bus drivers.

Some establishments have reduced hours. Others, like the seven McDonald’s restaurants in Springfield owned by McGraw Enterprises, have undertaken aggressive

hiring campaigns that tout increased hourly wages and seek to draw in 14- and 15-year-olds, promising thousands of dollars in higher education subsidies for employees.

Why has it become so hard to attract and keep the in-person, frontline workers that local businesses need to function? It’s a complicated issue, immediately related to the ongoing hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, but rooted in dynamics that have been in place long before it, according to Jordan Coffey, who co-owns the Springfield restaurant Luminary Kitchen & Provisions

with his wife, Aurora.

“I think the premise of labor right now, especially in entry-level, traditionally low-wage jobs, has just changed forever. The whole dynamic is different,” Coffey said. “For the longest time, in sectors across the marketplace, it’s been that you go to work because you have to, and I think for the first time in people’s lives, there’s been a pause.”

Coffey said Luminary currently employs enough people to keep its posted hours covered and described his crew as tight-knit, with several employees who worked

with him at a previous establishment. Even so, he said he could use more workers and that unforeseen absences, which are especially likely to occur due to the realities of the pandemic, can occasionally put his restaurant in a tough spot.

“Our son’s class was cancelled for two weeks a few weeks ago because of a COVID exposure, and we had to get him quarantined and figure out how to manage without child care for two weeks,” Coffey said, citing one example that he said is indicative of the kind of issues his staff also faces.

For Clique, the downtown gay bar that opened on Washington Street in March, the pandemic has been a fact of life since the beginning. It significantly slowed down and complicated the licensing process for co-owners Josh Delcour and Justin Rebbe, who both had experience working in bars prior to the pandemic. Clique has also not been immune from much-publicized supply chain issues, Rebbe said, which has occasionally meant a particular spirit might not be available when they need it.

While Delcour said Clique has been blessed with good staff, several of whom worked with him at a previous establishment, they have run into issues hiring for security positions and are not the

only downtown bar to have problems doing so.

“There used to be a lot more people who would just come in and ask, ‘Are you guys hiring? Are you guys looking for workers?’” Rebbe said.

“I think a lot of people left the service industry in general during this time, because they could find jobs maybe in retail, or office jobs that didn’t require the hours that the service industry does,” Delcour said.

The commonly heard statement that “nobody wants to work” due to pandemic-related unemployment benefits is not just one held by stressed managers and local employers, or bandied about sarcastically on social media. Akeem Sargent, 37, who has worked at Subway restaurants in Springfield since 2009, said that he believes both an enhancement of unemployment benefits and dissatisfaction with the pay and circumstances of service work are likely contributing to staffing shortages.

“I notice as I walk around that other people are short-staffed; it’s not just food services,” Sargent said. “My bosses, and I love them dearly, have been trying. They’ve been trying to find ways to make sure the good people like me don’t leave.”

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one means of doing so. Restaurant owner Coffey said he has adjusted compensation as a means of seeking to retain staff. Julie Henderson, director of operations for McGraw Enterprises, owners of the McDonald's restaurants in Springfield, said pay bumps have been part of recent recruitment efforts. The McDonald's on Jefferson Street recently had a sign seeking employees to cover opening and closing shifts, touting an hourly wage above \$13.

"I think staffing has been challenging, and continues to be challenging for everyone, but I think we've had a couple really positive things that have come out of it," Henderson said. "The other thing has been focusing on taking care of the people we have. We have a lot of managers, core employees and trainers who have been with us a long time. Like everyone else, we've increased wages, and we offer free meals for our employees."

McGraw has also hired more high school students and offered tuition reimbursement, she said, which amounts to \$3,000 annually for managers or \$2,500 for other employees through a program run by McDonald's.

Food service isn't the only employment sector in Springfield reporting hiring difficulties or moving to increase pay.

"The labor shortage many businesses are facing is also affecting the YMCA of Springfield," the organization wrote in an Oct. 4 email to members on its efforts to hire and train enough staff to expand its

weekend hours.

Memorial Health recently announced it will increase its minimum wage for employees to \$15 per hour. Originally planned to take effect by 2025, Memorial Health instead instituted the increase this month in an effort to recruit and also retain its top talent, according to human resources officer Dolan Dalpoas. He said it will affect the salaries of about 2,000 workers.

"Our colleagues have shown unwavering resiliency to the people we serve during a global pandemic," Dalpoas said. "This wage increase is one small way we can express our gratitude for their commitment to our patients."

On Oct. 15, Hospital Sisters Health System announced its minimum wage would also increase to \$15, a change that will mean additional earnings for around 3,000 HSHS employees systemwide. HSHS operates St. John's Hospital, Prairie Heart Institute and HSHS Medical Group clinics in Springfield, along with other health care facilities throughout Illinois and Wisconsin.

Another profession experiencing an immediate and concerning worker shortage is among school bus drivers, said Matt Ryan, a driver for Rochester Community Unit School District 3A.

Commuters around Springfield may notice posters from the area's bus company, First Student, advertising driver positions starting at \$19 per hour. The company's recruitment site now advertises a \$2,000 sign-



Bus driver Matt Ryan says despite sign-on bonuses and starting pay of \$19 an hour, it's a struggle to find enough drivers to cover the routes every day. PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS.

on bonus, or a \$2,500 bonus for those who already hold a commercial driver's license.

Ryan said he believes concerns over COVID and possible misconceptions about a driver's job may both be contributing to a worker shortage, which he said is making it difficult to get Rochester-area students to school on time and in a safe manner.

In its breakdown of COVID-19 cases by potential location of exposure, the Illinois Department of Public Health lists school as the source for the overwhelming plurality of cases, at 38.8%. The two next highest categories for potential location of exposure were "other" at 7.3% and hospitals or health care settings at 6.6%.

"It's pretty dire, and I'm not sure what it's going to take to alleviate the problem, but it definitely has to be addressed immediately because of the overwhelmed workforce," Ryan said. "We are in the midst of scrambling every day to combine routes. It's a new situation daily to make sure everything gets covered. Our transportation director is doing the best she can with limited resources, and she has the full support of the drivers."

Pay and benefits may not be the whole story when it comes to recovering from staffing shortages, at least in food service. A University of California study in February

found that line cooks, without whom kitchens cannot function, had the highest risk of dying of COVID of any profession, including health care workers. Data on how many of the more than 28,000 Illinoisans who have died of the virus worked in that sector is not available.

Coffey said the food service industry has always been hard to work in, even apart from COVID safety concerns. For his part, he and his wife have tried to provide better compensation for employees, and they hope one day to be able to provide benefits to their workers. Restaurants may also need to change not just the fairness of their pay, but their culture, he said.

"I've been working in this industry for 20 years and know very well what it's like to be consumed by the grind, the extremely long hours, the lower pay, no benefits. Those are all things that came under the spotlight with COVID," he said. "Restaurants are notorious for being toxic work environments. I think my team and my wife and I all try to make a conscious effort to try to break some of those old habits and create a space where people feel welcome and want to work." □

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FILM



Timothee Chalamet as Paul in *Dune*.

## See *Dune* on the big screen, skip *Halloween Kills*, *Knocking* is haunting

Now Streaming | Chuck Koplinski

### Epic *Dune* a big screen must-see

Denis Villeneuve has made no small plans where his adaptation of Frank Herbert's *Dune* is concerned. You'd be hard-pressed to find a film with such an epic scope both visually and narratively as the director rises to the challenge of realizing this sprawling story. Politics, religion, ecology and social mores all play a part in this tale set in the distant future where the regal Atreides family has been charged with governing Arrakis, a desert planet that contains Spice, the most valuable resource in the universe. A powerful hallucinogen, it allows for interstellar space travel that's vital for trade.

Court intrigue is prevalent as the citizens of Arrakis – the Freman – do not trust their new leader Duke Leto (Oscar Issac), though they see something in his son, Paul (Timothee Chalamet), suspecting he may be the messiah they've been waiting for generations to appear. It's heady, complex, invigorating stuff supported by grand visuals that are a wonder to behold. Villeneuve has created not only a sci-fi epic for the ages, but a vital reminder of why we go to the movies. This sweeping, immersive experience needs to be seen on the big screen. *In theaters.*

### *Halloween Kills* my soul

The question I had while suffering through *Halloween Kills* was "Why?" Why does Michael Myers kill? Why, after slaying one unfortunate, does he proceed to drive five more knives into the corpse? Why, in fact, was he in this couple's house? They had nothing he needed. Why also is Michael immune to gunshots, fire, excessive beatings and all manner of fatal activities? Also, why is it that a mob of Haddonfield citizens mistake a mental patient for Michael – when it is obvious to anyone with two eyes it isn't

– and drive him to his death? Why are movies like this made?

Well, the obvious answer is money, as the franchise inexplicably continues to rake in the cash, the same reason star Jamie Lee Curtis, who's on board in a glorified supporting role, hangs around. This is a vile, nonsensical exercise in wanton mayhem and gore, the sort of movie that gives horror films a bad name. This is nothing but a display of ugliness, an excuse to see us at our worst. Haven't had enough of that lately? *In theaters and streaming on Peacock.*

### Slow-burn *Knocking* a haunting look at madness

To be sure, Molly (Cecilia Milocco) has had a rough go of it. In the past year, she's tragically lost her lover, had a nervous breakdown as a result, and ended up institutionalized. Still vulnerable, she's gingerly reentering the world, armed with meds, a doctor who checks in with her and a new apartment. She's tentatively trying to find her footing. However, when she tries to sleep in her new digs, she hears a persistent knocking from above. She checks with and then interrogates her neighbors about the sound and all she gets are looks of disbelief. And what of the woman across the way who she sees commit suicide? Did it happen or was it all in her mind?

*Knocking*, a Swedish import, is a slow-burn thriller that gets under your skin and festers. Director Frida Kempff keeps viewers on their toes, as we can't tell whether what we see is really happening or just in Molly's head. This perspective is off-putting and keeps us on our heels, which is the point. We're effectively in Molly's shoes, an unsettling experience that drives this 78-minute exercise in existential dread. *Available through Video on Demand.* □

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# The flour alternative

Try chickpea flour – versatile, gluten-free, used widely in India

FOOD | Peter Glatz

For the past six months one of my jobs at the restaurant has been making pasta from scratch using freshly milled flour from heritage grain, and the taste is really superior. But unfortunately, many of our guests can't tolerate gluten so I always make gluten-free alternatives using rice flour and chickpea flour. I've worked with rice flour before and know how it handles, but I was considerably less familiar with the properties and applications of chickpea flour. The more I work with it, the more I like it.

Though not widely used in the States, chickpea flour, also known as besan or gram flour, is used extensively in the cuisines of other countries. It is the predominant flour used in the Indian subcontinent. In Nepal, chickpea flour is used to make dumplings for a curry called tarkari.

In India, chickpea batter is used to make pakora, fried vegetable fritters and savory crepes called pudla. Crepe siblings to pudla are France's socca and Italy's farinata. Chickpea flour can also be cooked like polenta, then cooled and sliced into logs and deep fried. In France these are known as panisse and, in Italy, panella.

Chickpea flour is made from dried, ground garbanzo beans and has a nutty flavor, a powdery texture and a golden hue. It is high in protein, iron and fiber, and is one of the most nutrient-packed gluten-free flours available. It can tightly bind fritters and veggie burgers, thicken gravies and stews, and make tempura-like batters for deep frying.

Chickpea flour doesn't rise and expand the way AP (all-purpose) flour does, so it can't be used to make flaky pastries. It doesn't hydrate as quickly as AP flour, so it requires a resting period before using. It becomes tackier and stickier than AP flour, which gives it great binding power.

The chickpea flour you find at an Indian store, labeled besan or gram, is slightly different from the garbanzo chickpea flour you'll find at your supermarket, such as Bob's Red Mill. They are made from different varieties of chickpeas. Besan is firmer and denser and garbanzo is coarser and fluffier. The flavor is similar, but besan requires less water than garbanzo flour to make a similar batter. So consider the source of your recipe. You might need to adjust your water amounts if using Indian flour for an American recipe.

Chickpea flour doesn't have a long shelf life. You should try to use it up within six months. A one-pound bag of Bob's Red Mill

will only set you back \$3 and change, so go ahead and toss the old bag that's been hanging out in the back of your cupboard for the last several years. If you own a Vitamix blender, you can make your own flour by blitzing 2 cups of dry chickpeas for about 45 seconds.

## Chickpea flour crisps

Top these delicate crisps with a spoonful of your favorite dip.

### Ingredients

1 cup chickpea flour  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon paprika  
1 cup water  
1 tablespoon olive oil

### Preparation

In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and paprika. Whisk in the water and olive oil until completely incorporated. Let the batter rest for at least 20 minutes or refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 325°.

Spray a silpat baking mat with baking spray. Slowly pour the batter onto the baking mat and spread out into a thin layer with an offset spatula or the back of a spoon. Slide the baking mat onto a sheet tray. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden.

## Carrot pakoras

Serve these pakoras with cool cucumber raita or the spicy green chili Zhoug from the calamari recipe below.

### Ingredients

2 cups coarsely grated carrot  
1 small onion, thinly sliced  
1 teaspoon sea salt  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped  
1 teaspoon ground turmeric  
Pinch of cayenne  
1 egg, beaten  
1 cup chickpea flour  
3 cups canola or other fry oil

### Preparation

Put carrots and onions into a colander and sprinkle with salt. Let drain for 10 minutes. Wrap in a clean kitchen towel and squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Put in a bowl and add the cumin, cilantro, turmeric, cayenne, egg, and mix well. Add the chickpea flour and stir until the vegetables are evenly coated in the batter. Let the mixture rest for 20 minutes.



Chickpea flour crisps with bison tartare  
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Heat the oil to 350° in a heavy-bottomed pan. Working 2 at a time, carefully lower spoonfuls of the pakora mixture into the oil, keeping space in between. Fry for 2 minutes on one side, then 1-2 minutes on the other side until golden. Transfer to a paper towel to drain. Serve warm.

## Cucumber raita dipping sauce

### Ingredients

1 ½ cup plain Greek yogurt  
1 cup diced cucumber  
¼ cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped  
½ teaspoon ground cumin  
½ teaspoon garam masala  
½ teaspoon salt

### Preparation

Combine ingredients in a bowl.

## Chickpea battered calamari

I've given this popular appetizer a Middle Eastern twist by pairing it with a spicy green chili sauce.

### Ingredients

1 pound calamari (tubes and tentacles)  
1 cup chickpea flour  
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
¼ teaspoon ground turmeric  
¼ teaspoon ground ginger

1½ teaspoons ground cumin  
1½ teaspoons ground coriander  
1 teaspoon salt  
¾ teaspoon baking powder  
1½ teaspoons canola oil, (plus 3 cups for frying)  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
⅔ cups water

### Preparation

Combine the chickpea flour, cayenne, turmeric, ginger, cumin, coriander, salt and baking powder in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together 1½ teaspoons canola oil with the lemon juice and water. Whisk the wet ingredients into the dry. Let the batter rest for at least 20 minutes.

Rinse, drain and dry the calamari. Cut the tubes into ¼-inch rings.

Heat the remaining 3 cups of canola oil to 350° in a heavy-bottomed pan.

Put the calamari into a bowl and add the batter. Mix thoroughly and carefully add half the battered calamari to the oil and fry for 1 to 2 minutes until golden brown. Remove the fried calamari with a slotted spoon and place in a paper-towel-lined bowl. Repeat with remaining calamari. Season with a little salt and gently toss. Serve with green chili Zhoug (recipe follows.)

## Green chili Zhoug

Makes 1 cup

### Ingredients

1 bunch cilantro, chopped  
1/2 bunch parsley, picked and chopped  
6 small serrano chile peppers  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/4 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom  
2½ teaspoons kosher salt  
1 clove garlic  
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil  
3 tablespoons water  
1/4 cup plus 4 teaspoons distilled white vinegar  
1 pinch orange zest

### Preparation

Place all ingredients in a food processor and pulse until mixture is a fine puree. The sauce can be refrigerated for about a week. □

*Peter Glatz has embarked on a 12-week road trip exploring the foodways of the Atlantic coast.*

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**MUSIC**



Blacktop South plays Crows Mill Pub this Saturday night.

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NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

What's happening out there, all you crazy kids? Everything at once and nothing at all with a little something left in the middle would be a fine answer to a question of such nature. Let's go see what's going on in the Springfield region of live music-making.

First, a moment of reflection on the life of Mike "Mikey" Austin, who passed away on Oct. 4, a day shy of his 57th birthday, after a tough and prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer. When I heard tales of his prankster days growing up in Pawnee, I thought, this guy pretty much stayed on the path of making life a fun adventure, keeping the good times going and savoring the sweet stuff to the fullest. From the crazy days as a regular on Ray Lytle's Morning Disaster radio show to his decades-long work booking music as the guy at Mikey's Entertainment, he was a strong force in keeping our scene ready to "rock and roll all night and party every day" to pull a line from his, without a doubt, all-time favorite music group, Kiss. He booked several artists, plus certain clubs and festivals in the area through his entertainment company and was one of those people that gets things done, and done right, from behind the scenes. For that work he will be missed, as well of course, by family, friends and all his loved ones for who he was and what he did in their lives independent of his music business. RIP Mike "Mikey" Austin and thank you for your lasting and important contribution to our music community.

In live music happenings, it looks like Thursday is the day the blues come around this town with no less than three acts in one night. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum goes big on the blues when Brother

John Kattke and Dave Specter, two of Chicago's top-shelf major musicians, play the Union Theater at 7 p.m. (note that the show is free, but reservations are required). I can hardly begin to list the credits of these two bluesmen steeped in the heart of Chicago blues for decades, so if you can, make your way down to the ALPM.

Then over at Buzz Bomb, the Chris Camp John Drake Blues Duo go from 7 to 10 p.m. as these two front guys work out the blues and more as a harmonica/guitar twosome. The blues are always alive and kicking whenever Robert Sampson, "the Lefty Preacher," takes the stage and at the Curve Inn from 6 to 9 p.m. he leads a full band of fellow blues-meisters to further display his understanding of blues and blues-based music.

Here are some live music choices based solely on the fact the acts don't show up like this very often and folks here would likely want to see them. Friday be on the lookout as Positively Fourth Street hosts a Murder of Crows reunion show at Mowie's Cue, Rusty and Dusty sail through Pier 55, Mudbone & the Ruckus rock on at Danenbergers and Sarah and Schy roll into George Ranks.

On Saturday night, Blacktop South from over west central Illinois way drives into Crows Mill Pub, Sarah Borges and Keith Voegele land at the Backroom Lounge in Riverton, Billy Galt plays the Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, while Chris Sorenson Project, Polarity and Hessian Lord take on the Main Gate, White Lightnin' hits Salisbury's Coyote Den and the Samba Llamas do up Pease's at BUNN Gourmet.

And, yes, as always, there's lots more where that came from in our music listings. □

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### Thursday Oct 21

**Chris Camp and John Drake Duo**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Robert Sampson Band**  
Curve Inn, 6-9pm

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

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

**Me, Myself & Schy**  
Obed and Isaac's, 5:30-8pm

### Friday Oct 22

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

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

**Risky Rooster Band**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 7-10pm

**Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters**  
Curve Inn, 6:30-9:30pm

**Mudbone and the Ruckus**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**it Sarah and Schy**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10:30pm

**Joel Honey**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Josh Holland Acoustic**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7-10pm

**Mike Burnett**  
Long Bridge Golf Course, 6:30-10:30pm

**Karaoke with Jamie Lynn**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 8pm-12am

**it Positively 4th Street and Murder of Crowes**  
Mowie's Cue, 7-10pm

**Rusty and Dusty**  
Pier 55 Lounge, 8:30-11:30pm

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

### Saturday Oct 23

**The Tangents**  
The Alibi, Rochester, 9pm-12am

**Sarah Borges with Keith Vogel**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton, 7pm

**Broken Stone**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**Tulo + Eads**  
Boar's Nest, Athens, 7:30-10:30pm

**White Lightnin'**  
Coyote Den, Salisbury, 7-10pm

**Blacktop South**  
Crows Mill Pub, 6:30-10:30pm

**RockHouse**  
Curve Inn, 7-10pm

**Them Dirty Roses**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 7pm

**Billy Galt**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse Brews, 6-9pm

**Ben Morgan Duo**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 6-10pm



Positively 4th Street plays at Mowie's Cue on Friday.

**Chris Sorenson Project, Polarity and Hessian Lord**  
Main Gate Bar & Grill, 7pm

**Samba Llamas**  
Pease's at BUNN Gourmet, 5-7pm

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
Sangamo Brewing Co., Chatham, 8-10pm

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

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

### Sunday Oct 24

**Tom Beverly and Geoff Ryan**  
1905 Brewing Co., Assumption, 3-5pm

**Ella Gibson**  
3Sixteen Wine Bar, Chatham, 4-7pm

**Joel Honey**  
AJ's Corner, Chatham, 12-3pm

**The Tangents**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 2-5pm

**Itinerant Jazz Lab**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co., 6:30-9:30pm

**NATU**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards, New Berlin, 3pm

**Two Men and a Mic**  
Harvest Market Coffee Bar, 10am-1pm

**Tom Irwin**  
It's All About Wine, 3-6pm

**Rickey Meredith**  
Trails End Saloon, Curran, 3-7pm

### Monday Oct 25

**Gabe Stillman**  
The Alamo, 7pm

### Tuesday Oct 26

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

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

**Open mic with Tom Beverly**  
George Rank's, 7:30-10pm

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

### Wednesday Oct 27

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

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

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

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**Grand opening celebration**  
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### Art & Architecture

#### "National Park Project"

Through Oct. 31. Paintings by Beth Shadur. David Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, 331 W. College Ave., 217-243-9390.

#### "Code of Complication"

**opening reception**  
Thu., Oct. 21, 5:30-8pm. An exhibition featuring the work of Betsy Dollar. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

#### "Code of Complication"

Mondays-Thursdays, 11am-6pm. An exhibition by Betsy Dollar, executive director of the Springfield Art Association, who is well known for her handmade paper works that span from functional handmade books to large-scale immersive installations. UIS Visual Arts Gallery, HSB 201, One University Plaza, 217-206-6506.

#### Craft class for adults

Tue., Oct. 26, 6:30pm. Pumpkin painting and card making. To sign up, call or stop by the Jacksonville Public Library. Free. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

### History

#### Ages and Stages of 1800s Women's Clothing

Tue., Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30pm. In this online program, Erika Holst will discuss historic clothing through the lens of an 1800s woman's lifespan. The presentation will be illustrated with examples of historic clothing from the Illinois State Museum's collection. Call for registration information. Free with registration. 217-782-6044.

#### Brother John Kattke and Dave Specter

Thu., Oct. 21, 7-8pm. Two of Chicago's premiere musicians with over 30 years of blues virtuosity. Part of the State of Sound: A World of Music from Illinois series. \$10. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, 212 N. Sixth St., 217-55-88844.

### Dia de los Muertos

Tue., Oct. 26, 10-11am. An in-person story time that incorporates hands-on activities and exciting books for children age 5 and younger and their caregivers. A part of the Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales events. The virtual event takes place on Zoom at 2pm. Both attendance options require advance registration. Free. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., 217-558-8844.

### In Celebration of Springfield

Wed., Oct. 27, 11:30am-1:30pm. In this online program, preservationist and historian, Ken Page, will discuss the first Black firehouse in Springfield. Librarian and city historian, Curtis Mann, will discuss the history of nightlife in Springfield. Part of the UIS Lunch and Learn series. UIS Student Union, One William Maxwell Lane, 217-206-6058.

### Holiday Happenings

#### Boo Crew Haunted House

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### Fairs & Festivals

#### Boo! on the Boulevard

Sat., Oct. 23, 4-9pm. House decorating contest, pumpkin decorating, kid's costume contest, kid-friendly trolley rides 4-6pm, haunted trolley rides, 6-9pm. Free. Downtown on the boulevard, Williamsville, downtown, 217-566-3806.

#### Fall Festival

Sat., Oct. 23, 10am-4pm. Period clothed interpreters will demonstrate daily tasks such as dipping candles, making soap, baskets and brooms, spinning wool and gardening. Step into the tavern cellar to

## THE CALENDAR

Send us your events! Deadline: 5pm Fri. Submit online at: [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com). Email: [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com). Dates, times and locations are subject to last-minute changes, so we suggest calling before attending events.

### Special Music Events

**it** Mark Dvorak  
Sun., Oct. 24, 4pm. Dvorak has won awards for journalism and children's music, the FARM Lantern Bearer Award from Folk Alliance International and the Woodstock Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award. Part of the library's Music Under the Dome series. Free. Jacksonville Public Library,

Jacksonville, 201 W. College Ave., 217-243-5435.

#### Straight No Chaser

Tue., Oct. 26, 7:30pm. Back in the High Life Tour. The captivating sound of nine unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense and with a sense of humor. \$36-\$60. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### Books & Authors

#### Book signing

Sat., Oct. 23, 9:30am-3:30pm. Jan Jacobi will sign copies of *Young Lincoln* and his latest novel, *Lincoln in Springfield*, from 9:30am until 3:30pm.

Carla Mayernick will sign *Where is Abe* from 1pm until 3:30pm. The will be located in the Railsplitter Gift Shop. Books will be available for purchase. free. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-2277.

### Theater & Comedy

#### Comedy open mic with Lance Cain

Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 6-8:30pm. Join a supportive group of local standup comedians trying out 4-6 minutes of new material, or be an audience member supplying the laughs. Comedian signup begins at 6pm. Show begins at 7pm. Free. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St.,

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### #IMOMSOHARD:

**The Getaway Tour**  
Thu., Oct. 21, 7pm. #IMOMSOHARD began as a popular web series by real-life best friends, comedians and moms, Kristin and Jen. The phenomenon that they created has since been nabbed for development by Warner Brothers TV. \$49-\$60. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

#### MasterChef Live!

Sat., Oct. 23, 7pm. This family-friendly show will feature head-to-head cooking demonstrations and fun (sometimes messy) challenges with past MasterChef & MasterChef Junior contestants, and an overall immersive audience experience

see how fruits and vegetables were preserved during the winter. [lincolnsnewsalem.com](http://lincolnsnewsalem.com). Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg, 15588 History Lane, 217-632-4000.

#### Jacksonville Main Street Pumpkin Festival

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

#### Rochester Fall Festival

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

#### We Run Blue 5K

Sat., Oct. 23, 8am-3pm. A 5K/1-mile walk. Fee includes T-shirt, timed chip, medal, water/juice and snacks. Held in conjunction with the Rochester Fall Festival. Hosted by the Illinois Sheriff's Association. See their Facebook page for more information. \$25. Rochester Community Park, Rochester, 90 Wild Rose Lane, 217-753-2372.

#### ■ Lectures & Meetings

##### Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. A judgement-free, safe environment for those who have come to admit that alcohol has become unhealthy for them and those they love. 217-502-4494. free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

##### McBrien Lincoln-Douglas Toastmaster Club

Thursdays, 6pm. The club is dedicated to the development of communication and leadership skills. Red School Mall, 1275 Wabash.

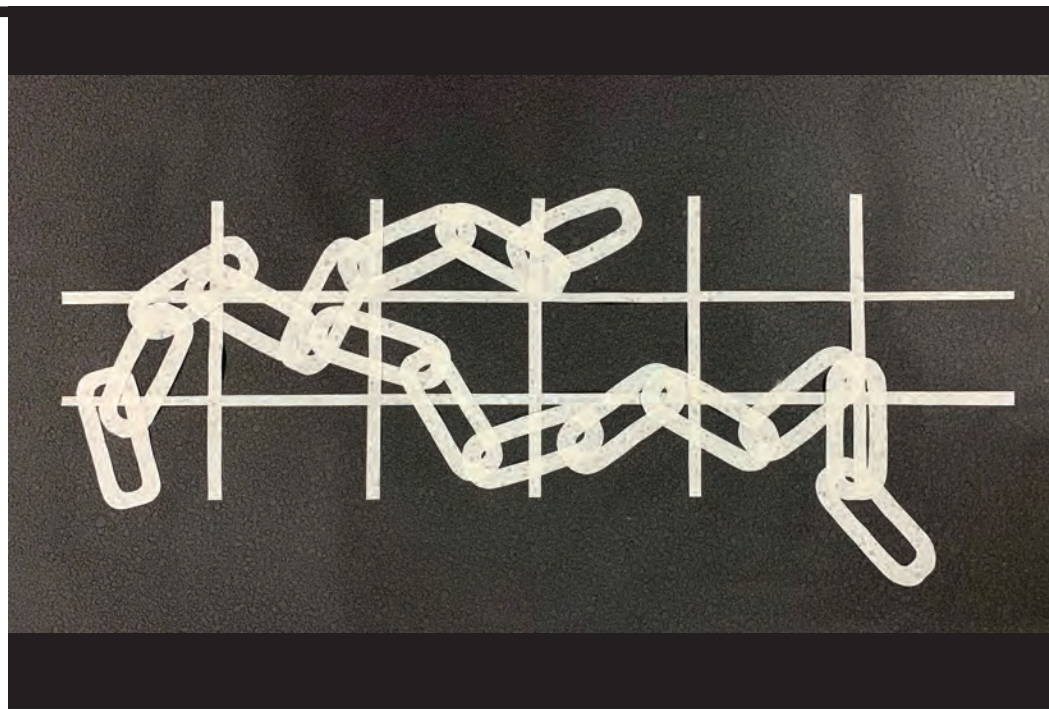
#### ■ Bulletin Board

##### APL Pet Adoptions

Sundays, 11am-4pm and Saturdays, 12-3pm. All animals will be spayed or neutered, microchipped and will have received all age-appropriate vaccinations by the time of their adoption. PetSmart, 3183 S. Veterans Pkwy., 217-544-7387.

##### Fall Stamp Bourse and Coins

Sun., Oct. 24, 10am-3:30pm. Hosted by the Springfield Philatelic



#### Handmade paper art

Mondays-Thursdays  
Oct. 21-Nov. 18,  
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#### ART | The world through a complex series of lines and tangles

**it** Betsy Dollar serves as the executive director of the Springfield Art Association and has worked both as a commercial artist and a fine artist. She works primarily in handmade paper and is known for her works that span from functional handmade books to large-scale immersive installations. Her work can be found in both private and public collections throughout the United States. "Through these works of handmade paper," Dollar said, "an exploration of interconnection and consequence continues, with its beauty and its traps and with the application of a binary of symbols and patterns that attempt to apply order and balance to the complexity and chaos." The visual arts gallery will host an opening reception for Dollar's work on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-8 p.m. The program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

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#### Holiday food drive

Mondays-Fridays, 8am-5pm. Senior Services of Central Illinois' RSVP program is accepting donations of food items for holiday baskets to be given to seniors in need. Senior Services of Central Illinois, 701 W. Mason St., 217-528-4035.

#### Honoring Our Heritage Awards

Fri., Oct. 22. Recognizing African American businesses, churches and organizations that have an extensive history of significant and momentous contributions, achievements and activism in our community. Sponsored by the Springfield and Central Illinois African American History Museum. Online. [spiaahm.org](http://spiaahm.org). 217-391-6323.

#### it Prairieland Classic Cluster of Dog Shows

Oct. 21-24, 8am-5pm. AKC Conformation dog shows. Hundred of dogs in four shows by the kennel clubs of Mattoon, Sandemac of Decatur, Champaign and Illinois Capitol of Springfield. Dog supply vendors. Free. Illinois State Fairgrounds Exposition Building, 801 Sangamon Ave., 217-621-5169.

#### ■ Health & Fitness

##### Fasters meeting

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 6-7pm. Intermittent fasting group discussion and support for a healthy lifestyle. Room 1105A, first floor. Springfield Clinic 1st, 900 N. First St., 217-725-6715.

##### Rotary: Go the Extra Mile 5K

Sat., Oct. 30, 7:30am. An event to honor frontline workers. Participants name who they are honoring. Light snacks. Proceeds support community grants and 5Ks. Pre-registration required using event link on the website [spirotary.org](http://spirotary.org).

5K \$30-\$25, kids race for ages 10 and under \$5. Hope Pavilion at Southwind Park, 4965 S. Second St., 815-488-2787.

#### ■ Sports

##### Full Moon Trail Run

Fri., Oct. 22, 6:30pm. Tiki torches dot the course as participants run off road through the night trails. Take either a 3-mile run or a 1-mile walk. Runners should come prepared with headlamps/flashlights. Registration 5:15pm. Free, donations accepted. Lewis Park and Trails, 399 S. Koke Mill Road.

##### Springfield PARCX2021

Sat., Oct. 23, 9am-2pm. Participate or spectate this exciting cyclo-cross event. Rain or shine. Mountain bikes welcome. Helmets required at all times. Online registration \$35. Race day registration \$40 and closes at 9am. Register on the Springfield Park District website. [springfieldparks.org](http://springfieldparks.org). Centennial Park, Bunker Hill Road and Lenhart Road, 217-753-2800 ext. 2003.

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## Real Estate Foreclosure

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

VS. ASHLEY NICHOLE HILL A/K/A ASHLEY N HILL A/K/A ASHLEY HILL, DEFENDANTS. NO. 19 CH 00115 524 SALOME AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2019, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/23/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-28.0-327-003 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 524 Salome Avenue Springfield, IL 62702

Description of Improvements: Gray vinyl siding, two story single family home, no garage The Judgment amount was \$60,434.18. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04826IL

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

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3177988

# PUBLIC NOTICES

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF PATRICK R. NUDO, DECEASED No. 2021 P 570 CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Patrick R. Nudo. Notice is given to all creditors that Letters Testamentary were issued on October 7, 2021, to Richard Poynter, 3286 Hilltop Road, Springfield, Illinois 62712, and Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 as Co-Executors of the Estate. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Co-Executors, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of October, 2021.

Kevin N. McDermott Attorney for the Estate of Patrick R. Nudo 109 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-4070 Ill. Reg. No. 6196497 Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF ROBERT S. RAMSEY, DECEASED No. 2021 P 562 CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Robert S. Ramsey. Letters of Office were issued on October 7, 2021, to Jacquelyn L. Ramsey, c/o Kevin N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Executor, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of October, 2021.

Kevin N. McDermott Attorney for the Estate of Robert S. Ramsey 109 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-4070 Ill. Reg. No. 6196497 Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF ROBERT M. BEAM, JR., DECEASED No. 2021 P 556 CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Robert M. Beam, Jr. Notice is given to all creditors that Letters of Administration were issued on October 4, 2021, to Kevin

N. McDermott, 109 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 as Administrator of the Estate.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704, or with the Administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of October, 2021.

Kevin N. McDermott Attorney for the Estate of Robert M. Beam, Jr. 109 South Seventh Street Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 753-4070 Ill. Reg. No. 6196497 Kevin@KevinNMcDermott.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY JANE WRIGHT Deceased Case No.2021-P-292 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MARY JANE WRIGHT, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 25, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 25th day of May, A.D., 2021, to CYNTHIA A. CLEAVER, of 536 W. Carpenter Street, Springfield, IL 62703, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 27th day of May, A.D., 2021.

ESTATE OF MARY JANE WRIGHT, Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 peh@scottscottlaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RONALD A. PRIDDY, Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-272 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of RONALD A. PRIDDY, of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on April 20, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 17th day of

May, A.D., 2021, to KAITLYN R. KELLEY, 2277 E. Grandview, Springfield, IL 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 17th day of May, A.D., 2021.

ESTATE OF RONALD A. PRIDDY, Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 peh@scottscottlaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS P. LAKE, Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-560 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of THOMAS P. LAKE of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on May 3, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 6th day of October, A.D., 2021, to PAUL T. LAKE, 419 Spring Ridge, Rochester, Illinois, 62563, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, Illinois, 62701.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 6th day of October, A.D., 2021.

Estate of THOMAS P. LAKE, Deceased, PREPARED BY: BY /s/ R. Stephen Scott R. Stephen Scott (02533391) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., its Attorneys SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 Email: rss@scottscottlaw.com

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOAN BEVERLY OLINGER, Deceased.

Case No. 2021-P-579 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of JOAN BEVERLY OLINGER, of Springfield,

Sangamon County, Illinois, on October 4, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on the 13th day of October, A.D., 2021, to PAUL L. CLITES, 1720 Upland Lakes, Houston, Texas, 77043, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 13th day of October, A.D., 2021.

Respectfully submitted, ESTATE OF JOAN BEVERLY OLINGER, Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart PAMELA E. HART, PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-8200 peh@scottscottlaw.com

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

IN THE ESTATE OF: RICHARD D. OLSON, Deceased.

Case No.: 2021-P-558 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is hereby given of the death of Richard D. Olson, Letters of Office were issued on October 5, 2021. The name and address of the Executor is Kelly Moore. His address is 1257 N. Second Street, Riverton, Illinois, 62561. James Ackerman is counsel for the Executor. His address is Ackerman Law Office, P.C., 2601 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 5, 2022, any claim not filed on or before May 5, 2022, is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated this 5th day of October, 2021.

KELLY MOORE, Executor BY: /s/ James W. Ackerman James W. Ackerman, Executor's Attorney PREPARED BY: James W. Ackerman 06192795 ACKERMAN LAW OFFICE 2601 South Fifth Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 789-1977 jim@ackermanlawoffices.com

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

Estate of ARYA RAY WINKLER, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-539 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Arya Ray Winkler of Springfield, Sangamon County,

Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2021, to Tara Marie Winkler, 4308 Lavender Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 March 30, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of September, 2021.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com 314669

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

Estate of CRUZ LEE WINKLER, Deceased. NO. 2021-P-540 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Cruz Lee Winkler of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 23, 2021, to Tara Marie Winkler, 4308 Lavender Lane, Springfield, Illinois 62711, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Bernard G. Segatto, III, 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 March 30, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 24th day of September, 2021.

Bernard G. Segatto, III - 06190753 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705-0079 (217) 544-4868 bsegatto@barberlaw.com 314668

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: FREDIE JOE PATTERSON, No. 2021-P-552

Deceased. CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Fredie Joe Patterson. Letters Testamentary were issued on September 29, 2021 to Larry J. Patterson, 111 Oak, Riverton, IL 62561 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Dan E. Way, WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC, 1100 S. Fifth St., Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 4, 2022, which is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three

months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

Dated this 29th day of September 2021. Dan E. Way, #6204735  
WAY LAW OFFICES, LLC  
1100 S. Fifth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 525-7003

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LYNNIE M. MENENDEZ, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-543  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Linnie M. Menendez, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2021, to Tammy L. Dawson, 635 Racastle Road, Chatham, IL 62629 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of April, 2022, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
FRANK W. SHERMAN, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE

NO. 2021-P-535  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of FRANK W. SHERMAN, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on September 30, 2021, to Joan F. Sherman, Executor, whose attorney is Dwight O'Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, 1000 US Bank Building, P.O. Box 2459, Springfield, IL 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2022, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2021. Dwight O'Keefe, of Counsel

Brown, Hay & Stephens  
1000 US Bank Building  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217-544-8491

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
GARY LEE BRITZ, Deceased  
NO. 2021-P-575  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Gary Lee Britz, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on October 14, 2021, to Jessayca Hardy, 18903 Athens Blacktop, Petersburg, IL 62675, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Gregory P. Sgro, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before the 25th day of April, 2022, or three months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2021. Gregory P. Sgro  
Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-1200

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Adrian Brown, Petitioner  
And  
Jamie Grant, Respondent  
Case No. 2021-D-425  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you Jamie Grant, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.  
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the  
14th day of November, 2021, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Circuit Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Nkpome Derick Aymar Ngbome  
For change of name to  
Derick Aymar Ngbome  
Case No.: 21-MR-1271  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Nkpome Derick Aymar Ngbome to Derick Aymar Ngbome pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Oct. 7, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Kingstown Jordan Smiley  
For change of name to  
Alan James Smiley  
Case No.: 21-MR-1105  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Kingstown Jordan Smiley to Alan James Smiley pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Oct. 7, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Noah Andrew Brusky  
For change of name to  
Evelyn Noel Brusky  
Case No.: 21-MR-1284  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Nov. 23, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Noah Andrew Brusky to Evelyn Noel Brusky pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Oct. 14, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Henry Thomas Rister  
For change of name to  
Henry Thomas Eyre  
Case No.: 21-MR-1190  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Dec. 7, 2021 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Henry Thomas Rister to Henry Thomas Eyre pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Oct. 14, 2021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an  
Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DANIEL KAISER, UNKNOWN HEIRS  
AND LEGATEES OF HOMER C.  
KAISER, JR., deceased, AMY LYNN  
KAISER, THEODORE J. HARVATIN,  
Special Representative of Homer C.  
Kaiser,  
Jr., deceased, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No. 2020CH000044  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
Notice is hereby given to AMY LYNN  
KAISER, Defendant in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 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 Defendant is November 12, 2021. Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on February 5, 2020.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2020CH000044  
2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for

the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois  
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Legatees of Homer C. Kaiser, Jr., deceased  
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Twenty-Five (25) and the North 30 feet of Lot Twenty-Four (24) in Lewis Paper Subdivision being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 13 North Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian.  
Tax ID No.: 36-07-203-005  
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1107 N. 5th Street, Pawnee, Illinois  
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Count I  
Names of Mortgagors: Homer C. Kaiser, Jr. and Lucinda A. Kaiser  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: October 5, 2015  
Date of recording: October 26, 2015  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2015R30488  
Count II  
Name of Mortgagor: Homer C. Kaiser, Jr.  
Name of Mortgagee: United Community Bank  
Date of Mortgage: January 19, 2018  
Date of recording: January 24, 2018  
County where recorded: Sangamon County, Illinois  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2018R01572  
/s/ Paul Palazzolo  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Emmet A. Fairfield  
Registration No. 6180505  
205 S. 5th Street – Suite 700  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-8491  
efairfield@bhsllaw.com  
8051-918438

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,  
PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
ASHLEY NICHOLE HILL A/K/A ASHLEY N HILL A/K/A ASHLEY HILL,  
DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 19 CH 00115  
524 SALOME AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
JUDGE  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 4, 2019, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 11/23/2021, in the boardroom of the Sangamon County Bldg., 200 S. 9th St., Springfield, IL 62701, at 09:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:  
THE SOUTH 40 FEET OF LOTS 16 AND 17 IN BLOCK 1 OF T.C. BAKER JR'S ADDI-

TION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.  
EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OF RECORD. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
TAX NO. 14-28.0-327-003  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 524 Salome Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62702  
Description of Improvements: Gray vinyl siding, two story single family home, no garage  
The Judgment amount was \$60,434.18. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Information: Visit our website at <http://iforeclosuresales.mrplc.com>.  
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04826IL  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3177988

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PRAIRIE STATE BANK & TRUST, an Illinois banking corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
KEVIN WICKER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No.: 2021CH000095  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is NOVEMBER 22, 2021.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on September 23, 2021, and is now pending.  
(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:  
Kevin Wicker.  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lots 11 and 14 in Block 3 in the Village of Illiopolis.  
Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax Identification Numbers: 18-07-255-007 and 18-07-255-006  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
418 North Fourth Street, Illiopolis, Illinois 62539  
(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.  
(B) Date of mortgage: December 10, 2018.  
(C) Name of mortgagor: Kevin Wicker.  
(D) Name of mortgagee: Prairie State Bank & Trust.  
(E) Date and place of recording: January 8, 2019 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2019R00452.  
Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Samuel J. Witsman (ARDC #6193744)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
switsman@hswsnet.com  
8051-918661

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF Colten McCowen  
No. 2021-P-521  
To: Estrella Ramos and Dustin McCowen at addresses unknown and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:  
Please be notified that Sharon Painter has filed a Petition for Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Colten McCowen, minor child. You are required to answer said Petition BY November 8, 2021 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
FIFTEEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,595.00) USC  
CHRISTOPHER P WALLACE  
Defendants.  
NO. 20-MR-157  
20-AF-33  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Daniel K. Wright, State's Attorney for Sangamon County, filed the above-captioned matter on March 11, 2020. UNLESS YOU file a verified claim with the State's Attorney of Sangamon County, Illinois at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, within 45 days of this

publication, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR DECREE MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR FORFEITURE OF THE ABOVE ASSETS PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS FORFEITURE LAW. Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of Court  
Daniel Mosher  
Assistant State's Attorney  
200 S. 9th Street, Room 402  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(217) 753-6690  
Dan.Mosher@co.sangamon.il.us

**LEGAL NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS / RFP  
#2022-01**

**VENDING MACHINE SERVICES**  
The Springfield Mass Transit District d.b.a Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD) is seeking proposals from a qualified, responsive, and responsible vendor for the supply of VENDING MACHINES. The scope of work and specifications is outlined in the bid documents.

Proposals will be received in SMTD Administration Office at 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 in SEALED envelopes marked "RFP #2022-01, Attn. Michelle Alexander," NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME December 1, 2021. The RFP documents may be obtained from the office of SMTD, 928 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703-2497 or by downloading the RFP from SMTD's website (www.smtid.org), or by emailing purchasing@smtid.org to request a copy.

Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be conditioned upon compliance with all provisions of the RFP documents. Additionally, any contract resulting from this proposal is subject to financial assistance contracts between and/or among SMTD, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Acceptance of any proposal may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The right is reserved to accept any proposal or any part or parts of any and all proposals. Acceptance of any proposal may be subject to concurrence by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Transportation.

Furthermore, SMTD, the United States Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation reserve the right to reject or cancel any or all proposals and to waive irregularities therein, and all submitting proposers must agree that such rejection or cancellation shall be without liability on the part of SMTD for any penalty brought by a Proposer because of such rejection or cancellation, nor shall the submitting Proposer seek any recourse of any kind against SMTD because of such rejection or cancellation, and the filing of any proposal in response to this solicitation shall constitute an agreement of the submitting proposer to these conditions.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STORAGE UNIT AUCTION** to enforce Self Storage Lien in default of payment of rent will be held at 9:00AM, Saturday Oct. 30, 2021 at NORTHEND STORAGE 1907 North Grand East, Springfield Il. Tenants must pay in full before this date.  
#11-1 Rickey Spencer  
#3-16 Kimberly Stevens  
#3-34 Dawn Fitch  
#11-24 Arthur Thomas  
#J-18 Nancy Maurer  
#5-7 Jeffery Washington  
#8-3 Mark Chandler  
#1-27 Shirley Harp  
#2-36 Chiquita Cooper  
#6-33 Zaneta White

#10-42 Melissa Williams  
#C-4 Cherly Goza Smith  
#I-15 Danielle McCoy  
#J-25 Kristen Sisk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Brittany Davidson, Petitioner  
vs.

Justin Mattes, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-0P-1475  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Justin Mattes, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 18, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Oct. 14, 2021

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Michael Gottschalk, Petitioner  
vs.

Tyler Schultz, Respondent  
Case No: 2021-0P-1376  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

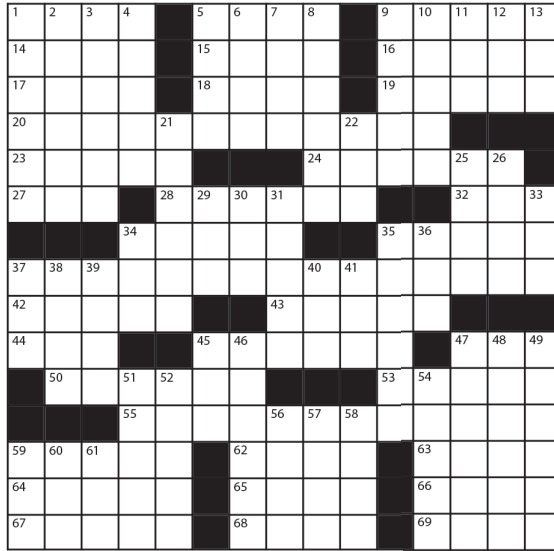
Tyler Schultz, this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for an Order of Protection. Unless you file your Answer or otherwise file your Appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth St., Room 405, Springfield, Illinois, on or before November 10, 2021, a judgment or decree by default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the complaint.

Paul Palazzolo  
Clerk of the Court  
Date: Oct. 7, 2021

**B&B's** Edited by J. Reynolds - No. 710

**Across**

- 1. Cheese in a ball
- 5. Sink or swim, e.g.
- 9. Barbaric
- 14. April or May
- 15. "I had no \_\_\_!"
- 16. Vital vessel
- 17. Soon, to poets
- 18. Clothing line
- 19. Eat nachos, say
- 20. Bedroom basics?
- 23. Minimal
- 24. Gawkers
- 27. Building add-on
- 28. Not digital
- 32. Dr. Seuss's Sam



- 34. Europe's "boot"
- 35. Kind of queen
- 37. "The Greatest Show on Earth" purveyors
- 42. Go after
- 43. New York politico Andrew
- 44. Gear tooth
- 45. Broom closet item
- 47. Bro, for one
- 50. Words on a shoppe sign
- 53. Related on mom's side
- 55. Like a bruise
- 59. Tiny part
- 62. \_\_\_ account (never)
- 63. "\_\_\_ Misbehavin'"
- 64. Part of a simple bouquet
- 65. Have to have
- 66. Stuntman
- 67. Like some furniture

- 68. Moistens, in a way
- 69. Level, in London

**Down**

- 1. Allow
- 2. Book after Ezekiel
- 3. Unprincipled
- 4. Patches up
- 5. Discover alternative
- 6. First family's home
- 7. Go through volumes
- 8. Cane material
- 9. Desert beast
- 10. Get up
- 11. Mantel piece
- 12. And so forth

- 13. "Well, \_\_\_ -dihdah!"
- 21. Lady Liberty, for example
- 22. \_\_\_ McMuffin
- 25. Iranian money
- 26. Ditto
- 29. "Platoon" setting
- 30. \_\_\_ king
- 31. "Eraserhead" director
- 33. Word of possibility
- 34. \_\_\_ and outs
- 35. Ill-fated
- 36. \_\_\_ Grande
- 37. Abbr. on top of some e-mails
- 38. Cry from a deck
- 39. Road \_\_\_
- 40. Clone: Abbr.
- 41. \_\_\_ constrictor

- 45. Toothpaste tube letters
- 46. Time division
- 47. Slobber
- 48. Online music mart
- 49. Retro car
- 51. Way too weighty
- 52. Bridges in movies
- 54. Buck or Bull, briefly
- 56. On bended \_\_\_
- 57. From square one
- 58. Nonverbal O.K.'s
- 59. Public health agcy.
- 60. "\_\_\_ approved" (motel sign)
- 61. Sixty 46-downs: Abbr.

**Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week**



Crossword answers from #709

8	7	3	4	5	9	2	6	1
2	5	1	8	6	3	4	7	9
9	6	4	2	7	1	8	5	3
7	3	2	1	8	5	9	4	6
4	8	9	7	3	6	1	2	5
5	1	6	9	4	2	3	8	7
3	9	8	6	2	7	5	1	4
6	2	5	3	1	4	7	9	8
1	4	7	5	9	8	6	3	2

Sudoku answers from #709

2	4	1	5	6	3
6	5	2	4	3	1
5	1	3	6	2	4
1	3	5	2	4	6
4	2	6	3	1	5
3	6	4	1	5	2

JoshJosh answers from #709

**JoshJosh** by J. Reynolds - No. 710

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

4+		2-		2÷	60x
10+		7+			
	20x	1-	2÷	5+	
					3÷
72x		30x			
6		4-		2-	

Difficulty medium

**Sudoku** No. 710

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

					5			
9	3							7
				4	6	2		
	7			5				
4				2		1		
1					9	8	3	
				4				2
8				5		3		
					8		9	6

Difficulty hard

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