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FWAI president Paul Wheeler, founder Carl Fischer and vice president Forrest Hoffman in the firm's downtown Springfield office.

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# FWAI builds a legacy

BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

Much of what is recognizable in Springfield has a connection to FWAI Architects Inc., but it's something else that gives the firm's founder the greatest sense of pride.

"Hiring good staff. We've fortunately always had good staff," said Carl Fischer, who founded the firm with his wife, Kay, in 1976. "We've also had tremendous mentors who helped us, like Frank Mason and A.D. Van Meter. Frank was really the biggest one, and for some reason took a liking to us. He did some wonderful things for us and introduced us to a lot of people."

FWAI has come a long way from its beginnings 43 years ago in the Fischers' Walnut Street home. The firm was known as Carl Fischer Associates until August Wisnosky joined the business in 1982, and it became Fischer-Wisnosky Architects, Inc. Wisnosky has since retired; Fischer is semi-retired but still involved, and the name changed to FWAI Architects Inc. in 1996 to make a smoother transition for the next generation of ownership.

FWAI currently employs 13 architects, interior designers, planners and support staff who provide architectural planning, design and construction services for functional, economically feasible and aesthetically pleasing projects. Through the years they've been involved in such diverse projects as school

additions, State of Illinois buildings, the Sangamon County Building, the Strike-N-Spare bowling alley, the restoration of historic homes in the Lincoln Home area, hospital and college campus buildings and designs for long-time corporate clients such as Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

"We were fortunate enough early on that we got a little contract with Blue Cross-Blue Shield for some work here in Springfield," Fischer said. "We got along well with them, and they liked what we did. In the early years, they were one of our biggest growth areas."

Fischer said that FWAI has now worked on major Blue Cross-Blue Shield buildings in Texas, Oklahoma, Montana, New Mexico and Illinois; 250,000-square-foot data centers in Fort Worth and Chicago; and the majority of the insurance company's call centers, which accommodate between 500 and 600 people per building.

FWAI has also been involved with much smaller, but still significant projects. Fischer is particularly fond of the work they did on Ronald Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon, Illinois, where he got to spend time with the former president.

"We heard a lot of fun stories about the Reagan family which will forever remain secret," Fischer said. "Ronald Reagan was great, almost like a friend. Nancy didn't say much. And his brother, Neil, was a character.

It was a pleasure to sit down with President Reagan and Neil and get out of them what that house really was."

"Every time I go up to Reagan's home, I'm always proud that we did it," Fischer said. "But the pride isn't necessarily in the building, it's in the experience to get to the building."

FWAI also performed a lot of the research and prepared the "as built" drawings for the restoration of the Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site in Springfield, a national architectural treasure designed by a man who Fischer met while in college.

"Frank Lloyd Wright was an egotistical little bastard, and he always wore that goofy cape," Fischer said. "But he was good for architecture. He said what you believed. He set suburban America behind by about 20 years with his prairie houses, they are beautiful structures."

The thought that went into some of the details was beautiful, but some of them didn't quite work. Wright was famous for saying 'every house I do leaks.' He was right," Fischer said. "We spent a lot of time correcting one leak down in the basement of the Dana-Thomas House where the billiards room is, the skylight above it in the front patio, that thing leaked forever. But we finally got it to stop leaking."

Fischer said a lot has changed in the architecture business during the past 40 years.

"When we first started, almost everything was done on a handshake. Now, you have to have a set of documents that are ungodly thick," Fischer said. "The codes have become more dictatorial, some for good reasons, but it kind of cuts into some of the creativity because you can't do this, you gotta have that."

Fischer still prefers the old-fashioned way of designing structures and interiors. "The thing that's nice about designing on the board is you can step back and look at what you've drawn, see the whole big picture and make corrections or whatever you need to do at that time," Fischer said. "Whereas on the computer screen, you are looking at this little part and that little part, and then you put the whole thing on the screen but it's only as big as the screen. So you have to send it out and get a print. You don't get that quick overview that tells if you're heading in the right direction."

Paul Wheeler is the president of FWAI, and he is also a fan of using the old-fashioned drawing boards for design work. Part of that preference comes from working side-by-side with Fischer and Wisnosky.

"I emptied wastebaskets in 1983 and 1984 for Carl when I was a student, watered plants, ran errands. Back then, we were hand-drafting and things were on the boards, so there were a lot of chores to do," Wheeler said. "Then in the afternoon, I would spend time with the boards drafting."



After school, Wheeler worked for bigger architectural firms in St. Louis before returning to FWAI as an architect in 1991.

“Carl, Augie and Kay really taught us humility, being humble with everybody that we work with,” Wheeler said. “Architecture can be an egocentric profession, but we always worked hard to listen and to learn from everybody.”

“Everybody brings things to the table on projects. It takes a large community of people to put a project together,” Wheeler said. “When there is that mutual respect among all the professions - the contractors and the owners, the bankers - when everybody is clicking you put together some really wonderful projects.”

Wheeler said FWAI has worked with Springfield-based H.D. Smith on projects for the wholesale distributor’s Texas, California and Rhode Island operations. Another major client is GTECH Corporation, for whom FWAI has designed lottery information backup facilities in 27 states, South America and Europe. FWAI’s health care portfolio includes significant work for Springfield Clinic and Memorial Health System. The firm recently won a second multi-year retainer with the University of Illinois at Springfield, and several area banks display FWAI’s design elements.

The new Springfield YMCA at Fourth and Carpenter Streets is another FWAI project, and updated design drawings should be ready by late spring. It won’t be significantly different than the initial sketches, but the design will “have matured a bit,” Wheeler said.

“The YMCA is a very key building. It’s linking the Medical District to the downtown center and includes the Enos Park area,” Wheeler said. “We see it as a substantial building that stands the test of time and will be a magnet for all of the forces around it.”

Wheeler said standing the test of time is an important goal of the YMCA design.

“You know just by the way many modern buildings are constructed that they aren’t very civic-minded. You see a lot of buildings that don’t relate to the other parts of the city,” Wheeler said. “Architecture is now about technology, and you see some really interesting building shapes and building skins that we’re able to do now because of computers. But I had a mentor who said, ‘just because you can build it doesn’t mean that you should.’”

Forrest Hoffman started with FWAI as a draftsman in 2005, mainly working on Blue Cross-Blue Shield projects. He progressed to job captain and then project manager and is now vice president of the firm.

“Blue Cross-Blue Shield has said of us from the beginning that we are good, honest guys and that’s really all it took, to just be honest and good,” Hoffman said. “We didn’t have to go knock on doors, we didn’t have to say all this pretty stuff. We did our job, we did it well, and that worked for them.”

Hoffman’s work impressed Fischer and Wheeler enough that four years ago they asked him to become part of the firm’s ownership.

“I’m proud that Carl and Paul had the confidence in me to do the work,” Hoffman



The FWAI-designed Springfield Clinic Building in Sherman.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FWAI

said. “Their trust in me early on was confirmation that I was working hard and wanted to do good work.”

“As long as we have a good team, a good budget and a good client, I’m happy to do whatever it takes,” Hoffman said. “I’m not picky. I’ll do the task or the job at hand, whatever it is.”

Hoffman said FWAI has the unique ability to coordinate all parts of the project to achieve the best possible result.

“When you think of architects, you think about designing stuff, and that’s part of it. But in reality, we are kind of the hub between

the client, the contractor and the trades,” Hoffman said. “We are handling all of that coordination to make sure all of these pieces come together. We are there to make sure the project goes smoothly, no matter what.”

“There are a lot more entities involved in projects than there used to be, and we lose a little bit of the big picture with all of the technology,” Hoffman said. “We do our best to slow everything down, look at the big picture and achieve the best possible result on every project.”

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tributions to the construction of the university’s new exercise science and athletic training academics spaces, the modernization of the main floor of the library, and the complete renovation and modernization of the new UIS field station at Lake Springfield as examples. “FWAI’s work has, and continues, to enrich the lives and learning environment for students, faculty, staff and those who visit the university,” Coderko said. Results like those achieved at UIS are a major reason why you should hire an archi-

tect, according to FWAI founder Fischer. “If you want to build something other than a cookie-cutter design, then you need to hire an architect to help guide you through it,” Fischer said. “The downside is that it will cost you more money, but it’s an investment in the project you are doing. You want to get as much longevity from it as you can.” The FWAI business philosophy of hard work and humility will continue as the firm transitions from its founding leadership to those who will chart its future course. “We are not a very egocentric firm. A lot of shops would close when the leader is done, but Carl has helped us to move into the next generation,” said FWAI president Wheeler. “We hired a bunch of young people this year. We are so blessed with our clients, they are good to us and we work hard for them.” FWAI has a long-standing reputation in the architectural community. “FWAI is a legacy firm in Springfield. They are a main branch in the local architecture family tree with many area architects working there at one point in their career,” said Mike Waldinger, executive vice president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Illinois. “We are lucky to have a number of practices like them in town who are small enough for clients to get their top talent and big enough to work regionally or nationally.” “We were nextdoor neighbors downtown for many years and regularly ran into Augie and Carl, and then Paul. It was always interesting and impressive to hear about the projects they were working on close by and around the country,” Waldinger said. “Successful, long-standing businesses like theirs



FWAI design elements can be seen on the revamped municipal parking ramp at Seventh and Monroe in Springfield. PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE



Top, Springfield’s Crowne Plaza Hotel was another FWAI project. Bottom, FWAI designed the Sangamon County Building in downtown Springfield. PHOTOS BY DAVID BLANCHETTE

are the backbone of the AIA, and their work makes a big impact on their hometowns.” ♦ *David Blanchette is a freelance writer from Jacksonville and is also the co-owner of Studio 131 Photography in Springfield.*

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Josh Flanders of Buzz Bomb Brewing Co. was a presenter at the recent Facebook Community Boost event in Springfield. PHOTO COURTESY OF BUZZ BOMB BREWING

## Facebook is big for small businesses

BY ZACH ROTH

When Josh Flanders founded Buzz Bomb Brewing Co. in 2016, he knew he had some of the things that make a good brewery stand out: a wide variety of lagers, ales and shandies, employees who were passionate about beer and its inner workings and a great location in downtown Springfield on Adams Street.

Unfortunately, very few people knew about Buzz Bomb, largely because the business wasn't ready to open yet. So, Flanders decided to turn to Facebook to get the word out about his fledgling beer enterprise. For him, the results have been staggering, especially for a company less than a year old.

"As soon as we bought the location, we went ahead and started our website and Facebook page," Flanders said. "We wanted to start an online community. When we opened, the response was way more than we were expecting, and I credit our early posting with it."

Buzz Bomb and Flanders were among the many small businesses showcased at Facebook's Community Boost event held Dec. 3 at the BOS Center in Springfield. The decision to hold the event in Springfield may have been surprising to some, considering Chicago's overwhelming presence in the state. However, Matty De Castro, who runs the Chicago office for the social media giant, explained Facebook's reasoning.

"We are really focused on small and medium-sized businesses, and Springfield is a fantastic place with a lot of growing small businesses that we can help educate on how to use our platforms to drive growth for their businesses," De Castro said.

The days that one could only use a classified ad or television advertisements to find customers and promote a business are probably gone for good, with the advent of sites like Facebook and its ability to reach a wide audience.

"Digital marketing can be a little bit scary," De Castro said. "Leveraging the online community and how you can use that to grow your business is important. We believe that as a company, we have a lot more that we can do to help with that education, so businesses can drive growth and create jobs."

Some businesses use a personal touch to

drive consumers to their product on Facebook. Ashley Hubbard runs Toss the Bouquet Studios, a wedding photography company in Springfield. She doesn't just promote her business through Facebook, she allows people to peek into her life outside of weddings.

"Just kind of letting people get to know me, because being able to connect with your audience is super important," Hubbard said. "Being able to give them a sense of who you are and making them feel like they know you is probably one of the biggest things I like to push with my social media presence."

Hubbard doesn't just photograph weddings, she also works in social media marketing, so she has a fair degree of expertise in how to promote one's product and how to sell it to a business. She said that Facebook and its vast array of different platforms give her connections with the majority of her customers.

"Eighty-five to 90 percent of my business is driven by Facebook and Instagram," Hubbard said. "It's huge, it's everything. It's the way that I reach people, it's the way word-of-mouth happens. Whenever people see my pictures and people are tagging me, that's a huge part of my business and a huge part of my bookings and income."

De Castro foresees more companies jumping on to social media as a way not only to drive businesses like Buzz Bomb and Toss the Bouquet, but also to improve profit margins and overall profitability for small businesses.

"Companies are going to be able to hire more people and we're actually seeing that happen globally," De Castro said. "We believe that if we give these small businesses the tools to grow through marketing and accountability and insights about their customers, then we're ultimately going to be able to create jobs."

Mayor Jim Langfelder, who was a guest at the event's kickoff ceremony, pointed out that Springfield is built on small businesses.

"The small business, family shops are the backbone of America, and they still are today," Langfelder said. "Ninety percent of the economy is due to small mom-and-pop shops or the family-owned businesses in each and every one of our communities. Facebook understands those challenges, and they help us connect not only in our hometown but our region, our country and our world." ♦



# Equal Pay Act produces unequal opinions

BY CINDA ACKERMAN KLINKNA

Introduced and passed in the Illinois General Assembly, House Bill 4163 was vetoed by Governor Rauner; yet, no action was taken as the legislative session ended. However, it is sure to be reintroduced when the legislature convenes again in January. It is termed the Equal Pay Act, and as is typical with proposed legislation, both sides are lining up their arguments.

The Act would prohibit an employer from asking a person about previous wage history. It also would increase the penalties for an employer if a discriminatory practice is found through litigation.

On the side of support are many women's groups and unions; on the side of opposition are some businesses and business organizations, but not all employers find the proposal objectionable.

Proponents point to several reasons the Act is needed. First, the view is that women start at a disadvantage when applying for a new job. Since women statistically make less than men, asking about a previous salary would allow employers to use that figure to offer a lower salary than what might otherwise be offered. Representative Sue Scherer, a co-sponsor of the bill, says, "I have done a lot of research on the status of women and their salaries, and it is a fact that women still make less than men. But, this bill isn't just about women. The intent is protec-

tion. Asking a person his or her previous salary just leads to an employer using that data to offer the person less."

Opponents claim that the prohibition of asking about prior salary history is not an

important feature of the legislation because many employers have a fixed salary for a position. Jay Shattuck of Shattuck and Associates Consulting, a lobbying firm based in Springfield, says, "The bigger concerns are provisions in the legislation that reduce employers' defenses and the expansion of remedies such as punitive damages and higher fines. Greater opportunity for higher financial awards will

increase litigation against an employer."

so we can be competitive. Taking away the right to ask is ridiculous and hampers businesses," he said. However, not all business owners agree. Brian Dickerson of BLH Computers says, "I don't need to know a person's past salary. If I ask your salary, I now have the upper hand in negotiating. That makes it an unequal playing field. To me, it is like buying a house; I don't need to know what you paid for the house to be able to make an offer." Dickerson believes the job determines the pay, "It doesn't matter whether it is a woman or a man; I hire based on experience and whether there is a good fit with the company. Asking about a prior salary just raises too many questions. If I knew, for example, that you made \$80,000 and I offered \$70,000 and you were willing to take it, I would start wondering why and what was wrong in the past job."

Employers currently can use several items to differentiate pay: seniority, merit, production quantity and quality (mainly for a factory-type job), along with other job-related factors that are not discriminatory. Shattuck says that the act would prevent employers from using other factors, maybe even education. Penalties, too, would be higher.

Representative Scherer argues against changing the proposed legislation. She says, "Without some meat in the provision, it just would make the ruling a 'may,' not a 'shall,' in following the law. This is all about fairness for an individual." ♦



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# A new café with a past

## Tony Leone's Innkeepers Café opens in January

BY CINDA ACKERMAN KLINKNA

In the midst of parking lots along Madison Street, across from the Department of Revenue Willard Ice Building, sits a home built in 1918 by Italian immigrant Peter Leone. It has now been transformed into a coffee shop scheduled to open in early 2019. Tony Leone, Peter's grandson and owner of the Pasfield House, has created a cozy interior filled with memorabilia. Leone is a passionate historian and has collected artifacts showcasing Illinois and Springfield history, with his special interest in Lincoln.

The shop will be called Tony Leone's Innkeepers Café. In addition to coffee, the shop will offer dine-in or grab-and-go lunch items including salads, soups and sandwiches. Leone culled through his mother's recipes to find the best ones. Signature sandwiches will include ham salad, chicken salad and olive nut spread or customers can purchase take-home containers to make sandwiches or pair with crackers. Les Eastep, who has literally written the book on the history of chili in Springfield, will be providing his chili.

The popular pies baked by Connie DiCenso, owner of the now-closed Café Coco, will be available. And, a family member from the long-ago Springfield bakery called Rechner's, which operated from the early 1900s until 1980 at 12<sup>th</sup> and Reynolds, has agreed to share the

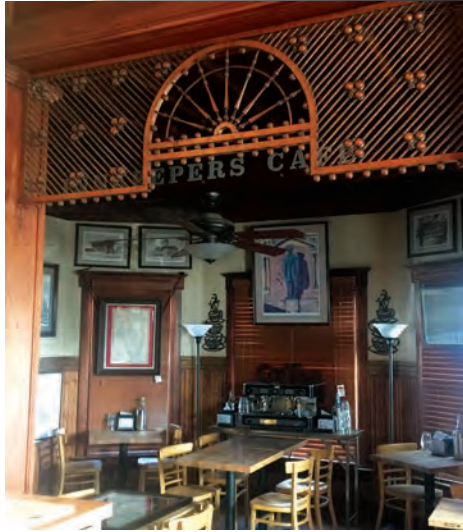
bakery's famous butter cake, which will also be available for sale.

Wooden tables with chairs for two to six people are arranged throughout, and a side room with a larger table offers seating for a small group. On display is an original Bunn espresso machine, although a more modern machine will be the one used to serve up espresso. Covering the walls are pictures of Springfield homes, Abraham Lincoln and the Illinois Capitol, with colorful exterior and interior pictures of the dome.

Original and beautiful oak fretwork above archways adds to the interior. The second floor has been opened to a view of the wooden ceiling, brick chimney and railing, now hung with an American flag.

According to Leone, he faced difficulties in getting the house renovated. After sitting empty for 30 years, the structure was at risk of demolition by the city due to numerous code violations. Leone felt his property was being singled out, compared to other nearby properties, and ultimately enlisted the help of Mayor Langfelder to be allowed to continue to work on the property.

The nearby area has a rich history. In 1819, John Kelley built a cabin at what is now Second and Jefferson. Soon after, Kelley's brothers settled and built eight more cabins. Known as the Kelley settlement, it served as the meeting area of lawyers, judges and others. Kelley's



The interior is filled with Springfield and Illinois memorabilia. PHOTOS BY CINDA ACKERMAN KLINKNA

cabin later became the first courthouse in Sangamon County. The Kelley graves stood near the site of the Department of Revenue Willard Ice building before they were moved to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The Innkeeper Café faces Logan Street, which was named after Lincoln's law partner, Stephen T. Logan. The new café is a spot that will entice patrons to linger and look at the mem-

orabilia that covers each nook and cranny, as well as the walls from floor to ceiling. History in the décor, as well as in some of the food items, makes Leone's new venture another connection to the past that has shaped Springfield. ♦

*Cinda Ackerman Klickna loves to hear about Springfield and Illinois history and will definitely be a patron when the café opens.*



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# Planning for the future of Sangamon County

BY ERIC WOODS

The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) has long worked with local leaders, agencies and organizations in order to help each one assess and strengthen the opportunities for success. Recently, the SSCRPC had a changing of the guard when Molly Berns was appointed the commission's new executive director.

A graduate of Illinois State University, Berns worked in the Chicago area before returning to Springfield in 2008 to take the position of senior planner for land use at the SSCRPC. "I grew up in Sangamon County, so it had a special place in my heart," said Berns. "I knew what it could be and its rich history. It was a nice fit for me to come back to the area."

Berns was later promoted to assistant director before being appointed the commission's new executive director this past May, following the retirement of Norm Sims in January 2018. Currently, she and her staff are working on the Sangamon County Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Village of Chatham's Comprehensive Plan Update. These plans are expected to be completed sometime in 2020.

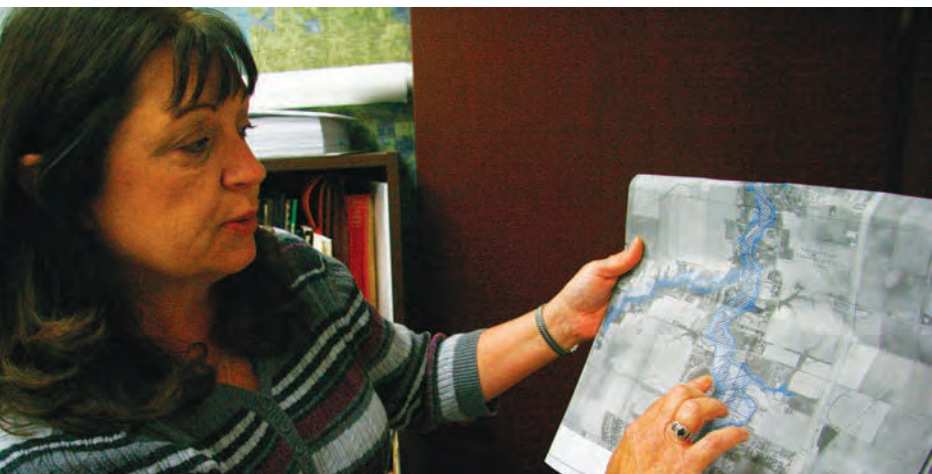
Berns explained, "The commission is not directly involved in economic development in our region. However, we do serve as a resource to the Land of Lincoln Economic Development Corporation and the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development to provide them with information that they can use to do their work."

This past January, the Springfield City Council

adopted the city's 2017 Comprehensive Plan. "Comprehensive plans are not supposed to just sit on a shelf and collect dust," Berns said. "A successful plan will be a living, breathing document that is referred to often and amended as needed. One of the recommendations in the plan was to form an advisory group to help implement the plan. At the request of Mayor Langfelder, I am serving on this implementation group."

As Berns moves the commission's initiatives forward, there have been a number of challenges. "Our region took quite a blow from not having a state budget for several years. For example, payments to medical providers and other vendors were delayed, sometimes significantly," said Berns. "They created a level of uncertainty throughout the community which made it very difficult to attract new businesses. Thankfully, the budget was passed and we can move forward."

Another challenge Berns is seeing encompasses the aging population in Illinois. "Estimates show that by around 2022 or 2023, approximately 20 percent of our population in Springfield and Sangamon County will be over 65. This means our working-age population is also steadily declining," she said. "We need to do whatever we can to attract the types of development that attracts young people to our area. And it's not just about attracting jobs. We also need to focus on having the types of activities that younger workers seek when deciding where to live, work and play." Berns noted that the aging population could cause a strain on services to those over 65, as more people begin qualifying for amenities such as the tax freeze for seniors.



Molly Berns describes her work with flood plain management that results in Springfield residents being able to purchase flood insurance under the federal government's National Flood Insurance Program. PHOTO BY PATRICK YEAGLE

The commission's staff is primarily made up of millennials. Therefore, they are exploring new ways to expand the use of technology to make information more readily available in a format that is easier to digest. "We are looking for innovative ways to use technology and make it more interesting and fun," said Berns.

One personal interest of Berns will be to look at and expand what they have done in the past to provide more planning and technical assistance to the smaller municipalities. "I am a firm believer in

expanding the capacity of our communities," she said. "I believe that one community should not be competing with another. We should be supporting each other's efforts. What is good for Springfield is good for the surrounding communities."

Since taking over the SSCRPC, Berns has strived to improve the commission, while at the same time, not changing the way they operate. "I believe the adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it.' But that does not mean you don't tweak it and give it a new set of eyes," she said. ♦

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# Horace Mann building stands the test of time

BY JOHN SHAFER

*Minoru Yamasaki, by David Allen Gyure. Yale University Press, 2017*

The architect of the World Trade Center towers, destroyed on 9/11, also designed a beautiful building in Springfield. The Horace Mann building was designed by Minoru Yamasaki, who began the design in 1968, while the twin towers were under construction.

Yamasaki was a talented and prolific architect. David Allen Gyure's book does a great job of telling the story of the architect who designed, among others, two noteworthy projects. In addition to the World Trade Center in New York, he also designed the Pruitt-Igoe Apartments in St. Louis, Missouri. He appeared on the cover of Time magazine, back when that was a pretty big deal. Books on Yamasaki's contemporaries have been written, so this is a timely book on one of the major architects of the twentieth century.

Chapters include early work, new directions, modern humanism, tall buildings and his late work. The Horace Mann building falls into the late work category.

Yamasaki was truly an international architect, studying on the west coast before moving to New York, where he worked on large-scale projects. He designed buildings in the Middle East and Japan. He also designed the Lambert Airport Terminal building in St. Louis prior to moving to Detroit, where he produced a large body of work.

The background on the WTC commission and subsequent project are fascinating. How

did he get such a prestigious project? Where were the other obvious contenders? And when it was completed, what was the reaction? The buildings were admired more after they were destroyed than when they were standing.

Yamasaki's reputation hasn't stood the test of time as well as some of his contemporaries like Edward Durrell Stone, Phillip Johnson or Paul Rudolph. He wasn't quite modern enough for the hard-core critics, and he wasn't quite unique enough for others. The modern humanism tag that the author pegs to Yamasaki's style speaks to that. He produced a great deal of work, some exemplary and some banal.

Building design concepts were repeated, revised and refined. Yamasaki thought so highly of the Horace Mann building that he used it as a template for the Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency headquarters. The Saudi Arabian building used much less glass on the exterior, a direct response to the climate. A popular design motif was the use of a central atrium, often incorporating skylights for natural lighting.

Evans Construction Company built the Horace Mann headquarters, back when a number of concrete frame buildings were completed in Springfield. I remember hearing anecdotal stories about the "million dollar overhang" that crowns the building. Sasaki, Dawson, Demay Associates were the landscape architects. The siting and the manicured grounds add to the impressive building in a park-like setting. The building does, however, go against most modern notions of



how to make successful downtowns.

The author is not too keen on the Horace Mann building, but Yamasaki himself was. He included it in one of his lists of his most successful buildings.

This is an interesting book, well-researched and timely. It covers the whole of his career and includes photos (period and contemporary) as well as plans and diagrams. It doesn't shy away from the problematic buildings and does a great job of covering the entire work.

For those who would like to learn more about his work, Yamasaki also wrote a biography, *A Life in Architecture*. Another book, *Yamasaki in Detroit*, focuses on his work in that particular city. One of the authors' statements

about the WTC towers resonated with me because it applies to his success. "From a critical perspective, the World Trade Center was an easy target, given the towers' excessive size and bombastic pretensions. From a technological and developmental point of view, however, the project was a triumph - the buildings worked." Tenants prized them, and the spaces were easily leased. Yamasaki's buildings were functional, but they didn't always add to the civic grandeur.

Minoru Yamasaki is a timely book for those interested in the story of a unique figure in American architecture. ♦

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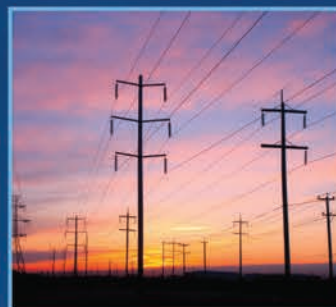
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2	Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. 2750 W. Washington St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-787-8050 217-787=4183 cmtengr.com questions@cmtengr.com	51	112	Dan Meckes, P.E., CEO; Bill Bailey, P.E. pres.; Sr. V.P.s: Lou Dixon, P.E.; Roger Austin, AICP; Chuck Taylor, P.E.	Sangamon County Water Reclamation District Sugar Creek plant expansion; Joliet Supplemental Water Supply Study; O'Hare modern-ization projects; Midway Airport planning; MoDOT BNSF Rail Crossing Safety Study; St. Louis Park Over the Highway at Gateway Arch; Peoria Stormwater Program and Utility Development; West Florissant Avenue Great Street project, St. Louis County; UIS Student Union; CWLP Waterworks Improvements; Downtown Historic Streetscape, Branson, MO; Airfield Rehabilitation at Dulles and Reagan National Washington Airports; Jackson Street and Illinois Realtors Association Plaza, Springfield.	1946
3	Fuhrmann Engineering, Inc. 2852 S. Eleventh St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-529-5577 217-529=5575 www.fuhrmann-eng.com gfuhrmann@fuhrmann-eng.com	25	65	Pete Dombrowski, P.E., S.E.; Gina Marie Cianferri-Fuhrmann, P.E.; Michael Dean Curtis, P.L.S.; Peter Wagner, P.E., P.L.S.	University of Illinois Civil Engineering Retainer, Elgin O'Hare I-490 IL 19 Construction Inspection, IDOT Phase I and Phase II Replacement of US 51 over Sugar Creek, Macomb Armory, IDOT I-74/I-57 Interchange, Meredosia Bridge Const. Layout, 9th & Dodge St. Bridges HSR Tier III., Illinois State Fairgrounds 8th St. Rehabilitation, 11th St. Extension Const. Layout, Harrah's Casino Expansion - Metropolis.	2002
4	Hutchison Engineering, Inc. 1801 W. Lafayette Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650	217-245-7164 217-243=0468 hutchisoneng.com ghutchison@hutchisoneng.com	18	44	Gary L. Hutchison, pres.; Michael V. Meier, exec. vice pres.	US 34 reconstruction – Phase III, Kendall County. I-74 corridor expansion – Phase III, Quad Cities. II 9 reconstruction – Phase I/II, Bloom-ington. Old Galena Road – Phase III, Peoria County. Briggs St. reconstruction – Phase I/II, Will County. CH20 over Quiver Creek – Phase I/II, Mason County. Macomb Bypass – Phase II, McDonough County. Historic State Street reconstruction – Phase I/II/III, Jacksonville. CH10 reconstruction – Phase I/II, Scott County.	1945
5	Quigg Engineering, Inc. 2351 S. Dirksen Pkwy. Springfield, IL 62703	217-670-0563 217-245=5398 quiggengineering.com lquigg@quiggengineering.com	17	35	Lori L. Quigg, P.E., pres.; Rebecca L. Stocker, vice pres.	I-74 Mississippi River Crossing between Moline, IL and Bettendorf, IA, IowaDOT, Chicago to St. Louis high speed rail, IDOT Bureau of Railroads I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) Mile Long Bridge Reconstruction, Illinois Tollway.	2006
6	WHKS & Co. 3695 S. Sixth St. Frontage Rd. West, Suite B Springfield, IL 62703	217-483-9457 217-483=9458 whks.com springfield@whks.com	13	25	Fouad K. Daoud, P.E., S.E., pres., CEO; William K. Angerman, P.E., COO; Scott D. Sanford, P.E., S.E., vice pres.; Scott Sweet, P.E., vice pres.	Illinois: I-72 resurfacing from Chatham Road to Morgan County line, Taylor Road bridge replacement in Decatur, Black Diamond Road bridge replacements in Pawnee, Brush College Road realignment in Decatur, Farmington Road realignment in West Peoria, IL 84 over Apple River bridge replacement in Hanover, Pawnee Road bridge rehabilitation, I-74 over the Mississippi approach bridges and roadways, US 20 over the Mississippi approaches and local road improvements, seismic analysis for I-70 tri-level interchange, Cedar Street truss rehabilitation in Peoria, Old McCluggage truss rehabilitation in Peoria.	1948
7	Benton & Associates, Inc. 1970 West Lafayette Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650	217-245-4146 217-245=4149 bentonassociates.com info@bentonassociates.com	11	37	Reginald H. Benton, P.E.; S.E.; Jamie L. Headen, P.E.; William J. Sleeman, P.E.	Illinois: new Jacksonville WTP; Taylorville water system improvements; new Taylorville WTP; US 67 Jerseyville Bypass; SNAWS rural water Round Prairie rural water Beardstown Sanitary District WWTP improvements; Jacksonville WWTP CSO; various IDOT projects; I-64 bridges - St. Clair county; I-55 Bridges - Madison county; McDonough county transit facility; subsurface engineering services for high speed rail; North Morgan rural water system; SMG Rural Water System; Beardstown flood damage improvements; Hayes residential/ commercial development Jacksonville.	1970
8	MECO Engineering Company, Inc. 60 Adloff St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-670-1445 www.mecoengineering.com	10	12	Scott Vogler, P.E.; Max Middendorf, P.E.; James Bensman, P.E., S.E.	Curran-Gardner Township Public Water Treatment Facility	2018
9	Cummins Engineering Corporation 135 West Lake Shore Drive Springfield, IL 62703	217-726-8570 cumminsengineering.com kim@cumminsengineering.com	9	19	Kimberly S. Cummins, P.E. CEO; Michael D. Cummins, P.E., S.E.; pres., Michael E. Rapier, P.L.S.	Fayette Avenue Bridge Replacement near Washington Park, Restoration of the Vachel Lindsay Bridge, Sangamon Valley Trail from Centen-nial Park to Stuart Park in Springfield (and Phase 2 underway from Stuart Park to Irwin Bridge Road near Menard County Line), Veterans Parkway Intersection Improvements (dual turn lanes) at Old Jacksonville Road and Southwest Plaza Drive, Interstate 55 Bridge Improve-ments near Lincoln, Sangamon County bridges on Old Jacksonville Road, Farmingdale Road, Waverly Road, Roadway Improvements to Pleasant Plains Road and Waverly Road.	1998
9	Patrick Engineering, Inc. 300 W. Edwards St., Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62704	217-391-3500 217-391=3501 patrickco.com cburger@patrickco.com	9	18	Daniel P. Dietzler, P.E., CEO; Jeff Schuh, P.E., pres.; Chris Burger, P.E., vice pres.	Amtrak site modifications; Veterans Admin metering project; Smart Energy Design Assistance Center energy efficiency studies throughout Illinois; Solar Energy assessments; Livingston County wind farm evaluations; FutureGen Alliance carbon dioxide sequester project siting and environmental assistance; Edison Mission Energy Wind Farm construction assistance; Powerton powerplant rail and infrastructure upgrades; Tazewell County landfill evaluation and design; ICG coal mine infrastructure design and subsidence monitoring.	1979
9	Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. 907 S. Fourth St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-544-8033 217-544=3965 v-k.net mhenderson@v-k.net	9	18	Bob Veenstra, pres.; Mark Henderson, P.E., S.E.; Christopher Kohlrus, P.E.; Gene Arnold, P.E., S.E.; Leo Foley, P.E.	Springfield, IL: Chatham Road over Jacksonville Branch Creek, Drainage Improvements at Wabash Ave. and I-72, Central Illinois Community Blood Center, White Oaks Mall Renovation, Legacy Point Outlet Mall, Blessed Sacrament School Addition. Peoria, IL: IL 116 over Kickapoo Creek, UP Railroad, and Kickapoo Creek Road. Chatham, IL: IL 4 over Polecat Creek. Putnam County, IL: Curved Girder Bridge on IL 26 over Coffee Creek. East Moline, IL: WTP (Ultraviolet Disinfection Process), East Moline WWTP Improvements. Burlington, IA: Flood Mitigation Project. Davenport, IA: WWTP Improvements, Large Diameter Interceptor Sewer Improvements. West Liberty, IA: Water Treatment Plant (Reverse Osmosis Process). Cambridge, IL: Cambridge Commercial Park – East Oak Street.	1961
10	Andrews Engineering, Inc. 3300 Ginger Creek Drive Springfield, IL 62711	217-787-2334 217-787=9495 andrews-eng.com marketing@andrews-eng.com	8	35	Kenneth W. Liss, L.P.G. pres.; Douglas W. Mauntel, P.E. exec. vice pres.; Bradley J. Hunsberger, L.P.G. vice pres.	IDOT-Statewide Hazardous Contractor; IDOT-High Speed Rail corridor (construction inspection, health and safety, environmental); US Dept. of Veteran Affairs; US D.O.E.; multi-state landfill design, remediation compliance; Utility Ash management; RCRA, CERCLA, TSCA permits/corrective action.	1974
11	Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. 3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 201 Springfield, IL 62703	217-546-3400 217-546=8116 hlrengineering.com hlrspfid@hlreng.com	7	14	ReJena Lyon, CEO; Steven W. Megginson, P.E., S.E.	Lawrence County Wabash River overflow bridge, Tazewell County Manito Rd and Towerline Rd bridges over the Mackinaw River; Kane County bridge inspections and bridge management system; IDOT BB&S Bridge Load rating assistance; Sangamon County – Multiple bridge replacements; IDOT D9 and D3 multiple bridge replacements; Kendall County Eldamain Rd bridge over Fox River; US 61 bridge inspection over Mississippi River; Hamilton County – CH 3 reconstruction to White Oak Resources; IDOT D7 – US 51 Corridor hydraulic review of 50 structures; IDOT-Peoria Cedar Street bridge inspection and rating, US 40 hydrolic report over US 40 structure road ratings – Green River wind project.	1965
12	Fehr Graham & Associates 2060 W. Iles Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-544-8477 217-544=8483 fehr-graham.com ncarmichael@fehr-graham.com	6	14	Michael W. Gronewold, P.E.; Ken R. Thompson; Adam G. Holder, P.E.; Joel P. Zirkle, P.G.; Noah J. Carmichael, P.E.	Civil and structural design: University of Illinois-Springfield Public Safety Building, Illinois State University Watterson Dining Expansion, Normal, IL; Civil design: Lincoln Challenge Academy, Rantoul, IL; Mill Creek Estates, Phase II; Kreston Place Subdivision; Springfield YMCA site development; Meadowbrook Road extension; Structural design: Lincoln Tomb Receiving Vault rehabilitation; IDOT Hanley Building Plaza waterproofing; Springfield Housing Authority Office addition; Galesburg East Main Street Retaining Walls; IL 97 over Little Haw Creek, IDOT preliminary engineering to rehabilitate 9 bridges on I-55 near Pontiac; annual bridge inspections for Iroquois and Livingston counties.	1973
12	HDR Engineering, Inc. 5201 S. Sixth St. Road Springfield, IL 62703-5143	217-585-8300 217-585=1890 hdrinc.com springfieldinfo@hdrinc.com	6	20	Matthew Cochran, marketing; Rob Woodard, services section manager	Land Acquisition, Utility Relocation, and Encroachments, including the current Chicago to St. Louis High Speed Rail Project; Freshwater and Marine Fisheries Production and Research Facilities, including Armstrong State Fish Hatchery, North Carolina; Wells Dam Hatchery, Washington State; and NOAA Cooperative Oxford Laboratory, Maryland.	1984
13	Feezor Engineering, Inc. 406 East Walnut St. Chatham, IL 62629	217-483-3118 dfeezor@feezorengineering.com	5	16	Daniel Feezor, P.E. and Jenny Feezor, owners; Aaron Karlas, P.E. principal	Prairie State Energy Campus - Residuals Management, Bridgeton Landfill Heat Extraction System, West Lake Landfill Remedial Investigation.	1982
13	Knight E/A, Inc. 3200 Pleasant Run, Suite A Springfield, IL 62711	217-546-7455 312-577=3300 knightea.com	5	11	Jim Wolfe, CEO; Kevin Lentz, P.E., pres; Christine Reed, P.E., senior vice pres.	Interstate 64 Wabash River Bridge, Mazonia Braidwood mine reclamation, Springfield downtown one-way to two-way street conversion analysis, Logan county bridge, Springfield Airport complex improvements, Ill. State Police Memorial Park, Sinnissippi Dam redesign.	1945






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13	Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers, LLC 109 N. Seventh St., 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62701	217-679-0044 ktengr.com kkuhn@ktengr.com	5	8	Kevin L. Kuhn, P.E.; Michael J. Trello, P.E., S.E.	Railroad Overpass - Williamsville, IL; Municipal Park - Sherman, IL; Birch Lane Reconstruction - Williamsville, IL; 5th Street Reconstruction - Riverton, IL; Multi Purpose Arena - CDB; Statewide Sign Structure Inspection - IDOT; Multi Use Trail - Williamsville, IL; Colt Road Industrial Park Phase II, Springfield, IL.	2013
14	Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI-Intertek) 480 North St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-544-6663 217-544=6148 psiusa.com bill.pongracz@psiusa.com	4	17	William Pongracz, P.E.; vice pres.; Daniel Bilbrey, P.E., materials testing dept. mgr.; Eram Iqbal, P.E., geotechnical dept. mgr.	Springfield Metro Sanitary District Spring Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Enbridge SAX Crude Oil Pipeline and Pump Stations, Springfield Clinic First North and Parking Ramp, St. John's Main Surgery and Patient Tower Renovation, Clinton Nuclear Power Station-Dry Cask Storage, Memorial Medical Center for Learning and Innovation, CWLP Dallman Unit 4 Coal Power Plant, Springfield High Speed Rail, SMSD Sugar Creek WWTP, Hilltopper Wind Farm (Logan Co.).	1961
15	TRC Worldwide Engineering, Inc. 975 South Durkin Dr., Suite 205 Springfield, IL 62704	217-793-2299 217-793=3311 trcww.com	3	7	Robert Boellner P.E.; vice pres.	University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana – various projects including housing life safety improvements, veterinary medicine building renovations, Newmark civil engineering building HVAC renovations, horticulture field lab HVAC remediation; Eastern Illinois University – various projects including the Center for Clean Energy Research and Education; University of Illinois in Springfield – various projects including the new student union, student housing renovations, cooling towers replacement, Sangamon Auditorium lighting controls; University of Chicago – various housing, HVAC and research laboratory projects; Illinois State University Capen Auditorium.	1985
16	Prairie Engineers, P.C. 6405 Canadian Cross Drive Springfield, IL 62711	217-605-0403 217-718=4764 prairieengineers.com lkramer@prairieengineers.com	2	12	Lisa Kramer, PE; Darren Forgy, P.E., PLS	Veterans Parkway rehabilitation – Bloomington; bridge replacements – Montgomery county; hydrographic surveys – Mississippi and Illinois rivers; apron repair – Peoria Army Air Support Facility; plumbing replacement – Lawrenceville Armory; pavement testing – statewide.	2010
16	Martin Engineering Company of Illinois 3695 S. Sixth St. Frontage Road West Springfield, IL 62703	217-698-8900 217-698=8922 martinengineeringco.com mecmail@martinengineeringco.com	2	13	Philip G. Martin, P.E., pres.; Steven R. Walker, PLS, vice pres.	Springfield: Cedarhurst of Springfield, Ash Grove Apartments, Springhill Suites, Centennial Pointe Subdivision. Curran: Village of Curran sanitary sewer system. Chatham: Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield, Cardinal Ridge Subdivision. Rochester: Coe Commons. Taylorville: Taylorville Industrial & Commercial Park. Erie: Erie High School. Virden: North Mac High School. Cerro Gordo: Cerro Gordo High School.	1982
17	Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc. 421 S. Grand Ave., West Suite 1A Springfield, IL 62704	217-679-6254 www.bfwengineers.com brotherham@bfwengineers.com	1	2	Ron Bacon, Chris Farmer, Mark Workman	I-57 / I-74 Interchange Reconstruction, Champaign County, Champaign, IL., US 67 Expressway, Cass County, IL near Beardstown.	1996

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### University of Illinois Springfield Student Union - Dewberry Architects

UIS is seeking U.S. Green Building Council LEED Gold Certification for the new students union's "living" roof. The 200,000 plants over a sloped membrane provides insulation, helps to lower air temperatures and lasts much longer than other roofs. The project was awarded a 2018 Design Excellence Honor Award from the Prairie Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA).

"The goals of the project are noble; to create a central place for what has otherwise been a commuter campus. The building is a striking, inviting sculptural form with sophisticated space and light quality. The view from the entry is inviting, and makes good use of the high ceilings and steel I-beams at the window. The dropped ceiling subtly changes the space and links to an area at the back, creating a graceful transition to a more human scale."

– AIA Prairie Chapter awards jurors



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### Kidzeum of Health and Science – BLDD Architects

The Kidzeum is a three-story, 25,000 square foot facility located in the historic buildings at 412, 414 and 416 East Adams Street in Springfield's National Register Historic District. Designed with a focus on fun and learning, Kidzeum is dedicated to teaching children of all abilities about health and science through discovery and play.

Chuck Pell, a Springfield architect whose office is across from the Kidzeum, observed, "The vibe on the 400 block of East Adams Street has noticeably changed in a wonderfully positive direction with the arrival of a destination for kids. The impact on this microcosm of our city cannot be underestimated as families with kids in tow explore the fun, educational exhibits of the Kidzeum and have a chance to see the urban fabric at the core of our community. It is simply exciting to see thousands of once empty square feet filled with energy."

– Chuck Pell, AIA, CJP Architects



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### Governor's Mansion Restoration – Vinci-Hamp Architects

The \$15 million, privately-funded renovation includes extensive interior, exterior and system repairs, with the goal of returning architectural dignity to the place that has been home to Illinois' first families for more than a century. Overgrown landscape was cleared, and the public entry was re-oriented toward downtown Springfield, allowing for prominent views of the Mansion. Bifurcated, curving walks create gracious paths that offer enhanced ADA accessibility and sweeping vistas across the site, with inviting appeal.

The "200 Great Places" list, selected by architects throughout Illinois in honor of the bicentennial anniversary of statehood, includes the Illinois Executive Mansion. Read more about the Governor's Mansion and other Illinois sites on the searchable AIA 200 Great Places website, [illinoisgreatplaces.com/#welcome](http://illinoisgreatplaces.com/#welcome). AIA Illinois has also created a new Instagram account featuring the 200 great places at <https://www.instagram.com/ilgreatplaces/>.

– AIA Illinois



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### Bicentennial Plaza – Massie Massie + Associates

Based on recommendations made by the American Institute of Architects sponsored Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team (R/UDAT) in 2002, the city worked with the Illinois Realtors to create a continuous pedestrian walkway connecting the Lincoln Home National Historic Site with the Illinois State Capitol Complex.

"The Jackson Street Trail serves to enhance the neighborhood with towers of historic panels depicting Abraham Lincoln's vision that America should be a nation of equality and opportunity for all. Its colorful overhead lights, seating and expertly-designed plantings all complement the newly-renovated Governor's Mansion and other neighboring buildings. Overall, this project is also a good example of a significant public-private partnership project that didn't happen overnight without some vision, planning and well-organized execution."

– Paul O'Shea, AIA



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**Jackson Street drainage - Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT)**

Dating back to the 1830s, Jackson was one of the city's original roads, constructed over a portion of the Town Branch combined sewer system, a brick-arch structure constructed in the late 1860s. Devised as a modern solution, the new system helps address downtown flooding issues while also mitigating downstream water quality with a capacity to detain 340,000 gallons of storm water beneath the street. CMT worked with contractors who used pipe, fittings, tees and manifolds that were manufactured and fabricated at the ADS plant in Mendota, Illinois, to create a "subterranean solution" in an 11-ft-deep pit with 2,300 ft of pipe.

"The city approached this project as an opportunity to enhance storm water infrastructure to address surface flooding in the Governor's Mansion and former YWCA block area. These improvements are an immediate benefit to property owners in the surrounding area, as well as a potential asset to any future development, reducing the impact by minimizing flooding from more frequent rain events."

— Mark Mahoney, director of Public Works, City of Springfield



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**11th Street extension – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT)**

This is the final segment that completed the much-desired link between downtown and the UIS and LCCC campuses to the south. From Stevenson Drive to Toronto Road, the three-mile, five-lane arterial also provides bike and walking accommodations. The corridor relieves congestion on Sixth Street, while providing enhanced connectivity and economic development opportunities for the area. CMT has been working with the City of Springfield on the 11th Street corridor planning and design since the early 1990s, completing segments as funds were made available.

"This project is a huge opportunity to connect campus and community. It creates transportation linkages for students into downtown and beyond with public transportation, Amtrak and more. Both the city and the campuses are strengthened and enhanced with the 11th Street extension."

— Karen Shoup AIA, Bureau Chief Bureau of Business Services, Illinois Department of Transportation



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**Illinois State Police Memorial Park – Knight Engineers and Architects**

Concept drawings show the vision for the urban pocket park, located at the corner of Sixth Street and Lawrence Avenue, which is dedicated to honoring the lives of officers killed in the line of duty. The low, black granite wall that runs west to east represents the path of service the officer embarks on after first taking the oath. The wall is broken by the walking paths to represent an officer's path being broken by the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Wall has six pillars to represent the honor guard and two saluting trooper statues, symbolizing the great men and women who gave their lives to protect the citizens of Illinois.

"The transformation of the former Becker Park to the ISP Memorial Park will serve as a reminder to the city and visitors of the sacrifice of ISP heroes and the hazards our first responders live with daily. When designing the Memorial, it was evident early on that the motto of the Illinois State Police; Integrity, Service and Pride, would be incorporated into every aspect of the park. The outdoor monument is an effort of the State Police Memorial Park Committee, in concert with the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation."

— Jack Garcia, chairman of the ISP Memorial Park and executive director of the State Police Merit Board



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	NAME / ADDRESS	PHONE / FAX (=) WEBSITE / EMAIL	NUMBER OF LOCAL REGISTERED ARCHITECTS	NUMBER OF LOCAL FULL-TIME/ EMPLOYEES	PRINCIPALS	NOTABLE PROJECTS	YEAR EST'D
1	<b>FWAI Architects Inc.</b> 1 NW Old Capitol Plaza Springfield, IL 62701	217-528-3661 217-528-4717 fwai.com admin@fwai.com	5	14	Carl Fischer, Paul Wheeler, Forrest Hoffman	Springfield, Ill.: Ronald McDonald House; Blessed Sacrament School Expansion, Central Illinois Community Blood Center, LLCC A. Lincoln Commons, University of Illinois Springfield – various projects, H. D. Smith Corporate Campus, Sangamon County Building, Camp Lincoln – CSMS & Allied Trades, Crowne Plaza Hotel, INB Branches, St. Joseph's Home Dementia Wing, The Hope Institute – Learning Center & Master Planning, Memorial Medical Center – various clinics, Springfield Clinic – various clinics, downtown YMCA; Urbana/Champaign, Ill.: UIUC English Building Renovations, UIUC McKinley Health Center Remodel, UIUC Assembly Hall Remodel & Addition; Waukegan, Ill.: Regional Corporate Data Center; Texas: Corporate Data Center.	1976
1	<b>Graham &amp; Hyde Architects, Inc.</b> 1010 Clocktower Drive Springfield, IL 62704	217-787-9380 217-793-6465 grahamandhyde.com info@grahamandhyde.com	5	11	Jamie Cosgriff, Kevin Handy, Mike Zellers	Springfield, Ill.: Vachel Lindsay Elementary School; St. Agnes Church; Hoogland Center for the Arts; First United Methodist Church; Blessed Sacrament Church; Carrollton Bank; St. John's Lutheran Church expansion; Christ the King Parish Center; Cathedral of Immaculate Conception renovation; Ridgely Elementary School; Ball Charter Elementary School; Cherry Hills Baptist Church; Ben-Gil Elementary School, Gillespie, IL; Panhandle Elementary School addition, Raymond, IL; Ball-Chatham Community Schools additions and renovations; Campus improvements, Benedictine University.	1968
2	<b>Evan Lloyd Associates, Inc.</b> 1630 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-789-7011 evanlloydarchitects.com tsmith@evanlloyd.com	4	13	Timothy B. Smith, Gregory T. Frazier	Springfield: BOS renovation and expansion, Altortor Catepillar facility, IL State Police Credit Union, Waterways Building renovation (4th District Appellate Court), Engrained Brewery, Obed & Isaacs/Wm. Van's Coffee Shop, Prairie State Bank (Wabash branch), Friar Tuck, County Market (Carpenter Street), The Outlets of Springfield, Sangamon County Health Department renovation, Connor Co. Distribution/Sales Facility, Horace Mann interior renovations. Sherman: Illini Bank, New Park and Amphitheater, County Market. Jacksonville: Pathway Services renovation. Carlinville: Bothwell Auditorium and Woodward Athletic Center renovations at Blackburn College. Taylorville: St. Mary School Addition. Eldorado: Legence Bank Corporate Headquarters. Litchfield National Bank branch and Litchfield Library.	1969
2	<b>Steckel-Parker Architects, Inc.</b> 2941 Happy Landing Drive Springfield, IL 62711	217-793-6444 217-793-5434 steckelparker.com dave@steckelparker.com	4	5	David E. Steckel	Levi, Ray & Shoup office complex Brandt Consolidated offices, Illinois Primary Health Care Association office, Taylorville School District gymnasium addition and remodeling, Prairie Eye & Lasik building, Pepsi Distribution Center and office, United Community Bank – various locations, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries – multiple locations, Darcy's Pint, Springfield School District 186 – multiple projects.	1964
3	<b>J.H. Petty and Associates, Ltd. Architects</b> 3220 Executive Park Drive Springfield, IL 62703	217-787-2844 217-787-2855 jhp@jhpa.biz	3	6	Joseph H. Petty	LLCC Aviation Center classroom addition, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport terminal expansion, OSF clinics in Peoria, Urbana and Ottawa, Lake Land College president's office & conference center, Qik N Ez new exterior/branding numerous stores, office building for Psychological Center, Elevate trampoline parks in Champaign, Milan and East Peoria, Blessing Hospital Pharmacy, Pittsfield.	1994
3	<b>John Shafer &amp; Associates</b> 1230 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-744-9036 217-744-9039 shafer-arch.com john@shafer-arch.com	3	4	John Shafer	Heartland Credit Union, Bunn Corporate Office, LLCC Taylorville, Illinois Education Association, Midwest Technical Institute, various locations, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Terry Farmer Photography, Illinois Baptist State Association, Yellowstone Shopping Center, Shelter Insurance State Headquarters, Novanis Building, Illinois Association of School Administrators, Gone for Good Document Destruction, Springfield Clinic Administrative Offices, Illinois Times, Bunn Corporate Office Building and Salvation Army.	1992
3	<b>Melotte Morse Leonatti Parker, Ltd.</b> 213 1/2 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-789-9515 217-789-9518 mmlpltd.com architect@mmlpltd.com	3	9	Ralls C. Melotte, David J. Leonatti, T. David Parker	New Senior Housing, Gillespie; interior design for KEB, Inc. corporate offices, Springfield; Housing Authority offices addition & renovation, Champaign & Springfield; Faith Lutheran Church addition and renovation, Jacksonville; Mt. Pulaski Courthouse Historic Site renovation; new Alternative School building, Morton; Jaenke Hall renovation, Blackburn College; The Abbey historic mausoleum renovation, Springfield; adaptive reuse for 16 bed youth residential facility, Morton; renovation of 140 apartments, Taylorville; renovation of Triopia K-12 school campus.	1978
4	<b>Allied Design Consultants, Inc.</b> 1413 S. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, IL 62704	217-522-3355 217-522-5570 alliedarch.com alliedsn@fgi.net	2	5	Todd R. Hannah	Illinois: John F. Kennedy Middle School, Spring Valley; Public Library, Rushville; New Berlin Elementary School, New Berlin; Eureka School additions; ISU, LLCC, UIS and SIU renovation projects; Security Bank renovations and new construction; Casey-Westfield High School addition and renovations; Springfield School District 186 renovation projects. AGO building renovation and addition at Camp Lincoln, Building #20 renovation at Camp Lincoln, various projects for IDOT.	1984
4	<b>Cowdrey and German dESIGNED aRCHITECTURE inc</b> 1305 Wabash Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-546-5730 217-546-5739 designed-architecture.com cg@designed-architecture.com	2	3	Scott Cowdrey	Rolling Meadows Brewery, Nipper Wildlife Sanctuary, Nehemiah Expansion, Downtown Streetscape Enhancement - Litchfield, IL, Rexx Battery - Springfield and Jacksonville, Macoupin County Animal Shelter - Carlinville, IL, Nature's Grace and Wellness Center-Vermont, IL.	2007
4	<b>Square Root Architecture + Design</b> 1601 Holmes Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-903-5908 squarerootarch.com info@squarerootarch.com	2	1	Jeff Sommers	Caisley Residence - C3Prefab v1.0, Schulze Residence - C3Prefab v2.0, Huang Residence - C3Prefab v3.0, Leiman Residence - C3Prefab v1.1, 99k House, Eco Prototype Residence, Bridgeport Residence, Edgewater Residence, Andersonville Residence, Glencoe Residence, Lincoln Park Residence, Jefferson Park Residence, Sylvan Melloul Salons, Cut Up & Dye Salon, SalonBlonde Hair Salon, OnShore Consulting Offices.	2004





# High-speed rail project finally on track

BY ZACH ROTH

After nearly 25 years of work, political machinations and planning, Springfield's long dalliance with high-speed rail is beginning to reach the end of the track.

It will still be a while before the high-speed rail project is fully complete. Indeed, city officials and planners with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. estimate that the project, in total, will not be completed until 2025.

"We've still got more underpasses to build, and we're always looking for more funding sources," Kevin Seals of Hanson said at a meeting of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project's Stakeholders Advisory Group on Dec. 6. "We've had very robust public engagement, and the city has been extremely gracious on wanting to spend the money on efforts to keep everyone in the city informed on this project."

The idea of high-speed rail in Springfield seems like less of a pipe dream now than it was 10 years ago, when politicians and the public were fighting over which route was the best way through Springfield.

Of course, the long and tortured history of high-speed rail in Illinois' capital city includes many starts and stops for plans to implement the new-fangled train systems. Serious discussion of a high-speed rail line traveling through Springfield dates to the 1960s, and plans have been in the works since 1992 to connect Chicago and St. Louis through high-speed rail. The very first issue of this esteemed publication, back in November

1995, included an article detailing a proposed high-speed line.

The hopes and dreams of those who wished for high-speed rail were quickly dashed by the realities of cost, how to pay for the upgrades and where exactly to run the new route, whether it would be placed along Third Street or 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Now, however, things seem to be moving forward. The first usable segments are currently under construction and a new overpass was opened in 2016 along Carpenter and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. The slow and steady pace of construction is by design, largely because if the entire project was build all at once, traffic would likely be shut down throughout the city.

"We can't build all the project at once, even if we had \$315 million dropped in our lap," Seals said, referring to the total amount of money allocated to the project. "It would disrupt the entire city, with all the east-west flow of traffic. It just could not feasibly be done all at once, so we're doing it in segments. It's much easier to get incremental funds in this \$20-25 million range, maybe up to \$50 million. We're seeking smaller chunks, building it a piece at a time and moving it through the city and disrupting the flow as little as possible."

New funding has also been secured for a future segment, in the form of \$25 million in BUILD grants from the federal Department of Transportation, previously known as TIGER grants.

"That's a significant chunk of money to keep this project rolling and to keep the momentum that we've already started the last four years to be able to get into the next segments and continue



The underpass at Carpenter, which opened in 2016, was the first of several planned as part of the rail consolidation efforts in Springfield. PHOTO BY PATRICK YEAGLE

as expeditiously as we can towards that 2025 target," Seals said.

Land acquisition has been smoother than expected and under budget, something that surprised city officials. Eve Blackwell-Lewis, the project ombudsman and city official responsible for the acquisition of land, noted that resistance to the projects was lower than anticipated among residents and that the strongest reaction came from businesses whose traffic might be disrupted by the project.

"We've pretty much got them all down," Blackwell-Lewis said. "We're on track. We're hoping that one group needs to settle, but we'll do what we need to do to make sure this stays on track."

Despite all this progress, there is a long way to go to reach the final, finished product. Funding has not yet been secured for several of the proposed new grade crossings and usable segments. Any snag in securing the funds could lead to more delays, which could push the completion of the long-awaited project back even further. The initial proposed date to finish the project was 1997.

Even so, high speed-rail in Springfield has come further along than expected, and the dreams of so many local officials and train enthusiasts may finally be achieved sooner, rather than later. ♦

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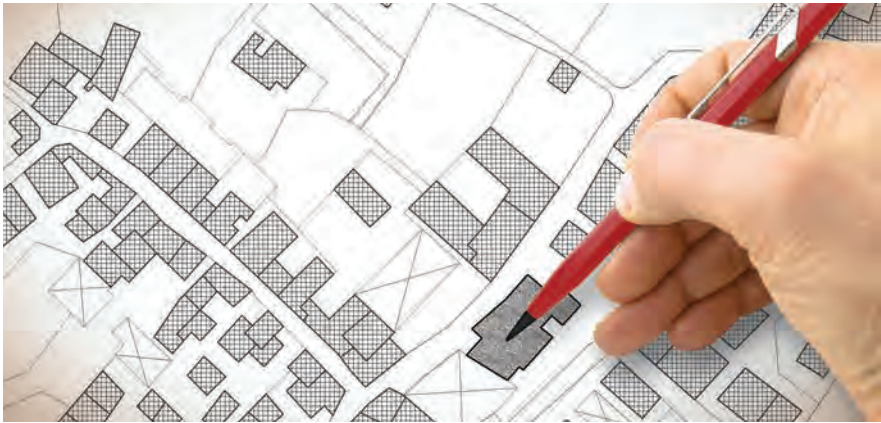
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# A trend towards ReUrbanism

Cities are enjoying a rebirth through reinvestment and reuse of existing places that invites preservationists to reach for the next level of impact in shaping the communities we love. All across the country, more Americans are being drawn to older and historic neighborhoods to live and work. The National Trust has been involved with the revitalization of cities for decades. With strategic focus and organization-wide commitment, the Trust now has the opportunity to promote the reuse of older and historic buildings as the default option in American cities. Using new research, data, tools, and strategies, our commitment to the reuse, reinvestment, and revitalization of cities - which we describe as ReUrbanism - seeks nothing less than to transform both the perception and practice of preservation, responding to the issues cities face today.

ReUrbanism positions preservation in the larger context of human needs. We know preservation is an element in livable, vibrant, equitable and creative communities. Preservation provides character and identity, contributes to sustainability and walkability, fosters a sound economy, spurs creativity, and gives people the psychological and sociological sense of stability they need in an ever-changing world. Yet, while the preservation of our older and historic places is critically important to a community, it is only one part of the various elements that make a community livable and vibrant. Through ReUrbanism, preservation seeks to work in tandem with and support the many other fields that contribute to livable and vibrant communities, including planning, natural conservation, economic development, health and welfare, social justice and sustainability.

With this broader reach in mind, preservation that focuses on people is essential: it is dinner, not dessert. Reuse becomes the default option. Reinvesting, reusing, reinventing, recycling, and reinforcing our existing communities is livable and sustainable. To guide this work, the National Trust has identified 10 principles of ReUrbanism:

**Cities are only successful when they work for everyone.** People are at the center of our work. Preservation projects can create opportunities for community residents at all income levels to live, work, and play in a diverse and thriving environment.

**Older places provide the distinctiveness and character that engender success.** Older buildings give cities a sense of identity, history, and authenticity - which is the most important competitive advantage they can have in

today's economy.

**Older neighborhoods are economic engines.** Research shows that neighborhoods with a mix of older and newer buildings perform better along a number of social, economic, cultural and environmental metrics than areas with only new buildings.

**New ideas, and the New Economy, thrive in older buildings.** All over America, the most innovative companies of the 21st century are choosing to make their homes in older buildings. These buildings fuel creativity by being distinctive, character rich, endlessly adaptable and often low-cost.

**Preservation is adaptive reuse. Adaptive reuse is preservation.** Historic preservation is not just about keeping old buildings around. It is about keeping them alive, in active use and relevant to the needs of the people who surround them.

**Preservation is about managing change.** Healthy, dynamic neighborhoods are always in the process of change. Historic preservation is about managing change: unleashing the enormous potential of older buildings to improve health, affordability, prosperity and well-being.


**Cities are for people, not vehicles.** Reclaiming city streets and making them more amenable to pedestrian and mass transit use can help neighborhoods reacquire activity and thrive once more.

**The greenest building is the one that's already built.** It takes energy to construct a new building - it saves energy to preserve an old one. It simply does not make sense to recycle cans and newspapers and not recycle buildings.

**There are many ways to achieve density.** Areas with a mix of older and newer fabric tend to be denser than new-only neighborhoods, and they achieve that density at a human scale.

**Every community has stories and places that matter.** The places worth saving are those where communities choose to come together and that represent the local stories they treasure and wish to see preserved. ♦

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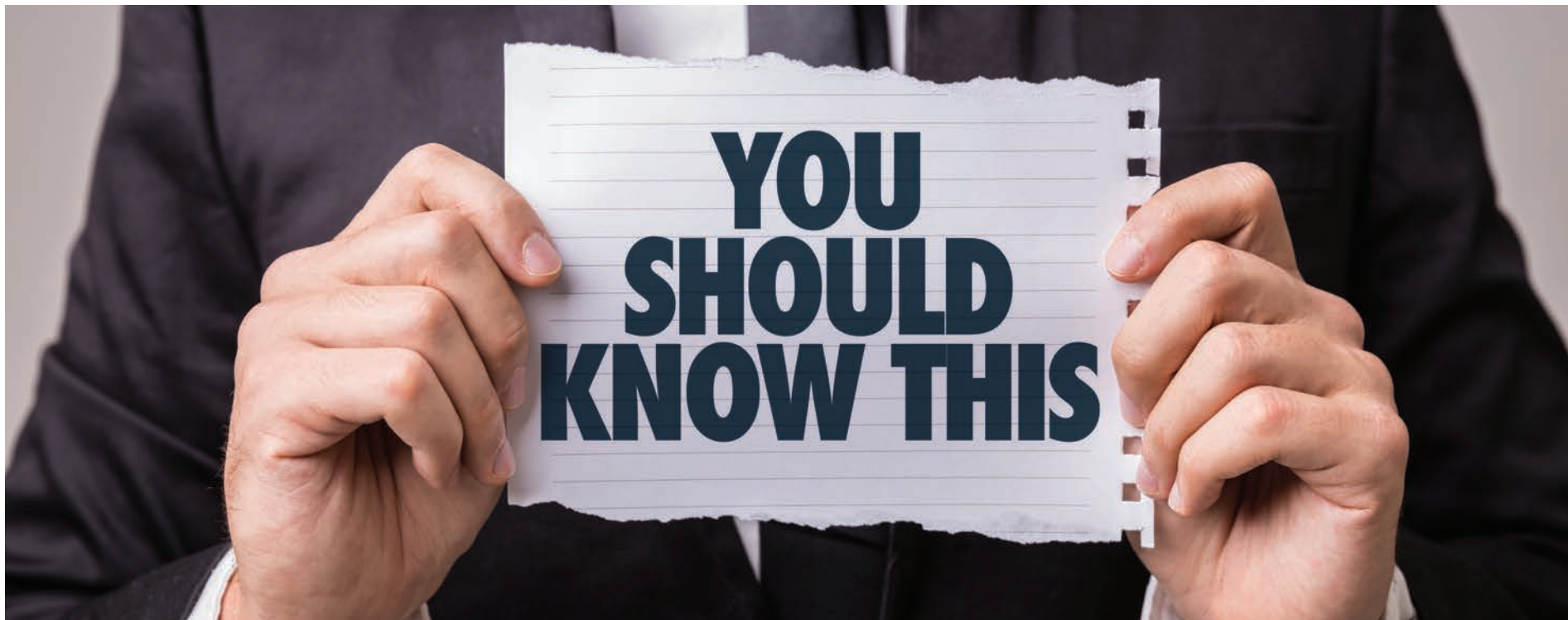
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# New year, new laws

BY TOM PAVLIK

During the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1,268 pieces of legislation passed through both houses of the legislature. The Governor signed 1,044 bills, while vetoing 135 items. Of those bills vetoed, 50 were overridden. The end result is that there are 235 new laws that are now in effect, or will take effect, in 2019.

**Expense reimbursement.** One of the more significant new provisions is also one that, surprisingly, hasn't received much publicity. Thanks to an amendment to the Wage Payment and Collection Act, employers are now required to reimburse employees for "all necessary expenditures that are incurred by the employee" and that are "directly related to services performed for the employer." Necessary expenditures are defined as expenses "required" of an employee in the discharge of his or her duties. It sounds simple, but there's a lot to unpack here. This could be a significant change to Illinois' wage laws.

The statute is primarily aimed at employee use of personal computers, phones and home internet (to the extent required to work at home). As with calculating overtime, any employee who is expected to field emails or

phone calls after standard working hours may fall under the amended statute's umbrella.

At the moment, it is unclear how that statute is to be applied or how narrowly the word "required" will be defined. Eight other states have similar statutes, and until the Illinois version is fleshed out via regulations and court decisions, some suggest that employers look to California for guidance. There, employers have been forced to pay an employee's cell phone even when he or she is on an unlimited plan or for a portion of home internet costs when those services were used, only in small part, for business purposes.

Significantly, the Illinois law provides that employers with a written expense reimbursement policy won't be liable for costs that exceed policy limits so long as the policy doesn't "provide for no ... or de minimis reimbursement." Nor will an employer be liable if an employee fails to strictly follow the policy's requirements.

What's the takeaway? Look over your expense policy, and if you don't have one, think about instituting one in consultation with your attorney. There will be some uncertainty about how to apply the statute, but I can predict with a high level of confidence that, much like overtime issues, this will be fertile ground for litigation.

**Nursing mothers.** Employers with more than five employees must now provide paid breaks for nursing mothers who must express milk at work. In addition to any breaks (whether paid or unpaid) already allowed, employers must now allow a "reasonable" paid break each time milk needs to be expressed for one year after the child's birth. If an employer can show that providing the breaks will cause it "undue hardship," then the employer is exempt.

**Car seats.** A new law requires all children under two years (unless over 40 pounds) be in a rear-facing seat when in a vehicle. First-time fines are \$75 with a second fine of no more than \$200.

**Firearms.** Illinois now has a 72-hour waiting period on the sale of all firearms, not just handguns. The new law also eliminates the former exemption from a waiting period for sales to non-residents.

In addition, a new statute allows the police or family members to ask a court to find that a person is a danger to himself or others by virtue of possession of a firearm. The action can be taken without notice to the gun owner, but an evidentiary hearing must be held within 14 days to allow the owner to state his or

her case. And, the new law allows a judge to issue a search warrant for the police to seize any weapons.

**Divorce/Spousal maintenance.** Thanks to new federal tax laws, the way a court calculates maintenance will change on Jan. 1. First, the person paying maintenance may no longer deduct it for taxable income purposes, nor may the receiver include it in taxable income. Second, the percentage calculations will also change. Although it sounds simple, there are quite a few complexities with the new law. Make sure to consult your family law attorney if you pay or receive maintenance, or are anticipating filing a divorce.

**Texting and driving.** Until July 1, 2019, first violations of texting while driving will remain "non-moving" violations that won't affect a driving record. Thereafter, however, it becomes a moving violation. And anyone with three moving violations within 12 months faces the prospect of having his license suspended. All the more reason not to drive distracted. ♦

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# Try something new at Nu-Voh

BY TOM PAVLIK

Although I love a good steak, I get particularly animated over more esoteric dishes like steak tartare or roasted bone marrow. It's the kind of food that gets me excited, but not the type of fare usually seen in the capital city. So I was excited when I first saw Nu-Voh's food-forward menu a month or so ago.

Nu-Voh is located on the ground floor of the Saint Nicholas Hotel. The space has been vacant since Caitie Girl's closed in 2011 after the tragic death of its owner, so it's nice to see some life breathed back into this beautiful space.

The mosaic floor, the vaulted ceilings, dark colors and repurposed tables give off some good vibes. You really can feel some of the splendor of Springfield's past. Nu-Voh bills itself as casual fine dining. I'm not so sure about casual – someone wearing a baseball hat would look out of place here. Although to hear my wife, baseball hats are never appropriate at the table. But Nu-Voh certainly isn't stuffy and formal. It's a good balance, and they've taken maximum advantage of the beautiful space.

We preferred the seating against the windows (always nice to be seen), but there are plenty of other options, including a separate private room that's presumably available for events.

Nu-Voh is only open for dinner. So when we

Service was excellent from the start. The staff was efficient and attentive, but not overbearing. It takes some skill to know when to leave diners alone and when they need some attention, and our server certainly had that down. He also knew the menu and had obviously sampled most, if not all, of the dishes.

As you would expect from a steakhouse, Nu-Voh has a nice wine and specialty cocktail list that covers pretty much the whole spectrum of price and genre. However, it was the menu itself that piqued my curiosity about Nu-Voh, given that I so rarely see dishes like tartare and marrow on menus anymore. Blissfully, one of my guests has similar appetites and was happy to order these two items right off the bat.



The tartare came out first. It had the requisite elements – some greens, some acid, amazing bread to serve as a delivery vehicle, a raw quail egg and a creamy sauce to pull it all together. I thought that the meat could have been chopped a little finer – larger chunks of raw meat aren't for everyone. And, although we weren't sure, we thought that the meat might have been "cooked" by some acid, as with ceviche. It wasn't bad, it was just different. And different can be good – we did scoop it all up, after all.

Although I hate to write this, the roasted bone marrow disappointed both of us. The bread was among the best I've had in Springfield. But I was expecting an unctuous rich and fatty delicacy that was buttery, creamy and packed with umami. Nu-Voh's had the umami but was missing that fatty (but not greasy) texture and taste. I'm hoping that it was just an off night.

Three of us decided to also get side salads, opting for the Caesar. We all agreed that the dressing was spot on. Two of us loved the bacon



Nu-Voh is located inside the Saint Nicholas Hotel.

PHOTO BY STACIE LEWIS

(copious amounts of bacon!) while one thought it needed to have a bit more fat rendered out. That aside, make sure that you give it a try.

For entrees, we opted for the ribeye special (\$34 – with garlic mashed potatoes and asparagus), the gnocchi (\$14), the filet mignon (\$26 – 8 oz. with garlic mashed potatoes and asparagus) and the bone in Berkshire pork chop (\$16 for 8 oz., \$24 for 16 oz. – same sides as other dishes).

The gnocchi had wonderfully roasted cloves of garlic and just the right combination of cream sauce, peas and cherry tomatoes. And the gnocchi themselves were fluffy and light pillows of flavor, not dense or soggy as so often seems to be the case. Good job, Nu-Voh.

I was a bit surprised by the pork chop, but in retrospect, I should have ordered the 16 ounce version. It looked sort of lonely on the plate. Other than perhaps benefiting from a bit more char, it pleased the palate.

My two other guests know good beef. They reported being pleased with their beef dishes, both of which came out as ordered. Each came with a demi-glace sauce. And, we all agreed that the asparagus and garlic mashed potatoes were a nice accompaniment to our meals.

Most surprisingly of all, however, was the consensus that the Brussels sprouts were addictively good, with ample amounts of parmesan dusted about.

Regrettably, we didn't try the Chinese five-spiced duck breast (\$29). It came under glass, surrounded by cinnamon smoke. The odor from the tables near us was enough incentive to come back. It looked delicious and was obviously a fan favorite.

Unbelievably, we had room for dessert, opting for the bananas foster and the chocolate cake. I'm not a dessert guy, nor a fan of bananas foster, but I'd definitely order this dish again.

This type of decadent meal probably isn't something you want to do every week. But Nu-Voh is worth a visit when you're in the mood for something different. We hope it finds long-lasting success. ♦

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visited, the spacious bar looked like the place to be – there wasn't a seat available. You can dine at the bar, too. We visited on a Monday night, which certainly is not the most popular night for dining out. We were pleasantly surprised to see that there was a steady stream of customers during our visit.

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## MEDICAL NEWS

### The Center for Human and Organizational Potential at SIU selects dean

Susan Thompson Hingle, MD, has been selected as the associate dean for the Center for Human and Organizational Potential (cHOP) at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Hingle will direct and guide the development of the new center's programs.

The Center for Human and Organizational Potential was launched this fall. cHOP will invest in SIU's employees and the community through personal and professional growth. Its goal is to achieve improvement in lives and health through focus areas in wellness, work preparedness, professional growth, retraining and faculty development and promotion.

"Dr. Hingle is a respected leader both locally and nationally, and she's passionate about medical student and graduate student education and communication," said SIU's dean and provost Jerry Kruse, MD. "With her clinical expertise on women's health, health promotion and disease prevention, she will bring great ideas and energy to her new position at cHOP."

A resident of Springfield, Hingle has served on the medical school's faculty since 1998. She is a professor of medicine and a general internal medicine specialist who



previously has served as clerkship director and interim chair of the department. Most recently, Hingle served as the chair of the American College of Physicians (ACP) Board of Regents; her term concluded in April 2018.

Hingle earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University and a medical degree from Rush University Medical College. She completed an internal medicine residency at Georgetown University Medical Center, where she served as chief resident of Internal Medicine.

### HSHS St. Francis Hospital names new CEO

Jim Timpe has been selected to serve as the new president and CEO at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. Timpe comes to St. Francis from HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield where he most recently served as the director of imaging services, rehabilitation services, sleep and neuro-diagnostics. He had been in that role since 2011.

"Jim is a proven top-performing leader at HSHS, and we know he will be an asset to St. Francis Hospital and the community we serve," said EJ Kuiper, president and CEO of HSHS Central Illinois Division Hospitals.

Before Timpe joined Hospital Sisters Health System (HSBS), he held various leadership positions in radiology services in the Chicagoland area. He received his bachelor's degree from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, and his master of science in med informatics and management from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Timpe is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and is seeking his Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE) status.

Timpe and his wife, Denise, will be relocating to Litchfield with their two sons, Scott and Matt, who are currently in college.

"Denise and I are so excited to join the



Litchfield community," said Timpe. "It is an honor to be chosen to serve as the top leader at HSHS St. Francis Hospital. I look forward to getting to know our colleagues, medical staff, board members, volunteers and community members. Their feedback will guide our team as we continue the Hospital Sisters' tradition of high-quality health care close to home. When I first came to HSHS seven years ago, I felt as if I had come home, and joining the St. Francis ministry confirms that feeling. It will be my great pleasure to enter these doors each day with a smile – just like coming home again."

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### Illinois Primary Health Care Association names new CEO

Five months after Jordan Powell was appointed as the Illinois Primary Health Care Association's acting president and CEO, the board of directors selected him to permanently serve in that role. Powell is the fourth CEO in the organization's 36-year history and the first African-American to hold that title. He previously served as IPHCA's senior vice president of public policy and governmental affairs.

"Since being asked to lead our organization in July, Jordan has provided steady leadership amid various challenges," said board chairman Larry McCulley, president and CEO of SIHF Healthcare. "His enthusiasm is infectious and he brings both a mission-driven focus and genuine passion for the work we do. We are excited about what this means for the future of IPHCA."

IPHCA represents 48 Federally Qualified Health Centers that operate nearly 400 clinics across Illinois, which provide more than 1.4 million people with access to quality health care.

Powell has dedicated his career to public service and has worked for IPHCA since 2013. His passion for service is rooted in Illinois, where he was raised by a single mother who has battled Multiple Sclerosis and cancer, illnesses she has been able to manage and overcome, thanks in large part to the health care she received.

"I often see myself in those we serve," he said. "I've been in their shoes. This is my opportunity to give back and defend the vulnerable. My mom is alive today because she had access to quality health care, and it is my job to ensure that our members have the resources they need to provide that same access to everyone we serve."

During his tenure with IPHCA, he has worked closely with the Illinois General Assembly and United States Congress to advocate for policy



initiatives and funding needs on behalf of health centers, positioning them as the provider of choice in their community. That work has resulted in more than \$920 million in federal funding for members and, recently, \$20 million in state funds for capital construction needs, which will lead to the construction and expansion of health care facilities. Also this year, he helped to secure passage of three legislative initiatives that bolster provider reimbursement and increase continuity of care for patients.

His new role will allow him to carry out strategic initiatives that include increasing public awareness of the needs of community health centers and positioning IPHCA as the state's leading health care trade association.

A 2007 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he is pursuing an MBA from Washington University's Olin Business School in St. Louis. Jordan was previously named one of *Springfield Business Journal's* Forty Under 40.



# Encompass moves to Springfield



Encompass Health began operations in Springfield earlier this year after relocating from Fulton. The Birmingham, Ala.-based home care provider was attracted to Springfield's strong health care industry, says Branch Director Jessie Cooper. "We started with just a handful of employees in Fulton and have grown to a staff of 10 since the relocation," says Cooper.

The staff includes physical therapists, occupational therapists, a speech therapist, RNs, LPNs and an area manager that works with hospital discharge planners, which is an important step in home care. "We strive for same day start of care after a patient is discharged from the hospital,"

says Cooper. "Patients who receive home care within 48 hours of discharge have a lower risk of rehospitalization." In addition to the traditional services offered by home health care agencies, Encompass Health also offers a memory care program to help patients with Alzheimer's disease and the cognitive elements of aging.

Encompass Health is located at 2979 Baker Dr. The office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., however Cooper points out that staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached by calling the office number, 217/542-7138.

# Sangamon County new business registrations

- Kayla's Designs**, 3328 Saxony Rd. 416-7375. Shanice M. Neal.  
**AKC Trucking, LLC**, 4000 Virginia Ln., Spaulding. 993-1514. Christina Roach and Kyle Rilea.  
**Holly Grove Ent.**, 1913 Holly Dr. 220-6321. Terrace Lee Davis, Jr.  
**Leon's Caps, Inc.**, 2508 E. Cook St. 544-9419. Willard Leon Henderson.  
**Elaine Guthals Ministries**, 3 Candlewood Dr., #1. 691-1583. Elain Guthals.  
**Encompass Health Home Health**, 2970 Baker St. 542-7138. Encompass Home Health of the Midwest, LLC.  
**LIV Investments, Inc.**, 1724 S. MacArthur Blvd. 309/287-6862. Nathaniel S. Tierney.  
**BC's Bowlersworld**, 3115 E. Sangamon Ave. 520-9025. Brian Collins.  
**Willow Creek Farm**, 6232 Stat Route 123, Pleasant Plains. 601/955-8155. John C. Jennings.  
**Ziebler & Associates**, 3604 Crystal Spring Dr. 815/207-1110. Chelsey Ziebler and David Ziebler.  
**Drela's Diamond Shine Cleaning Service**, 2621 Steiler Pl. 314/675-8425. Drela S. Richards.  
**H & R Block**, 830 S. Grand Ave. East. 877/880-5222. HRB Tax Group, Inc.  
**Eagles Eyes Photography**, 1346 N. 3rd St. 685-7449. William C. Higginbotham.  
**SOL Tshirts**, 1915 S. 4th St. 494-5047. Valerio Soltero.  
**Multiple By Me**, 1901 E. Watch Ave. 679-0528. Ashley N. Bean.  
**Butch's Lawncare and Landscaping**, 2013 Creighton. 717-5277. Joseph George.  
**Flat Branch Home Loans**, 3500 Mitchell Dr. 573/442-3850. James Yankee and Delton Jacobs.  
**Snap Fitness**, 1362 Toronto Rd. 679-1724. David Simmons.  
**Buildmasters Construction**, 2105 E. Cook St. 717-4406. Jeanette Sanchez.  
**Custom Shirt**, 2501 Wabash Ave. 416-3659. Nader Tadrous.  
**The UPS Store** 7076, 4200 Conestoga Dr. 309/261-2972. RPA Management, Inc.  
**Flowers by Kathy**, 2001 N. Grand Ave. East, 528-3322. Alison Cox.  
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Campers from Camp Care-a-Lot enjoy their new swimsuits and towels. PHOTO COURTESY OF CAMP CARE-A-LOT

## Gear Forward helps kids enjoy the outdoors

BY JANET SEITZ

Scott Gauvin was a part-time outdoor blogger who had accumulated a large amount of free outdoor gear to review, photograph and use. When his wife suggested he part with some of the gear, he reflected that he had grown attached to it, with memories of specific trips and adventures.

He explained, "But then I understood her sentiment, and I recalled my own childhood, the son of a single mom and the recipient of hand-me-down gear from my beloved Scoutmaster in Rhode Island, Mr. A. I began a search to find an organization to donate the gear to that would ensure my gear went to youth in need and came up empty."

Gauvin made contact with friends in the outdoor community and with youth and nonprofit programs. Along with two fellow outdoor bloggers and friends, he formed Gear Forward, a nonprofit organization that aims to ensure every child with a desire to explore the outdoor world has the gear necessary to experience it.

Growing up, many children have a chance to explore nature with hiking, campouts, Scouts, or other activities. Gauvin, who is now Gear Forward's executive director, wants to see as many youth benefit from those outdoor experiences as possible.

"Help us find those specific pockets of needs in the community and help us with gear donations. Almost every home has a tent, a sleeping bag or a backpack that isn't being used any longer. We can ensure that the piece of gear finds a new home with a youth in need who has a gear deficiency that may be keeping them from enjoying the outdoors," he said.

The coast-to-coast nonprofit organization is split into three regions. Gauvin represents the central region, which includes Illinois, and locally has supported the Girl Scouts of Central

Illinois and Camp Care-a-Lot.

Like Gauvin, Teegan Lund, Camp Care-A-Lot's director, has a passion for the outdoors and a desire to pay those experiences forward. Lund attended the Jacksonville camp as a youth.

"Our circumstances placed my sisters and I in the target population of low-socioeconomic and at-risk youth that camp serves. Being at Camp Care-A-Lot really taught me that, despite the things I had experienced, I could become more than a product of my environment," said Lund.

"As a camper, I was exposed to many new concepts and adults who showed I could trust them. The staff was caring, empathetic and kind. Camp was full of fun and stimulating activities which encouraged teambuilding, increased social skills and inspired me to work towards my future goals."

Lund kept in contact with camp staff, returned in 2003 at age 16 as a junior counselor and has been volunteering ever since. She has served as a counselor, worked with returning camp teens to give back to the community and this year accepted the camp director position.

"Our camp provides youth with an opportunity to grow, learn and expand their horizons," said Lund. "We make sure their needs are met for safety, comfort, shelter, clothing, love, belonging and plenty of healthy foods. As their needs are met, they are able to strengthen the centerpiece skills of respect, responsibility, teamwork, kindness, listening and following directions. We aim to foster hope in our youth and emphasize that they are kids-at-hope, meaning that they are capable of success. We believe this above anything."

Camp Care-a-Lot has served more than 1000 Central Illinois at-risk children between the ages of six and 11. "All of the means we use to run camp have been donated by hundreds of

individuals, local businesses, or grants," Lund explained. "We simply couldn't run without the outpouring of love from the community and the amazing volunteers who are making sure that camp succeeds in fulfilling our purpose."

The camp's Facebook post asking for \$100 for camping items such as insect repellent for its 25th anniversary camp caught Gauvin's attention. He was determined to do more, leveraging his many contacts and relationships with manufacturers "that like to do good things" and raised \$1,600 to buy new items.

Gauvin took his daughters, ages 13 and 10, shopping for 54 swimsuits and towels and then attended the event. "We got to see the donation, see the kids and their appreciation. When I took my girls down to the pool, they got excited because they helped with getting the suits and towels. They understand that not everyone has what they need. Seeing all those kids - the smiles - my heart grows about 15 sizes too big for my chest."

"We were so fortunate to have contact with Scott Gauvin and his lovely family to provide support to Camp Care-A-Lot's 25th year of operation," said Lund. "Scott was determined to make sure our youth obtained a generous amount of supplies for camping that they could take home with them Scott and family joined us for our anniversary party, engaging with our kiddos and enjoying the experience our campers love. We genuinely hope to have future involvement with Gear Forward as we both aspire to serve youth who would otherwise not get an opportunity to experience a camping experience."

To learn more about Gear Forward, visit [www.gearforward.org](http://www.gearforward.org). ♦

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