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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Reminder: the second installment of Union County property taxes is due Oct. 6. ***

Union County Democrats shared the following message on Monday: "Theft and vandalism of signs continues in Union County. Last night 7 signs were taken down in Ware including a 4x4 and the metal stakes, then thrown in the ditch. Reported to Sheriff Scott Harvel today and police report will be turned in tomorrow. At least 55 signs that we are aware of have been taken." ***

The Union County Board of Commissioners is moving closer to naming a new county engineer. ***

Pop-up Fair Food stands which were set up early this week in Anna appeared to be quite popular. The stands were set up on the parking lot in front of the former Bunny Bread building. ***



A squirrel was keeping an eye on things from high atop a utility pole in Cobden.

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Former Congressman spurred to act...

Silent marches, reciting of Gettysburg Address planned at region's courthouses

During a tumultuous time in the nation's history, a former Southern Illinois Congressman says he will be taking action.

Glenn Poshard plans to silently march in front of each courthouse in all 39 counties of the two Congressional districts he represented in Congress. He plans to be at the

Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

On that same day, Poshard plans to be at the Massac County Courthouse at 11 a.m. and the Johnson County Courthouse at 2 p.m.

The former Congressman began his marches on Monday, Sept. 28, in Jackson and Williamson counties.

He planned to be in Alexander and Pulaski counties on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Poshard says he is taking action during these "perilous times" when the country "is filled with hate and division."

During his marches, Poshard says he will be carrying signs "of non-violence and respect for our

people and our democracy."

Each march is scheduled to conclude with a 10-minute recitation of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Poshard says the reading of Lincoln's famed speech will be "to remind us of who we are as Americans."

All of those who will be participating in the marches

will be wearing masks and observing appropriate distances as they walk.

Poshard notes that anyone who attends the reciting of the Gettysburg Address must follow the same health safety guidelines.

(For more about Poshard's marches, please see the Opinion and Commentary section on the back page of this week's paper.)

COVID-19 497 cases in county

Southern Seven Health Department reported a cumulative total of 1,149 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Monday, Sept. 28.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday confirmed a total of 31 new cases of COVID-19 in the region it serves in Southern Illinois.

The health department reported that the newly confirmed cases, by county, gender and age, included:

Union County: one male in his 40s.

Alexander County: one male in his 10s, two females in their 30s, one male in his 30s, one female in her 40s, one female in her 50s, one female in her 70s.

Hardin County: one female in her 20s.

Johnson County: one female in her 10s, two males in their 20s, three males in their 30s, one female in her 50s, one male in his 50s.

Massac County: one female in her 50s, one male in his 50s, one female in her 60s, one male in his 60s, one male in his 70s.

Pope County: one male in his 50s, one female in her 90s.

Pulaski County: two males in their 20s, one male in his 30s, one male in his 40s, one male in his 50s, one female in her 60s, one male in his 80s.

All of those with active cases of COVID-19 are being isolated.

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Early voting begins

Early voting in the 2020 general election started Thursday, Sept. 24. The election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3. Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer set up an early voting location in the community room at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Election workers Connie Yates, Chery Stamp and Linda Knupp (not pictured) welcomed voters to the polling place. A total of 105 voters cast ballots on the first day of early voting. The county clerk's office also reported that as of last week, it had received 1,061 requests for mail-in ballots.

Illinois Secretary of State extends driver's license, ID expiration dates until February 2021

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD – Expiration dates on Illinois driver's licenses and state ID cards will be extended another three months, Secretary of State Jesse White announced Wednesday, Sept. 23.

White announced expirations for licenses and IDs will be extended until Feb. 1, 2021, so the cards will remain valid throughout that span.

The extension applies to those who have October,

November, December and January expiration dates.

"Extending expiration dates until February 1 means people with an expired driver's license and ID card do not need to visit a driver services facility immediately," White said in a news release.

License plate stickers remain extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can be renewed online.

White encouraged those who have business with the secretary of state to consider using online services instead of visiting a facility when possible.

Online services at www.cyberdriveillinois.com can be used to renew license plate stickers, obtain a duplicate driver's license or ID card, obtain a driving record abstract or renew a standard driver's license through the Safe Driver renewal program.

Online transactions continue to rise, according to White's office, with online license plate sticker renewals increasing 84 percent compared to the same period in 2019.

From June 1 through Sept. 20, more than 1.2 million such renewals have

been conducted online, compared to 654,596 during the same period a year ago.

White recently extended by one year the driver's license expiration date for drivers age 75 and older. The new expiration date is now set for their birthday in 2021.

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Anna hosts pickleball tournament

The Southern Illinois Open pickleball tournament was played last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Anna. The tournament was hosted by the Anna Pickleball Group. Competition took place on the new pickleball courts at the Anna City Park. Organizers were expecting approximately 75 players from five states to play. Proceeds from the tournament will go to support Hadley's Haven, an all-inclusive playground which is planned at the Anna City Park.



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The Illinois Department of Transportation on Monday announced that later this year, it will be embarking on major renovation work at the Trail of Tears rest areas along Interstate 57 in Union County. IDOT said the project "includes greatly expanding and enhancing truck parking."

Lots of harvest work could be seen last Sunday afternoon in farm fields near Wolf Lake.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on Monday announced that it had given final approval to seven Enterprise Zones, including those in Saline County and Williamson County in Southern Illinois. Enterprise Zones are designed to boost job and economic growth and development.

Last year, October weather in the region started with record-breaking heat, with high temperatures in the mid to upper 90s. The National Weather Service

Weather

Mild, mostly dry

Union County experienced mild temperatures and dry conditions during the period of Sept. 22-28.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 79 degrees to a low of 48.

Precipitation recorded during the period totaled .67 of an inch of rain on Sept. 28.

Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, Sept. 22	69	49
Wednesday, Sept. 23	66	54
Thursday, Sept. 24	71	57
Friday, Sept. 25	71	57
Saturday, Sept. 26	77	63
Sunday, Sept. 27	79	60
Monday, Sept. 28	66	49

office in Paducah says that highs this Friday in the region could potentially be more than 30 degrees lower than they were at the same time last year.

Union County experienced a recent, and what seemed rather unusual, 15-day period with no rain.

Shawnee Community College is planning to have a Zoom "Fun Friday" event for students on Oct. 2.

A sign seen last weekend at the Wolf Lake Community Center announced a Wolf Lake Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 3. Rain or shine.

The Illinois fall trout fishing season is scheduled to open Saturday, Oct. 17.

All sorts of activities were happening late last Friday afternoon and into the early evening at the Anna City Park.

The LaRue-Pine Hills Area north of Wolf Lake was a busy place last Sunday afternoon.

The Big Muddy River north of Wolf Lake is very low.

Looking for a good book? Make plans to check out an outdoor book sale which is planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, on the grounds of Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Nice to see both the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs in Major League Baseball's postseason play-offs. Almost seems like something "normal."

The St. Louis Blues' reign as National Hockey League Stanley Cup champions came to an end Monday night when Tampa Bay won the 2020 title.

Great Central U.S. ShakeOut drill planned

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, is encouraging all families, schools, businesses and other organizations to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, which is set for 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 15.

IEMA said the goal of this "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill is to improve preparedness and to draw attention to the earthquake hazards that exist in Illinois, across the country and around the world.

ShakeOut is an international event involving millions of participants from more than 40 states and territories and several countries.

To date, millions of people have registered worldwide, but so far only 940,000 people have registered in the United States.

In Illinois, there were 100,694 registered participants as of Sept. 16.

Local emergency managers throughout the state are hoping to increase that number as the day of the drill approaches.

"Tornadoes and floods can be forecasted to give you advance warning to take cover, but there is no way to predict when an earthquake will occur," IEMA director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said in a news release.

"The Great ShakeOut earthquake drill is a quick and easy way for people to practice steps that could save their lives."

Earthquakes Can Occur at Any Time

Earthquakes can occur at any time, anywhere and without warning.

IEMA said that "while we often associate earthquakes with the West Coast, quakes can and do occur

closer to home."

Illinois is positioned between two active seismic zones, the New Madrid Seismic Zone and the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone.

Earthquakes were reported in Illinois in 2012 (McHenry County), 2010 (Kane County) and 2008 (Wabash County).

In fact, an earthquake in any neighboring states could be felt by residents in Illinois.

IEMA said "this underscores the importance of preparedness. An earthquake can strike when you are at work, at home, at school or while on vacation. When you are asleep in your bed or at an afternoon ballgame.

"ShakeOut provides the opportunity to practice what you would do in the event of an earthquake.

IEMA says that Shakeout participation is as easy as 1, 2, 3:

1. Register your home, school, business or organization on the ShakeOut website at www.ShakeOut.org/centralus.

Once registered, your point of contact will receive important information about earthquakes and preparedness.

2. Make a Plan. Build an emergency supply kit for your family.

Talk to your family members about what you should do in the event of an earthquake.

Secure heavy items in your home like bookcases, refrigerators, televisions and objects that hang on the wall. Evaluate your home for structural issues.

3. Practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On" on Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m.

Drop to the ground onto your hands and knees.

COVID-19 cases

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The health department reported 13 new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Sept. 28.

As of Sept. 28, there were 808 people in the health department's service area who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Twenty-five deaths had been reported in the region since the start of the pandemic.

The number of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 in the area counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department as of Sept. 28 follows:

Union County: 497 cases. 392 had recovered. 82 active cases. 20 deaths had been reported in the county. (The department noted that three deaths had been retracted in the county.)

Alexander County: 82

cases. 47 had recovered. 34 active cases. One death had been reported.

Hardin County: 38 cases. 31 had recovered. Seven active cases.

Johnson County: 217 cases. 117 had recovered. 100 active cases.

Massac County: 110 cases. 66 had recovered. 42 active cases. Two deaths had been reported.

Pope County: 26 cases. 15 had recovered. 10 active cases. One death has been reported in the county.

Pulaski County: 179 cases. 140 had recovered. 38 active cases. One death had been reported in the county.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in Illinois there were 1,709 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on Sept. 28, bringing the confirmed total in the state to 289,639 individuals, with 8,614 deaths.

Cover your head and neck with one arm to protect yourself from falling objects.

Hold On to a sturdy table or desk until the shaking is done.

IEMA says "these are the recommended actions to

protect yourself during an earthquake."

Additional earthquake preparedness and mitigation information is available on the following websites: <http://www.ready.illinois.gov> and <http://www.cusec.org>.

County not at warning level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Sept. 25, reported that 17 counties in the state were considered to be at a warning level for novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Union County was not among the counties which were considered to be at a warning level.

Friday's updated warning level list was for the period of Sept. 13-19.

Union County had been at the warning level for the preceding reporting period.

A county enters a warning level when two or more COVID-19 risk indicators that measure the amount of COVID-19 increase.

The 17 counties which were reported at a warning level on Friday were Bond, Boone, Cass, Christian, Clinton, Crawford, DeWitt, Fayette, Grundy, Hamilton, Macon, Menard, Peoria, Putnam, Washington, Wayne and Winnebago.

IDPH reported although the reasons for counties reaching a warning level vary, some of the common factors for an increase in cases and outbreaks are associated with university and college parties as well as college sports teams, large gatherings and events, bars and clubs, weddings and funerals, long-term care facilities, correctional centers, schools, and cases

among the community at large.

Public health officials said they are observing people not social distancing, gathering in large groups, and not using face coverings.

Some communities lack access to convenient testing before people become symptomatic.

In some counties, local law enforcement and states' attorneys are not enforcing important mitigation measures like social distancing and the wearing of face coverings.

Additionally, some people refuse to participate in contact tracing and are not providing information on close contacts or answering the phone.

IDPH uses numerous indicators when determining if a county is experiencing stable COVID-19 activity, or if there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county.

A county is considered at the warning level when at least two of the reporting metrics trigger a warning. For the reporting period of Sept. 13-19, Union County's only metric at the warning level was for new cases per 100,000 people.

The county's number was 148. IDPH noted that if there are more than 50 new cases per 100,000 people in a county, then a warning is triggered.

Man wanted on multiple child pornography charges



Dmitriy Seleznev

Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann on Friday, Sept. 25, reported that an arrest warrant has been issued for Dmitriy Seregeyevic Seleznev.

Klingemann said in a news release that Seleznev is wanted on \$500,000 bond.

Seleznev has been charged with one count of child pornography, a Class X felony; four counts of child pornography, all Class

1 felonies; two counts of indecent solicitation of a child, both Class 2 felonies; two counts of traveling to meet a minor, both Class 3 felonies; and two counts of grooming, both Class 4 felonies.

Seleznev is described as a white male, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is approximately 5 feet, 10 inches tall, and weighs approximately 175 pounds.

He is believed to be driving a 2008 to 2010 black Cadillac passenger car with tinted windows and an Oregon license plate.

Authorities say Seleznev is considered armed and dangerous and that the public should not approach or make contact with him.

Anyone who may have information related to the case is asked to call the Jonesboro Police Department at 833-5500.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude for the flowers, plants, phone calls, donations to St. Jude and kind words on the passing of my wife, Juanita Butler.

A special thank you to pastor Mark Goins for the kind words he had to say at the service. The family would also like to say a special thank you to Denise Goins for her beautiful songs/music and to our children, Jeff Butler (Carri Butler), Katrina Butler, Rick Butler (Christy Butler), Ciara Butler and Mylee Rose Butler and the Howerton family for all of their help. A special thank you to our granddaughter, Chasidy Mezo (Doug Mezo) and great-granddaughter, Abcidy Mezo for making their grandmother a beautiful graveside blanket.

Thank you for the beautiful spray and flowers from The Enchanted Garden. Thank you also to Phil and Beth at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home and the pallbearers. (A special thank you to our granddaughter, Ciara Butler).

Juanita will be missed by many; she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother & great-grandmother. We loved her dearly. Please keep my family and I in your prayers.

Sincerely, Raymond Butler and family. 42GC

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Opinion and Commentary

Marching for non-violence, respect, our democracy

By Glenn Poshard

Our beloved country is filled with hate and division. Not against the common enemies of democracy which dwell outside our borders, the autocratic and totalitarian regimes headed by dictators around the world sworn to our destruction, but hate against each other, our fellow citizens.

One need look no further than a momentary glance at the social media which dominates our culture today. The voices of disrespect and violence completely cover even the smallest voice for respect and unity among our people.

The chasm has grown so wide among us, one must wonder if any bridge of reason or love can span the divide? It is stunning that our country should come to this point of division.

President Lincoln, in his Second Inaugural, stated this concern in the midst of our Civil War. "Neither party expected for the war, the magnitude, or the duration, which it has already attained...Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other."

Mr. Lincoln had warned in an earlier speech in 1838 that "...if destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide."

Are we there? Are we on the path? While we pray America will never endure another Civil War, we can destroy ourselves from within through the hate and violence being espoused by too many.

President Lincoln proposed the only antidote to our situation that I know. He said at the end of that same Inaugural Address. "...With malice toward none, with charity (love) for all...let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

Justices Ginsburg and Scalia showed our country we can be miles apart in our interpretation of the Constitution and remain as friends who share a passion for our democracy and its laws. John Lewis followed in the footsteps of Dr. King in showing that we can be passionate in our march toward justice without resorting to violence.

But what can I do? All my life I have attempted to be of service to my country in one form or another. I can't just do nothing in these perilous times.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 28, I will be silently marching in front of each courthouse in all 39 counties of the two congressional districts I represented in Congress.

I will be carrying signs of non-violence and respect for our people and our democracy. I will be joined by my wife and some of our grandchildren and in a few counties by my 99-year-old high school American history teacher.

Each march is for 50 minutes beginning at either 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. A 10-minute recitation of the Gettysburg Address to remind us of who we are as Americans will begin at 9:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

We will be wearing masks and observing appropriate distances as we walk. Anyone attending the Gettysburg Address recitation must do the same.

(One of the marches is planned at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Mr. Poshard is a former U.S. Congressman, state legislator and educator; he and his wife, Jo, now head the Poshard Foundation.)

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

President Lincoln delivered the 272 word Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, on the battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

(From the Cornell University website.)

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Observe the Moon Night...Snake Road...traffic...



The moon, as it appeared last Saturday night in a clear, early autumn sky over Union County.

You folks probably knew that International Observe the Moon Night was last Saturday. No? I didn't either.

While scrolling through exciting stuff on my tablet early last Saturday evening, I came across a story about...you guessed it... International Observe the Moon Night.

Further research on the moon.nasa.gov website informed me that "International Observe the Moon Night is a time to come together with fellow Moon enthusiasts and curious people worldwide. Everyone on Earth is invited to learn about lunar science and exploration, take part in celestial observations, and honor cultural and personal connections to the Moon. Note that we encourage you to interpret 'observe' broadly."

I'm not sure I would consider myself a Moon enthusiast, and I'm also not sure that I have any personal connections to the glowing orb in the night sky. However, as a journalist, I do like to be able to interpret things broadly. Don't want to worry about lots of nasty details.

I also learned that International Observe the Moon Night occurs annually. Apparently, I missed all of the International Observe the Moon Night sales. We'll blame it on the pandemic.

The special event occurs each year in September or October, "when the Moon is around first quarter...a great phase for evening observing." Even better, "a first-quarter Moon offers excellent viewing opportunities along the terminator (the line between night and day), where shadows enhance the Moon's cratered landscape." Indeed they did. Maybe the photo which accompanies this column actually shows that...

International Observe the Moon Night has the following goals:

"Unite people across the globe in a celebration of lunar observation, science, and exploration.

"Provide information, a platform, and resources in order to:

"Raise awareness of NASA's lunar science and exploration programs.

"Empower people to learn more about the Moon and space science and ex-

ploration, using Earth's Moon as an accessible entry point.

"Facilitate sharing of Moon-inspired stories, images, artwork, and more.

"Inspire continued observation of the Moon, the sky, and the world around us."

Well, I am sharing a Moon-inspired story with you this week. I don't know if this will inspire you to continued observation of the Moon, the sky and the world around us. Truthfully, I kind of hope it does... maybe just a little bit.

By the way, in case you want to plan ahead, the next International Observe the Moon Night is set for October 16, 2021. And the next one after that is on October 1, 2022. Certainly, by then, everything will be back to "normal..."

Meanwhile...

The Other Half and yours truly went on a bit of a mini-adventure in Union County last Sunday afternoon. Well, that was our plan, anyway.

If you might have thought about looking for a quiet place to visit on a bright, sunny and warm late September afternoon, LaRue-Pine Hills was *not* the place to go.

Granted, LaRue-Pine Hills generally is easier to get to than the moon, although I don't think the road would be quite as rough as the one on top of the Big Muddy River levee. That's one of the roads folks can take to get from Illinois Route 3 back to LaRue-Pine Hills.

Our plan was to pay a visit to Snake Road, which runs along the bluffs at LaRue-Pine Hills. The road has been closed by the U.S. Forest Service so various critters can safely undertake a fall migration from their summer home in the swamps to the nearby bluffs. We were hoping to take a nice walk and maybe...just maybe... see a snake or two. I know, that's not everybody's cup of tea...

Apparently, a lot of folks

decided that last Sunday afternoon would be a good time to pay a visit to LaRue-Pine Hills and Snake Road. We were not expecting to see a traffic jam on the levee road. Surprise... Actually, it wasn't a traffic jam, but there sure were a lot of vehicles.

The parking area near Snake Road was crowded. We stopped, parked the car, got out...and could hear the sounds of folks out enjoying the afternoon. Under the current circumstances, we decided that a visit on another day might be a good thing.

While motoring along the levee road, we did see monarch butterflies, which we assumed were making their fall migration.

There was one other thing we saw while we were heading north on Route 3. Something I'm pretty sure we had never seen before. A young man, wearing a helmet and carrying a backpack, was heading south on Route 3. On a skateboard. You just never know...



The bluffs at LaRue-Pine Hills, as they were seen, in the rearview mirror, last Sunday afternoon...as we headed home...



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Shawnee National Forest's history topic of program planned at wetlands center

The U.S. Forest Service is continuing a series of programs to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the proclaiming of the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

The programs are designed to give participants opportunities to learn about the history of the Shawnee National Forest and the many efforts made by dedicated residents of Southern Illinois who were instrumental in the creation of the only national forest in Illinois.

A free program is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled to include a presentation by Shawnee National Forest heritage program manager Mary McCorvie about the early history of the forest.

The program also is scheduled to feature a showing of "The Land Changes,"

which is an historical film featuring the Shawnee National Forest.

First produced in 1957 by the USDA Forest Service, the film features a newspaper man as he explains how worn out farmland can become an asset and how national forests are improved through reforestation, protection and proper management.

Both starring roles in the film were played by Shawnee National Forest employees.

Leonard (Len) Farmer, who was a clerk and dispatcher at the Elizabethtown Ranger Station, played the newspaper man.

Also featured is Lindal Roberts, who was a forestry aide who worked at the Jonesboro Ranger Station.

The 1957 film will be accompanied by presentation about the 80th anniversary of the Shawnee National Forest and why the forest was established during the 1930s.

The program is limited to 30 participants. To register, or for more information, contact the Cache River Wetlands Center at 618-657-2064, between now and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizers of the program note that because some audience members and others may have health issues related to immunity, participants are strongly encouraged to wear facemasks. For those who attend who do not have a facemask, one will be provided.

Friends of Stinson set book sale

The Friends of Stinson are planning to host an outdoor book sale on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The book sale is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the grounds of Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

Books will be sold by the book or by the bag (which will be provided) for \$8.

The Friends of Stinson note that for the safety of all, masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing will be required. Gloves will be available for those who wish.

The library remains closed, so no public restrooms will be available.

In case of rain, the sale will be postponed until Saturday, Oct. 17.

The Friends of Stinson utilize funds generated by book sales to help support the Anna library.



New four-way stop near school building

A four-way stop intersection has been created at the intersection of West High and South Green streets in Anna. The Anna City Council passed an ordinance establishing the four-way stop at its regular meeting on Sept. 15. The intersection is near the Anna Junior High School/Davie School building.

A-J Rotary plans fall clean up

The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club is planning a fall clean up along its section of U.S. Highway 51 North.

The clean up work is planned Saturday, Oct. 3. Work is set to begin at 8 a.m.

The club invites everyone who sponsors a section of a road in Union County to join them in the fall clean up.

County residents, neighborhoods, clubs, organizations and churches also are invited to be a part of the clean up day.

Yard sale day set in Cobden

A community yard sale day is planned Saturday, Oct. 3, in Cobden.

Yard sales are planned throughout the town and in the park in downtown Cobden.

Yard sale maps will be available at 7 a.m. at Cobden Village Hall, which is located along East Maple Street.

Organizers note that participants are asked to wear a face mask.

The community yard sale day will take place rain or shine.

Nominating petitions available for 2021 municipal elections in Jonesboro, Cobden

Nominating petitions are available for 2021 municipal elections in the City of Jonesboro and the Village of Cobden.

The election is set for April 6, 2021.

Petitions were available starting Sept. 22 for candidates who are interested in running in 2021.

The filing period for nominating petitions is scheduled Dec. 14-21.

City of Jonesboro

Petitions can be picked up between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Jonesboro City Hall. City hall is located at 1101 Public Square in Jonesboro.

Positions which will be up for election in 2021 include mayor, city clerk, city treasurer and aldermen from Ward I, Ward II and Ward III.

Incumbent officeholders included:

Ken Blandford, mayor. Barbara Casper, city clerk. Shelley Pender, city treasurer.

Bart Hileman, alderman, Ward I. Steve Haldeman, alderman, Ward II. Ken Carlson, alderman, Ward III.

Village of Cobden

Petitions are available at Cobden Village Hall during regular business

hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Incumbent officeholders include:

Paul Z. Tomazzoli, village president. Karen Winzenburger, village clerk.

Jean Britt, village trustee. Dennis Maze, village trustee. Austin Sellars, village trustee.

All of the positions are for four-year terms.

Fish fry, Xtreme Bar Bingo planned at Anna VFW post

A fish fry and Xtreme Bar Bingo are planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish Fry

The Auxiliary to the post plans to serve a monthly

fish fry on Friday, Oct. 2. Serving starts at 5 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, slaw and a pickle for a donation of \$10.

Peggy will be at the post at 6 p.m. with her Star Karaoke. Social distancing has been set up.

Xtreme Bar Bingo

Xtreme Bar Bingo is scheduled at 7 p.m. each Monday.

It will be held in the back hall at the post to allow for 50 people to attend and still social distance.

The back hall and the kitchen are scheduled to be open starting at 5:30 p.m. and food will be available.

Only 50 people will be allowed to attend at this time.

Gospel singing set

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, Oct. 3, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. The Gloryroad Travelers and other guests will be featured.

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Congratulations to the A-J Girls Golf team for taking 1st place at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Mississippi Conference.



Great job to Marlee Smith for winning 1st place as an individual at the conference!

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Sports

Cobden baseball team wins five games in row

After opening the fall season with five straight losses, the Cobden High School baseball team went on a five-game winning streak.

Cobden 14, Webber Township 1: Brock Reynolds was the winning pitcher in leading the visiting Appleknockers to the win Friday, Sept. 25.

Reynolds pitched five innings and allowed 6 hits to go with no walks and 10 strikeouts.

Tyler Franklin was 3-for-4 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead Cobden at the plate.

Hunter Pitts was 3-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Jace Wyatt was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Tristan Brummer was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs.

Nolen Hand was 2-for-4. John Fuhrhop was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Dawson Short was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Reynolds was 1-for-5 with an RBI.

Cobden 11, Meridian 1: Reynolds was 2-for-3 with a double and 3 RBIs to lead the host Appleknockers to the first game win of a doubleheader Monday, Sept. 21.

Wyatt was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Mitchell Howell and Steven Brown were both 1-for-2 with an RBI apiece. Hand was 1-for-3 with a triple and 3 RBIs.

Hand and Reynolds pitched in the win. Hand pitched 2 innings and allowed no hits or walks and had 4 strikeouts. Reynolds pitched 2 innings and allowed 2 hits, no walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden 24, Meridian 2: Franklin was 2-for-3 with a double, triple and 3 RBIs to lead the Appleknockers to the doubleheader sweep.

Brummer was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Fuhrhop was 2-for-3. Wyatt was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs. Brown was 1-for-1 with an RBI.

Jake Tally was 1-for-2

with a double and an RBI. Xach Roberts and Mitchell Howell were each 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs apiece. Reynolds was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Pitts was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs.

Short and Franklin pitched in the win. Short pitched 2 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts. Franklin pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

"We're getting a whole lot better," Cobden coach Dana Pearson said. "We've outhit about everybody we've played."

Cobden, 5-5 overall, closes out its fall season Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Egyptian.

A-J boys' golf posts two wins

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team won two recent matches.

A-J 169, Harrisburg 178, Vienna 196, Cobden 225: Luke Lasley led the Wildcats with a 37 at Keller's Crossing at the Stone Creek Golf Course in Makanda Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Timothy Plott was next for A-J with 43, followed by Gavin Osman 44, Kamden Richardson and Hayden Ralls with 45 apiece and Nick Hannan 48.

A-J 162, Massac County 175: Lasley led the way for the Wildcats with 36 at the Metropolis Country Club Monday, Sept. 21.

Osman was next for A-J with 40, followed by Richardson 41, Ralls 45, Plott 46 and Hannan 51.

A-J, 12-5 overall, is scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna against Goreville.

A-J girls' golf team wins conference title



Conference champions

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team took home the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division Tournament title. From left are coach Brandon Bierstedt, Reese Reynolds, Madi Hawk, Kiersten Wright, Marlee Smith, Mary Jane Cavaness, Addi Hadley and coach Steve Taylor. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team won the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division Tournament championship at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carterville Tuesday, Sept. 22.

A-J 407, Nashville 414, Pinckneyville 439, Spar-ta 453, Carterville 457, DuQuoin 480.

Marlee Smith led the Lady Wildcats to the title with a first place finish with an 89.

"We were able to get Nashville this year," A-J

golf coach Brandon Bierstedt said. "Last year, we lost to them by one stroke."

A-J last won a conference championship during the 2007 season.

Mary Jane Cavaness was next for A-J with 99, followed by Madi Hawk 108, Kiersten Wright 111, Reese Reynolds 115 and Addi

Hadley 142.

"The girls seem to amaze me every year," Bierstedt said. "Marlee was a hard worker and the rest of them were, too."

A-J, 9-1 overall, is scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna against Goreville.

A-J cross country squads compete at Benton Fall Run

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' cross country teams competed at the Benton Fall Run 2020 on Thursday, Sept. 24.

A-J Boys Benton 15, A-J 43, Carterville 62, Massac County 114: Jayden Perez led the Wildcats with a 6th place finish in 6:16.56.

Beto Vaca Diaz was next for A-J at 7th with a time of 6:17.00.90, followed by 8th, Matteo Vaca Diaz in 17:21.42. 10th, Colby Bowman in 17:43.06. 12th, Zach Henry in 17:57.03. 18th, Nick McGrath in 19:31.28. 25th, Jason Swink in 20:29.16. 26th,

Josh Williams in 20:30.90. 29th, Daniel Dover in 20:34.87. 33rd, Yoselin Avila in 24:29.40.

A-J Girls Benton 15, Carterville 50, A-J 68, Massac County 89: Marisol Zamora led the Lady Wildcats with an 8th place finish with a time of 22:36.26.

Lakelynn Carter was next for Anna-Jonesboro with 9th at 23:07.63, followed by 12th, Kaylee Stover in 23:21.80. 20th, Olivia Bowen in 24:11.37. 22nd, Yoselin Avila in 24:29.40.

A-J is scheduled to compete Monday, Oct. 5, at Carterville.

IDNR announces updates for turkey permit lottery

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has announced updates to the process for hunters who want to enter the lottery for spring wild turkey permits.

IDNR said in a news release that the new application procedure, adopted earlier this year, will streamline the lotteries for turkey hunters, making it easier to obtain all three of their permits online rather than a combination of online and over-the-counter.

"We hope this new process will be simpler and more straightforward for our hunters," said Luke Garver, manager of the Wild Turkey Project for IDNR.

"Resident hunters can now apply in all three lotteries, whereas previously they would only be able to apply in the first and third. Hunters also will have the opportunity to get more permits for their favorite public land spots via the lottery."

Changes to the lottery process include:

First lottery: Only resident hunters may apply for one turkey hunting permit. This excludes hunt-

ers who have received or will receive a landowner property-only hunting turkey permit for the spring season.

Applications for first lottery are accepted beginning Oct. 6 and continuing through Dec. 1.

Second lottery: All hunters are eligible to apply for one turkey hunting permit, but hunters who have not already been awarded a permit will receive preference.

Applications are accepted through the first working day after Jan. 10.

Third lottery: All hunters are eligible to apply. Hunters may apply for up to three permits during this period, except that no one may exceed the limit of three permits in total for spring turkey hunting.

The three-permit total includes lottery-drawn, landowner, youth and OTC permits.

Applications are accepted through the first working day after Feb. 8.

For additional information about wild turkey hunting in Illinois, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Turkey-Hunting.aspx>.

Pickleball tournament played at Anna City Park



Tournament action

The Southern Illinois Open pickleball tournament was played last weekend on courts at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The Anna Pickleball Group hosted the Southern Illinois Open tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-27.

The tournament was played on the pickleball courts at the Anna City Park.

Proceeds from the tournament will be given to Hadley's Haven to help with the organization's fund-raising campaign.

The campaign is working to raise funds to develop an all-inclusive playground at the Anna City Park.

The Anna Pickleball Group reports that players from five states signed up to play in the tournament. Players participated at various skill levels.

Friday evening, 3.0 play-

ers competed in men's, women's and mixed doubles.

Saturday, featured 3.5 players in the same divisions.

Sunday featured players from 4.0 and 4.5 levels.

All together, 75 players were scheduled to participate in the tournament.

Organizers of the event reported the following winners from the tournament:

3.0 men's doubles
1st Jason Jones and Dax Myhand.

2nd Brian Bustose and Bill Adams.

3rd Noah Orr and Chris Gray.

Women's doubles
1st Grace Strop and Sydney Strop.

2nd Linda Hubbs and

Paula Thomas.
3rd Carolyn Powers and Kim Church.

Mixed doubles
1st Paula Thomas and Noah Orr.

2nd Carolyn Powers and Chris Gray.

3rd Ruth Ellen Holdman and Gavin Holdman.

3.5 men's doubles
1st Paul Eckhart and Craig Partridge.

2nd Josh Moore and Bill Dobson.

3rd Don Long and Corne' Prosecky.

Women's doubles
1st Michelle Ramiccotti and Jamie Moore.

2nd Whitney Mumford and Judy Auld.

3rd Chris Grant and Trina Eaton.

Mixed doubles

1st Trina Eaton and Corne' Prosecky.

2nd Whitney Mumford and Adam Tonks.

3rd Holly Locken and Carl Marquess.

4 plus men's doubles
1st James Tapley and Adam McCutchan.

2nd Tony Hoang and Justin Johnson.

3rd Brian Kifer and Adam Gray.

Women's doubles
1st Lindsey Hadley and Lauren Horrall.

2nd Marlena McCoy and Laura Frank.

Mixed doubles
1st Lindsey Hadley and James Tapley.

2nd Marlena McCoy and Tycen Brock.

3rd Elizabeth Dougherty and Justin Johnson.

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National 4-H Week highlights young people, experiences

National 4-H Week is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

Every year, National 4-H Week sees millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni come together to celebrate the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H.

The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.

With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that

young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country.

In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

4-H: Learn by doing

In 4-H, you learn by doing and you usually have a pretty great time while you're doing it.

Here's a look at what young people can experience in 4-H.

Create and build things. Whether you're inspired by robots and drones or photography and recipe cards, our programs give you the tools and the opportunities to create, imagine and build.

Travel and see the world around you. In 4-H, you can travel across the state and around the world if that's what you're in to. Dream big and discover the world through our programs.

Explore careers that interest you. In 4-H, career exploration is more than

just reading about possible jobs, it involves rolling up your sleeves and trying it on for size.

Make new friends. From clubs to camps to field trips, in 4-H you'll meet new people and experience new social and cultural events. It's pretty easy to form lasting friendships when they're based on shared interests and experiences.

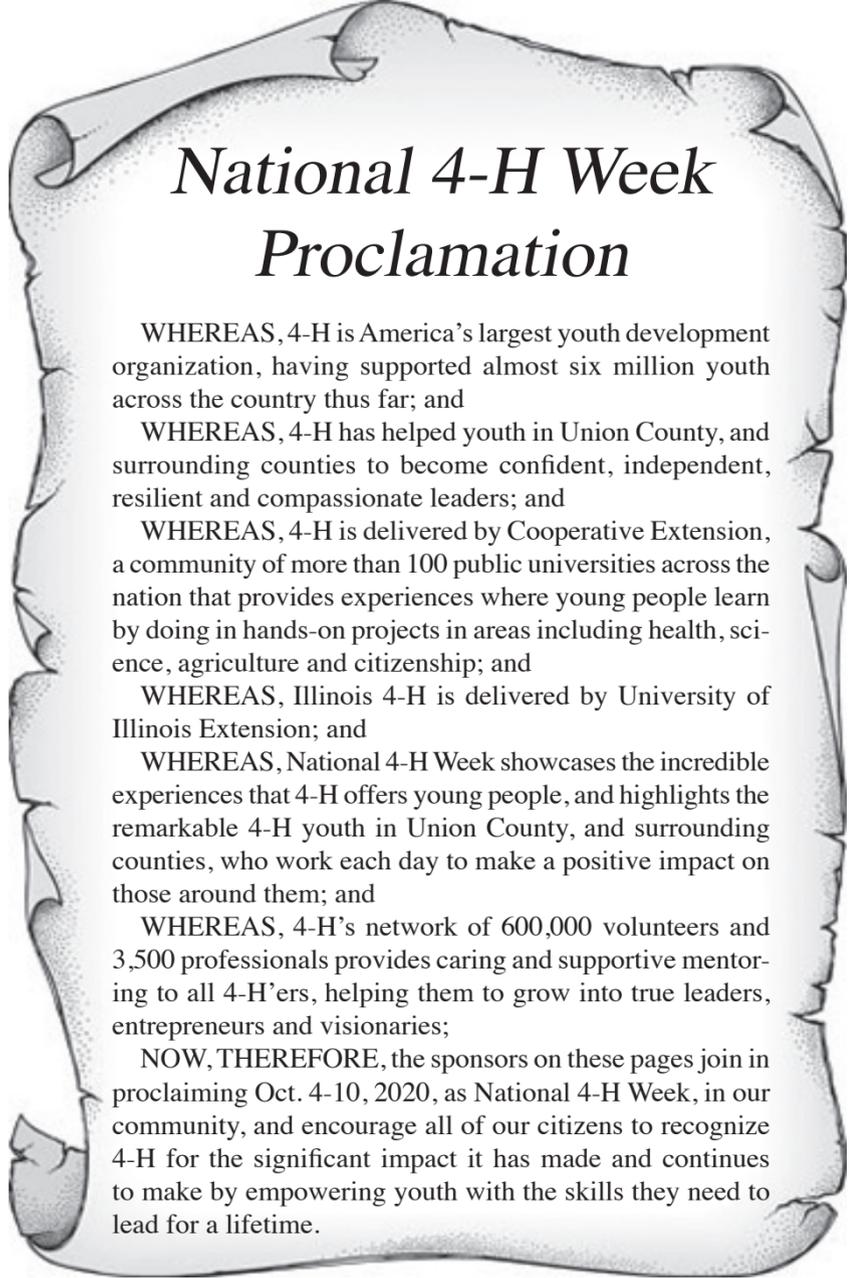
Teach and inspire kids. 4-H helps prepare youth for roles as leaders in their classrooms, communities, and future careers. 4-H helps you develop the skills you need to work with youth in your community and help them launch their own 4-H journey.

Help others. A core aspect of 4-H is learning to

serve with and for those around us. 4-H clubs create opportunities for members to find meaningful ways to impact the people and neighborhoods they live in.

Meet cool people and earn cool prizes. Who wouldn't love the chance to meet and learn from some of the best athletes, actors, scientists and artists in their fields? The 4-H network of professional contacts is deep and wide: you never know who might show up at a 4-H event.

4-H is a place where you can find where you belong. It's where you decide what matters to you and learn about things that interest you. And, it's the place where you serve in the community where you live.



National 4-H Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, having supported almost six million youth across the country thus far; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped youth in Union County, and surrounding counties to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing in hands-on projects in areas including health, science, agriculture and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Illinois 4-H is delivered by University of Illinois Extension; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Union County, and surrounding counties, who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of 600,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, the sponsors on these pages join in proclaiming Oct. 4-10, 2020, as National 4-H Week, in our community, and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.



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Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois youth livestock event held

Young people had an opportunity to showcase livestock during a Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois event which was held Saturday, Aug. 15, in Union County. The youth livestock show was held at the Anna City Park. More than 30 young people showed their livestock, including hogs, sheep, beef cattle and dairy cattle. The accompanying photographs were taken at the Aug. 15 event.

The event was held during a year when the annual Union County Fair in Anna was cancelled due to the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Young people bring livestock to the fair each year to showcase their hard work. The fair takes place at the park in Anna.

Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois was followed by an auction, which was held Saturday, Aug. 22. A junior livestock auction traditionally is held each year during the Union County Fair. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



The Grand Champion market lamb was raised by Piper Durham.



The Reserve Champion market lamb was raised by Mikayla Schultz.



The Reserve Champion market gilt and Reserve Champion Overall Market Hog was raised by Mackenzie Barnhart.

Young exhibitors

Young livestock exhibitors from throughout Southern Illinois participated in a Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois 7-County Jackpot Show. The event was held at the Anna City Park. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Opportunity4All campaign aims to meet challenges of COVID-19

As the impact of COVID-19 continued, widening education, economic and health gaps have threatening to leave millions of kids behind.

4-H, one of the nation's largest youth development organizations, said in August that it was taking a stand with its belief that opportunity should not be pre-determined by any person's zip code, ethnicity, skin color or income with the announcement of Opportunity4All, a new campaign which is designed to eliminate the opportunity gap and create better, brighter futures for all kids today.

Fifty-five million kids face this widening opportunity gap in America hindering them from having equal access to opportunities to reach their full potential.

In addition, 12 million kids lack access to reliable broadband internet resources putting them in a position to fall even further behind as many schools move to virtual learning during the pandemic.

Despite these challenges, 4-H believes young people can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families, and communities across the country, if given the opportunity.

And in a recent round of surveys to gain insight on youth perspectives, 4-H found that young people desire to be part of the conversation.

"We believe youth perspectives are so important and a solution to eliminating the opportunity gap because young people come with new ideas and new ways of seeing the world," says Jennifer Sirangelo, president and CEO of the National 4-H Council.

"We often look at things through a narrow lens, but for them it's all new and that newness is a gift that leads to innovation and thinking outside of the box. We have to welcome and encourage them to be engaged and be involved because these issues impact their daily lives. They need to have a seat at the table."

Opportunity4All will mobilize 10 million young people, including their di-

verse voices and innovative actions, to be part of the discussion to create solutions to the educational, economic and health issues that create opportunity gaps.

In addition, an Opportunity4All pledge will rally the support of parents, 4-H alumni and influencers, as well as corporate and nonprofit partners across all sectors to share their commitment to ensuring all kids have access to learning resources, experiences and social-emotional support they need to thrive.

In summer of change, 4-Hers focus on what matters most

In May, Jenna Wheeler and her family had a big decision to make.

With a barn full of show pigs and goats bound for the summer showing, and a cascade of cancellations due to coronavirus pandemic, what should the family do?

Raising livestock is expensive, but some of those expenses are offset by prize money and the sale of livestock after the show season.

With the immediate future in doubt, the teen told her story on social media.

"My dad looked at me, with tears in his eyes, and said, 'I'll feed these pigs for as long as I need if it means I get to go to the barn and do chores every night with my kids.'"

This same discussion played out in barns across the state as the lingering effects of the health crisis wore on.

Though many expressed disappointment when 4-H shows transitioned to an online format, Jenna Wheeler took the long view.

"One day," Jenna wrote, "you're going to age out and close your show box for the last time; I promise you, it's not the banners or shows you'll miss. It's doing chores with your dad."

University of Illinois Extension 4-H animal science specialist Dan Jennings praised the members, families, volunteers and staff who pulled together in response to the pandemic.

"Our 4-H members with livestock projects didn't seem to miss a beat when engaging in opportunities to exhibit online," Jennings

By igniting conversation and raising awareness 4-H kicked off Opportunity4All with a convening of youth, experts and influencers at an Opportunity4All virtual forum, which was seen as an important conversation on the need for creating access, equity and mobility for America's youth.

In addition, some of the nation's leading experts on youth contributed to a white paper, "Beyond the Gap, How America Can Address the Widening Opportunity Gap Facing Young People," which provides insights on

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Many 4-H participants looked for the positive.

The 2020 virtual state show included 2,270 exhibits, down from 3,013 entries in 2019. Seventy volunteer judges found creative ways to evaluate projects they could no longer touch or taste.

"While I missed discussing the projects with the 4-Hers in person, especially asking them about specific choices, I was truly impressed with the quality of the work they had done," said second-year judge Patti Welander.

"Because of their project reports, we were able to have a virtual dialogue, and most showed true insights into what they had learned and what they could im-

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Members in Clark, Crawford and Edgar counties received a commemorative shirt for participating in the virtual fair. The front reads: "Our Head, Heart, and Hands are still there and our Health is safe!"

For members in Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, and Vermilion counties, their shirt read: "I can do Virtually Anything in 4-H."

In southwest Illinois, youth in the virtual science camp in Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties received a shirt with a mask and the text: "Making the Best Better, Quarantine Style."

Across the state, 4-H members cared for community gardens, made masks and face shields, provided backpack meals for youth

Advertising Association of America to tackle the inequities young people face and evolve 4-H's delivery, strategies, and programming to meet their needs in this moment.

To raise awareness about the opportunity gap and the Opportunity4All campaign, 4-H also partnered with Public, a purpose-driven agency, to develop digital ads and an animated public service announcement narrated by Grammy Award-winning singer, 4-H alumna and national spokesperson Jennifer Nettles.

The organization said it planned to continue to host various events, including a teen town hall and youth summits this fall, and to build alliances and partnerships with corporate and nonprofit partners to bring thought leaders together with young people to elevate discussions and offer perspectives on how our country should move forward and create a more equitable future for all.

For more information about Opportunity4All visit WWW.4-H.ORG/OPPORTUNITY4ALL.

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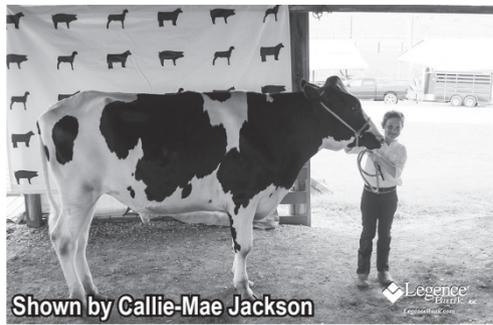
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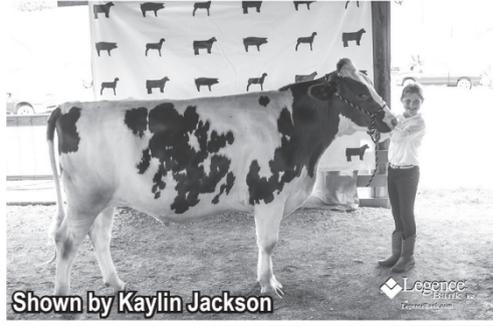
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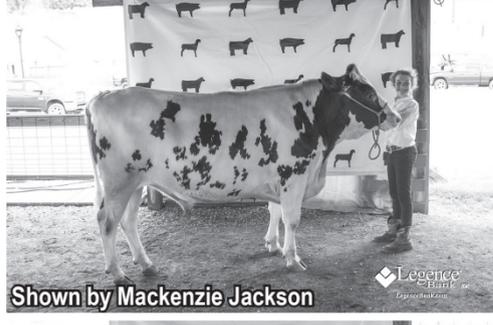
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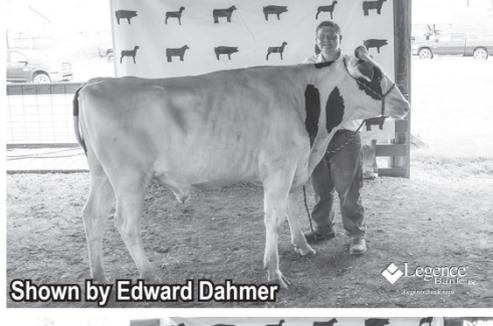
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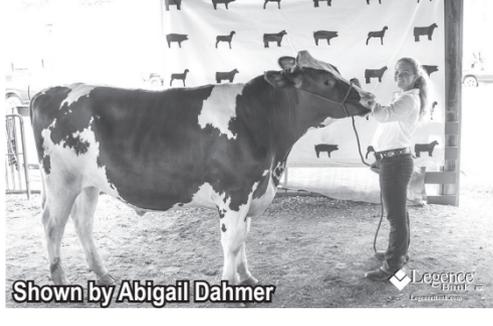
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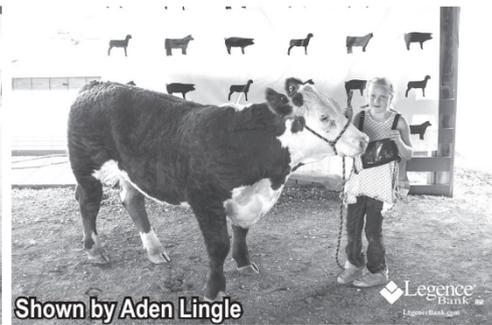


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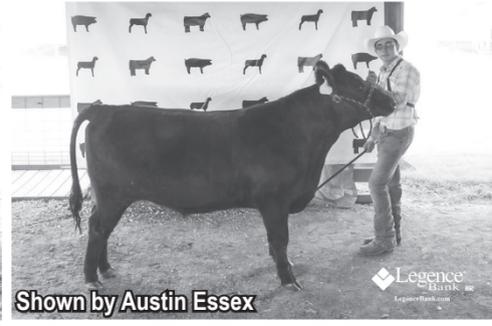


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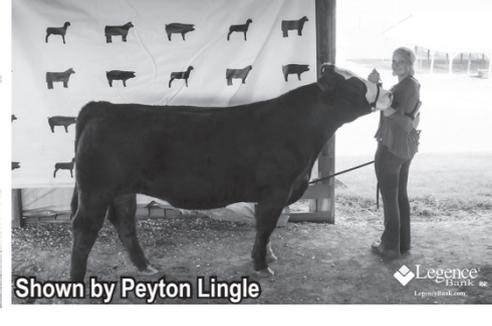
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This special tribute to the Union County 4-H program and the Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois event is made possible by the many sponsors featured on these pages.

The Gazette-Democrat voices appreciation to everyone who contributed their time to make it possible for the kids to have a show and auction this year.



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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthanews@frontier.com, mail to me at 118 W. Monroe St., leave news in the back of the green box at the right of my front door or call me at 833-5717.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

The church was saddened this week due to the passing of one of its charter members, Valeeta Stoner.

She was the head of the missions organization, preschool and many other duties in the church. Our loss is heaven's gain and she will be missed.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series Set Apart, Pursuing Personal Holiness. This week Set Apart for God's Use, with scripture from Hebrews.

The church is continuing Sunday morning services in house at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and on line on Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 a.m. and online on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and also in the FLC Chapel at 7 p.m..

The church has an intercessory prayer ministry that meets Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. in the church foyer for anyone who wants to come in and pray.

Birthdays: Oct. 2 Doris Keller, Oct. 5 Trena Hardin, Oct. 7 McKenna Kimmel, Oct. 8 Jocelyn Pribble, Oct. 10 Craig Bonner, Oct. 11 Robert Housewirth.

Anniversary: Oct. 14 Jeff and Lydia Williams.

SIU student lunch is Tuesday, Oct. 6. AHBC is providing chicken rice casserole, salads and desserts. Food should be brought to the office by 10 a.m.

A special thanks to Terrie Rhymer for the news.

Trip
Willie and Terrie Rhymer, along with Bob and Betty Caraker, traveled to Crainville on Friday, Sept. 25, to a car show.

After viewing all the cars, they went to eat at Bob Evans in Marion.

Birthdays Celebrations
Christine Miller and her daughter Amanda Dunbar from Brookport share the same birthday Sunday, Sept. 27.

They celebrated at Giant City Lodge all you can eat chicken and dumplings dinner and cake and ice cream.

Christine turned 61 and Amanda turned 38. Christine said she added them together and they were 99.

Those present to help them celebrate were Christine's mother Mildred Halterman from Norris City and Amanda's husband

and children Jason, Kayla, Breana and Marcus.

Christine said she thought about how they use to celebrate her grandmother Ophia Thomas's birthday Sept. 10, who would have been 110.

Special Thanks
I got a letter from Loretta Sartore from Manhattan, Ill. She wanted to give me credit for renewing her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Loretta was a classmate of my cousin Jane Lee Bauer Rayburn so I met her several years ago when she and her husband Stephen were here for a class reunion and visited with Jane Lee.

Loretta has been sending me her renewal ever since and I really appreciate it.

Loretta said it has been a very unusual year with the COVID-19 and a few other things.

She was supposed to have out patient surgery in December for prolapse when her EKG wasn't quite right.

After six weeks of heart tests and being in the hospital to have surgery she got sick and they sent her home to get well before they did a double bypass surgery.

The doctors told her the only reason she was still alive was because she exercised every day at a fitness center because she never had any symptoms to have any heart problem. Her heart had managed to bypass the blockage.

She was almost ready to start her after surgery therapy when her sister and she was going home from visiting their friend who was in a nursing home in Joliet on March 5.

They pulled out in front of a big semi and totaled her sister's van. Loretta said thank God the semi swerved and hit the motor of the car. Police said if he had not swerved, they would probably both have died.

They were taken back in separate ambulances to the same hospital where she had been for her surgery. Loretta had a fractured femur and scrapes on top of both hands and really bad bruises on inside of both knees.

Her sister had four cracked ribs and broken collar bone, some blood clots in her legs. They were both sent to a nursing home in Shorewood where they shared the same room. They were supposed to get rehab but she said it wasn't much.

COVID-19 made it where her daughter couldn't even bring them clean clothes. They were only there from March 12-20.

Loretta's daughter came and got them and took her sister home with her so she could care for her. Loretta came home on a walker to take care of her dementia husband.

She managed to still have a big garden but it didn't do real well as squirrels have decided they like all the vegetables.

Her husband's dementia has now been diagnosed as Alzheimer's. He had been approved for the veterans home in Manteno but he doesn't want to go anywhere. They aren't taking any new patients until COVID-19 gets much better. She doesn't think that will be anytime soon.

Their son Rick has had his three year time period from his sisters stem cell transplant. He is doing well.

A magazine from Kentucky called VVE did a nice article about him and put his photo on the cover. The article could be read on line in the vue.com. It was the August 2020 magazine. She doesn't know if it is still there.

She manages to stay busy but will really be glad if and when this COVID-19 virus get better. She really enjoys reading the paper and keeping in touch with her hometown. She hoped we had a good summer.

What she really misses most is doing things with their Will County Farm Bureau.

I remember also how she used to enter things in their county fair and win big ribbons and awards.

It was so good to hear from Loretta. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. This needs to be a lesson to us all to keep moving and exercise everyday. Keep that blood pumping through our hearts and eat healthy foods.

Friends of Stinson
Jackie Beatty, president of Friends of Stinson Li-

brary, says they are finally getting back to work.

The Friends of Stinson will host an outdoor book sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10, on the Stinson Library grounds. Books will be sold by the book or by the bag (these will be provided) for \$8.

For the safety of all, masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing will be required, and gloves will be available for those who wish.

The library remains closed, so no public restrooms will be available.

In case of rain, the sale will be postponed until Saturday, Oct. 17.

River to River Yard Sale

The River to River Yard Sale is planned Oct. 8-11 along Route 146 in Southern Illinois, from East Cape Girardeau to Cave-In-Rock. 90-plus miles of yard sales.

For questions contact Julie Ames at 618-697-2435 or visit them at River to River Yard Sale on Facebook.

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Happy birthday to Blakeley Bryan, who celebrated her 5th birthday Sept. 25 at her home in Lick Creek. Sunday she had a party at her home and people drove by and honked for her birthday.



Congratulations to Melissa and Eric Hines, who were married Saturday. Melissa is the daughter of Anna United Methodist Church pastor Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett.



Asher Smith enjoyed his first trip to a pumpkin patch with his papa and uncle.



Susan McRaven enjoyed a Sunday evening out with her grandkids at Beggs Family Farm.



Jane Bauer enjoyed shopping at Annabelle Market.



A special thanks to Robert Hess of Goreville, employee of Republic Services, for picking up trash in our city.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer joined a group of former Dongola ballplayers and coaches at a get-together at the Union County Country Club golf course. Some of them did golf and some just visited and had lunch together under the pavilion. This was in place of the annual coach Jim Chance ball reunion they have every year. In the first row are Steve Karraker, Jerry Duckworth and Willie Rhymer. In the second row are Don Badgley, Bill Hutchison, coach Jim Chance, Neil West and Mark Corzine. Others who attended were Nettie Chance, Cheryl Karraker and Terrie Rhymer.



Erin Siebert and her niece Faith Acuff were honored for their birthdays with a dinner and cake at the Trail of Tears State Park Sunday with family and friends.



Terrie Rhymer, along with her daughter Rebecca Yates and granddaughters Ruby and Violet, went to an Ashlynn's A-Doorable Paint Party at the Dongola Community Center on Sept 26. They had a blast painting and making their door hangers with the help of Angi Smith.

Anna News

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Women of the Moose

The Anna Women of the Moose had a taco dinner Saturday.

They are doing a bake sale on Oct. 10 and a community service the Friday before Halloween. They have chosen a nursing home to provide snack bags to residents and morale booster meals to the three shifts of employees since they can't physically go into the facilities still. A special thanks for all they do.

Birthday Celebration

Earl Miller was honored with a birthday dinner at El Jalapeno's Friday, Sept. 25, given by Martha Ann Webb, Bessie and Elijah Ellis and Molly Siebert. He also received a birthday cake from Davis Pastry Shop. He was the lucky birthday winner from WIBH birthday club.

Joanne's Book

Enjoyed reading Joanne Dale's children's book Robby Robin Learns to Sing this week.

I noticed in the front of the book it was dedicated to Beth Perry and says "She enthralled us with monologues of women of the Bible for many years. She now entertains our book club by reading us a children's book each month."

You can buy Joanne's book in Anna at The Here and Now Store, at Barnes and Noble or you can order it through Amazon.

It was illustrated by Lee Hackney from Anna Art Center. A portion of the profits from the book goes to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Congratulation to Melissa and Eric Hines, who were married at Marion Celebrations Event Center Saturday, Sept. 26. Eric's father married them.

Melissa is the daughter of Rev. Tim and Myra. Melissa and Eric enjoyed a honeymoon to Wisconsin. They live in Charleston.

Sunday, Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was on Doing the Will of God, with scripture from Matthew.

Dr. Charles Halterman prayed for Rev. Tim before he brought the message. Rev. Tim said God blesses us because of our service to him.

Rev. Tim prayed for those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

Special music was by Carla Anderson and Marcy Morris.

Shirley West's son Brian, Carol, and Josi from Plainfield, Ind., were visiting.

The church is looking for a custodian. If you are interested you can pick up an application in the office.

Sympathy

It was sad to hear that Charles Flamm had left us this week. Praying for his family.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to Peggy and Ron Bittle for a wreath for her brother-in-law Jerry R. Mertes who is buried in our Anna Cemetery. His wife lives in assisted living in Indianapolis and Peggy wanted to do this for him. He died this past November.

A special thanks to Mary Sue Treece for her order of three wreaths for veterans for another cemetery she will pick up.

Program will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15.

We have a lot of veterans buried in our Anna cemetery that have no living family if you would like to sponsor one of them.

The check can be made

out to Honor Wreaths For Veterans and mailed to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906. You can also drop your check off at Anna City Hall.

Annabelle Trail

Here are the names on the list who bought a sign for our Annabelle Trail for next year. A special thanks to all who have ordered a sign for our trail.

You will start seeing them around Anna and Jonesboro. Give me a call if you would like a sign and be added to our list.

If you are at the stores in beautiful downtown Anna go to Davie School Inn Kyle and Tammy Woodrum, 300 Freeman St., then back to Main St. to 501 S. Main St. at Dr. Aaron Hepp's home.

You can turn there to the right and see beautiful Annabellies at the Stinson Memorial Library and along the street turn left by the Anna First Baptist Church and go to Spring Street watching for Annabellies along the way, turn right to 307 W. Spring, Dori and Jack Bigler, go to 100 Peach Dr., Danyelle and Ryan Dodd, then back to Spring Street, drive down West Davie Street looking for Annabellies to Green Street, cross the railroad tracks and keep going on Green Street to West Monroe Street, turn right and go to 118 Martha Ann Webb, go up the street turn left on North Main.

Go past Union County Hospital turn left on Kohler Avenue and go to 114 Mary Kay and Bryan Miller. Keep going down the street to Green Street again turn right and then left on Kirk Street to 123, Iona Rogers and back to Spring Street, turn right and go past A-JCHS to 625 S. Main St. From there go to the PAST House in Jonesboro.

There will also be beautiful Annabellies along the way to look for at other homes while touring our city.

Hoping to add houses in Jonesboro to our list. The street our courthouse is on has beautiful Annabellies on it.

There will also be a sign at my daughter's Bessie, Curt and Elijah Ellis at 1525 Old Highway 51 North and beautiful Annabellies along the way.

Our Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club Park has signs in their park next to McDonald's in Anna.

This gives you an idea of what the trail will look like if you would like to be added to the trail.

The Annabelle Fest is the second week in June and the map for the trail will be handed out then but you can drive around Anna and Jonesboro looking for the beautiful Annabellies any time.

Right now they are about dead so not as pretty but they turn a green color before they turn brown when a person needs to cut their blooms off to about half.

You can dry the Annabellies for a beautiful flower arrangement or spray paint them.

Anna VFW

Extreme Bar Bingo is on Monday nights starting at 7 p.m. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2, will be the monthly fish fry, starting at 5 p.m., for a donation of \$10.

Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke starting at 6 p.m.

Karen and Tom Betts say an Army comrade has requested help in getting word out about a book written by him and his buddy. The book is titled "The Gunner and The Grunt." It is their story, Michael Kelley and Peter Burbank from

Viet Nam.

Please help them sell their book by telling other vets about this book. He can be contacted at michaelkelley67@yahoo.com to make a purchase.

Oct. 8 there will be a joint meeting of Post and Auxiliary members to finalize the corn hole tournament. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

The Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting starting at 6 p.m. and the Post will have their monthly meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Town will be at the Anna City Park this year. The theme will be superheroes.

A drive through. Set up will be Oct. 19-22. Ribbon cutting opening Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Display on view. Oct. 22-31.

Breakdown and removal of displays Sunday, Nov. 1, by 3 p.m.

No categories or divisions. This is an open opportunity for anyone who wishes to participate and create a display in the 20 by 20 space assigned.

Please register your intent to participate and enter either and/or the diorama display or store front entry by Wednesday, Oct. 14, by mail or email to Carol@southernmostillinois.com or Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau, P.O.Box 378, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Census

Thanks to everyone who has filled out your census.

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Military Prayer List

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The Gazette-Democrat will publish on October 29, 2020, a special commemorative issue in honor of our area veterans and service members currently serving on active duty. There will be no charge for this service.

Don't miss this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have proudly served or are still serving our country. Please mail or bring in a picture of your veteran (living or deceased) or your family member still on active duty to: **The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906 OR email information to news@annanews.com.** Photos need to be scanned, not photocopied please. Please include your name and phone number where you can be reached if we have any questions.

If you wish to repeat information about a veteran which was part of last year's section, you must notify the newspaper by writing or calling 618-833-2158. The deadline to submit an item is October 8.

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Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. From the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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Daily Bible Reading

Proverbs 14:1-35	Proverbs 15:1-33	Proverbs 16:1-33	Proverbs 17:1-28	Habakkuk 1:1-17	Habakkuk 2:1-20	Habakkuk 3:1-19
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Southern Seven Health Department reports new WIC EBT card available

Southern Seven Health Department reports the Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, is offering state-wide use of Electronic Benefits Transfer, EBT, for the Women, Infants & Children's, WIC, Nutrition Program.

The new Illinois eWIC card is designed to make this federal nutritional service a more positive experience for both families and retailers, the health department shared in a news release.

Until recently, recipients of the WIC program were given food vouchers they could use at authorized vendors.

With the new eWIC benefit delivery system, clients will use a WIC card that is similar to a debit card.

Participants will see more food choices and experience faster, more flexible, and easier shopping, with a more

secure transaction process for families and retailers.

The new EBT delivery also provides a more private and discreet transaction for WIC families, Southern Seven Health Department said.

With the eWIC card, families will be able to purchase food as needed and not all at once, as is the process with the previous paper voucher system, with all family benefits available on one card.

The new eWIC system, which is already in use in some states, is designed to reduce errors because approved foods, effective dates and benefit amounts are validated by the system, and not cashiers, at the time of transaction.

WIC is a federal nutrition program that provides nutrition education, nutrition counseling, breast-feeding support, nutritious foods, and

referral to other services.

The program is designed to ensure healthy pregnancies, birth outcomes and growth and development for children up to age 5.

Some of the foods included in the program are whole wheat bread and tortillas, cereal, milk, eggs, cheese, peanut butter, beans and fruit and vegetables.

Infants can receive infant cereal, formula and jarred infant fruits, vegetables and meats.

With the EBT, families will have more choices, including bulgar, whole wheat tortillas, yogurt, tofu and fresh fruits and vegetables for older infants.

WIC clinics are available throughout Southern Seven Health Department to serve families, especially pregnant women, new mothers, infants and preschool children.

Appointments are customized to meet the needs of the family.

To qualify for WIC, a family must be income eligible, reside in Illinois and be one of the categories served: pregnant, postpartum, breast-feeding or have children under age 5.

Families with a low to medium income and those who are part of other programs such as foster care, SNAP or TANF are automatically eligible.

Southern Seven Health Department noted those who don't qualify for SNAP may still be income eligible for WIC.

For example, a family of four with an income of \$48,470 can still qualify for WIC.

Making services more customer friendly and reducing the stigma through eWIC

cards gives families the tools to maintain a healthy and balanced diet during a critical time of child development and growth, the health department said.

For more information about WIC and the new eWIC EBT card, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit www.southern7.org.

Drive-thru school supply event set at Shawnee College

The Shawnee Community College Education and Talent Search, ETS, program is planning to host a drive-thru school supply distribution event for local ETS members.

The drive-thru distribution is scheduled Oct. 6-7 on the college's main campus near Ullin. Hours are planned from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each day.

The school supply distribution is open to current Education and Talent Search students at elementary, middle and high schools located

within the Shawnee Community College District.

"Our goal is to provide increased opportunity for student success in our region," ETS assistant director James Walton said in a news release.

"Having the opportunity to ensure that students in our area are adequately supplied with materials they need to succeed in school truly helps us fulfill our mission."

For more information about the upcoming drive-thru school supply distribution, email evelynd@shawneecc.edu or call 618-634-3204.

To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment. Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) ~~The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations.~~ In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people.

Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals.

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes.

Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners.

Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more.

Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials.

When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.
- 2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- 3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

YES	For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.
NO	

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois

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Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at: <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



Jesse White

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,
Done in the City of Springfield, this first day of June, 2020

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Obituaries

William Richard (Bill) Cunningham



William Richard (Bill) Cunningham was born in Anna, Illinois on July 7, 1929, the son of Fred R. and Mabel Norman Cunningham.

Bill had one brother, Norman. Bill married Alice Wall and three children were born to that marriage: Michael, Nancy and Patrick. He later married Shirley, who passed away in 2006.

After studying electrical engineering at the University of Illinois, Bill returned to his hometown of Anna, Illinois, to learn the nuts and bolts, day to day operations of the family-owned electrical construction business.

From 1950 through 1971, he operated Cunningham Electric Company, an electrical contracting firm which completed construction projects for the State of Illinois, as well as many other large construction projects in the private sector.

He also served as CEO of a sister corporation, Southern Construction Company, which provided construction management services for several large multi-family dwellings in the Springfield and Chicago area.

In 1962 Cunningham started Transcraft Corporation. As CEO of Transcraft, Cunningham led the company to become the number one manufacturer of flatbed highway trailers in the United States, with factories located in Anna, Illinois, and Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and a dealer network stretching from coast to coast and into Canada. The company was sold in 1999 to a New York investment group.

His strong affinity for electronics drew Bill into the burgeoning field of electronic data processing and he grew the company's EDP system from an IBM 401 in the early days into a Burroughs 1800 main frame system.

Capitalizing on the surplus capacity of the system, he oversaw the development of a computer service bureau offering a variety of services to government and businesses before the advent of the personal computer.

Bill developed an insatiable interest in the coupon redemption process. That interest led to several patents for the development of an electronic coupon terminal and redemption system.

After the sale of Transcraft, he devoted his full attention to developing and marketing that system.

Bill was very generous toward Union County with the wealth he accumulated through the years.

Because of an incident of domestic abuse which affected a young classmate of his when he was a student at Murphy School, he was burdened to build a safe space for victims of domestic abuse.

In 2000, he built and furnished Bethany Village in Anna. He also built the Two Rivers Child Advocacy building and the Shawnee Crisis Pregnancy Center, both on Lick Creek Road. He later deeded the properties to each entity.

If Bill was made aware of a need in the community, he met it, whether that was re-roofing the Elks and Stinson Library or funding the stage lighting for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School theatre program or buying new chairs for the Sunshine Inn senior nutrition site.

In 2009 he paid off the debt of a struggling Union County Country Club and the only requirement was that they provide a junior golf camp each summer for any youth in the county interested in learning to play golf.

Hundreds of youth were given an opportunity to participate in the program as evidenced by each year's class photo which hung on the wall in his office.

Bill has a tender spot for the youth of the county. He regularly supported ball teams or requests from many individual youth who requested funding for specific programs.

Bill purchased 14 acres on Brady Mill Road and donated it to the Union County Recreational Corporation and then matched all donations to excavate and construct outdoor soccer fields, a walking trail and parking lot.

He was a regular contributor to local schools, after school programs, softball, baseball and football programs and historical projects.

The beautiful entry doors and fountain at St. Mary's Catholic Church were gifts of Bill and Shirley. Many Union Countians have benefited from his generosity.

Bill was a true entrepreneur. He was always looking for the next new thing. He even became a viticulturist and planted a 20-acre vineyard on his farm east of Anna.

Many fellow entrepreneurs benefited from his entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to invest in their ventures. Bill provided funding to many start up companies.

He loved being a businessman and played that role up until the very end, sending emails and making phone calls.

Bill passed away on Sept. 24, 2020, at Gulf Coast Hospital in Ft. Myers, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, oldest son, Michael and his late wife, Shirley.

He leaves behind his fiancée, Melene (Micki) Bruce of Ft. Myers, Fla.; his daughter, Nancy McNealy of Anna, Illinois; his son, Patrick and wife Jill of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and five grandchildren, Marshall McNealy, Patrick Cunningham, Ashley (Randy) Cunningham McDaniels, Lyndsay (Eric) Cunningham Ludden and Chase Cunningham; and six great-grandchildren.

Bill had been a member of the Anna Masonic Lodge No. 520 for 69 years and a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of Ainad Temple Shrine in East St. Louis. Until he moved to Ft. Myers, he was also a member of Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date.

Audrey Lois Canupp

Audrey Lois Canupp, 94, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care, with her daughter by her side.

Mrs. Canupp was born in Johnson County, on Aug. 15, 1926, the daughter of Bluford and Nonnie Mathis Allbritten.

On Oct. 15, 1953, she eloped and married Harold "Dean" Canupp in Corinth, Miss., enjoying 46 years of marriage until his passing in 1999.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bo Utley of Anna; grandchildren Kelly (Patrick) Kelley of Toledo, Ohio, and Kacey (Mark) Chamness of Anna; and dearly loved great-grandchildren Carson, Klaira, and Karlee Jo Chamness; a brother-in-law, Dale "Pete" (Retha) Burnam; and numerous cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepmother, Inez Allbritten; a sister, Norma Jean Panuce; brothers Olen, George (Reba Ferne) and Gerald "Cap" Allbritten; brothers-in-law Ralph (Lenora) Canupp and Robert (Jessalyn) Canupp; three sisters-in-law, Patty Burnam, Mildred Allbritten and Rosemary Allbritten; her dear friend James "Jim" Whitnel; as well as many other friends and family members.

Mrs. Canupp was a member of Cypress Eastern Star Chapter No. 886, which was later merged with Egyptian Chapter No. 32 at Vienna, and was a dual member of Anna Star Chapter No. 522.

She was elected as Worthy Matron "many times" and was an honorary member of Lily Valley Chapter No. 85 in Metropolis and Banner Chapter No. 614 in Ganntown.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Cypress.

In the 1950s, Audrey worked at the Williams Variety Store, also known as "The Dime Store," in Vienna.

She spent many years washing and ironing for Green Implement in Cypress. She was a 4-H leader and Avon representative.

She enjoyed babysitting, going on Virginia Gray's bus tours with her husband, embroidering, making homemade ice cream, reading, gardening and attending railroad company picnics.

In 2001, Mrs. Canupp moved to Anna-Jonesboro to be closer to family, where she enjoyed being a greeter at the Jonesboro Grade School and a volunteer at the Union County Hospital gift shop. She loved being a member of the Senior Circle and had many great adventures on bus tours with her friends.

Miss Audrey also became a beloved friend of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

She will forever be remembered for her endless love towards her family and her big bright smile.

As a two-time breast cancer survivor, she asked that memorials be made out to the Heather Harper Treat Foundation, which has provided support to 895 cancer patients since its inception in 1994, her husband being one of the recipients.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor David Fischler will officiate. Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Ill. 62995.

To share a memory of Audrey or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

Timothy Sprous

Timothy Sprous, 63, of Anna, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1956, in St. Louis, the son of Thomas and Loretta Overall Sprous.

He married Patricia Trexler on Jan. 14, 1984.

Mr. Sprous worked at Walmart in Anna for many years. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughters Amanda Sprous of Port Ritchey, Fla., Ruth Ann Sprous of Racine, Wis., and Tabitha Aho of Racine, Wis.; a son, Timothy Sprous of Anna; grandchildren Brittany, Christopher, Robert, Kaytelynn, Timothy and Chris; great-grandchildren, Emma and Shaynah; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Sprous, and a granddaughter, Hope Annmarie Smith.

Cremation was accorded and there will be no services at this time.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

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Charles Thomas Flamm

Charles Thomas Flamm, 85, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.

He was born on May 4, 1935, in Cobden, the son of Fred C. and Mae Hodges Flamm.

He married the love of his life, Virginia Lee Bittle, on Nov. 24, 1956, in Cobden.

Charles is survived by his wife, Virginia Flamm of Cobden; a daughter, Carolyn Jean Flamm; two sons, Kenneth Brian (Patty) Flamm and Christopher Thomas (Kelly) Flamm; grandchildren Josh Flamm, James Rains, Clayton, Cooper and Claire Flamm; a sister, Marlene Rich; a brother-in-law, Don (Kay) Bittle; a sister-in-law, Wilma Schwab; he was proud of and loved by his nieces and nephews, Doug and Chuck Meadows, Harold Blunt, Nancy Macdonald, Karen Winzenburger, John B. Vitt Jr., Steve and Chris Rich, Eric and Gary Ogden, and Sean Bittle; several great-nieces and nephews and their children; many other relatives and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Charles Thomas Flamm Jr. and James Donald Flamm; a granddaughter, Amanda Paige Flamm; sisters Ethel Mae Blunt and Audrey Ann Vitt; nieces Janis Lee Graham, Vicki Marlene Lyerla and Susan Vitt; and a nephew, Brian Scott Blunt.

Charles was a lifelong member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. He was the former parish council member and church trustee.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Cobden Lions Club for over 50 years.

Charles was an avid sports fan, especially the Cobden Appleknockers and L.A. Dodgers. He enjoyed reading John Wayne westerns, playing solitaire and going for drives with Virginia. He coached his sons' and nephews' baseball teams for many years.

Charles worked for Crawford Gas Company, establishing Flamm's Heating and Cooling in 1983.

Charles will be remembered for his gentle nature, and his love of his community and sense of humor.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment was in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

The Rosary was prayed at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery or to the Cobden Lions Club.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

Michael Kenneth Stute

Michael Kenneth Stute, 62, of Anna, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, at his home.

He was born on March 30, 1958, the son of Kenneth and Barbara Basler Stute.

He is survived by his daughter, Micheale Stute-Chaney of Anna; a son, Michael Allen Stute of Cobden; three grandchildren, Johnathan Chaney, Makenzie Chaney and Alexa Chaney; his mother, Barbara Stute; a brother, Patrick Stute of Anna; two sisters, Anne Estes of Wentzville, Mo., and Barb Logan of Wildwood, Mo.; a good friend, Danny Inman, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Susan Ginsburg; his maternal grandparents, Dennis and Jewell Basler; and a cousin, Ben Basler.

He was a member of the Millwright Union Local 716. He enjoyed hunting and wood working.

A memorial gathering to celebrate the life of Michael Stute was held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

"The Preaching Pen"
Which Are You?

Fall is finally here, and it's harvest season. Corn and soybeans are coming out of the field, and some of us are keenly aware of that because our allergies are now worse.

In the book of Matthew, we find John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea. In the third chapter of Matthew, beginning with verse 11, John warns, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I (referring to Jesus), whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: (12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor (that is the threshing room floor), and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Do we see the parallel here? Just as farmers harvest their grain and separate it from the chaff, Christ's true followers will be separated from the unrighteous. The threshing fan (vs. 12) refers to a wooden shovel used for tossing grain into the wind in order to blow away the lighter chaff, leaving the good grain to settle in a pile. The chaff would then be swept up and burned, and the unquenchable fire refers to the eternal punishment of hell or the lake of fire. Please realize that "unquenchable" means the fire cannot be extinguished, it will burn forever.

Which of these categories do you fall into? Are you grain, or chaff? Give it some thought and visit us whenever you can at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St.!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Wilmer D. Nall

Wilmer D. Nall, 85, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of East Cape Girardeau, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, at the home of his daughter.

Mr. Nall was born on Aug. 19, 1935, in Mason County, the son of Ernest W. and Edna McDaniel Nall.

He graduated from Bath-Lynchburg High School in 1953. He went on to study at Illinois State University, Bradley University and Western Illinois University until he earned his specialist degree in education.

He taught industrial arts in Divernon and Mason City. He was high school principal and later superintendent of schools at his alma mater, Balyki, in Bath, Ill.

He later was superintendent of the Mt. Auburn district and concluded his career as superintendent of schools at Shawnee School District in Wolf Lake, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Nall served in the U.S. Army in the late 1950s. He served most of his military stint in Germany. Among his other duties, he played on his base's baseball team, The Dragons. He enjoyed traveling to other bases to play their teams.

He also took advantage of being overseas and used his leave to tour European countries and famous landmarks and had many pictures and slides of those amazing sites.

He went on a blind date with Marilyn Haage in August, 1961. They were married a short four months later, on Dec. 28, 1961, in Havana, Ill. Wilmer and Marilyn were happily married for 57 1/2 years (he always included that 1/2) until her passing in May of 2019.

Wilmer and Marilyn had a great love for country music. They went to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., on their honeymoon. Over the years they enjoyed many trips to Branson and loved attending various music shows.

They enjoyed traveling around the United States and often pulled their camper on their trips. They also enjoyed watching British comedies on TV.

He was a diehard fan of the Chicago Cubs and took a lot of teasing for it when he moved to the Cape Girardeau area. He had a great sense of humor and had a joke for every situation. He found the humor in life and shared it with all those around him.

He was a member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church in Cape Girardeau and served in various capacities over the years, including as a deacon and later an elder. His faith in Jesus was the focal point of his life. He was a shining example of a Christian man, husband and father.

Loving survivors include his daughters, Tracey (Wes) Tripp of Cape Girardeau and Tricia (John) Josephs of Cypress, Texas; grandchildren Trevor Dunn (Ashley Cook) of Warrenton, Mo., Halie (Tim) Simmons of Evansville, Ind., and Colby Brennan of Cypress, Texas; great-grandchildren Reid and Aubrey Simmons of Evansville, Ind.; brothers Ernest J. (Charlene) Nall of Manito and Michael (Arlene) Nall of The Villages, Fla.; a sister, Lois French of Bath, Ill.; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ed and Cathy Haage of Havana, Ill.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles Nall; and a brother-in-law, Vince French.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today, with funeral services at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Auburn Christian Church in Cape Girardeau. Minister Casey Elmore will officiate.

A graveside service and inurnment will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Mason County. Minister Mike Hopps will officiate.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Auburn Christian Church, 930 N. Mt. Auburn Rd., Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau is in charge of local arrangements.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.



Valetta Joy Stoner

Valetta Joy Stoner, 89, of Anna, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at Jonesboro Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1931, the daughter of Ralph and Opal Miller Gurley.

She married Billy G. Stoner Sr. on July 13, 1955. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 2005.

She is survived by her sons, Billy G. Stoner Jr. and Michael D. Stoner; her grandchildren, Andrea Hubbs, Katie (Ross) Kopher, David Stoner, Angel (Jeff Sherrill) Stoner and Austin Stoner; great-grandchildren Jacob and Nathan Hubbs and Cameron and Lucas Kopher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Stoner Sr., and her parents.

She had been a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna since its beginning. She served on the church council, as director of the women's missionary unit, nominating committee, preschool director and flower committee chairperson.

She and Billy operated Stoner's Grocery in the 1950s and 1960s. She later operated Stoner's Daycare for over 30 years.

Graveside funeral services for Valetta Stoner were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating.

Memorials can be made to Ebenezer Hall Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Sept. 27, at 9:30 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "Intense Desire and Compassion to See Jesus." Scripture was from Hebrews and Luke.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

Birthdays: Connie Sadler, Sept. 27; Shirley Ralls, Sept. 30; Patti Mulback, Oct. 2.

Anniversary: Bill and Linda Wright, Sept. 28.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed, with the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Bible study also will be available on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

A parking lot service is planned at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 4. Seniors who are less tolerant of the heat or cold will be allowed in the sanctuary, with CDC guidelines followed, including the wearing of masks and

social distancing. The Alabaster offering will be taken during the service.

Bible quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Oct. 4 in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed by wearing masks and social distancing.

Wednesday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Children's Bible quizzing is planned in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed by wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

A parking lot service is planned at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 11. Seniors who are less tolerant of the heat or cold will be allowed in the sanctuary, with CDC guidelines followed, including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Bible quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Oct. 11 in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing.

During this time, the church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in both the morning and evening worship services.

The morning message touched on Elijah, David and depression. Scripture was from 1st Kings and the Psalms.

The messages were sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

During the service, Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Marlee Smith sang the song "Rescue."

The church plans to have another drive-in movie night at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. A family friendly movie

will be shown, with free popcorn, hot dogs and soda. Those who want to do so can sit in their car and tune in to 87.9 to hear the movie, or they can bring a lawn chair and sit outside. There will be extra speakers set up to boost the sound.

Birthdays: Mary Carolyn Rendleman, Sept. 27; Debbie Fears, Sept. 28; Angela Smith, Oct. 3.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church for the coming week includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Nancy Blandford

Nancy Blandford, nee Fitch, 70, of Waterloo, died on Sept. 28, 2020, in Waterloo.

She was born on May 21, 1950, in Wolf Lake.

She is survived by her husband, John Blandford, and by cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Geraldine (nee Hess) Fitch.

Services will be held at a later date. Quernheim Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "Noah Listened to God" with scripture from Genesis, the account of Noah and the ark.

The message asked: "What happens when our patience runs out? Usually, discipline follows.

"In the days of Noah, spiritual degeneration had permeated the whole world. God's patience had run out and His discipline brought about the most catastrophic event to happen on Earth. God decided to start over using Noah and his family.

"Noah was not without sin, but he tried to follow God's guidance. Noah found grace in the eyes of God.

"God was the only means of escape; His grace abounded but judgment day came. By faith, Noah was delivered.

"How does God feel about our world today? His standards haven't changed.

God had a plan for Noah, and He has a plan for us: to share the Gospel with those who don't have a personal relationship with the Lord. We need to obey God as Noah obeyed."

For those who don't feel comfortable returning to in-person worship, services are live on Zoom, and available on YouTube on the church's Facebook page

"Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 4, the church plans to resume Sunday School classes, starting at 9 a.m. Worship is at 10 a.m.

Camp Ground Church also plans to participate in World-Wide Communion during worship Sunday, Oct. 4.

Those having birthdays this week are Matthew Boaz, who will turn 11 on the 4th, Bill Smith on the 7th and Jim Vaughn on the 8th.

The church wishes a happy sixth wedding anniversary to John and Trish Edwards Sunday, and a fourth anniversary to Jordan and Lindsey Adams on the 8th.

One hundred five family and friends gathered Saturday afternoon at the home of Keelie and Kyle Bartruff to surprise Kenneth Quick with a party for his 80th birthday. In addition to celebrating with everyone, he was again surprised when he was presented with his grandfather's 1952 Farmall tractor that had been repainted/restored by family members.

Mr. and Mrs. Shane Spurlock and daughters of Peoria, Ariz., spent a recent week visiting his mother Deloris Pribble and other family in the Anna area.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Hope everyone is enjoying the cool weather we are having.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch on Saturday. Also visiting one day was Judy and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro.

Happy belated birthday to my granddaughter, Jessica Eudy of Plano, Texas, on Sunday, Sept. 27, and to her brother, Ryan Driscoll of Cape Girardeau on Monday, Sept. 28.

Emma Eudy of Cape

Girardeau visited Thursday afternoon with her grandparents, Sue and Steve Eudy.

Kevin Eudy of Cape Girardeau visited Sue and Steve Eudy on Saturday afternoon.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

It was accidentally omitted in last week's news that Mayli Knight sang a solo on Sunday morning. She sang "God is So Good."

John Turner led the music for Sunday morning service on Sept. 27.

Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "How to Face Another Day." Scripture was from 2nd Corinthians.

Beth Perry sang a special called "I Know a Man Who Can."

The church's adult Sunday School class is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Children's church worship is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning worship also is scheduled to start at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday night Bible study is planned at 6 p.m. Pastor Nick is teaching a study about the Book of Revelation.

The church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna.

Those who may need to ride the church bus can call the church office at 833-5416, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service

Beginning on Oct. 18, the church plans to have a weekly Sunday evening contemporary worship service. Worship will be led by award-winning contemporary music artist Jermaine Bollinger and his band.

The Jermaine Bollinger Band is scheduled to lead worship at Anna First Baptist every Sunday evening. Pastor Nick DiMauro will bring a message. All are welcome.

The service is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The church requires all who attend to wear a mask and to maintain safe social distancing procedures. Masks will be provided for those who need one.

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FOR SALE: 2.3 engine, Ford 4-cylinder, has been rebuilt, has comp cam, carbureted head with intake, fuel injection head and intake with new injectors, tube headers, 5-speed manual 4-wheel drive transmission, new clutch and pressure plate, AC compressor. Approximately 1,000 miles on engine. Came out of 1985 Ford Ranger 4x4. \$600.00 obo. Call (618)-833-0324.

tfn n/c

FOR SALE: 2- mini refrigerators. \$20.00 each. Call (618)-833-2273.

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FORSALE: All good condition and clean - recliner and 3-chairs. \$35.00-\$70.00 each. Call or text, (618)-521-8049.

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To place your ad in The Gazette-Democrat just call (618)-833-2158 or toll free at (800)-833-2699.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

**Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Lisa Arnsmeier; et. al. DEFENDANTS
2019CH32**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/03/2020, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on October 28, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 11-10-06-914-B
Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3505 N State Route 3

as heirs to CHARLES L. KINDER, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD Defendants. No: 20CH9

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/151507)(c)(1)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones at Farmers State Bank 618/893-2464, 55 Elm St., Alto Pass, Illinois 62905.

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952, Union County, Illinois.

3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Tract 1:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter, (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Two (2) West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 20 a distance of 1631.28 feet; thence deflecting right 90° 00' 00" a distance of 568.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence deflecting left 36° 31' 04", a distance of 322.38 feet; thence deflecting left 87° 12' 10", a distance of 193.55 feet; thence deflecting left 73° 41' 27", a distance of 272.26 feet; thence deflecting left 94° 19' 06" a distance of 292.12 feet to the point of beginning, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Tract 2:
General Description: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the northwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, County of Union, State of Illinois.

Detail Description: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; Thence Easterly along the North line of the last aforesaid Section 20, a distance of 1631.28 feet to a point, Thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle of 90°-00'00" a distance of 568.87 feet to an iron pin monument at the Northeast corner of a tract or parcel of land as found described in a document recorded in Book 142 at Page 270, said iron pin monument being the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, Thence Southeasterly along a line with a deflection angle of 36°-31'-04" to the left, a distance of 73.27 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 105°-36'-23" to the right, a distance of 301.59 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road, said centerline also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in a Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northwesterly along the centerline of the public road. Also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land, with a deflection angle of 86°-18'-25", a distance of 10.06 feet to a point; Thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 0°-50'-01" to the left, a distance of 56.61 feet to the Northwest corner of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land with a deflection angle of 93°-42'-30", a distance of 287.02 feet to the point of beginning for this description; containing

0.463 acres, more or less. Being a part of "Tract III" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on September 26, 1979, in Plat Record 7, Page 145, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 08-20-05-917-A

4. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale. The property is to be sold, "as is, where is."

5. The time and place of the sale are: October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL.

6. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing. Title will be conveyed "as is" and subject to all past due real estate taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions and covenants of record. Title work is responsibility of buyer.

7. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure were filed are as follows: The Estate of Charles Kinder, Kristen Kinder aka Kristen Griffith and Heath Kinder as heir to Charles L. Kinder, One Main Financial and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, Illinois.

FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff

BY: Todd P. Bittle
Attorney for Plaintiff

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HELP WANTED

PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES

The City of Anna is accepting proposals for cleaning services at: City Hall and Anna Police Department. For more information, please visit cityofanna.org or call City Hall at (618)-833-8528.

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VACANCY NOTICE:

Anna District #37 is accepting applications beginning in December 2020:

- Cook

Anna District #37 is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Assistant Principal/ Special Education Coordinator

The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than October 7, 2020.

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YARD SALE

UNION COUNTY GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO YARD/GARAGE SALES:

1. Social Distancing must be exercised.
2. Please wear a mask and/or other protective clothing.
3. No more than 10 people at one time permitted.

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CLEARANCE SALE:
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RIVER TO RIVER YARD SALE: October 8-11, 2020.

Along Route 146, in beautiful Southern Illinois from East Cape to Cave-in-Rock, 90+ miles of yard sales. For questions, contact Julie Ames at (618)-697-2435 or visit us at River to River Yard Sale on Facebook.

41-42gpc

ESTATE SALE: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, October 1, 2 & 3. My parents passed away, and we are selling their collectibles at my residence. 102 Fredrick Street, Anna. Lots of tools, old kerosene lamps, food grinders, pictures, cut glass. Too much to list. Inside garage. Rain or shine. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

41-42gc

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trinity Assembly of God in Olive Branch, State Hwy. 3. Lots of items, too many to mention.

41p-42gc

WOLF LAKE MARKET: Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. 4720 N. State Route 3. Ms. D's Melts, goats milk products, canned & baked goods, honey, Elf on the Shelf clothing, handmade jewelry, and much more.

41p-42g

COBDEN COMMUNITY YARD SALE DAY: Saturday, October 3. Maps at Village Hall on E. Maple at 7 a.m. Held rain or shine. Be safe, wear a mask.

41p-42gc

YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 2 & 3. 118 W. Monroe Street, Anna.

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, October 3, 7 a.m. to ??? 111 N. Acre Lane, Jonesboro. Hoist, climbing tree stand, DVD's, cassettes, PS3 & PS4 video games, books, grinder, History of Union County (3 volumes), clothing & misc.

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4 FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, October 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 35 VFW Lane, Anna. Throw rugs, pictures, small carpet cleaner, purses, plus-size clothing, jeans, housewares, 2- metal rockers, wood bench, yard decor, lots of misc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, UNION COUNTY ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF JANET ELAINE WINN Deceased. NO. 2020-P-30

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION: WILL AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the testate death of Janet Elaine Winn who died the 18th day of August, 2020. Letters of office were issued on September 9, 2020 to Autumn Winn Funkhouser, of 3110 Mick English Road, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, whose attorney is Joseph J. Neely of The Neely Law Firm, 1001 Market Street, P.O. Box 428, Metropolis, IL 62960.

Notice is given to heirs or legatees who are named in the Petition, filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and to those whose names or addresses are unknown and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on September 8, 2020 admitting the decedent's Will to probate. Within forty two (42) days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act. (735 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (735 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of Clerk of this Court at Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the issuances of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Autumn Winn Funkhouser, Executor
Dated: September 8, 2020

By: Joseph J. Neely

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

**Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Lisa Arnsmeier; et. al. DEFENDANTS
2019CH32**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/03/2020,

the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on October 28, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 1 IN SHAWNEES SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT RECORD 3, PAGE 71, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING 1/4 OF THE MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS.

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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-12318. I3155889

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. KINDER, KRISTEN L. GRIFFIN, as SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. KINDER, KRISTIN L. GRIFFIN aka KRISTIN L. KINDER, and HEATH C. KINDER, as heirs to CHARLES L. KINDER, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD Defendants. No: 20CH9

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/151507)(c)(1)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones at Farmers State Bank 618/893-2464, 55 Elm St., Alto Pass, Illinois 62905.

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952, Union County, Illinois.

3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Tract 1:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter, (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Two (2) West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 20 a distance of 1631.28 feet; thence deflecting right 90° 00' 00" a distance of 568.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence deflecting left 36° 31' 04", a distance of 322.38 feet; thence deflecting left 87° 12' 10", a distance of 193.55 feet; thence deflecting left 73° 41' 27", a distance of 272.26 feet; thence deflecting left 94° 19' 06" a distance of 292.12 feet to the point of beginning, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Tract 2:

General Description; A part of the Northeast Quarter of the northwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, County of Union, State of Illinois.

Detail Description; Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; Thence Easterly along the North line of the last aforesaid Section 20, a distance of 1631.28 feet to a point, Thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle of 90°-00'00" a distance of 568.87 feet to an iron pin monument at the Northeast corner of a tract or parcel of land as found described in a document recorded in Book 142 at Page 270, said iron pin monument being the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, Thence Southeasterly along a line with a deflection angle of 36°-31'-04" to the left, a distance of 73.27 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 105°-36'-23" to the right, a distance of 301.59 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road, said centerline also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in a Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northwesterly along the centerline of the public road. Also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or

parcel of land, with a deflection angle of 86°-18'-25", a distance of 10.06 feet to a point; Thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 0°-50'-01" to the left, a distance of 56.61 feet to the Northwest corner of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land with a deflection angle of 93°-42'-30", a distance of 287.02 feet to the point of beginning for this description; containing 0.463 acres, more or less. Being a part of "Tract III" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on September 26, 1979, in Plat Record 7, Page 145, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952

TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 08-20-05-917-A

4. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale. The property is to be sold, "as is, where is."

5. The time and place of the sale are: October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL.

6. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing. Title will be conveyed "as is" and subject to all past due real estate taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions and covenants of record. Title work is responsibility of buyer.

7. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure were filed are as follows: The Estate of Charles Kinder, Kristen Kinder aka Kristen Griffith and Heath Kinder as heir to Charles L. Kinder, One Main Financial and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, Illinois.

FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 9th day of September, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Twin Maples with the place of business located at 306 E. Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Kathleen Lloyd
306 E. Vienna Street
Anna, IL 62906
40-42gc

CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the City of Anna has declared the following Exhibit A Surplus Property List, as surplus personal property and offers the same for sale.

Said property may be inspected at the Anna City Garage located at 105 Market Street in the City of Anna and is sold in "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties.

EXHIBIT A

Surplus Property
1996 Ford F350SD, 7.3 Diesel motor, VIN 1FTJW-35F6TEA70949, 265,273.3 miles, runs poorly, starting minimum starting bid \$500.00

Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item(s), shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through November 3rd, 2020. The minimum bid has been established for each surplus item. Please see Surplus Property List for the Minimum bid, as no bid for less than that amount will be accepted. A check or money order shall accompany all bids for not less than 10% of the bid.

All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on November 3rd, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dori Bigler
City Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 31st day of August, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Margaret's Diner with the place of business located at 500 Public Square, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Jennifer Cleghorn
Billy Cleghorn
402 N. Green Street
Anna, IL 62906
41-43gc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF CREVA LORETTA HENSON, DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-25 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Creva Loretta Henson of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 21, 2020, to Vicky Chamness, 103 Warren Street, Anna, IL 62906 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN to unknown heirs at law of Judy Ann Krentzberg, Gene Edward Flick, Jimmy Eugene Flick, Floyd Flick, and Helen Massey.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of

the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 30, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 22, 2020.

VICKY CHAMNESS
INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATOR

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6244394
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF DONALD G. STOKES, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-24

NOTICE OF DEATH AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Donald G. Stokes, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2020, to Melissa Renee Willman, 2700 Pioneer Dr., #147, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703, as Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered under Court supervision.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Executor,

or both, on or before February 27, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 26, 2020.

MELISSA RENEE
WILLMAN

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ANNE M. SZAFRANSKI, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-31

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Anne M. Szafranski of 207 Elderly Housing Row, Dongola, IL 62926. Letters of Office were issued on September 8, 2020, to Yvonne Eickelman of P.O. Box 135, Dongola, IL 62926 and Michele R. Richter of 570 Friendship School Road, Anna, IL 62906, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent



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dent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 17, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 11, 2020.

YVONNE EICKELMAN
MICHELE R. RICHTER

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF JAMES P. MILES, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-33

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of James P. Miles of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 11, 2020, to Luanne Burdick, 388 Trammel Lane, Grand Tower, Illinois 62942, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois 62906.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section

5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before March 17, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 15, 2020.

LUANNE BURDICK
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILD)

REQUEST OF: Misty Dawn Sadler 2020-MR-81 TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

There will be a court date for Request for Name Change (Minor Child) for Maddox Jay Miller to the new name of: Maddox Jay Sadler. The court date will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County, In courtroom 1.

Misty Sadler
42-44g

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of HARLAN COFFMAN, Deceased No. 2020P34

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Harlan Coffman of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 25, 2020, to Carmen C. Coffman, 406 N. Main Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, 62952, whose attorney is John R. Schneider, Johnson & Schneider, L.L.C., Attorneys at Law, 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or

both, by December 25, 2020, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a personal claim notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Tiffany Busby
Union County Circuit Clerk

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Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, October 1, 2020.

OCTOBER 1, 2020

FRIDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, October 2, 2020.

OCTOBER 2, 2020

SATURDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, October 3, 2020.

OCTOBER 3, 2020

SUNDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, October 4, 2020.

OCTOBER 4, 2020

MONDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, October 5, 2020.

OCTOBER 5, 2020

TUESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

OCTOBER 6, 2020

WEDNESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

OCTOBER 7, 2020

THURSDAY 10:30pm SHOW Inside Man ★★★½ (2006, Crime) Denzel Washington, Clive Owen. A bank robber's attempt at the perfect heist becomes a stressful hostage situation...

FRIDAY 7:00pm USA Chrisley Knows Best Multimillionaire Todd Chrisley runs life at home with his wife and five children as he would a business...

SATURDAY 8:00pm SHOW Angels & Demons ★★★ (2009, Thriller) Tom Cruise, Ewan McGregor. Experts in symbolism frantically work together...

SUNDAY 7:31pm FOX Bless the Harts "The Last Supper" Greenpoint and The Last Supper are threatened by the new arrival of a chain restaurant...

MONDAY 7:00pm NBC The Titan Games Actor Dwayne Johnson hosts a sports competition, where men and women throughout the country have their bodies tested...

TUESDAY 7:25pm DISN Gabby Duran & The Unsittables A girl who feels like she's always living in the shadow of her mother and sister lands a job babysitting an unruly group of important extraterrestrial children...

WEDNESDAY 7:00pm ABC The Goldbergs The youngest child in the Goldberg family was armed only with a camera to capture the crazy and chaos of his family while surviving through the 80's...

COVID-19 hospitalizations at highest level since June

Illinois unemployment up from a year ago in all 14 metro areas

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD – Hospitalizations for COVID-19 have jumped sharply, according to the latest data from the Illinois Department of Public Health, while the number of continued unemployment claims in the state increased from the week prior.

Hospitalizations and intensive care bed usage by persons with COVID-19 increased to highs not seen since June as of the end of the day Wednesday, Sept. 23.

While the numbers often fluctuate significantly on a daily basis, the 1,713 hospitalizations for the virus were the most since there were 1,852 on June 18.

The 400 intensive care beds in use by COVID-19 patients were the most since 401 were occupied on June 29.

Approximately 35 percent of beds and 38 percent of ICU beds were available statewide, according to IDPH data.

There were 155 ventilators in use by COVID-19 patients, with roughly 78 percent of the machines still available.

The state reported another 2,257 confirmed cases of the virus Thursday, Sept. 24,

among 62,071 test results reported, making for a one-day positivity rate of 3.6 percent.

That kept the rolling, seven-day average rate at 3.5 percent for the sixth day in a row.

Another 30 virus-related deaths drove the total to 8,538 among 281,371 confirmed cases since the pandemic began. Nearly 5.3 million tests have been conducted.

Officials urged Illinoisans to get their flu shot this year to avoid further strains on medical infrastructure.

“This season more than ever, it is critical that Illinoisans get our flu shots,” IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a statement.

“Flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and co-infection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death. While a vaccine for COVID-19 is still in development, a vaccine for flu already exists and is your best protection against flu.”

Economic Impact Continues

Meanwhile, the economic effects of COVID-19 and associated economic restrictions continue to show in Illinois and nationwide.

There were 870,000 first-time unemployment claims

nationwide for the week ending Sept. 19, including 25,976 in Illinois, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

For the state, that was a decrease of 1,408 from the previous week, but the number of continued claims rose by 28,938 to 538,496.

The number of nonfarm jobs decreased since last year in all 14 Illinois metropolitan areas in August, with five metro areas at record low payrolls for the month, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Labor and IDES.

The August unemployment rate was 10.9 percent statewide, the highest rate recorded since 1983, when it was 11.3 percent.

The Chicago-Naper-ville-Arlington Heights metro area had the highest unemployment rate at 12.6 percent, up from 3.8 percent during the same month a year ago.

The Rockford and Decatur metropolitan areas had the next highest unemployment rates at 11.3 percent and 11.2 percent, respectively, up from 5.9 percent and 5.4 percent a year ago.

Bloomington had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.2 percent, which was an increase from 3.8 percent a year ago, followed by Champaign-Urbana, which increased to 7.4 percent from 3.9 percent.

Other areas ranged from 8.1 percent to 9.6 percent.

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Challenge issued

Democrat Party candidate for U.S. Congress Ray Lenzi made a campaign appearance at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro last week, where he issued a challenge to his competitor, incumbent U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill. Lenzi, left, had a photo taken next to a statue of Abraham Lincoln which stands at the picnic grounds. Lenzi was joined in the photo by his “Chicken Mike” mascot, representing Lenzi’s allegation that Bost is “chicken” for not engaging in debate. The mascot is standing next to a statue of Stephen Douglas. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Democratic candidate issues challenge to GOP incumbent during local stop

By Benjamin Marxer
 Ray Lenzi, the Democratic Party candidate for Congress for Illinois’ 12th District, kicked off his “Movement for Change” campaign tour with a stop at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro on Monday, Sept 21.

Lenzi is planning a month-long tour that will hit spots throughout the 12th District, including stops in Southern Illinois.

In a speech given in front of statues of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas which stand on the picnic grounds, Lenzi called out his electoral opponent, congressional incumbent U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill.

Lincoln and Douglas engaged in an historic debate

at the Jonesboro site during a U.S. Senate campaign in 1858.

Lenzi claims that Bost has refused his invitations for debate.

“For the past five months, we have tried to communicate with the Bost campaign, seeking to engage in 12 debates, one in each county in the district,” said Lenzi, “but with absolutely no response.”

“It seems Mike Bost is afraid to meet us on the democratic field of battle,” Lenzi continued, “afraid to meet us on the issues, afraid to stand in the spirit of Lincoln and Douglas, an Illinois tradition in bravely facing your opponent on the issues of the day,”

Lenzi outlined what he believes are the four simultaneous crises that our nation

is facing: the climate crisis, the global pandemic, the economic collapse and the racial justice crisis.

“We are here because Donald Trump and Mike Bost have failed on all four of these issues,” said Lenzi. “We are declaring this election to be a referendum on the failed record of Donald Trump and Mike Bost.”

The U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to be out of session from early October through the election in November.

“Congress is going to be out of session soon,” said Lenzi. “He can name the date and the place, and we will meet him anywhere before election day to finish out as many debates as we can do in the district.”

A Page from the Past

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Thursday, October 1, 1970

The Union County Teachers Institute will be held at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Union Hall, Friday, Oct. 9. Dr. Tom Haggai will be principal speaker.

 It’s Autumn in Southern Illinois! Although the majority of leaves have not started turning, a few are beginning to show yellows and browns, and soon the area should be a wonderland of color.

When fall officially arrived Wednesday, Sept. 23, the temperature recording was 84 for the high of the week, with high humidity recordings.

 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students are busy planning floats and activities for their annual Homecoming to be held October 16.

The theme of this year’s activities and parade is “Beatle Songs” which should provide a challenge to the students when preparing their floats.

 Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hileman, Anna, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 2.

The Veterans of World War I Barracks No. 344 and the Auxiliary, Anna, met September 27 in the American Legion Home for their regular monthly meeting along with their annual fish fry and covered dish dinner.

Miss Juanita Angell, former teacher of the Anna Junior High School, was honored by the personnel of the school at a tea given at the first monthly faculty meeting.

Apple orchards in the Union County area are busy these days with pickers gathering their crops. Apple harvest time in Union County will be nearing a close.

The annual Union County Picnic was held September 20 in Southern California.

Initiation ceremonies were held at the Anna Moose Lodge for 97 members on September 22.

From the Ware news: A total of 85 attended the Ware Grade School P.T.A. free ice cream supper Monday night. All enjoyed the supper and the good fellowship together.

From the Shiloh news: We have quite a bit of sickness in our community.

Sports Page from the Past

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Tomorrow night the A-J Wildcats take on the Johnston City Indians in a non-conference battle at the A-J C.H.S. campus.

The Wildcats (1-1) will be coming off last Friday night’s conference loss to Chester, while disappointing Johnston City (0-1-1) is coming off a surprising 44-0 loss to West Frankfort.

 The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats went down in defeat in their second game of the young season. The game was the first of A-J’s Southwest Egyptian Conference contests this season. The opponents in the loss were the Chester Yellowjackets and the final score was 36-6.

 Coach’s Column: Coach Ron Gray named Rick Bargiel and Gary Grimm as defensive and offensive players of the week. These two players are honored for outstanding play in last Friday night’s loss to Chester.

 Last Monday the Anna-Jonesboro Junior Varsity squad won a game over Carterville and lost one on Thursday to Nashville.

 The Anna-Jonesboro Junior Varsity squad fell in defeat for the second time in three starts last Monday by a score of 8-6 to the Chester Yellowjackets.

 The Union County Saddle Club will have a trail ride Saturday, Oct. 3, leaving the Anna Fair grounds at 1 p.m. and riding to the State Forest.

Several celebrities as well as five Saluki basketball players and their coaches will be guests at the Horseshoe Tournament to be held in Anna Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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...some thoughts about newspapers from the Oregon Digital Newspaper program website

“This is what really happened, reported by a free press to a free people. It is the raw material of history; it is the story of our own times.” Henry Steel Commager

“Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They’ve got to be defined by the first word—news.” Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

“A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself.” Arthur Miller

“The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold.” Henry Ward Beecher

“Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.” Thomas Jefferson

“Most of us probably feel we couldn’t be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free.” Edward R. Murrow

“People don’t actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath.” Marshall McLuhan

“Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism...” Richard Kluger

“I’d love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers.” Luis Bunuel

“All I know is what I read in the papers.” Will Rogers