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# News Notes Items of interest

from throughout the Union County area

Note to readers: Results from Tuesday's voting in Union County can be found on page 2 of Section A.

Once again, April will be a busy month in the Union County area.

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

The 2019 River to River Relay is planned Saturday, April 13.

The Cobden High School Beta Club plans to sponsor a community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 13. The egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. at the Cobden Community Park.

The Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden also is planning an Easter egg hunt. The egg hunt will be at noon on Saturday, April 13.

Congratulations, and a job very well done, for all of those who were involved in any way in the production of "Disney The Little Mermaid" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Many positive comments have been shared about the musical.

The Anna School District No. 37 Board of Education has voted to employ Julie Bullard as superintendent.

The Anna Moose Lodge is making improvements to its building along South Main Street in downtown Anna. An outside awning and benches have been approved. The lodge also is accepting applications from high school seniors for a

\$1,000 scholarship. (continued on page 2)

## **April: Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month**

Proclamation Day ceremony held Monday morning at Union County Courthouse

Community members gathered Monday morning at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro to show their support for a special effort to promote awareness about child abuse preven-

WIBH Radio in Anna once again is leading a Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign in conjunction with the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Monday morning's Proclamation Day at the courthouse was one of a variety of special events which are planned during April.

Local child service agencies, law enforcement and safety personnel, and city and county officials were on hand for the ceremony, which focused on April's observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

#### **Proclamation Read**

The ceremony was highlighted by the reading of a 2019 Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation.

The proclamation de- stronger when all citizens

clared April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Union County.

The proclamation was read by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.

Highlights from the proclamation declared that:

"Child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Union County.

"Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect.

"It is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood.

"Union County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need.

"Our communities are

maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

prevention programs succeed because of partner-

schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community."

The proclamation also "Effective child abuse urged all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses ships among families, to work to increase their

become aware of child social service agencies, efforts to support families.

After the proclamation was read by the state's attorney, all of those who attended the ceremony had an opportunity to sign the document as a show of support for child abuse prevention awareness.

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**Proclamation Day** 

April's observance of the 2019's Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign kicked off Monday morning with a Proclamation Day ceremony at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Blue cutouts of girls and boys were on display on the courthouse grounds. The blue represented the bruises of victims of abuse.

# Flood warnings continue for Mississippi, Big Muddy rivers

Flood warnings continued this week for the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Both of the rivers border Union County.

The National Weather Service office at Paducah reported on Monday night that the flood warnings would be in effect until further notice.

The weather service reported that levels continued to rise on both the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers.

Runoff from recent rainfall was causing river levels to rise.

The possibility of more rain was in the forecast for Wednesday. A chance for more rain also is in the forecast for Thursday, today, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The Illinois Department of Transportation posted information on its website early this week which reported that some roads in the region had been closed due to flooding.

Road and street closings were reported in Randolph and Alexander counties.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that as of Tuesday morning, no local roads had been closed.

The weather service shared the following updates on river conditions in the region:

#### Mississippi River at Girardeau

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 40.4 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The river is forecast to continue rising to near 41.5 feet by Thursday morning, today, and then begin fall-

#### Mississippi River at **Thebes**

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 38.8 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

Moderate flooding was occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The river is forecast to Moderate flooding was continue rising to near 41.0

feet by Thursday evening, today, and then begin fall-

#### Big Muddy River at Murphysboro

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 25.1 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Minor flooding was in the forecast.

The river is forecast to continue rising to near 26.1 feet early Thursday morning, today, and then begin falling.

# Helicopter landing zone training held in Cobden



Hands-on learning

Monday evening's training session included hands-on learning about equipment which is used during an emergency.

Union County emergency services personnel gathered Monday evening in Cobden for a special training session.

The training focused on emergency airlift transportation and the details which go into establishing a landing zone for a helicopter.

An Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter from Marion came to Cobden for the training.

The event was hosted by the Cobden Fire Department. The department tries to host such training sessions about every two years.

Emergency services personnel from throughout the area attended the training session, which was held at the Cobden Community

Among the agencies which joined the Cobden Fire Department for the session were the Alto Pass Fire Department, the Anna Fire Department, the Cobden Police Department, the Union County Ambulance Service and Makanda Township Fire/Rescue.

The Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter landed on a soccer field at the Cobden Community Park.

The training gave those in attendance a wide range of information to be utilized in the event that a helicopter is needed during an emergency.

The Cobden Fire Department handles about three to five such emergencies during the course of a year.

The Air Evac Lifeteam crew talked about such topics as establishing landing zones for a helicopter during an emergency.

The crew also conducted hands-on training with equipment which is used during an emergency.





Helicopter lands at Cobden park An Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter from Marion landed on a soccer field at the Cobden Community Park for Monday evening's training session.



# Blue Ribbons campaign

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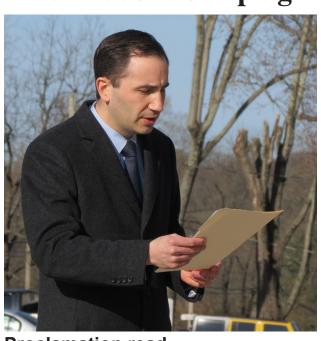
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#### **Proclamation read**

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds read a proclamation at Monday's ceremony. The proclamation declared April to be Child Abuse **Prevention Month in Union County.** 

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#### **Other Special Events Planned**

Some of the other special events which are planned during April in the community include:

Davis Pastry in Anna will have Blue Cookie Days on April 4-5.

National "Wear Blue" Day is set for April 5. The color blue represents the bruises of child abuse and neglect.

Community members are invited to wear blue all day to show their support for the prevention awareness

campaign. A PJs and movie night is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 5 at Kiki's

Coffeehouse in downtown Anna. Community members can wear their PJs and bring

blankets and pillows to the coffeehouse for a movie night which will feature treats from the Anna Baking Company.

A Blue March on Main Street is planned at noon on April 19. (Note: the date for this event was listed incorrectly in last week's paper. The paper erred.)

For the march, community members are invited to wear blue, bring their family friendly signs and join others at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church for a march up and down Main Street in Anna.

## **Open Houses**

Open house events also are scheduled during the

April 5 at Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

April 5 at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services office in

Anna, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 11, Union County Counseling Center in Anna,

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. More information can

be found by visiting the WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign on Facebook, wibhradio.com or by calling 833-9424.

## Hospital to host ceremony

Union County Hospital in Anna is planning to host a ceremony in recognition of April's observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A ribbon tying ceremony is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 9.

The ceremony will be at the hospital's main entrance. The hospital is located at 517 N. Main St.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize children who have experienced abuse.

The event is scheduled to include a presentation by Ginger Meyer from the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network.

Following the presentation, those in attendance will be invited to tie a blue ribbon on one of the trees near the hospital's entrance.

## **Screening set** at Lincoln

Lincoln School in Anna is planning to have pre-kindergarten and kindergarten screening from noon to 5 p.m. on April 9.

Those who come for screenings are asked to enter through the school's main entrance on Hendra

Street. The school notes that each child will need to bring a certified copy of his or her

birth certificate. Children will meet with teachers and the school nurse.

# Union County election results

Tuesday, April 2, was Election Day in Union trict County.

Voters cast ballots in municipal, school board and library district elections.

A proposed sales tax increase also was on the ballot.

Here's a look at unofficial election results. which were tallied at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

#### City of Anna

For mayor: Steve Hartline 537, Earl Miller 195. For city councilman:

Alfred E. Kamp 264, Bryan S. Miller 414, Kathy Bryan 492, Martha Ann Webb 373, Michelle "Shelly" Glasco-Pearl 328, Quinn Edwards 281, Michael Bigler 374. Four elected.

## **City of Jonesboro**

For alderman, Ward One: Brandi Boyd 65.

For alderman, Ward Two: Beverly K. Schaefer 71.

For alderman, Ward Three: Michael S. Stegle 51.

Village of Alto Pass For village president: Scott Tripp 33.

For village trustee: Mila Maring 25, Joel Murray 28. Two will be elected.

For village clerk: Kelli Ellis 37.

#### Village of Cobden

For village trustee: Patrick Brumleve 131, Alma Gomez 90, Louann Elwell 45, Todd Dietterle 111, Larry Hackethal 115. Three elected.

#### **Village of Dongola**

For village trustee: Richard Michael 32, John L. Snell 33, Patrick "Joey" Ferguson 46. Three elected.

For village trustee, unexpired two-year term: Donavan Wright 47.

## Village of Mill Creek

For village trustee: Loretta Walls 5, Valerie Byrd 3, Jason Stroud 3. Three elected.

## Dongola Library Dis- Furlow 209, Terra Lyerla four-year term: Mark

For library trustee, full six-year term: Amy K. Ulrich 194.

#### Stinson Memorial Li**brary District**

For library trustee, full six-year term: Janet Hunter 1,091, Marilyn Keller 1,311. Two elect-

#### **Regional Boards**

For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson counties, six-year term: Marleis Trover (Johnson County) 0, Jean Chamness (Franklin County) 0. Two elected.

For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson counties, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Alexander, Jackson, Massac, Pulaski and Union counties: Grant Woodside (Perry County) 1,093, Larry Houston (Alexander County) 1,405. Two elected.

#### Lick Creek Community Consolidated **School District No. 16**

For members of board of education, full fouryear term: Boyd Blayne Holshouser 136, Aaron Stover 133, Allen E. Plott 128, Ronald J. Thorn 123. Four elected.

#### **Anna Community Consolidated School** District No. 37

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Grant L. Capel 855, Dave "Sully" Sullivan 680, Tina Waller 746, Craig Dillman 640. Four elected.

#### Cobden Unit School District No. 17

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Lisa Tomazzoli 260, Robert

245, Gerald Britt 282. Three elected.

#### Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43

For members of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Casey Johnson 254, Justin Snell 232, Robert W. McAlister 244. Three elected.

#### **Buncombe Consoli**dated School District No. 43

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Shane Casey 0, Heather McIIwain 0, Debra Goddard 0. Three elected.

#### **Cypress Elementary** School District No. 64

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Richie Oliver 7, Mandy Moore 7, Michael Schultz 8, Howard Penrod 7. Four elected.

#### **Dongola Community Unit School District** No. 66

For member of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: Philip Miller 175.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Brenda Hogue 178, Wayne Brown 146, Mark Eddleman 175. Three elected.

#### **Shawnee Community Unit School District** No. 84

For members of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Trenton Colyer 47, Jennifer Webb 43, Angie McMahan 40, Jason Stegle 52. Three elected.

#### **Goreville Community** School District No. 1

For members of the board of education, full Shumake 0. Judy Billingsley 0, Teresa Baker 0, Scott Patterson 0, Stephen Benard 0. Four

#### elected. Anna-Jonesboro Community High **School District No. 81**

For member of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Shane Osman 1,073, Dedria Blakely 996, Craig Partridge 1,027. Four elect-

#### Vienna High School District No. 13-3

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: David Stewart 8, Kimberly Shoemaker 7, Randy Huckelberry 7. Three elected.

#### **Shawnee Community** College District No. 631

For trustees of the community college district, six-year term: Samuel K. Stratemeyer 216, Steve Heisner 1,333, Maxine Russell 440. Andrea Witthoft 1,397, Michael Kerley 291.

For trustees of the community college district, unexpired two-year term: John Windings 1,787, William Nichols 263. One elected.

#### Little Egypt Water **District**

For the board: Jeff Hope 0, Garry W. Jenkins 0, Daniel L. Scott 1, Doug Peebles 1, Pete Woolley 1.

#### **Union County** Proposition to Impose County School Facility Sales Tax

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly known as a "sales tax") be imposed in the County of Union, Illinois, at a rate of 1 percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

Yes 1,376 No 926

# **News Notes**

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State Rep. Terri Bryant has introduced legislation to reopen the Tamms Correctional Center as a minimum security facility. The measure has passed the Illinois House and heads to the Senate. Cook County legislators remain opposed to the idea, as incarceration in Southern Illinois is too harsh a punishment.

Students in the cosmetology program at Shawnee Community College created a "living" museum in honor of the March observance of Women's History Month. The special project recognized accomplished women in history.

The Village of Cobden is welcoming sponsorships for Memorial Day banners. Information is available at Cobden Village Hall.

Farmers markets are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, from April through October, at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden.

is scheduled to be open on Saturdays and Sundays starting April 27.

The Thebes Courthouse

The fourth annual Shaw-

nee Hills Pottery Trail is

scheduled May 4-5 in Union

and Jackson counties.

Many area churches have already announced plans for Vacation Bible School.

Coad Chevrolet, Buick,

Ford just received its first

shipment of the new 2019 Ford Ranger. Arena Golf in Cape Gi-

rardeau now has heated areas on the driving range.

Former Union County resident John Reppert underwent back surgery on Monday in Columbus, Ohio.

The Paducah Kennel Club is planning to host an all-breed dog show Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7. The event will be at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention & Expo Center.

On a bright and sunny Monday morning, the Jonesboro Square looked pretty spectacular with all of the trees in bloom.

Lots of trees are blooming in the Union County area, which offers some more hope that spring might make it here...eventually.

In the for whatever it's worth category: Union County has experienced chilly weather since last October.

## Cairo man sentenced after trial

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported that Ronald Andrew Hill, 38, of Cairo, was found guilty March 27 after a two-day jury trial on two counts of armed violence and one count of armed habitual criminal, all Class X felonies.

Hill was arrested in August 2018 by the Anna Police Department following a

traffic stop in which he was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun, cannabis and a controlled substance.

A sentencing hearing has been set for May 31 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Hill faces between 15 and 30 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Anna Police Department, with assistance from the Jonesboro Police Department and Illinois State Police Forensic Sciences Command.

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## **Illinois State Police** plan nighttime patrols during April in county

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct nighttime enforcement patrols during April in Union County.

Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of the district,

## Screeings, registration scheduled

Union County schools Child Find Screenings, preschool and Head Start registration have been scheduled for the 2019-2020 school

The screenings and registration are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 315 South St. in Anna.

Screenings will be offered at no cost for children ages

The screenings are available to families in the following Union County school districts: Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro and Lick

Appointments can be made by calling 833-8932.

Those who may be interested in applying for preschool/ Head Start for 2019-2020 are asked to bring their child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income.

Baskets of school supplies and children books will be offered as door prizes to participating families.

announced plans for the patrols.

The patrols will allow the Illinois State Police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving and occupant restraint violations, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Illinois State Police noted the number of unrestrained drivers who are killed in traffic crashes is significantly higher at nighttime - and when combined with impaired driving, it means that even more traffic deaths occur during these critical hours.

During the patrols, District 22 officers will strictly enforce violations, includ-

Driving under the influence. Safety belt and child restraint use. Speeding. Distracted driving. All Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

The state police added that alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. Over half of all fatal crashes occur at night.

The nighttime enforcement patrols allow state police officers to work even harder at removing dangerous, impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up.

The patrols are funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Shawnee High School homecoming queen, king, court

Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake recently celebrated its 2019 homecoming. The celebration included the naming of a homecoming queen, king and court. From left are Chali Phelps, Nick Rose, Katie Charles, Austin Warren, homecoming queen Autumn McMahan, homecoming king Tre Rains, Gabe Thompson, Jaylin Rathert, retiring queen Deja Rohlfing and retiring king Levi Boren. Photo provided.

## One for the Cross campaign continues

A One for the Cross cam- necessary to complete- the One for the Cross cam- iting the cross much easier, paign was started in 2009 by the board of directors of Bald Knob Cross structure, the Bald Knob Cross near Alto Pass.

With the Easter sunrise service being an annual tradition since the 1930s, the board decided to make Palm Sunday (which is April 17 this year) the day they would ask the churches in the region to make a special point to keep the Bald Knob Cross in focus.

That is how the One for the Cross campaign started. What would happen, the board asked, if every Christian in the area gave just one dollar in support of the Cross?

The campaign, along with many others, helped raise the funds which were ly and totally restore the which was rededicated in 2012.

Founders wanted "ownership" to belong with all people. Thousands gave what they could.

That is the idea behind

paign: \$1 from each church member on Palm Sunday, along with a commitment to keep the organization's efforts in their prayers.

The Bald Knob Cross structure has been restored. The next goal is to expand the parking lot to make vis-

was 10, which was recorded

on March 4. The average

month totalled 4.68 inches.

The most rain in a 24-hour

period was 2.43 inches,

featured .10 of an inch of

snow, which was recorded

through the end of March,

totalled 17.71 inches.

Trail society

plans hike

open to the public.

Precipitation for the year,

The River-to-River Trail

Society plans to have a

guided hike on Saturday,

April 6. The hike is free and

The hike is planned at

Kinkaid Lake in Jackson

March's weather also

recorded on March 9.

Precipitation for the

low was 32.

on March 3.

and to construct a stage where the Easter sunrise service is held, which can be used to offer additional events on the grounds for visitors.

The board is asking every church to take a special offering on Palm Sunday, or on the Sunday of their choice, and to ask every participant to contribute \$1 to benefit Bald Knob Cross.

Brochures and more information can be found online at www.baldknobcross.com.

## Academy plans annual dinner, auction

The community is invited to an annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction hosted by the Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna.

The dinner and auction are planned from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Main Street Center, which is located at 400 S. Main St. in Anna.

The menu for the dinner will feature all you can eat spaghetti (regular and vegetarian), salad, garlic bread,

desserts and drink. Ticket prices will be \$8 Hikers plan to meet at for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 12. Children 3 and under are free.

## Junque Jamboree planned in Vienna

A spring Johnson County Junque Jamboree is planned Saturday, April 6, in Vi-

More than 100 vendors will be set up around the Vienna public square.

The event opens at 7 a.m. There is no admission charge.

Information about the event is available by calling 618-658-2215.

Weather

### High 74 degrees, low 24, freeze warning, frost

Frost, a high temperature of 74 degrees and a low reading of 24 highlighted Union County's weather during the period from March 25 through April 1.

The area was under a freeze warning from 10 p.m. Sunday through 9 a.m.

The freeze warning was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

The forecast for Sunday night was calling for temperatures to fall into the upper 20s in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The low fell to 24 degrees Monday morning in Union County. Frost was recorded.

Precipitation during the period included .08 of an inch March 28, .54 of an inch March 29 and .37 of an inch March 30.

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

H L 55 31 Tuesday, March 26 Wednesday, March 27 62 26 Thursday, March 28 74 41 Friday, March 29 Saturday, March 30 61 39 Sunday, March 31 45 32 Monday, April 1 53 24

**March Weather** 

The high temperature for the month of March was 74 degrees. The high was recorded on March 28. The average high for the month was 54.

The low for the month

10:30 a.m. at the trailhead at the north end of Spillway Road, which runs north off Route 149, just east of Route 3, and about 5 miles west of Murphysboro. The trail society said this

will be a moderate hike of about 10 miles in length.

The trail society noted that boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs. More information is available by calling 708-471-7500.



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# **Sports**

## A-J girls' track team wins Massac Meet

Community High School girls' track team won the Massac County Meet with a score of 81 on Saturday, March 30.

Carterville was second at the 9-team meet with 76 points.

First place efforts for recorded by:

Anna Hess in the shot put with a 33-2.5 effort; Addison Oman in the triple jump with 29-11.5 jump and the 100-meter hurdles in 17.7.

Addi Denny in the 300-meter hurdles in 54.4; Amiyah Hart in the 200-meter dash in 29.41.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Hart, Osman, Julia Lasley and Kristen Edmonds in 54.3.

The Anna-Jonesboro ald-Deener, Edmonds, Lasley and Angel Helm in 1:58.7.

Second place efforts were recorded by:

Denny in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.4; Carsen Clements in the 300-meter hurdles in 57.5.

Lasley in the 200-methe Lady Wildcats were ter dash in 29.8; the 4x400-meter relay team of Fitzgerald-Deener, Edmonds, Jade Marks and Helm in 4:37.

> The 4x800-meter relay team of Olivia Bowen, Sedona Isaacs, Clohie Powell and Sydnie Ralls in 12:28.

> Third place efforts were posted by Hess in the discus with a 79-7 effort and Abbie Sartin in the 100-meter hurdles in 21.7.

A 5th place finish in the The 4x200-meter relay high jump was recorded by team of Brayden Fitzger- Clements with a 4-8 effort.

## A-J boys' track takes 5th at meet

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team finished in 5th place at a 9-team meet in Massac County Saturday, March 30.

Leading the way for A-J with a second place effort was the 4x800-meter relay team of Drake Roach, Michael Brimm, Jayden Perez and Zach Overstreet in 9:26.

Third place efforts were recorded by Brimm in the 400-meter run in 59.7; Bryce Lingle in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.9 and Jayden Perez in the 16-meter run in 5:09.

Romeo Godinez finished in 4th place in the 400-meter run in 1:02.1. The 4x400-meter relay team of Barry Johnson, Overstreet, Lingle and Roach in 4:01.5 also earned a 4th place

Fifth place efforts for A-J were recorded by Reid Morrison in the shot put with a 35-7 effort, Pat Gibbs in the 3200-meter run in 12:26 and Colby Bowman in the 800-meter run in 2:27.

## A-J/Cobden hosts Massac County

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden girls' co-op soccer team, in dark uniforms, hosted Massac County in a game which was played Thursday afternoon, March 28. The game was played at the Union County Recreation Complex in Anna.





## Cobden baseball team goes 2-1 in recent action

baseball team posted a 2-1 record in last week's action.

Cobden 4, Steeleville 2: Zane Nance was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the host Appleknockers to the win Wednesday, March 27.

Alex Remsey was 1-for-1 with a double and an RBI. Noah Franklin was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Bayden Ditterline and Chandler West were each 1-for-3. Ryan Barr had an RBI.

Nance and Franklin pitched in the win. Nance pitched 6 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with no walks and 8 strikeouts. Franklin pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Egyptian 6, Cobden 3: Landon Britt was 3-for-3 with a double to lead visiting Cobden in the loss Tuesday, March 26.

Nance was 2-for-3. ranklin and West were each 1-for-3.

West was the losing pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden 17, A-J 10: Despite committing eight errors, the visiting Appleknockers held on for the

win Monday, March 25. Franklin led the Appleknockers' 20-hit attack by going 3-for-4 with a double

and 2 RBIs. West was 3-for-5 with a triple and an RBI. Nance was 3-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Ditterline was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Bryce Reynolds and Braden Clark were each 2-for-4 with an RBI apiece. Barr was 2-for-

The Cobden High School 4 with a double. Remsey was 1-for-1. Britt was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. West was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

> Remsey, Barr, Franklin and Britt pitched in the win.

> Remsey pitched 2 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts. Barr pitched an inning and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and 3

> Franklin pitched 2 innings and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 5 strikeouts. Britt pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit or walk, but had a strikeout.

> Cobden, 5-2, plays again

strikeouts.

Monday at home against

action last week.

Steeleville 8, Cobden

**0:** The host Appleknockers

were held to one hit in the

loss Wednesday, March 27.

Mackenzie Howell was

Lexi Miller was the los-

Cobden 15, Egyptian 3:

Lily Britt, Lauren Sweitzer

and Jenna Hartline were

each 3-for-3 to lead visiting

Cobden at the plate in the

Britt had a double, home

run and 2 RBIs. Sweitzer

had a home run and 2 RBIs.

double and an RBI. Howell

was 2-for-3. Megan Rhodes

Miller was 2-for-3 with a

win Tuesday, March 26.

ing pitcher, scattering 8 hits

to go with 3 walks and a

strikeout.

1-for-3 for Cobden's only

Cobden softball team

scores win over Egyptian

The Cobden High School was 1-for-3 with a double

strikeouts.

March 25.

a double.

strikeouts.

softball team was 1-2 in and 2 RBIs. Emily White

## A-J softball team posts wins over Plano, Cobden

The Anna-Jonesboro Treece and Seip were each Community High School softball team won two games and lost twice in action last week.

Treece and Katie Shepard were each 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Thursday, March 28.

Morgan Wendling was 2-for-4. Payton Seip and Katie Mays were both 1-for-3.

Wendling was the winning pitcher, allowing 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 13 strikeouts.

was 1-for-3 with 4 RBIs.

Miller was the winning

A-J 15, Cobden 4: Britt

pitcher with a four-hitter

to go with 2 walks and 7

was 2-for-3 to lead the vis-

iting Appleknockers at the

plate in the loss Monday,

Rhodes was 1-for-2 with

a triple and an RBI. How-

ell was 1-for-2 with a tri-

ple. Katelyn Shadowens

was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Sweitzer was 1-for-3 with

pitcher, scattering 7 hits

to go with 8 walks and 5

uled to play Thursday, to-

day, at Woodlawn.

Miller was the losing

Goreville 22, A-J 11:

3-for-4 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss Wednesday, March 27.

Julia Ellis, Mays and Petey A-J 7, Plano 5: Tobie Foster were each 1-for-3. Shepard was 1-for-4.

> Wendling, Cori Turner and Abigail Dahmer pitched in the loss. Wendling pitched 3 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts. Turner pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with a walk and no strikeouts. Dahmer pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts.

Murphysboro 14, A-J 2: Seip was 2-for-3 to lead the hitting for host A-J Tuesday, March 26.

Foster, Wendling and Mays were each 1-for-3. Shepard was 1-for-4.

Wendling and Turner pitched. Wendling pitched 4 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts. Turner pitched an inning and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and no strikeouts.

A-J 15, Cobden 4: Wendling was the winning pitcher with a four-hitter to go with 3 walks and 8 strikeouts for the host Lady Wildcats Monday, March 25.

Seip and Shepard were each 2-for-3 to lead the hitting. Wendling was 2-for-4. Dahmer was 1-for-1. Ellis, Turner and Treece were both 1-for-2. Mays was 1-for-3.

A-J, 3-8, is scheduled Cobden, 3-6, is schedto play Thursday, today, at home against Pinck-

## Wildcats baseball team 1-3 in recent action The Anna-Jonesboro hit to go with a walk and 5

Community High School baseball team posted a 1-3 record in last week's action.

A-J 8, Plano 6: Avery Goines was 3-for-3 with a triple and 3 RBIs to lead the host Wildcats to the win Friday, March 29.

Mason Watkins was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs. Carson Reynolds was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Trent Mason was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Wyatt Johnston, J.D. Mains and Jackson Laster were each 1-for-3. Blake Pena was 1-for-4.

Pena and Watkins pitched. Pena pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 3 walks and 5 strikeouts. Watkins pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed a

## Dongola won't field baseball team this spring

Dongola High School will not have a baseball team this spring.

"We cancelled the season because we never could get nine out," Dongola athletics director Preston Hall said.

There are only 33 boys attending Dongola High School. Hall said some potential players didn't come out this season and others decided to work instead.

There were only seven Dongola players who came out for the team this spring. strikeouts.

Benton 13, A-J 0: The host Wildcats were held to one hit in the loss Thursday, March 28.

Goines was 1-for-3 for the lone hit.

Pena, Watkins and Mason pitched. Pena pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and no strikeouts. Watkins pitched an inning and allowed one hit to go with no walks and a strikeout. Mason pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed 9 hits to go with 4 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Johnston City 12, A-J **0:** Laster was 1-for-2 for the lone Wildcat hit in the loss at A-J Wednesday, March 27.

Laster and Goines pitched in the loss. Laster pitched 2 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout. Goines pitched 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Cobden 17, A-J 10: Mason was 2-for-4 to lead the host Wildcats at the plate in the loss Monday, March 25.

Reynolds was 1-for-3. Watkins, Pena, Johnston and Jacob Schaefer were

Reynolds, Nick Mc-Grath, Dalton Seip and Johnston pitched in the loss, combining to allow 20 hits to go with 7 walks and 4 strikeouts.

A-J, 4-7, is scheduled to play again Friday at Vienna.



Busy afternoon at recreation complex

The Union County Recreation Complex in Anna was a busy place Thursday afternoon, March 28. The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden girls' co-op soccer team was hosting Massac County in a high school soccer game. Youth league soccer players also were playing games on fields at the complex.

## Alien smuggling enterprise disrupted

An alien smuggling enterprise has been disrupted in the Southern District of Illinois.

A Guatemalan citizen has been indicted for smuggling 13 illegal aliens from Guatemala and Ecuador through Southern Illinois, seven of whom have been charged with illegally reentering the country after deportation, Steven D. Weinhoeft, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, reported March 20.

The case began on Feb. 25, when a task force officer with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration made a traffic stop on an SUV travelling eastbound on Interstate 64 near New Baden.

During the traffic stop, the officer quickly saw that the vehicle was overloaded with numerous people crammed in the seats and on the floor.

The driver of the vehicle, Domingo Tomas-Zacarias, 20, was discovered to be a citizen of Guatemala who was unlawfully present in the United States.

Federal agents from Homeland Security Investigations, HSI, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, responded to the scene, with assistance from local police officers from Lebanon and New Baden.

The officers discovered a total of 14 people, including six who were found hiding under a blanket in the back of the SUV. All 14 men were taken into administrative ICE custody.

The driver, Tomas-Zacarias, has been charged with alien smuggling, which alleges that he knowingly transported illegal aliens for financial gain.

He faces a maximum possible punishment of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release.

Seven of the passengers United States and deported. do's Pizzeria.

Those seven individuals are now also under federal indictment for illegally reentering the country after deportation, which is a federal crime punishable by up to two years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and one year of supervised release.

The seven individuals, ranging in age from 19 to 34, are all from Guatemala.

The remaining six passengers were determined to have illegally entered the United States through various locations in Arizona or Texas at various times.

None of the six had been previously deported, and so they remain in administrative ICE custody pending deportation proceedings.

All eight of the charged defendants appeared in federal district court on March 13 for initial appearances following the filing of a criminal complaint against them.

The eight were expected to be arraigned March 20; at that time, a trial date was to have been set.

## **Business** helping local family

On Saturday, April 6, Jordo's Pizzeria in Anna plans to host a fund-raiser in support of Marlee Jo Smith and her family.

The fund-raiser will run the extent of Jordo's Saturday hours, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with 20 percent of the proceeds being donated in Marlee's honor.

Marlee Smith has been diagnosed with leukemia and has a long fight ahead of her.

With the support of her family, friends and the community, Jordo's Pizzeria is helping her in her fight by donating a portion of every sale made.

The business also is welcoming the help of anyone who would like to volunteer their time in the kitchen. in the vehicle had been Information is available previously arrested in the through Facebook at Jor-



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Dongola students of the month for March

Dongola School has announced students of the month for March. Students were honored based on the character word for the month, which was "courage." In the first row are, from left, Bentley Tollison, pre-kindergarten; Kimberly Sizemore, pre-kindergarten; Colton Lindley, 1st grade; Ruger Chick, 2nd grade; Alex Turner, 3rd grade; Eli Stroehlein, 4th grade; and Kurt Petrich, 5th grade. In the second row are Aiden Phipps, 6th grade; DJ Higgins, 7th grade; Elisea Turner, 8th grade; Tylor Turner, freshman in high school; Jacob Whitney, high school sophomore; and Zach O'Neal, high school senior. High school junior Michael Sevenski could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.





Shawnee students support A-J student

Students in Shawnee School District No. 84 joined many others in the Union County area who are showing their support for Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student Marlee Smith, who is facing a major challenge to her health. The Shawnee students showed their support for Marlee by wearing blue. Photos provided.

## **Annual Little Grassy Literary** Festival scheduled at SIU

Little Grassy Literary Fes- ice Bolin. tival, which is scheduled Illinois University Carbondale.

Festival events will be held in the Guyon Auditorium at SIU's Morris Library.

Little Grassy is free and open to the public, and it is organized and run by graduate students in SIU's master of fine arts, MFA, in creative writing program.

The festival is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, with readings by author Josh Woods and

poet Leila Chatti. Events on Thursday, April 11, begin with an 11 a.m. reading by author Amina Gautier.

Six authors are scheduled Thursday will feature poet to be guests at this year's E.C. Belli and essayist Al-

A 3 p.m. book sale and April 10-12 at Southern signing with the authors will be followed by a 4 p.m. panel on writing and identity.

At 7:30 p.m., current SIU MFA students will read their work at Molly's Pint Brewpub in Murphys-

On Friday, April 12, at 10 a.m., the authors will participate in a panel called "The Writing Life."

The festival will conclude with an 11 a.m. reading by poet Paige Lewis.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at Morris Library's Guyon Auditorium, which is located at 605 Agriculture Dr. on A 2 p.m. reading on the SIUC campus.

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

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## Whooping cranes, citizen science topics of programs scheduled at wetlands center

whooping cranes and an in- April 12. troduction to citizen science are planned at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

Whooping Cranes

A nature movie titled "Flight School," which is about whooping cranes, is scheduled to be shown on Thursday, April 11.

"Flight School" is scheduled to be shown at 2 p.m and 6 p.m.

The movie tells the comeback story of the whooping crane, a very rare bird which is an occasional visitor to Illinois.

In 1941, only 15 of the birds remained in the last wild flock in North America.

> **Citizen Science** An introduction to citizen 657-2064.

A nature movie about science is planned Friday,

sented from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. by Erin Medvecz from University of Illinois Extension. Information about some

The program will be pre-

of the citizen science opportunities which are available will be presented, along with learning how to participate in collecting and sharing data. The day is scheduled

to include both indoor and outdoor components. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a sack lunch.

The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. More information about the programs is available by calling 618-

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**Home Point Financial** Corporation Plaintiff,

Aurelio Hernandez aka Aurelio L. Hernandez; Mary Hernandez aka Mary M. Lee aka

Mary M. Johnson; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. **CASE NO. 18 CH 22** 

**Property Address: 5500 State Route 127** 

North, Cobden, Illinois 62920

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF **SALE**

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above-entitled cause on January 9, 2019, I, Sheriff, Scott Harvel of Union County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 15, 2019, commencing at 9:00 AM, at 309 West Market Street, Room 004, Jonesboro, IL 62952, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

Commonly known as: 5500 State Route 127 North,

Cobden, Illinois 62920 P.I.N.: 07-22-05-478-2;

First Mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$103497.54

IN ACCORDANCE WITH735ILCS5/15-1507(c) (1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHAS-ER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORT-GAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LE-GAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE IL-LINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH -10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Union The person to contact for

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY -**

JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

SAUL ZAVALA and MARY ELLEN ZAVALA, Defendants.

#### **PROPERTY ADDRESS: 126 KIRK ST.** ANNA, IL 62906

18-CH-13

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court Debt Collection Practices Act entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2019, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 05-19-03-352

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-08-687

Commonly known as:

126 Kirk St., Anna, IL 62906

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on April 24, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$100,867.42.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or

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said real estate, and is offered

for sale without any represen-

tation as to quality or quantity

of title and without recourse

to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS"

condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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 property will NOT be

open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact

Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

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> Veronika L. Jones, Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

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

Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank Co., N.A. **PLAINTIFF** 

Vs. Ryan A. Stadelbacher; et. al. **DEFENDANTS** 2018CH16

**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 01/30/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on May 15, 2019 at the hour of 9:00AM 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 05-24-03-815-A1 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN

3440 Dog Walk Road, Anna, IL 62906

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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.

IF YOU ARE THE MORT-GAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLI-NOIS MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE 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 14-18-07317.

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WARE: Older home on 2 lots, some repairs needed. \$15,000 obo or contract for deed. Call (618)-638-2249.

## **FOR RENT**

NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777.

## **FOR RENT**

Union County Housing Authority is taking applications for all sizes of units: Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom apartments. Union County Housing Authority has developments in Cobden, Jonesboro, Dongola, Anna and Wolf Lake. Rent is based on income. For more information, call (618) 833-5129 or stop by the office at 131 Hillside Terrace in Anna.

> Union County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

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The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

FOR LEASE: Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available 1/1/2019. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

FOR RENT: Homes, A-Frames and Mobile Homes For Rent in East Cape. Call (618)-661-1118.

FOR RENT: 4 bedroom farm home in Villa Ridge. Available now. Call (573)-382-1307. \$475.00 per month. Serious calls only.

## **HELP WANTED**

City of Anna, Lifeguard:

The City of Anna is accepting applications for part-time pool lifeguard positions. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification is highly desirable, candidates must pass pre-employment background check. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna. org. Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to <u>llence@cityof anna</u>. org. Application deadline is April 5. EOE.

#### City of Anna, **Pool Manager & Head Lifeguard:**

The City of Anna is accepting applications for pool manager and head lifeguard position. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification, prior management experience and W.S.I. training is highly desirable. Candidates must pass pre-employment background check. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall online at cityofanna Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to <u>llence@cityof anna.</u> org. Application deadline is April 5. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Southern FS is needing part-time seasonal help, Jonesboro location. Call Evan, (618)-833-2494. CDL preferred, but not necessary.

HELP WANTED: Part-time/ on-call kitchen help. Jonesboro School District. Call (618)-694-5483.

HELP WANTED: Full-time and part-time shifts, Living Skills Tech. position available at Union County Counseling's residential program. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance. Must be able to pass multiple background checks and drug test. This position also requires applicant to have computer skills and be able to climb stairs. Send resume and 3 references letters to: Assistant Fiscal Manager, P.O. Box 548, Anna, IL 62906 or send an email to info@uccsinc.org. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Must be 18 years of age or older. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance, and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.50/hour and residential \$10.00/hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working the midnight shift (\$11.00/hour). Overtime hours available. Training and certification provided. Experience preferred. Apply at Rave, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

#### **JOB POSTING:**

Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

- Bus driver for extra trips (regular route possibly if interested)
- School nurse (CSN or RN preferred)
- Assistant Technology Coordinator

Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rob Wright, Superintendent, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (618)-833-8421 for more information. The deadline for applying is May 3, 2019.

#### JW REYNOLDS **MONUMENTS** POSITION AVAILABLE

**IMMEDIATELY:** Laborer, Truck Driver. Experience required. Benefits available: Insurance, matching 401k, health & life insurance. Call to schedule an interview. Bring resume and work references. Interviewing April 3, 4 & 5 at main office in Vienna, on the west side of the square. No appointment necessary.

#### VACANCY NOTICE

Dongola Unit #66 is seeking the following positions: • Elementary Education

Teacher • Driver's Education, Health, Physical Education

Teacher • Special Education Teacher Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume and three letters of reference to: Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Don-gola, IL 62926.

DUSD #66 is an opportunity employer. Position will be filled as soon as possible.

## WANTED

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!** Call Today -(618)-202-9992 For all your remodeling and home repairs, from the foundation to the roof. Decks, Siding, Metal Roofs, Sidewalks, Painting (interior & exterior). 35 years experience. Insured.

WANTED: Yards to mow. Call (618)-697-7001.

## YARD SALE

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: 105 W. Whitlock, Jonesboro. Saturday, April 6, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### **OLDIES BUT GOODIES ANTIQUES:**

If you're looking for one-of-a-kind or hard to find things, then this is the place to shop! Check out "Odd Fellows Metal Art" by Dennis Winter of Anna. 4575 E. Vienna, Anna, IL

#### Sales going on Now! Booths Available. THE WOLF LAKE

MARKET:

(618)-614-3119

Saturday, April 6, 8 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. Plants, canned & baked goods, pecans, home decor, Ms. D's Melts, Columbian merchandise, fabric. Vendors wanted. (618)-833-3740.

YARD SALE: Saturday, April 6, 8 a.m. to ??? 102 Lincoln,  $Anna\,(drive way\,on\,Monroe).$ 

## **LOST AND FOUND**

LOST: 2/26/19, Springfield Avenue, Anna. A most beloved pet. Male, neutered, 6 year old cat. White with gray, tabby face mask and tail, and patches of gray tabby on sides and back. Has a stiff leg (hind leg that will not bend, since birth). Please call (618)-833-1367. \$50.00 Reward for information or recovery.

## **BUSINESS**

COMPLETE GUTTER SERVICE: Seamless gutter service, 5 & 6 inch. Repair & clean old gutters. (618)-614-3090

Contact **ALLEY LAWNCARE** for your 2019 lawncare and small landscape needs. Free estimates. Call Josh Alley at (618)-713-8270.

**DUCKWORKS LAWN CARE:** (618)-201-5712 **MOWING IS WHAT** WE DO! Free Estimates! Other Services: Landscaping, Power Washing www.duckworkslawn.com

GROSS BUSTERS **EXTERIOR CLEANING: House Washing Roof Washing Gutter Cleaning** Free Estimates. Call (618)-697-5968 www.grossbustersIL.com

LOOKING TO HAVE YOUR YARD WORK DONE, FOR A **REASONABLE RATE?** 

Call Bamm's Mowing Service, talk to Bruce or Mitch, (618)-559-7689 or (618)-305-4461. Free Estimates so don't wait.

> PAINTING: Interior or Exterior, House Washing, Home Repair & Maintenance. "Best Bet, Hire a Vet" (618)-614-3090

SPRING HAS SPRUNG at Salt of the Earth Gifts and Decor! 101 Springfield Avenue in Anna. Hop in and see us today! Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**TerraWorx Landscaping** LLC: (618)-614-9597

terraworxlandscaping18@ gmail.com Lawn Care •Weed Control

 Fertilization •Garden Beds Yard Leveling Soil Sampling Retaining Walls •Walk-Ways

**TREECE Backhoe & Hauling** Skid Steer Trenching **Gravel & Sand** (618)-833-6197 or (618)-697-0453

## **PUBLIC** NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY, **ILLINOIS ESTATE OF** NANCY CAROL GREEN, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2019-P-5

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Nancy Carol Green of Anna,

Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2019, to Sheryl Ribbing, P.O. Box 653, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent 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 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, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 21, 2019, 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: March 13, 2019.

> SHERYL RIBBING **INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR**

CAMERON LAW FIRM,

ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY FOR **INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR** 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 ARDC# 6244394 14-16g

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** 

UNION COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** ESTATE OF LILLIAN FAY DROGE, **DECEASED.** IN PROBATE NO. 2019-P-4

NOTICE OF DEATH **INDEPENDENT** ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Lillian Fay Droge of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2019, to Gerald Droge, 105 George Street, Anna, IL 62906 as Independent Administrator, 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.)

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Clerk of this Court.

311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 21, 2019, 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: March 13, 2019.

GERALD DROGE INDEPENDENT ADMINSITRATOR

ELVIS C. CAMERON, # 6244394 ATTORNEY FOR **INDEPENDENT** ADMINISTRATOR 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 14-16g

#### **NOTICE UNDER** ASSUMED **BUSINESS NAME ACT**

### State of Illinois 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 15th day of March, 2019, under the Assumed Name of Conways Guns with the place of business located at 104 Watkins Drive, Jonebsoro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said

> Charles J. Conway 104 Watkins Drive Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 14-16gc

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs. SAUL ZAVALA and MARY Defendants. 18-CH-13

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 126 KIRK ST. ANNA, IL 62906

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on January 23, 2019, the following described real estate, to-wit:

TRACT 1: LOTS NUM-BERED 22, 23, 24, AND 150 FEET OFF THE EAST END OF LOT NUMBERED 14, ALL IN WM. H. SIMPSON'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE

CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS. TRACT 2: 150 FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OVER THE ENTIRE BREADTH THEREOF OFF THE WEST **END OF THE FOLLOWING** DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: BEGINNING AT A POINT SOUTH 5 1/4 DE-GREES EAST 391 1/2 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 19, IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 84 1/4 DEGREES WEST 748 1/2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 5 1/4 DEGREES EAST, 127 1/2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 1/4 DEGREES EAST, 748 1/2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 1/4 DEGREES WEST, 130 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN-SHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD

COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPTING ANY IN-TEREST IN THE COAL,

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

ALL SITUATED IN UNION

OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CON-VEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, AND GAS AND ANY OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

Permanent Index Number: 05-19-03-352

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-08-687

Commonly known as: 126 Kirk St., Anna, IL 62906

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on April 24, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$100,867.42.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. 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 the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by

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 property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to

verify all information. For information co Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111

East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not con-

firmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

> Veronika L. Jones, Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

Veronika L. Jones HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 I3116614 15-17g

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 FILED March 28, 2019 Certificate No. 2015-00026

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNION COUNTY TREASURER; PAUL L SPILLER; JOANN SPILLER; JAMES DOVER; **UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF IOANN SPILLER: UNKNOWN OWNERS** OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NON-RECORDED CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: 109 Centennial St.,

Cobden, IL 62920 Property Index Number No. 04-30-02-774 On October 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to

make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on February 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire September 12, 2019.

> Matthew & Kelly Bliss, Petitioner 16-18gc

TAX DEED FILED April 1, 2019 Certificate No. 2015-00013

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNION COUNTY TREASURER; **CHARLES R BIGGS; BONNIE WRIGHT;** UNKNOWN HEIRS AND **DEVISEES OF CHARLES BIGGS**; UNKNOWN **OWNERS OR PARTIES** INTERESTED; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

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Property Index Number No. 04-07-02-102

On October 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on February 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire September 12, 2019.

> Matthew & Kelly Bliss, Petitioner 16-18gc

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

ALFRED A. HANDAL

AKA ALFRED HANDAL

and SHARONA M. HANDAL AKA SHARONA HANDAL, Defendants. **CASE NO. 19-CH-1** 

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 203 COOK AVE. **JONESBORO, IL 62952** 

#### **NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Alfred A. Handal aka Alfred Handal and Sharona M. Handal aka Sharona Handal, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 203 Cook Ave., Jonesboro, IL 62952, more particularly described as:

Lot Number 5 in Alfred Lence Heirs Addition to the city of Jonesboro, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-07-866

Commonly known as: 203 Cook Ave., Jonesboro, IL 62952

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market St., Rm 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before May 6, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

#### CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS COMMUNICA-TION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OB-TAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

> Danielle Patterson HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Email:

NonCookPleadings@ hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754 16-18g

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

Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank **PLAINTIFF** Vs Ryan A. Stadelbacher; et. al.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S **SALE OF REAL ESTATE** 

**DEFENDANTS** 

2018CH16

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 01/30/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on May 15, 2019 at the hour of 9:00AM 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: TRACT I:

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE ATTHENORTHEAST COR-NER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE WESTERLY **ALONG THE NORTH LINE** THE NORTHWEST COR-NER OF A TRACT CON-VEYED TO DARRELL AND DONNA RALLS (BOOK 133, PAGE 408), SAID CORNER FALLING IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF "DOG WALK'

THEREOF, 594.00 FEET TO ROAD; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 30 FEET, MORE OR LESS,

TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-

OF-WAY LINE OF SAID

ROAD, AS MONUMENT-ED, FOR A PLACE OF BE-GINNING; THENCE CON-TINUE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF RALLS, 375.76 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 87 DEG. 15 MIN. 32 SEC. WEST ALONG A FENCE, 148.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH PARAL-**LELTO SAID EAST LINE OF** SECTION 24, 366.78 FEET TO SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE EASTER-LY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RA-DIUS OF 22,948.30 FEET, A DISTANCE OF 148.51 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGIN-NING. ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY FILED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1983, IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 17 IN THE RECORDER'S OF-FICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLI-

TRACT II: THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE ATTHENORTHEAST COR-NER OF SAID SECTION 24; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, 594.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST COR-NER OF A TRACT CON-VEYED TO DARRELL AND DONNA RALLS (BOOK 133, PAGE 408), SAID CORNER FALLING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF "DOG WALK" ROAD; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 30 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ROAD, AS MONUMENT-ED; THENCE CONTIN-UE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF RALLS, 375.76 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 87 DEG. 15 MIN. 32 SEC. WEST ALONG A FENCE 148.67 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 24 A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEG. 15 MIN. 32 SEC. EAST A DISTANCE OF 148.67 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 24 AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE RALLS TRACT A TANCE OF TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING. REFERENCE A PLAT OF SURVEY FILED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1983, IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 17 IN THE RECORDER'S OF-FICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 05-24-03-815-A1 Improved with Single

Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN

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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

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.

IF YOU ARE THE MORT-GAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCOR-DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLI-NOIS MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE 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 14-18-07317. I3116652 16-18g

F18080032 STN IN THE CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **UNION COUNTY-**JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

**Home Point Financial** Corporation Plaintiff,

Aurelio Hernandez aka Aurelio L. Hernandez; Mary Hernandez aka Mary

M. Lee aka Mary M. Johnson; Unknown Owners and **Non-Record Claimants** Defendants. CASE NO. 18 CH 22

**Property Address: 5500 State Route 127** North, Cobden, Illinois 62920

NOTICE OF SHERIFF **SALE** 

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of entered in the above-entitled cause on January 9, 2019, I, Sheriff, Scott Harvel of Union County, Illinois, will hold a sale on May 15, 2019, commencing at 9:00 AM, at 309 West Market Street, Room 004, Jonesboro, IL 62952, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

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**QUARTER OF SECTION** 22. TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH. RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RE-CORDED IN BOOK 155, PAGE 296 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF TIMO-THY W. AND KENDALL A WALLER, DATED MARCH 12, 1998. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICU-LARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUAR-TER; THENCE N89°53'53"W 629.87FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 620.44 FEET, TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF A DITCH, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID DITCH THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) CALLS; THENCE S37°01'35"E 113.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE

S03°30'55"E 74.48 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S41°58'46"E 129.68 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S36°06'29"E 136.51 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S29°47'28"E 105. 74 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S10°20'24"E 89.89 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S50°43'31"W 197.09 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE STATE ROUTE 127; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING THREE(3) CALLS; THENCE N40°38'04"W 463.13 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 16.00 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N49°21'56"E 35.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N40°38'04"W 398. 78 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUAR-TER SECTION; THENCE S89°53'53"E 378.85 FEET **ALONG THE NORTH LINE** OF SAID QUARTER-QUAR-TER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL TO CON-TAIN 4. 543 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2016. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SIT-UATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW PARCEL 'B" ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED .NOVEMBER 18, a judgment of said Court 2016 AND RECORDED

JANUARY 25, 2017 AS DOC. NO. 2017R015, MADE BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, ILLINOIS PROFESSION-AL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLI-

> Commonly known as: 5500 State Route 127 North.

Cobden, Illinois 62920 P.I.N.: 07-22-05-478-2; First Mortgage Lien Position; Single-Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$103497.54

IN ACCORDANCE WITH735ILCS5/15-1507(c) (1)(H-1) AND (H-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE PURCHAS-ER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORT-GAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LE-GAL FEES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTIONS (g)(1) AND (g)(4) OF SECTION 9 AND THE ASSESSMENTS AND **COURT COSTS REQUIRED** BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE IL-LINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT.

Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Union County.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS** 

**UNION COUNTY** 

In the matter of the **Estate of:** Roy C. Basler, Jr., deceased. Probate No. 2019-P-7

Notice is given of the death of Roy C. Basler, Jr., of the City of Cobden, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 20, 2019, to Pamela R. Barr and Michael R. Howell, Co-Executors, 590 Red Bud Lane, Cobden, Illinois 62920, their attorney is Michael R. Howell, 1101 North Market Street, P.O. Box 376, Sparta, Illinois 62286.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 20, 2019, 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 his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

> Pamela R. Barr and Michael R. Howell, Co-Executors

By: Michael R. Howell,

Michael R. Howell Attorney for the Estate 1101 North Market Street P.O. Box 376 Sparta, Illinois 62286 (618)-443-8711 16-18g

#### Notice for Bid

The Dongola Unit School District #66 is accepting bids for milk for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information or bid specifications, please contact Dr. Paige Helm Maginel at (618) 827-3841. Bids need to be submitted to Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 25, 2019.

#### **Notice for Bid**

The Dongola Unit School District #66 is accepting bids for lawn services (mowing) for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information or bid specifications, please contact Dr. Paige Helm Maginel at (618) 827-3841. Bids need to be submitted to Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 25,2019.

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## Simon Poll: Illinois voters more optimistic about direction of state

At first, hearing that six in 10 Illinois voters think the country is headed in the wrong direction, and that two-thirds think the state is headed in the wrong direction, would seem like bad news.

However, both numbers, particularly regarding the direction of the State of Illinois, are improvements over numbers from the spring of 2018, according to the latest Simon Poll.

The poll was conducted by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbon-

While 67 percent said they thought things in the State of Illinois were off track and moving in the wrong direction, that was significantly below the 84 percent who gave "wrong direction" responses in Spring 2018.

More than one in five (22 percent) in this year's survey said things in Illinois were moving in the right direction, compared to just 9 percent last Spring.

About six in 10 (61 percent) surveyed this year said things in the United States were off track and moving in the wrong direction, compared with 64 percent in the spring 2018 poll.

Three in 10 (30 percent) said things were moving in the right direction, compared with 27 percent a year ago.

The Simon Poll was based on a statewide sample of 1,000 registered voters conducted March 11-17. The margin of error is plus or minus 3.1 percent.

"Thinking back to a year ago, what changed in Illinois to cause more than one in eight voters to change their minds about the direction of the state?" asked Charlie Leonard, one of the directors of the Simon Poll.

"While there has been good economic news here and there, we have to think that a change in state leadership – the decisive victory of Governor JB Pritzker over the unpopular former

governor, Bruce Rauner – has a lot to do with it, even though Governor Pritzker's lukewarm approval rating doesn't look like he's received much of a 'honeymoon' period."

#### Significant Regional **Differences**

Significant regional differences surfaced regarding direction of the State of Illinois, with 27 percent of City of Chicago respondents saying the state is headed in the right direction, compared with 22 percent in the Chicago suburbs and 17 percent downstate.

Perhaps representing partisan enthusiasm with the election of a new governor, Democratic respondents were more optimistic about the direction of the state (36 percent "right direction") than were Independents (14 percent) or Republicans (10 percent).

Regarding the state of the country, "right direction" responses topped 35 percent in Downstate Illinois, followed by 30 percent in the Chicago suburbs and 25 percent in the City of Chicago.

#### **Partisan Differences**

Partisan differences on the direction of the country may also reflect the partisan makeup of executive leadership, with Republicans far more likely to give "right direction" responses (60 percent) than were Independents (27 percent) or Democrats (10 percent).

Typically, respondents are more optimistic about their local communities than they are regarding their state or the country as

In this year's survey, 56 percent said things in their city or area of the state were moving in the right direction and 35 percent said they were moving in the wrong direction, very similar to last year's result.

## **Reform Issues**

As in past Simon Institute surveys, support for legislative term limits tops eight voters in 10.

This year, 84 percent sup-

## One person sustains fatal injuries in traffic accident One person sustained fa- on Ebenezer Church Road.

tal injuries as the result of a The car left the road and traffic accident which happened March 27 in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident occurred at approximately 3:46 p.m. on Ebenezer Church Road, just east of Illinois Route 127.

One vehicle, a 1998 Buick sedan, was involved in the accident.

State police identified the driver of the car as Valerie Ann Sullivan, 48.

One passenger was in the car. The passenger was identified as Zachariah Dalton Sullivan, 20.

the car was traveling east cident continues.

struck a tree.

Illinois State Police troopers, the Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County EMS responded to the scene.

The driver and the passenger both were extricated from the vehicle.

The driver was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

The passenger was transported to an out-of-state hospital for treatment of his injuries.

State police reported that neither of the persons in the car was wearing a seatbelt. State police reported that An investigation of the ac-

## Dongola man indicted

Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported April 2 that Chad Anthony Miller, 28, of Dongola, has been indicted by the Union County grand jury on 23 counts of child pornography.

Edmonds said that 20 of the counts are Class X felonies. Three of the counts are Class 2 felonies.

Miller also was indicted on one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, which is a Class 2 felony.

Miller is charged with taking photographs of a child under the age of 13 and sharing child pornogra-

Union County State's phy through a mobile phone application.

Miller was initially arrested in February on the aggravated criminal sexual abuse charge following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Investigation by the sheriff's office is ongoing, with assistance from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Miller is being held in the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro on \$500,000 bond.

The matter is set for arraignment at 9 a.m. Thursday, today, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

ported "a proposal limiting the number of years state legislators can serve in the House of Representatives, the State Senate, or a combination of the two," and 61 percent strongly supported term limits.

By contrast, only 13 percent opposed term limits.

Similarly, 85 percent supported leadership term limits, limiting how long legislators could serve in positions such as Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, with 65 percent strongly favoring the proposal. Just one in eight (12 percent) opposed leadership term limits.

Partisan and regional differences on both term limit proposals were minimal, with large majorities in all categories supporting the reforms.

Again, as in past surveys, a proposed constitutional amendment to have legislative district maps created by an independent commission rather than the

legislature received twothirds (67 percent) support, with almost four in 10 (38 percent) strongly favoring the reform.

Fewer than one in four voters (22 percent) opposed the redistricting proposal.

Whether in Chicago, its suburbs, or downstate, more than six in 10 respondents supported the independent redistricting commission.

However, while still a solid majority, fewer Republicans supported the redistricting reform (63 percent) than did Independents (70 percent) or Democrats (72 percent).

## Minimum Wage In-

Interviewers asked respondents whether they "support or oppose incremental increases in the state's minimum wage, which is currently \$8.25 an hour, up to \$15 per hour, by January 1, 2025."

While minimum wage hikes usually spark controversy, two-thirds (66 percent) of Illinois voters in the Simon Poll sample supported the minimum wage increase - with 49 percent strongly favoring it. About a third (32 percent) opposed the increase in the minimum wage.

Regional differences in support for the minimum wage hike appear, with support highest in Chicago (81 percent), followed by the Chicago suburbs (71 percent) and Downstate Illinois (48 percent).

Even stronger partisan differences appear, with nine in 10 Democrats (91 percent) supporting the wage increase, as opposed to four in 10 Republicans (39 percent).

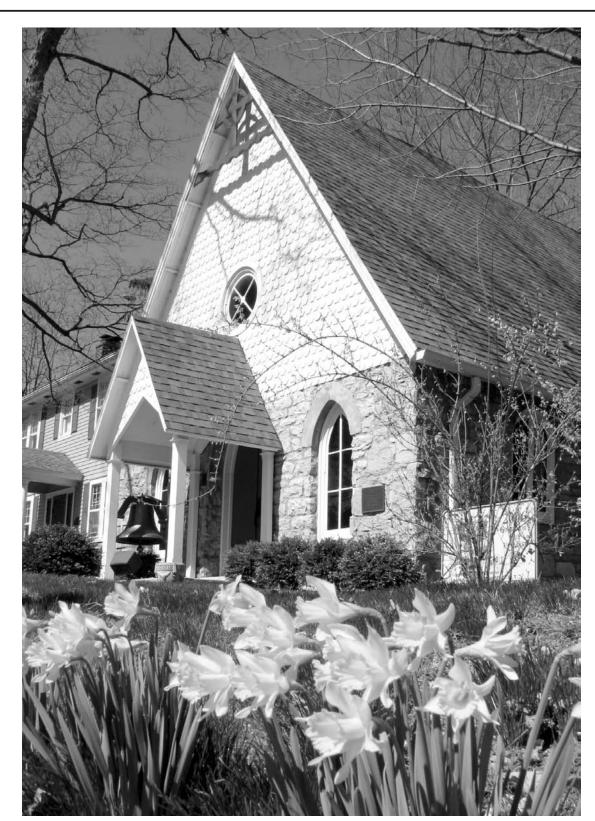
Fifty nine percent of Republicans opposed the minimum wage increase. A solid majority of Independents (58 percent) support the gradual minimum wage increase.

John S. Jackson, one of the directors of the poll, summarized the debate over this issue: "The minimum wage bill was passed by the Illinois General Assembly with strong support from Governor Pritzker.

"The opposition was led by the Republicans, some business groups, and legislators from downstate. They argued that the increases would cost jobs and that downstate living expenses were less than those in metropolitan Chicago, and thus there should be a two-tiered minimum wage.

"Supporters argued that the requirements for a 'living wage' downstate were often well above what this bill would provide and thus workers there also needed a wage increase to meet those requirements.

"In addition, supporters pointed out that there is very mixed evidence over whether minimum wage increases lead to job losses. These divisions represent the usual polarization in Illinois and the nation at this point in our history."



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## **Obituaries**

## Suella Jordan Mowery

Suella Jordan Mowery, 87, of Tamms, died peacefully at her home, surrounded by family, on Wednesday evening, March 27, 2019.

She was born March 28, 1931, at home on a farm south of Elco, the daughter of Eugene and Eulah Greer Jordan. She was the fourth of five children.

As a child, she walked to a one-room schoolhouse and helped on her family's farm.

She married Dale E. Mowery on June 2, 1948. They only daughter Joyce.

Married almost 70 years until Dale's passing in May of 2018, their strong and faithful bond was apparent to all (Lin) Cruse of Elgin. who knew the couple.

farming alongside Dale, driving tractors, milking cows, raising a garden and taking food and drinks to the fields when needed. At the height of their farming operation the gola for many years. Her faith was strong; she was a decouple farmed over 1,000 acres raising corn, soybeans, voted Christian. She loved her family and grandchildren, hay and cattle.

As a team, Dale and Sue were proud that Valley View Farms remained in the Mowery family and was designated an Illinois Centennial Farm in 1978 and an Illinois Sesquicentennial Farm in 2001.

They farmed with a deep commitment to conservation practices and preserving the land for future generations.

The Farm Bureau was an important part of Mrs. Mowery's life. She was dedicated to serving agriculture through her leadership in multiple roles with the organization.

She was only the second woman to serve as president of the Pulaski-Alexander County Farm Bureau Board.

She was a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau women's committee starting in 1979, its vice chairman from 1986 to 1990 and state women's committee chairperson from 1990 to 1997.

In January of 1993, she was named to the American Farm Bureau women's committee, representing the Midwest Region. It was in this role that she traveled to Ukraine in the fall of 1994 to promote private enterprise **RENDLEMAN** and leadership among women in agriculture and agribusiness in the former Soviet country.

In 2009 the Illinois Farm Bureau honored her with the Eagle Award for Excellence in recognition of her lifelong dedication to agriculture.

Locally, she maintained her commitment to agriculture of Jonesboro, died Wednesby serving on her county committee for the USDA Farm day, March 27, 2019, at Service Agency and on Congressman Jerry Costello's Union County Hospital in agriculture committee.

Her faith was an integral part of her life, and she attended church every Sunday. She was a dedicated member of 1970, in Cairo, the daughter her congregation at Beech Grove and later at Cross Road of Ronald Milner and Sandra United Methodist Church.

Throughout her life she served as a lay leader, song leader, Sunday School teacher, choir member and on a sons, Zachariah and Zebedinumber of committees in her local church.

She helped her church raise funds to merge and build boro; parents Ronald and their new facility in Ullin. It was important to her that Sandra Sullivan of Jonesher church family and community had a place to worship boro; two aunts, Sherma Boner of Jonesboro and Diana

She was an avid seamstress, sewing her own clothes and many friends. and those for her family. She enjoyed quilting and spent any spare time she had in her sewing area, working on quilts for family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce Crews and husband Mike of Jonesboro; a granddaughter, Jordan Edmonds and husband Tyler of Anna; a grandson, Matthew Smith of Tamms; great-grandchildren Trevor Smith, Adeline Edmonds and Graydon Edmonds; and many close nieces, nephews and cousins who were dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her brothers, Dean Jordan, Donald Jordan; and her sisters, Mildred (Jordan) Pierce and Martha (Jordan) Kaufman.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 31, at Cross Road Methodist Church in Ullin, with the Rev. Alan Milligan officiating. Interment will be private at a later time at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Cross Road Methodist Church.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of ar- at his home.

rangements.



online condolence for the family, visit of Kevin and Dianne Poole www.crainsonline.com.

## Jeanne Lynn Dalton

Jeanne Lynn Dalton, 48, of Makanda, died Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born on November 27, 1970, in Carbondale, the daughter of James William and Betty Joanne Baggett Rowan.

She is survived by fiancé, Joey Brinkmeier of Makanda; children, Charles Lee

Kimmel, Austin Shane Kimmel and Delilah Jane Dalton, all of Makanda, and Robert Dale Dalton of Carbondale; three brothers, James William Ivan Rowan of Dongola, Joseph David Rowan of Jonesboro and Roger Allen Rowan of Anna; one sister, Anita Marie Elliot of Dongola; six grandchildren; other family and friends.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at Rowan Cemetery in Makanda, with Dennis Nance officiating. Interment was in Rowan Cemetery in Makanda.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois. To leave an online condolence, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

## Thursday, April 4, 2019 Leota Cruse

Leota Cruse, 91, of Anna, died Sunday, March 31, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1928, near Alto Pass, the daughter of Lola Smith.

She married Charles Oliver Cruse on Oct. 18, 1947. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2004.

She is survived by her two sons, Gerald "Jerry" (Janet) Cruse and Gaylon C. (Goldie) Cruse, all of Don-

gola; five grandchildren, Lane (Deanna) Cruse, Leslie (Stanley) Treat, Trenton (Ashley) Cruse, Treena (Joshua) Ditto and Crystal (David) Webb; eight great-grandchildren, Ashton (Jake) Casey, Raegan and Riley Cruse, made their home on Valley View Farm where Dale was Dalen and Evan Treat, Jazmin and Jesiah Cruse and Brian born, in a home they built, in 1953 before welcoming their Ditto; two great-great grandchildren, Aliyah and Paisley Casey; an aunt, Ida Mae Smith of Anna; a sister-in-law, Barb (Joe) Penrod of Anna; and a brother-in-law, Carl

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lola Smith; She was a true partner in running Valley View Farms, her husband, Charles Oliver Cruse; and one son, Larry Wayne Cruse.

> She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Donhaving everyone together was precious to her. She was a seamstress and loved quilting and embroidering and doing word search puzzles.

> She loved working on the farm with her husband Charles. She took pride raising her boys on the farm, always having a beautiful garden she enjoyed tending to. She retired from the IGA in Anna after more than 20 years as a cashier.

> Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

> Friends can call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

> Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to River to River. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

& HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

## Valerie Ann Sullivan

Valerie Ann Sullivan, 48,

She was born on Aug. 30, Gail Jones Sullivan.

She is survived by her ah Sullivan, both of Jones-

(Bill) Simmerman of Granite City; cousins; other relatives

She was a gentle and compassionate person, she was always smiling. Her two sons were the joy of her life, she loved them both dearly. Valerie was a caretaker to her son Zack and also worked as a cook for many years.

Funeral services were at 4 p.m. Monday, April 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Bobby Richardson officiating.

the family.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to assist

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

## **Bobby Smith**

Bobby Smith, 36, of Anna, died Friday, March 29, 2019,

He was born on Nov. 8, To view the obituary or to leave an 1982, in Carbondale, the son Smith.

> He married Jessica Davis on March 12, 2005, in Anna.

> Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Jessica Smith of Anna; two children, Deven and Peyton Smith, both of Anna; his mother, Dianne Smith; siblings Michele (Ronnie) Seals of Dongola,

Amy (Bobby) Dunn of Jonesboro, Natasha Dewitt of North Ft. Myers, Fla., Nick Smith of Jonesboro, Brittany (Barney) Gonzales of Jonesboro, Tiffany Partain of Anna and David Shelton of Anna; uncles and aunts; cousins; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Kevin Smith.

Mr. Smith was a truck driver and enjoyed driving his work truck. He loved spending time with his children and his family.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Deborah Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences

for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral RENDLEMAN Home in Jonesboro was in charge of & HILEMAN arrangements. FUNERAL HOMES



Michael Leo Hancock, 74, of Jonesboro, died peacefully at his home, with his family at his side, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1945, in Anna, the son of Leo and Louise Singelton Hancock of Jonesboro.

He married the love of his life, Rita Spurlock, 27 years ago, on June 6, 1992, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Hancock is survived by his wife, Rita; one daughter, Michelle Hancock and Ricky Brown of Union

County; sons Joseph (Cyndi) Hancock and Michael Hancock, all of Jonesboro; stepsons Kevin (Ilse) Easterly and Wayne Easterly; stepdaughters Lori (Jerry) Astin and Jamie (Thomas) Robertson, all of Union County; dozens of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Louise; his stepfather, Bill Farris; a sister, Kathy Hancock; and a half-brother, Mark Farris.

He served as a deputy in Union County, under Sheriff Larry Tripp. He then served as a deputy in St. Charles County, Mo., and as a firefighter for the City of St. Charles, Mo.

He began a career that would last over 40 years as an over the road truck driver. He drove in 48 states, Mexico and Canada as an owner operator.

Mike and Rita enjoyed many years of retirement together, visiting friends and spending time with family. He was loved and he will be missed. Mike was saved and believed in Jesus Christ as his Lord and savior.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, March 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Scott Harner officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

## Bonita 'Bonnie' Inman

Bonita "Bonnie" Inman, 97, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1921, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Dennis Beloved and Bessie Beatrice Ferrell Toler.

She married James Woodrow "Woody" Inman on Aug. 23, 1939, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1990.



She is survived by her four daughters, Carole (Bill) Childers Carver, Joyce (Jon) Lutz, Marsha (Sam) Sparks, and Jan (Eric) Cantley; 11 grandchildren, David (Michelle) Childers, Todd (Megan) Childers, Jenifer Lutz Ritchie (Dan), Jon Lutz (Sophia Frydman), Jimmy (Maggie) Lutz, Jodi Lutz Essary (Scott), Jared (Jordan) Sparks, Katie Sparks Hendricks (Steven), Kimberly Sparks Jokerst (Scott), Erica Cantley Kerr (Josh), Micah (Emily) Cantley; 27 great-grandchildren and one on the way; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Woodrow "Woody" Inman; a brother, Gene Toler; a sister, Mary Belcher, and an infant sister, Janis.

She was a dedicated lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She first attended at the age of 5, and continued to serve her church in various capacities wherever she was needed over the next ninety years.

She was a talented seamstress and assisted her husband, Woody, with the bookkeeping for his business for 30 years.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Jared Sparks officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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



Check out the yard sales in this weeks paper!

## David R. Veldhouse

David R. Veldhouse, 71, of Punta Gorda, Fla., and formerly of Morristown, Tenn., and Kansas City, Mo., was born on Nov. 22, 1947, in Humboldt, Iowa, and died on March 23, 2019.



He graduated from Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Iowa, in 1966.

He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1971. He was a life member of VFW Post No. 5266 in Morristown, Tenn., and a member of the American Legion Post 103 in Punta Gorda, Fla.

He retired in 2001 after working as a civilian for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Kansas City, Mo., for 20 years.

He and his wife, Pat, spent some of their retirement years touring and enjoying the Southeast in their RV while also visiting their children, grandchildren and other family members. After spending 12 years as "snowbirds" in Florida, they finally became permanent residents of Punta Gorda, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Patsy J. (Baker) Veldhouse; two sons, Scott (Paula) Veldhouse, of Bloomfield, Neb., and Todd (Tammy) Veldhouse, of Grundy Center, Iowa; three stepchildren, Jeffrey (Ruth) Ridenhour, of Hayes, Va., Deborah (David) Taylor, of Springfield, Mo., and Sheri (Jeff) Hensley, of Morristown, Tenn.; a sister, Janice Holmes, of St. Charles, Mo.; a brother, Jerry Veldhouse, of Raytown, Mo.; three sisters-in-law, Angela (John) Bryant, of Ullin, Kathy Lentz (Rick Love), of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Tonia (Kim) Capel, of Anna; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends from various locations in the United States and Canada.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, William and Faith Veldhouse.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin. Memorial services will begin at 4 p.m. Burial, with military honors, will be in the Ullin Cemetery.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence



for the family, visit www.crainsonline.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin is in charge of arrangements.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Jennifer Eudy of East Cape Girardeau and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Tuesday, March 26, were Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Pam Eisentraut, Jay Eudy and Shirley Miller, all of McClure.

Penny Hill of McClure and Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited last Thursday with Shirley

Happy belated birthday wishes to Robert Lingle of Anna, whose birthday was Saturday, March 30.

Guest speakers at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 31, were students from SEMO, Mollie Kohler and Cole Dallas, who are going to Tampa, Fla., as

missionaries on the Tampa Project. Students Rachel Meador and Ridge Redfairn also visited at church.

Those gathering at Pizza Hut in Anna on Sunday night from Reynoldsville Baptist Church were Rev. Jamie Bridgeman, Penny and Kerry Hill, Shirley Miller and Sue Eudy. Also Mollie Kohler, Cole Dallas, Rachel Meador and Ridge Redfairn.

Visiting with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville were Greg Reynolds of Reynoldsville and granddaughter Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake.

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

## **News from**

## Walnut Grove Church

On the fourth Sunday in Gaffney. Lent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude. Keith read a passage from Isaiah and welcomed everyone.

special, "Have Thine Own the altar. Way, Lord."

Pastor Bobbi Schultz read the parable from Luke about the prodigal son. She summarized that "he who is lost, can be found through repentance and faith in God. God is always watching us to welcome us back from

Karen Lamer, Gary Hartline, and Grace and Duane Route 127.

Steve and Jennifer Brown had good health reports and Sandy Hartline said she is feeling better. Pastor Bobbi is happy to have four grandkids visiting her.

Everyone thanked Barb The ladies' choir sang a Norton for the daffodils on

The church ladies plan to meet for lunch on Friday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Downtown Abbey in Cobden.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located Prayers are requested for at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near

## New plays to be presented

Play Festival is scheduled April 4-7 at the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Performances are set for graduate students.

The Big Muddy New 7:30 p.m. April 4-6 and 2 p.m. April 7 at the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater.

The free festival offers the community an opportunity to share in the work of master's degree and underJoseph B. Hardin

Joseph B. Hardin, 79, of Cobden, died Monday, April 1, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on March 3, 1940, in Whitesville, Ky.

He married, Ruth Pearson Tellor in May 2008 in Cob-

Mr. Hardin is survived by his wife, Ruth Hardin of Cobden; five stepdaughters, Marilyn Smith of Cobden, Ruth Fisher of Lebanon,

Tenn., Debbie Rendleman of Elk City, Idaho, Dianne Melcher of Hemphill, Texas, and Becky Dressel of Great Falls, Mont.; a son, Chris Hardin of Houston, Texas; a

daughter, April Issacson of Chicago; 10 step-grandchildren; two grandchildren; several step-great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the American Legion and the Anna Moose Lodge. He retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna after many years of service. He really enjoyed eagle watching and traveling.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Ed Falgout officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Friends can call from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service on Friday, April 5.

Memorials can be made to the activity fund at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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and pets away.

Do not attempt to rescue

fawns. Fawn deer often stay

still to conceal themselves

until they are old enough to

keep up with their mother;

the female deer may not

stay near the fawns for fear

of alerting predators to their

presence. People should

leave fawns alone and the

It is illegal in Illinois to

feed wild deer. When deer

congregate, it can facilitate

the spread of disease and

cause other unintended con-

Wild birds and animals

can become habituated to

people when they are pro-

vided food, so don't leave

pet food outside at night,

clean up under bird feed-

ers, secure the lids on gar-

bage cans to keep raccoons

and other wildlife out, and

don't feed Canada geese and

coyotes in urban/suburban

areas. Nuisance animals

can become dangerous to

Handling wild animals

can result in the handler

being bitten. According to

the Centers for Disease Con-

trol, wild animals that bite a

person must be euthanized

immediately to be tested

people.

for rabies.

mother will return.

# **IDNR** encourages everyone to leave young wildlife alone

Spring is a busy breeding season for wildlife, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reminds everyone not to bother or handle baby birds and other young wild ani-

Wildlife biologists are often contacted during the breeding season by well-meaning people who believe incorrectly that they may be protecting young wildlife by taking possession of baby birds, rabbits, fawn deer, and other animals that may appear to have been abandoned or orphaned.

In most cases, these animals and birds are still being cared for by their parents, which likely stay away from dens and nests if people are

The Illinois Wildlife Code provides legal protection for wildlife.

It is against the law to keep wild animals as pets, or to raise wild animals believed to have been abandoned.

Additionally, responses by agencies like the IDNR to incidents involving wildlife can be costly to taxpayers.

Anyone with questions about care for possibly abandoned wildlife can contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

More information about potential wildlife conflicts, and keeping people, pets and wildlife safe, is available by visiting the new Wildlife Illinois website at https:// www.wildlifeillinois.org/

All wild birds, except the rock pigeon, European starling and house sparrow, are protected by federal law. This includes protection of eggs, nests and feathers.

IDNR works with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect and manage birds in Illinois.

IDNR shared additional reminders about wildlife in

Birds often leave the nest before they can fly. These birds, known as fledglings, will live on the ground for a few days while they grow flight feathers; you may hear them making noises calling for their parents to feed them; it doesn't mean they are in trouble. Keep children









Stanley Phillip 'Stan' Eudy Stan Eudy, 79, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was born on Feb. 21, 1940, in Jonesboro, the son of Milo and Delores Miller Eudy. He is survived by his son,

Kyle (Debbie) Eudy of Cape Girardeau; three daughters, Ginger (Mike) Welker of Perryville, Mo., Leasa (Kevin) Maxfield and Christy Huffman, all of Cape Girardeau; a stepson, Jason (Jane) Eaton of Nashville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Grant Eudy, Zach Huffman, Kelly and Emily Welker, Alec and Drew Eudy, Logan Huffman and Payton Maxfield; one great-grandchild, Allie Rose Eudy; one brother, Steve (Sue) Eudy of Anna; one sister, Marjorie Stark of Anna; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in St. Charles, Mo. He was retired from UPS in St. Louis, where he worked many years as an over the road truck driver. He was past president of the Jaycees.

Funeral services were at noon on Saturday, March 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN

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#### **News from**

## Anna Nazarene Church

During the Sunday morning service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Jessica Elkins, Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard. Ushers for the morning

worship service were Curly Ralls, Jason Elkins, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. Special music was provided by Jacob Wells.

The message, "We Have a Ministry," was brought from 2 Corinthians by Pastor Wright and Jacob Wells.

They shared that "each of us have challenges and limitations but with God we have no limitations because God will 'Break Every Chain'."

During the Sunday evening service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Jessica Elkins, Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the evening Lyerla, Mark Smith, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman

The message, "Prayer," was brought by Pastor Wright, from several scriptures on prayer.

Bible study is planned in the fellowship hall every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring finger foods and snacks to share.

Team day is planned April 6 in Decatur. On April 7 during the

Sunday evening service, the children's Bible quizzers will compete against adult Bible quizzers at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

An Easter egg hunt is planned at 10 a.m. on April 20 at the Graham residence.

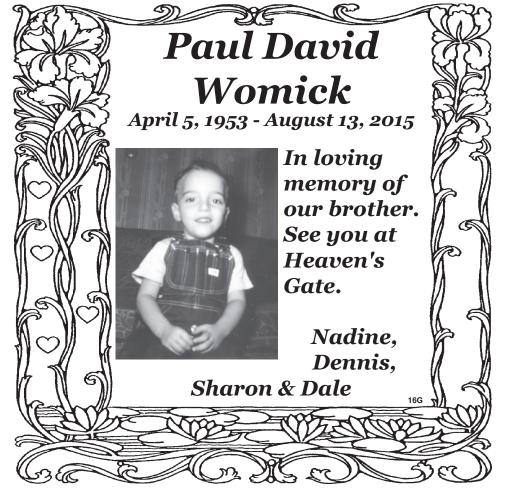
On Easter Sunday, April 21, breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday School will follow at 9:30 a.m. The morning worship service will be at 10:35 a.m., with the teens featured in an Easter silhouette. There will be no evening services on April 21.

A children's district Bible quiz is planned April 27 in Shelbyville.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services worship service were Curt are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Children's Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

# Obituaries Online at annanews.com















is, Caleb Mays, Charlotte

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Shelton, Skylar Webb.

**Screening set** 

at Jonesboro

Jonesboro Elementary

School has scheduled kin-

dergarten screening for

Thursday, April 11, from 8

years old by Sept. 1, 2019,

are eligible for kindergar-

Children who will be 5

To make an appointment,

School officials note that

parents can call Jenny or

Cathy in the main office at

in addition to their children,

parents need to bring the

child's original birth cer-

Each child's academic

readiness skills will be

checked along with hearing

and vision screening.

a.m. to 7 p.m.

833-5148.

## Lick Creek School hosts Grandparents' Day

Lick Creek School District 16 held it's annual Grandparents' Day celebration on March 28 and 29 in the school cafeteria. This year's theme was "Singing in the Rain." Students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade performed several songs with rain themes, including "Itsy Bitsy Spider," "Rain, Rain, Go Away" and "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head." Lunch was served by Lick Creek students, with nearly 700 people served over the two-day event. A photo booth was also provided by Steelwater Photography. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.

### Anna School District names honor students Marvin Henderson Jr..

roll students.

5th grade, high honor roll: Jaylen Althoff, Bonner, Dawson Brunner, Zoe Chen, Adam Clark, Kansas Craig, Kaci Davis, Jordan Gentry, Elias Harner, Gabriel Haynes, Alexis Hodges. Houseman.

dling, Ethan Plott, Raelynn Wiseman, Ruby Yates. Sadler, Drue Teske, Logan Thompson, Kale Waller.

5th grade, honor roll: Jayda Benefield, Drake Bible, Justin Damian, Olivia Eddleman, Maggie Gooden, Christopher Hernandez, Alexa Hinkle, Lauren Jackson.

School/Davie School an- Tanner Powell, Aalilyah Lakelyn Carter, Eric Chen, Lindsey Hill, Sophia Loomnounces third quarter honor Prater, Ally Simmons, Ava Tweedy, Ricky Tweedy, Bryan Wright.

6th grade, high honor Presley Bierstedt, Addison roll: Halsey Alonso-Aragon, Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Mia DeHarpart, Brooklyn Eastman, Rylan Frazier, Trevor Goins, Cash

Kayce Isaacs, Kaitlyn Sophia Lin, Natasha Mar- Matuszewich, Kayla Matin, Mariel McGrath, Jake tuszewich, Drew Sadler, Menees, Madison Moore, Zoee Sadler, Raegan Sand-Layne Murray, Foster Nee- ers, Tess Wilkins, Anthony

> 6th grade, honor roll: Jackson Brooker, Morgan Casey, Allison Fowler, Jenny Hansil, Nick Lingle, Luke Menees, Savanah Smith, Jonah Watkins.

7th grade, high honor roll: Sam Allen, Addyson Bailey, Emily Belcher, Anastazia Kerr, William Callysta Borders, Brianna

Anna Junior High Lessar, Danica Morgan, Brunner, Payton Brust, Riley Cruse, Tyler Cunningham, Adriel Del Ro-

> Drake Hartline, Zach Henry, Angel Hernandez, Ben Keller, Alexander Meier, Alayna Menees, Josslin Needling, Victoria Perez, Jadyn Samuels, Kadence Sparks, Katie Sullivan, Jason Swink, Hannah Webb, Joshua Williams.

> 7th grade, honor roll: Yoselin Avila, Presli Garner, Bree Hazelrigg, Carter Lannom, Jace Lee, Devon McNelly.

8th grade, high honor roll: Caden Awbrey, Jolie Barger, Megan Clark, Madelynn Eastman, Evie Eddings, Malik Groh, Addilyn Hadley, Will Keller, McKena Kimmel, Kaden Lincoln, Jake Merriman.

Avery Osman, Hayden Ralls, Evan Ray, Reese Reynolds, Jessica Sartin, Marissa Simmons, Samantha Stokes, Brylen Suggs, David Swink, Kosie Tripp, Julia Williams, Angelina Wiseman, Aleshia Wright, Megan Wright.

8th grade, honor roll: Carter Beanland, Olivia Bono, Pierce Chapman, Nile Chotner, Ayden Dillman, Sophia Dudley, Hardyn Griffin.

## **Union County Hospital District Auxiliary welcomes** applications for scholarship The Union County Hos- credited college or uni-

pital District Auxiliary is accepting applications for its annual scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be accepted and enrolled in a full-time health career program at an ac-

## **Book sale set** at SIU library

A book sale is planned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library on April 12-13.

The Friends of Morris Library are sponsoring the sale from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 12 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 13 in the lower level of the library.

Admission is free both days. Sale proceeds are used to purchase materials and support the library's mission.

More information about the book sale is available by contacting Morris Library at 618-453-2522.

versity.

Preference in awarding the scholarship will go to applicants who are residents of Union County, or who are current employees of Union County Hospital in Anna.

If a position is available at Union County Hospital upon completion of the program, the hope is that the student would consider employment with the facility.

The auxiliary noted that applicants must complete the application, provide documentation of acceptance and enrollment in a health career curriculum and must remain in good standing academically.

Interested applicants can pick up a copy of the application and criteria at the human resources office or gift shop at Union County Hospital during business hours, or leave a message for the auxiliary at 833-8216.

## Wildflower walks set at Giant City

Spring wildflower walks are scheduled during April at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Walks are scheduled on Saturday, April 6; Saturday, April 13; and Thursday, April 18.

Each walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. until noon.

The park's interpreter will lead walks along the Trillium Trail at Giant City State Park.

The walks are free and open to the public. Those who would like to join the walks are asked to preregister by calling 618-457-4836 or emailing Jennifer. randolph@illinois.gov.

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## School safety in small communities focus of conference set at SIU

A new conference focused on increasing school safety in small communities is scheduled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on April 15.

Open to local parents, administrators and community members, the free conference offers professional insight from a variety of researchers, school administrators and SIU faculty members.

Organizers said the goal of the event is to explore important topics that may help to increase awareness and understanding of factors related to school safety.

The event is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 15 at the SIU Student Center Ballroom D. SIU provost Meera Komarraju will give an opening talk, with five other presentations to fol-

The conference is scheduled to offer a variety of presentations from SIU faculty and a local school superintendent.

Some of the presentation topics include:

Bullying and related activities in rural schools (D. Kroner, professor of criminology and criminal justice).

Parents' perception of school safety (H. Soliman and J. Koran, professor of social work and adjunct faculty in department of counseling, quantitative methods and special education).

School climate and school safety (M.L. Cashel, associate professor and program director of clinical psychology).

Safeguarding children while protecting due process of law (S.J. Macias, associate dean for academic affairs and associate professor of law).

School Safety 101 (Steve Webb, superintendent of the Goreville Community School District).

While free and open to the public, registration is required. Registration is available by email at SchoolSafetyConference@ siu.edu.

Conference sponsors include the SIU College of Education and Human Services, the SIU College of Liberal Arts and the SIU School of Law. Local regional superintendents are also contributing to the event.

For more information, contact Hussein Soliman at soliman@siu.edu.

#### 🤎 "The Preaching Pen" If I Were On The Devil's Payroll If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you that the

If I were on the devil's payroll, I a tell you mat the Bible is way too complicated for you to understand. It has all those big names, like Nebuchadnezzar (II Kings 24:1) and Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1). Besides, the Bible is confusing on other levels. Good guys, people who are God's servants, do terrible things. David committed adultery and murder (II Sam. 11 & 12). Judas claimed to be one of the faithful apostles, but yet betrayed his Lord for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:14&15). That's just too much!

If I were on the Devil's payroll, I'd tell you that if you live as well as most people, you're OK in God's eyes. What's more, I'd convince you that you're even better than most people! This lie of Satan works on the assumption that the majority of people are spiritually OK with God, and that if we're at least as good as they are or better, then we'll go to Heaven when we die. Satan would have you believe that Hell is only for "the really bad." After all, won't most people be saved? (Read Mt. 7:13-14)

If I were on the Devil's payroll, I'd tell you that you deserve complete happiness right now, and all the time. I'd hope that you would blame God when disappointments come. Remember: Job's wife told her husband to "... Curse God and die" (Job 2:9).

If I were on the Devil's payroll, I'd twist Romans 3:23 so badly that you'd think God expects you to sin and that you'd be disappointing Him if you didn't.

If I were on the Devil's payroll, I'd tell you whatever you needed to hear to reject God's offer of life in Christ. If I worked for the devil, I'd hope that you never had the wisdom to search e Scriptures and learn God's truth for yourself.

The truth is, I'm not on the Devil's payroll – I work for God. Some days I'm a better employee than others, but I'm trying. God's truth is that He doesn't want anyone to suffer eternally in Hell (II Peter 3:9). He wants mankind to be saved, and He's made the way for us to do that by the sacrifice of His only Son on the Cross at Calvary, but we have to do our part as well. Have you done yours?

We invite you to learn more at our Spring Gospel Meeting with Adam Faughn which begins this Lord's day and goes through Wed. April 10th. Theme: "Issues Facing the Lord's Church." We meet Sunday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m., Mon.-Wed. at 7 p.m. We hope to see you!

R.W. McAlister, Minister Anna church of Christ





Rural Health, Inc. is excited to announce that Katherine Painter, M.D. has joined the medical staff at Rural Health. Dr. Painter is a Family Practice physician and is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is now accepting new patients.

Please call to make an appointment with Dr. Painter if you or someone in your family are in need of the following services: Family practice, gynecological services, immunizations, well & sick child care, health maintenance, school & sports physicals, and the Illinois breast & cervical cancer program, contraceptive procedures, joint injections, skin biopsies.

Rural Health, Inc. accepts all private insurance carriers, Medicare & Medicaid. Rural Health offers sliding fee discounts based on the family income and size for those experiencing financial difficulties.

Dr. Katherine Painter Rural Health is deemed a Federal Public Health Service employee, as well as, a Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) deemed facility.

> **513** N. Main Street, Anna, IL **62906** www.ruralhealthinc.org

> For an appointment call 618-833-4471

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# THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

The Talk And Cobden Review • Serving Union County Since 1849

Thursday, April 4, 2019 ©2019 Reppert Publications **Section B** 

## **Medical waste treatment** at VA facilities focus of proposed legislation

at VA facilities is the focus of legislation introduced by a Southern Illinois Congressman.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., has introduced the bipartisan VA Cost Savings Enhancement Act.

Bost said in a news release that the measure will save the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, tens of millions of dollars annually and improve care for veterans.

The legislation requires the VA to install on-site medical waste treatment systems in its facilities, where it is determined this will result in a cost-savings within five

"I completely understand that most folks probably don't think too much about medical waste treatment systems," Bost said.

"I didn't either. That was

#### Pancake breakfast set in Olmsted

The Olmstead Historical Society plans to serve a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 6.

The breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at city hall in Olmsted. Carry outs will be available.

All proceeds will be used by the Olmstead Historical Society for repairs which are needed at the historic depot in the community.

Disposal of medical waste until I saw the tens of millions of dollars being spent on the VA's generally inefficient process of medical waste

"This bipartisan legislation is a straightforward, commonsense solution that embraces proven technology that will free up millions of dollars for the VA to better serve our veterans."

In 2012, the VA reported to Congress that on-site medical waste treatment at its individual facilities may cost half as much as sending waste off-site to treatment locations.

However, despite the efficacy of such a program, little implementation has ever been initiated, Bost said.

Current waste treatment technologies have demonstrated to be safer, more efficient, more cost-effective, and more environmentally friendly compared to previous technologies.

In addition, on-site disposal reduces hazards associated with storing waste on-site and transporting it through communities to regional disposal

Implementing this technology will align the VA with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention best practices for infection control, and VA hospitals will no longer truck millions of pounds of hazardous waste on our roads,

## **Cobden Elementary School honors student readers**

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals for February in the school-wide **Accelerated Reading** program. Students were required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: Zaira

50 Point Club: In the first row are Clara Long, Jesse Miller, Marquez Pitts, Tyler Shoemate and Timothy Clover. In the second row are Selena Flores, Lucy Brehm, Korbin Hale, Dash Garrison, Matthew Marks and Eugenio Olvera. In the third row are Clarence Royster, Piper Tellor, Javier Valdez, Alivia Brown and Alyssa Fabian. Keela Kaszubski and Zonia Zamora could not be present for the picture.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Jaylyn Stroehlein, Jose Carmona, Logan Reiman, Alex Miranda and Annaleigh Kaszubski. In the second row are Jonah Etherton, Juan Garcia, Eric Daville, Leo Guijon, Scarlett Bergseth and Annabelle Kruse. Justin Campbell could not be present for the picture.

# Canadian telemarketers sentenced to prison for defrauding elderly

Three Canadian citizens were sentenced to prison Wednesday, March 27, at the federal courthouse in East St. Louis for their roles in defrauding elderly Amer-

icans in a prescription drug discount card telemarketing Fawaz Sebai, 41, and

Vassilios Klouvatos, 34,

both of Montreal, Quebec, each were sentenced to serve 44 months in prison. The third defendant, Lefkothea Klouvatos (Vassilios Klouvatos' sister), 27,

also of Montreal, Quebec, was sentenced to serve 30 months in prison. All three defendants pled

guilty to federal mail fraud. wire fraud, and conspiracy

## Farm to Fork dinner set at SIU

A spring Farm to Fork dinner planned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will spotlight local treats in a meal prepared by an expert chef and associates.

The event is set for 5:30 p.m. April 17 at Trueblood Hall Commons at 1175 S. Washington St. on the SIU campus

The dinner is open to the public and tickets are on sale now.

Chef Sean Eberly and staff members from University Housing Culinary and Nutrition Services will be preparing the meal, with a vegetarian option available as well.

Seating is limited with reservations available on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation deadline is April 5.

Tickets are \$5 for SIU students or \$35 for faculty, staff and community members.

Additional information and registration are available online at housing.siu. edu or by calling 618-453-2301 for more information.

Numerous local farms and producers, including Flamm Orchards, Miler Farms, Flyway Farms, Sweitzer Farms, Five Hen Farms and SIU Farms, along with local beer and wine makers, will be par-

ticipating.

charges back in December ern District of Illinois in

As part of their guilty pleas, Fawaz Sebai and Vassilios Klouvatos admitted that they owned and operated a call room in Canada that marketed prescription drug discount cards to elderly Americans over the phone.

Lefkothea Klouvatos admitted that she managed the call room.

The telemarketers who worked for the defendants routinely lied and misled the victims

One of the lies the telemarketers often used was that they were calling on behalf of Medicare.

Sometimes the telemarketers stated or implied that the victims might lose their Medicare benefits if they did not purchase a prescription drug discount card.

The telemarketers also concealed the fact that the prescription drug discount cards they were selling for \$299 were available for free on the internet.

The defendants sold these prescription drug discount cards under various corporate names, including AFD Medical Advisors and Clinacall

The scheme defrauded over 5,000 people throughout the United States out of more than \$1.9 million.

At least seven of the scheme's elderly victims reside within the South-

## Fish fry set at Anna VFW

The VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna plans to serve a fish fry on Friday evening, April

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish, potato salad and slaw will be served for a

donation of \$10. The fish fry is open to the

public. Carry outs will be available. Star Karaoke is sched-

uled to be at the post from

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday.

the towns of Carterville, Centralia, Granite City, Highland, Johnston City,

Harrisburg and Smithton. The case was indicted in July 2014, and the U.S. Department of Justice promptly requested that the Canadian government extradite the defendants to the United

States to stand trial. The Canadian government extradited all three defendants in 2018.

The case was investigated by the St. Louis Field Office of the Chicago Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The Montreal Office of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police provided substantial assistance in the investigation.

In 2013, the Federal Trade Commission filed a civil action to stop the operations of the business in the United States.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael J. Quinley and Scott A. Verseman.

## Gem, mineral show planned The Southern Illinois

Earth Science Club plans to present its annual gem, mineral and jewelry show at the Pavilion of the City of Marion in Marion on Satur-

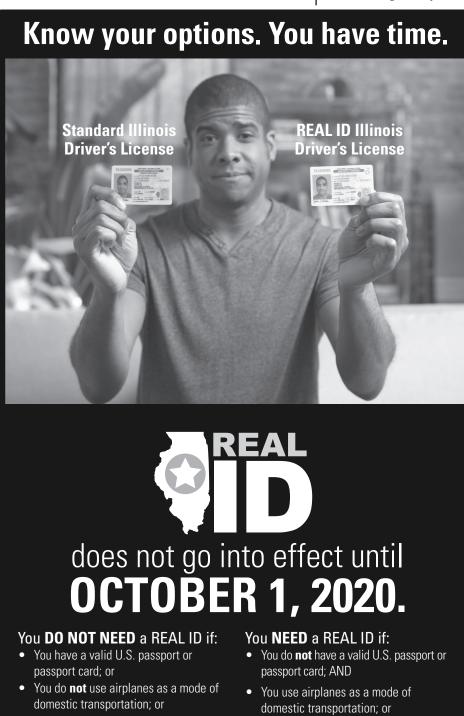
day and Sunday, April 6-7. Hours for the show are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Pavilion is located at 1602 Sioux Dr., behind the Illinois Centre Mall off Route 13 and west of I-57.

Admission to the show is \$2 for adults; children 18 and under are free. Free parking is available.

Club members from throughout Southern Illinois will have a variety of exhibits on display.

More information about the event can found on the Southern Illinois Earth Science Club's website at www.siesclub.org, as well as by visiting the club on Facebook at Southern Illinois Earth Science Club.



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**News from** 

# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, March 31, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led the wor-

During the morning service, Liz Wilkins was baptized.

School ministry plans to

meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

The River to River Sunday School class is scheduled to meet at 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, today.

The Titus 2 Bible study group plans to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Birthdays: Melvin Harvell, March 31; Gerry Boehne, April 1; Gerry Smith, April 2.

Anniversary: Eugene

and Kim Benefield, 39 years, April 5.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on

Sunday. Dig-In Children's Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

An adult Bible study/ prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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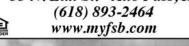
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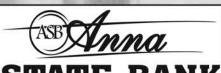
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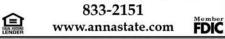
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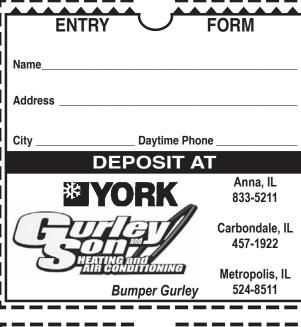
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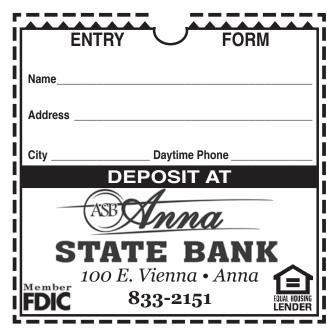


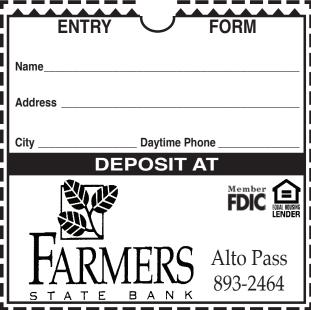




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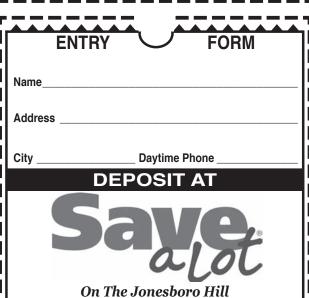
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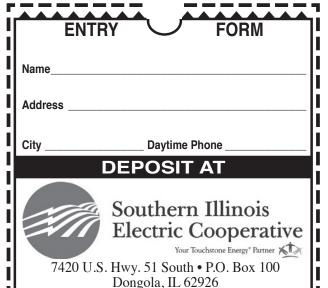




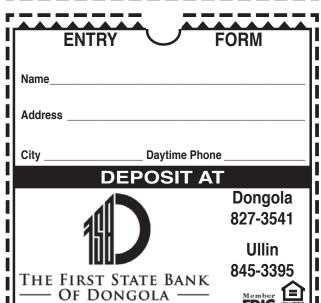




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Pete Housman of the

Anna-Jo Garden Club

did a presentation on

the principles of flower

design for the district

attended. Pete Housman

from the Anna-Jo Gar-

den Club, was the guest

Peggy Rains enjoyed a

Linda Clutts, president of

Guest speaker was the

Carbondale AARP, hosted

a meeting at Carbondale

mayor of Carbondale Mike

Henry. Other guests were

the managers of the new

Freddys Steakburgers that

will open this month on

the Giant City Road. They

brought a kettle of chilli and

gave everyone a certificate

for a free ice cream and told

about their new restaurants.

A potluck supper was en-

Fred and Linda Clutts

went to Charleston, Mo.,

to see the spring flowers,

They saw a lot of beautiful

white pear trees in bloom,

magnolia trees, and Japoni-

ca bush. Then they went to

Sikeston, and to the water-

melon capital of the world

Blodgett, Mo., then to Cape

Girardeau for a late lunch.

**Birthday Celebrations** 

Willie and Terrie Rhymer

They were planning on

spent their birthday week-

end March 22-24 in Nash-

going to the flea market

ville, Tenn.

joyed by everyone there.

Trip

meeting in Benton.

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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.

#### **Little Mermaid**

The Little Mermaid Musical at A-JCHS last weekend was fabulous. A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this. We have a wonderful community.

#### **Birthday Celebration**

One of Cora Gregory birthday presents for her 7th birthday was her grandmother Teresa Gilbert taking her to see The

#### A-JCHS Sunday afternoon. **Congratulations**

Congratulations to everyone who won the elections.

#### **Birthday Trip**

Geneva Elkins and her daughter Cathy Freeman, traveled to St. Joseph and then on to Normal for a birthday celebration with Geneva's twin, Eva Anderson, daughters, Sheryl Netherton and Cathy Freeman, nieces Linda Macniff Kolb, Charlotte Alexander and nephew Rodney An-

derson.

Geneva's birthday was March 31. Family and friends also had a surprise party for Geneva Elkins at her church, Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro.

#### 80th Birthday

Kay James was honored on her 80th birthday with a surprise party. She celebrated with family and friends in Evansville.

A Piece Of Cake did the Little Mermaid Musical at beautiful cake. It was red velvet and vanilla. They all ate at Bru Burger then headed to the hotel and surprised her again with her cake.

#### United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday in church everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Shirley West, who was celebrating her birthday. Her daughter Lisa Jianakoplos from St. Louis and son Brian West from Indianapolis were visiting her and came to church with her and took her out for a birthday



Rev. Richard Sullins sermon was The Forgiving Father with scripture from Luke. The ladies choir sang Lamb of God. After church the Bazaar ladies served dinner.

Saturday will be a clean up day at the church starting at 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 7, will be youth Sunday.

#### **April Birthdays**

1 Shooter Belcher, 3 Janet Boyd, 5 Emily Goins, Marcy Morris, 6 Elaine Crain, 13 Jessica Anderson, 14 Adeline Wilde, 15 Brian West, 17 Bryton West, 20 Michelle Wiseman, 21 Natilyn Corbit, 22 Christian Goins, 23 Lynn Steveson, 24 David Swink, 28 Gayle Caraker, 29 Rebecca

#### **April Anniversaries**

14 Terry and Barbara House, 26 Tyler and Muriel Zachary.

### **VFW**

Thursday, April 4, tonight, the Auxiliary will meet at 5 p.m. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

The monthly fish fry will be Friday, April 5, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is open to the public.

#### Anna-Jo Garden Club

There were 10 garden clubs representing Southern Illinois at the district Garden Club meeting at Immanuel Baptist Church in Benton, with 98 in attendance.

The new Garden Clubs of Illinois president, Marilyn Krueger, of Naperville, also



Speedy and Kristin Nance celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary Monday, March 25. They celebrated in Paducah, where they were married with dinner at Flamingo Row and the Broadway show "Something Rotten" at the Carson Center. They couldn't celebrate last year on their 30th aanniversary because Speedy had a broken leg, so they were very happy they got to



Kay James celebrated her 80th birthday with a surprise party with family and friends.



Jane Bauer, president of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club and president of GFWC Illinois District 25, with Barbara House, member, visited down town Eldorado to see the new picnic



Tammy and Lyle Woodrum from the Davie School Inn participated in Alto Vineyards small business Sunday on March 17. Alto Vineyards highlights a small area business every third Sunday of the month. Pictured are Lyle Woodrum, Andy and Charles from Alto Vineyards, and Tammy Woodrum.



Those attending the District Garden Club meeting at Immanuel Baptist in Benton from the Anna-Jo Garden Club were, back row, left to right, Glenda Jones, Darlene Lingle, Shari Sweeney president of the Anna-Jo Garden Club, Linda Clutts director of District 7, Peggy Ferguson, Sue McIntosh. Front row. left, Susan Sherwin, Linda Karraker, Marge Selinger.

there but traffic was backed up for miles and no parking for miles either so they went to Opry Mills Mall trip to Branson, Mo., with and did some shopping.

> They went to the Grand Ole Opry and had breakfast the next morning with their niece and husband who live in Nashville area. They also ate at the Texas De Brazil restaurant in Nashville and toured downtown Nashville.

#### Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates were Stephanie and Paul Heinz from Shorewood.

#### Trip

Brenda Allen visited her dad in Charleston, Mo., last Thursday.

#### **One for the Cross**

A One for the Cross benefit to support Bald Knob Cross is planned.

The Bald Knob Board of Directors is asking every church to take a special offering on Palm Sunday, or the Sunday of their choice, and ask every participant to contribute \$1 to benefit Bald Knob Cross.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention** Month

April 1, at 9 a.m., was the reading of the Child Abuse Prevention proclamation in front of the Union County Courthouse. Representatives from local child abuse and advocacy agencies, law and safety enforcement, and city and county officials were there to sign this year's proclamation.

## **Choate Mental Health**

Amy Casper is on the committee for the 150th celebration that will be in October for Choate Mental Health.

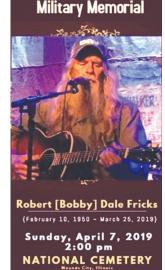
Amy said there would be a planning meeting soon and ask me to tell the retirees from Choate they want

them to be a part of the celebration.

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please let me or Amy know. I was there at the 125 year celebration and it was really nice and a very beautiful day outside.

#### **Vendors Wanted**

Anna Vista will have inside crafts, jewelry, a flea market, yard sale, bake sale April 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables available for \$20. Call 833-5742, Anna Vista, 116 Washington St. This is to benefit activities



Military Memorial: The Military Memorial for Bobby Fricks, with full military rites, will be held at the National Cemetery in Mound City on Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m. That day will also be Bobby's son, Jefferson Cody Fricks, birthday. When Robby Russell asked Cody about holding his dad's service on his birthday, and offering to change it, he said, no, no way Robby, I can't think of a better way to honor my Dad. There will be a meal at the Anna VFW after his service.



Geneva Elkins and her daughter Cathy Freeman celebrated her birthday in Normal.



Lisa and Michael Tripp celebrated their birthdays with family and friends at The Hideout restaurant in Marion Sunday. Michael's birthday was March 21 and Lisa's is April 5.



**GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Woman's Club** was honored for having the most members attend the District 25 Convention in Eldorado March 26. In the first row is Clara Nell Butler. In the second row are, from left, Lillian Milam, Martha Ann Webb, Barbara House, Jane Bauer and Suzie Kessler. Marie Samuel could not be present for the picture.



Jeff Linson of Anna was the grand prize winner



Congratulations to Earl Miller, winner of the Washburn guitar at Mayberry Music Store.

for the people living there. **Anna Kiwanis Club** 

Fish fry in support of the A-JCHS Band Boosters, band and choir students. April 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park. \$10 ticket includes fried fish, french fries, baked beans, cole slaw and drink. Eat in or carry out.

Please purchase ticket(s) from any band member, band booster, or show up day of event to Kiwanis building. Proceeds will go toward student accounts for extracurricular events as well as a new locker system for band instruments. Thank you for your support.

**A-JCHS Band Boosters** April 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Kiwanis fish fry at the Anna City Park. A big

thanks to all the members

of the Kiwanis Club for

**MONDAY** 

the band students. Students will be selling tickets. \$10 each. Students will also be helping with the fish fry.

April 22 is the deadline for entry to senior scholarship essay. All senior band members are invited to enter the scholarship contest. The theme is "What Music Means to Me." It should be at least a page long.

May 7 is the spring concert. It is earlier that normal because the seniors last day of school is May 10. There will be a boosters meeting at 6 p.m. before the concert.

May 10 will be the end of year picnic and Band Olympics at the Anna City Park. This is for all family members as well as band members. Everyone will eat around 6 p.m. Boosters will have snacks and start setting up around 4 p.m. Kids and parents are welcome to sponsoring and supporting come at any time.

A wonderful gift for mothers: Band Booster plant and yard sale May 11, day before Mother's Day and yard sale. For the Yard sale you are welcome to bring your items to the band room starting on May 6. Ask that the items are clean and priced.

A-J Women's Club

Members of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club attended the District 25 convention meeting at the Scott Street Baptist Church in Eldorado.

They took crafts to enter. President Jane Bauer got first on her afghan and sent it to state to be judged. Martha Ann Webb got three firsts for her concrete elephant ear bird bath, photo of her Annabelle plant with history, and Christmas cloth wreath. Barbara House got first on her watercolor picture. Suzie Kessler got first

and second on two baskets she made. Lillian Milam and Marie Samuel got second on their craft.

Everyone stood and the honor guard brought in the flag. Jackie Hancock led in the Pledge of Alliance to the United States of America. Lillian Milam led in the club collect.

Wanda Burklow, president of the Eldorado Woman's Club, who was hosting the convention, welcomed everyone. City Mayor Rocky James welcomed the clubs to Eldorado.

Jane Bauer, president of Anna club and District 25, was in charge of the convention.

Nikki Staley, the district secretary, gave the minutes of last years convention. Clara Nell Butler gave the audit report. Barbara House led in the Indian Prayer. Suzie Kessler read a poem.

Martha Ann Webb gave the report on the credentials.

Many awards were given for the four clubs present. Breakfast and dinner were served by the Eldorado Club. Door prizes were given.

It was very interesting to hear Wanda Burklow tell how her club saved plastic lids to recycle and bought benches and the city bought a picnic table for their town.

#### **Anna Arts Center**

April 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a indoor yard sale to benefit the activities there.

Adopt a naked penguin for only \$5. Return the well dressed penguin April 18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or April 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Lee at 904-625-1109 to get your penguin.

**Anna Eastern Star 522** The chapter will meet Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna park across from the swimming pool.

#### **Military Prayer List**

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain. Please keep them in your prayers.

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:30	Nightline	Corden	1	Late Night	(HD)	Conan	1	Bizaard	1	"Detective"	America

FRID	AY								Α	PRIL 5	, 2019
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW
∠ PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro-	Local Programs			Family	Raven	Gumbel	★★½ "Bruce	★★★ "Get Shorty" ('95)
<b>O</b> :30			grams		(HD)	Burgers	Family	Raven	Tonight	Lee" ('84)	
<b>7</b> PM	Boat (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	Man (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	HD) NBA Basketball	sketball ★★★ "The In-	Family	Sydney	★★½ "The		★★ "Congo" ('95) Troubled expedition. (HD)
:30	Speechless		Cool Kids		Boston Celtics at Indiana Pac-	tern" ('15) Older man takes posi-	Family	Sydney	Meg" ('18) Pre- historic monster.		
Q PM	20/20 Investiga-	Hawaii Five-0	Proven Innocent	The Blacklist	ers (Live)	tion as intern.	Family	Fast Layne	(HD)		
O :30	tive news. (HD)	(HD)	(HD)	(HD)	·   [	Family	Coop & Cam	7` ′			
O PM		Blue Bloods "Rec-		Dateline NBC (HD)		F	Family	Bizaard	Real Time Maher	Warrior (HD)	ShoBox: The New Generation (Live) (HD)
7 :30		tify"	Local info.		NBA Basketball	BA Basketball Last O.G.	Family	Coop & Cam	(HD)		
10 PM	Local	Local	1	Local	Portland vs Den- ver (Live) (HD)	"My Big Fat	Family	Andi Mack	Problem	(:05) Warrior	(Live) (FID)
1U :30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show		(:35) Tonight	Ver (Live) (IID)	Greek Wedding 2" ('16) (HD)	Family	Sydney	(:35) Real Time	(HD)	
<b>1 1</b> PM	Live	(HD)	Local	(HD)		2 (10) (ND)	Growing Up	Bizaard	Maher	"Justice	1
:30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night	1		Miz & Mrs	Bizaard	Problem	League"	Action

<b>SATU</b>	<b>IRDAY</b>								A	PRIL 6	, 2019
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW
4 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs	Local Programs	College Softball			Fast Layne	(5:00) "Jurassic"	(5:55) Warrior	The Chi Block
<del>•30</del>		NCAA Basket- ball Tournament			(Live)	<b>BFG</b> " ('16)	('15)	Fast Layne	('18)	(HD)	party.
<b>7</b> PM	American Idol	"National Semifi-	MasterChef Ju-	Dateline NBC	College Softball	Bang (HD)	"Iron Man" ('08)	Fast Layne	(:15) ★★½	★★★ "Murder	The Chi (HD)
:30	"209 (Top 20 Solos)" (HD)	nal" (Live) (HD)	nior	(HD)	Baylor vs Oklahoma (Live)	Bang (HD)	An arms dealer becomes a	Fast Layne	" <b>The Nun"</b> ('18, Horror) <i>Evil ab-</i>	on the Orient Express" ('17)	
<b>Q</b> PM	00/03/ (110)		9-1-1 "Fight or Flight"	Dateline NBC (HD)	` ′	Bang (HD)	superhero.	Fast Layne	bey.	Expices (17)	"The Dark
:30		_				Bang (HD)		Fast Layne			Tower" ('17) Idris Elba.
O PM	20/20 (HD)	L	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live	SportsCenter	Bang (HD)		★★★ "The	"Native Son"	(:55) ★★ "The	iulis Liba.
7 :30	1			(HD)	(HD)	Bang (HD)	Family	Good Dino-	Young chauffer.	15:17 To Paris" ('18)	(:35) Billions
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Gordon (HD)	Local	SportsCenter	Frontal	Family	-saur" ('15)		(10)	(HD)
:30				Sat. Night Live	(HD)	Last O.G.	Family	Sydney	(:50) Problem	Warrior (HD)	Billions (HD)
<b>1</b> PM	Local Programs	Local Programs		Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter		Family	Bizaard	Areas		
:30	1				(HD)	(HD)	Chicago PD	Bizaard	"Skyscraper"	"United 93"	Billions
	•			•	•		•				

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
Z PM		60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons			(4:30) "Blended"	"Marvel's The	"Cinderella			Billions
<del>30</del>	(HD)		Burgers	Whaat?"	Basketball (Live)		Avengers" ('12) Robert Downey	Story: Shoe" ('16)	('19)	(HD)	"Chickentown"
<b>7</b> PM		The 54th Acad-	Simpsons	World of Dance		Bang (HD)	Jr. Mankind at	(10)		★★★ "Three	Action (HD)
:30		emy of Country Music Awards	Burgers	"The Duels 4" (HD)		Bang (HD)	risk.	Coop & Cam		Billboards Out- side" ('17) (R)	
<b>Q</b> PM	Dueis) (IID)	Music award.	Fam Guy	l` '	Los Angeles Dodgers at Col-	Bang (HD)		Sydney	bey.	(HD)	Billions (HD)
O :30		· · ·	Fam Guy		orado Rockies	Bang (HD)		Sydney	]	,	
	(:01) Shark Tank	i í		Good Girls (HD)	(Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	"Marvel's The	Fast Layne	Barry (HD)	"The Blind	The Chi "Erup
<b>7</b> :30	(HD)		Local info.		Bang (HD)	Avengers" ('12) Robert Downey	Coop & Cam		Side" ('09) A boy gets help.	tions"	
0 PM		Local Programs		Local Programs		Last O.G.	Jr. Mankind at	Andi Mack	Oliver	(HD)	The Chi "Erup
:30	Local info.			Local info.	SportsCenter		risk.	Sydney	Veep (HD)	<u> </u>	tions"
■ PM		Local Programs				Celebrate birth-		Bizaard	Barry (HD)	"Black Swan"	DESUS &
:30	(:35) Local		Local			days.		Bizaard	Oliver	('10)	Billions

Cocal Programs   Local Programs   Cocal Programs   Coca	Fam Guy Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)  WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Jessie Jessie Sydney		(:05) ★★½  "King Arthur"	Action (HD)  Billions (HD)  The Chi "Eruptions"  Billions (HD)
7 PM American Idol "211 (All-Star Duets)" (HD)  8 PM :30  9 PM :30  9 PM :30  10 PM Local :30 Jimmy Kimmel Local  10 PM Local :30 Jimmy Kimmel Local  10 PM Local :30 Jimmy Kimmel Local   The Resident (HD)   The Resident (HD)   The Resident (HD)   Kees at Houst Astros (Live)   Kees at Houst As	Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	WWE Monday	Sydney Coop & Cam Jessie Jessie Sydney	"Blockers" (18) Prom night pact.  (:45) Veep	Warrior (HD) (:05) ★★½ "King Arthur" ('04) Battling in-	The Chi "Erup- tions"
American Idol   Fig.   The Resident   The Voice "The Battles, Part 3"   Astros (Live)	Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam Jessie Jessie Sydney	Prom night pact.  (:45) Veep	(:05) ★★½ "King Arthur" ('04) Battling in-	The Chi "Erup- tions"
Duets   The Fix "Scandal"   Clarify   Clarif	Fam Guy Fam Guy Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Night Raw (HD)	Jessie Jessie Sydney	(:45) Veep	"King Arthur" ('04) Battling in-	tions"
PM   2019 NCAA   Basketball "National Championship" (Live)   Cocal Info.   Cocal SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Jessie Sydney		"King Arthur" ('04) Battling in-	tions"
PM   The Fix "Scandal"   tional Championship" (Live)   Local Programs   Local Info.   Local   SportsCenter (HD)    PM   Local   Local   Local   Local   (35) Tonight	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Sydney		('04) Battling in-	
PM The Fix "Scandal"   onship" (Livé)   Local Programs   The Enemy   SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)			Problem		Rillione (HD)
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:30 Jimmy Kimmel Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	r Conan		Coop & Cam	(:50) "Repo		
.50		2019 WWE Hall	Andi Mack	Men" ('10) Re-	"Beyond Bor-	The Chi "Erup-
HDV	Seinfeld	(HD)	Sydney	— possessing or- gans.	ders" ('03) Dan- gerous	tions"
[1.05] Late Show   Local Flograms   Sports Center	r Seinfeld	NCIS: L. A. (HD	) Bizaard		romance.	"Saw IV" ('07) (R)
:30 Nightline (HD) Late Night (HD)	Conan		Bizaard	"Window"		(HD)

TUI	ES	DAY								A	PRIL 9	, 2019
		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
4	PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro-	Local Programs	SportsCenter	Bang (HD)	Law & Order:	Raven	Problem	(5:05) "Orient"	"Titans"
U	:30			grams		(HD)	Bang (HD)	SVU	Raven	Tonight	('17)	Action (HD)
7	PM	Housewife	NCIS "Perennial"	MasterChef Ju-	The Voice (HD)	MLB Baseball	Bang (HD)	WWE	Sydney	★★½ "The	"The Boy	
	:30	The Kids	(HD)	nior		New York Yan- kees at Houston	Bang (HD)	SmackDown (HD)	Coop & Cam	Nun" ('18) Evil abbey. (R)	Downstairs" ('18) (HD)	"The Dark Tower" ('17) Idris Elba.
Q	PM	black-ish	The Code (HD)	Mental Samurai	The Village (HD)	Astros (Live)	Bang (HD)	(110)	Jessie	abbey. (n)	(10) (110)	
O	:30	Splitting				Bang (HD)		Jessie	(:40) Barry	"Life as We		
0	PM	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Or-	Local Programs	New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Sydney	★★★ "Juras-	Know It" Unex- pected parents.	The Chi "Erup- tions"
7	:30		leans	Local info.	(HD)		Last O.G.	Growing Up	Coop & Cam	sic World: Fallen King-		
10	PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter	Conan	Family	Andi Mack	dom" ('18)		(:05) Billions
IU	:30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show	1	(:35) Tonight	(HD)	Last O.G.	Family	Sydney		(:35) Warrior	(HD)
11	PM	Live	(HD)	Local Programs	(HD)	SportsCenter	Seinfeld	Family	Bizaard	★★ "The First	(HD)	"Office" Epic
	:30	Nightline	Corden	1	Late Night	(HD)	Conan	Family	Bizaard	Purge"	"Conan"	party.

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	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
∠ PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro-	Local Programs		Burgers	NHL Hockey	Raven	"The Meg"	(4:55) "Shape"	"Den of
:30			grams		(HD)	Burgers		Raven	Tonight	('17)	Thieves" ('18' \$30 million he
<b>7</b> PM	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	Empire Continue			Bang (HD)		Sydney	"Native Son"	★★★ "Dark-	<b>Dark-</b> (HD) " ('17)
:30	Schooled		tour.	at Cha	Orlando Magic at Charlotte Hor-	Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam	Young chauffer.	er. est Hour" ('17) Invasion looms.	
<b>Q</b> PM	Family	Million Dollar			nets (Live)  NBA Basketball	Bang (HD)	Jessie	Jessie	(:50) Problem Areas (:05) "Head in the Clouds"	The Chi "Erup	
<b>○</b> :30	Single	Mile	Grace"			Bang (HD)		Jessie		)` ′	tions"
O PM	Whiskey Cava-	SEAL Team		Chicago P.D.		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: Sy	Sydney		(:05) "Head in	★★★ "American Assassin"
7 :30	lier	(HD)	Local info.			Frontal	SVU	Coop & Cam		the Clouds" ('04) Career first.	
0 PM	Local	Local		Local	Minnesota vs	Conan	Law & Order:	Andi Mack	"Breaking In"	( 04) Career IIrsi.	tacks.
<b>U</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show		(:35) Tonight	Denver (Live) (HD)	Frontal	SVU	Sydney	Kids held hos-		laoko.
■ PM	Live	(HD)	Local Programs	(HD)	<u>'</u>	Last O.G.	Law & Order:	Bizaard	tage.	(:10) "Legend"	The Chi "Erup
:30	Nightline	Corden	1	Late Night		Conan	SVU	Bizaard	(:25) Barry	('15)	tions"

#### **THURSDAY**

#### 7:00pm

TBS Seinfeld "The Finale, Part 2" When the trial becomes a media feeding frenzy, character witnesses are brought in from the entirety of the series to testify against Jerry and com pany. TVPG (HD)

**HBO** Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again! (2018, Musical) Christine Baranski, Pierce Brosnan. When Sophie finds herself pregnant five years after the events of her wedding, she attempts to learn more about her mother's past with her three possible dads. PG-13 (HD)

#### **FRIDAY** 7:00pm

HBO The Meg ★★½ (2018, Thriller) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li. When an undersea research group is attacked by a legendary creature, an expert diver must save the team and the entire ocean from a prehistoric monster PG-13 (HD)

#### 10:35pm

ABC Jimmy Kimmel Live Jimmy Kimmel hosts a late-night talk show including monologues, comedy sketches and interviews with talented celebrities and musical guests. TV14 (HD)

## SATURDAY

## 7:00pm

MAX Murder on the Orient Express ★★★ (2017, Mystery) Kenneth Branagh, Penélope Cruz. Thirteen strangers become stranded on a luxury train, each of them considered a suspect following a murder, as a famed detective races to find the killer. PG-13

## ma00:8

SHOW The Dark Tower ★★½ (2017, Adventure) Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey. An 11-year-old boy and a Gunslinger begin a journev in another dimension to reach a mythic

## SUNDAY

## 7:00pm

**CBS** The 54th Academy of Country Music Awards Musician Reba McEntire reprises her role as host to honor the biggest names in country music, including the return of the ACM

Artist of the Decade Honor. (HD) MAX Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri ★★★ (2017, Comedy) Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson. A heartbroken mother bitterly strikes out at the ineffectiveness of a small town's police department in finding

## **MONDAY**

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her daughter's rapist-murderer. R (HD)

## 7:00pm

HBO Blockers ★★★ (2018, Comedy) Leslie Mann, Ike Barinholtz. Three protective parents try to stop their high school daughters from losing their virginity on prom night, which leads to a wild, frenzied affair. R (HD)

## 8:45pm

HBO Veep "Discovery Weekend" Selina seeks support from wealthy donors at a retreat in Aspen, Colo.; Gary begins to grow suspicious of Amy when she exhibits peculiar behavior. TVMA (HD)

## **TUESDAY**

## 7:30pm

SHOW The Dark Tower \*\* 1/2 (2017, Adventure) Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey. An 11-year-old boy and a Gunslinger begin a journey in another dimension to reach a mythic "Dark Tower." aimed with rescuing all existence from destruction. PG-13 (HD)

#### 8:00pm

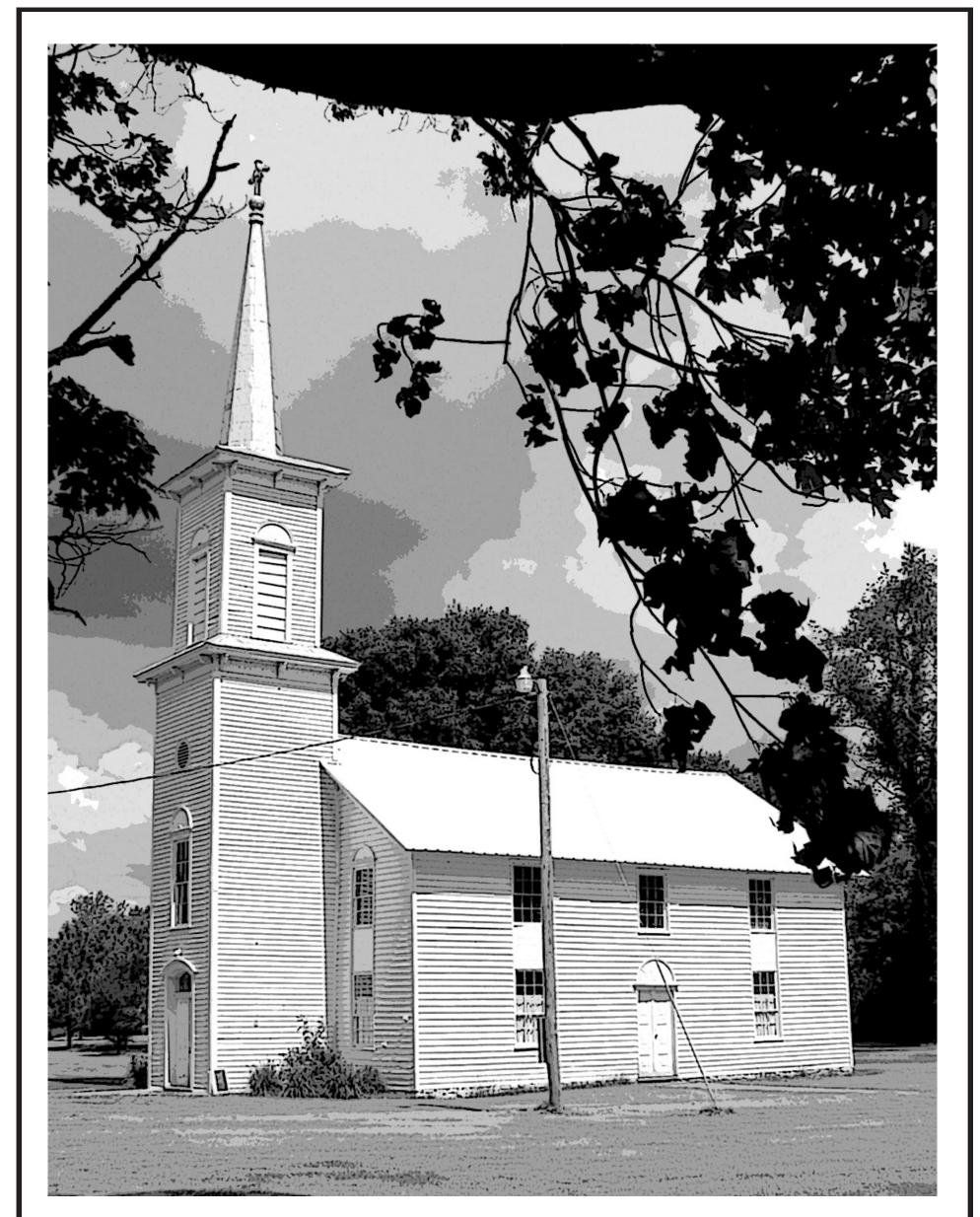
FOX Mental Samurai "Week Four" Additional contestants have their knowledge. memory, puzzles and sequencing abilities but to the test as they strive to become a "Mental Samurai." TVPG

## WEDNESDAY

## 7:00pm

MAX Darkest Hour ★★★ (2017, Drama) Gary Oldman, Kristin Scott Thomas. With the impending fall of France, the destiny of Western Europe depends on the leadership of newly appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. PG-13 (HD)

9:00pm NBC Chicago P.D. "Night In Chicago" When Atwater sets out undercover to pursue the longtime head of a criminal enterprise, he finds himself involved in a situation where he is challenged. TV14 (HD)



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## Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Rob Betts' sermon Sunday was the conclusion of his series on "Being Transformed," referencing scripture from Romans.

The message shared that "when we accept Christ's offer of salvation, our

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## First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, March 31, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "Mourning That Brings Comfort." Scripture was from Matthew.

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, April 8. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4 p.m. The menu will feature a ground beef noodle bake.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned at the church on Thursday, April 11.

The blood drive is scheduled from noon until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Appointments to be a donor can be made by calling 1-800-733-2767.

hearts are transformed. We need to renew our minds also; Proverbs reminds us that we are a product of what we think.

"To transform our mind, we need to 'wash' it daily through the Word of God. Satan tries to convince us we are 'too busy' to spend time in Biblical study and meditation.

"Satan can't take away

## Ham bingo planned at Cobden church

Ham bingo games are scheduled Wednesday, April 10, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

The games will be played in the church's parish hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. Twenty-five games will be played, starting at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$5 per card to play for a chance to win an Easter ham. Light refreshments will be served during an intermission in the games.

The Cobden church has for a number of years sponsored turkey bingo games during the Thanksgiving season.

our salvation, but he tries to take away our witness by trying to divert our focus from God to the world. The closer we get to God the better witness we can be."

Just prior to the sermon, Rev. and Mrs. Betts sang "How Great is Our God."

Rodney Miller and Tony Gerard gave the Lenten readings before extinguishing the fourth candle on the Lenten wreath of thorns.

Receiving the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

Rodney Miller is Camp Ground church's lead elder for the month of April.

Celebrating birthdays the past couple of weeks have been Jeff Roach on the 19th and Travis Rogers the 22nd.

Mark and Michaela Boaz celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on March 19.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

**News from** 

## Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Talking with children

March 31 was the fourth Sunday in Lent. Because it was a fifth Sunday in the month, the service was combined with Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. A potluck meal for both congregations followed the service.

In the children's sermon, Ms. Paula placed a piece of blue tape, which represented sin, on each child's hand and talked about how "sin separates us from God. Because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven." At this time, each child took the blue tape off of his/her hand and reflected that the sin was gone.

The main sermon focused about the prodigal son parable from the Bible. Pastor Mark compared the father of the prodigal son to Jesus.

The message shared that "because the son had squandered all his money and came back begging for forgiveness, not even expecting to be a son, but wanted only to work as a laborer on his father's land, his father was so overwhelmed with love and forgiveness that he threw a party to welcome his son back home. God's love for His children is like that: it is far greater than our sin. God is always ready to forgive us, if we

Prayers for healing were offered for Sarah Sims, Karen Toler, Ann West, Charlotte Fear, Tasha Faire, Bill Heisner, Craig Bass, David Wright, Lisa Gammons, Virginia Housman, Clark Newton, Randy Bridges, Marlee Smith and the people of Mozambique.

#### Gospel singing set

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, April 6, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. Heart to Heart from Branson, Mo., and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

Ms. Paula explained to the children what sin is

and how God forgives everyone. Photo provided.

Welcome back

Everyone was happy to see Gladys Freeze, right, back in church on Sunday. She got a hug from Mary Jane Edmonds. Photo provided.

Prayers were also said for those grieving for Stacey Cobb, Brenda Stokes and Sue Mowery.

Adult Bible study at Mt. Moriah for both churches is planned at 7 p.m. on April 9 and April 23.

This week's Lenten service was scheduled at Mt. Moriah. Next week the service is planned at Salem.

The men planned to meet Monday, April 1, for a night out in Marion.

The Hands of Faith plan to meet April 9 at 9 a.m. Besides making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, they have been asked to make weighted autisserved by DCFS. This type of blanket is comforting to the child. The Mt. Moriah men

tic blankets for children

plan to serve breakfast on Easter Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. A worship service will follow at 9 a.m.

A prayer vigil is scheduled to begin following the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 18 and will continue until noon on Good Friday, April 19.

Women/Men of the ELCA plan to gather on April 28 at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale at 2:30 p.m. The cost is a \$5 donation for the

# Cobden Junior-Senior High School names third quarter honor students

Cobden Junior-Senior Clover, Antonio Fabian, High School announces third quarter honor roll students.

#### **Cobden High School High Honor Roll**

Olivia Brumleve, Jade Caraker, Tristan Cavaness, Makenzie Howell, Caleb Kilpatrick, Callie McGee, Leslie Morales, Abigail Remsey.

Molly Smith, Hannah Stillman, Avigail Amezquita-Anaya, Lucero Carmona, Brianna Eads, Aubrey Fisher, Noah Franklin, Andrew Hawkins.

Kennedie Marks, Lillian Mason, Alyssa Penrod, Kate Staley, Anthony Stanczak-Rajcok, Emily White, Tania Zamora, Joseph Brumleve.

Santiago Carmona, Adriana Cocom, Jamison Cowart, Jessilyn Estel, Victoria Fuhrhop, Christian Goins, Greta Grimmer, Jacob Hankins.

Jenna Hartline, Amanda Hawk, Megan Hinkle, Jennifer Juarez, Brennan Kinsey, Dylan Lewey, Cruz Lopez, Lauren Lyerla, George Remsey.

Hayphin Sargent, Olivia Schroeder, Morgan Bass, Alexandria Benefield, Harleigh Braden, Tori Brummer, Madison Bundren, Bravden Clark.

Jordyn Keith, Alejandra Lopez, Evelyn Martinez, Katherine Mason, Lexi Miller, Dalton Nance, Jacquelynn Potter, Amanda Smith, Guadalupe Zamora.

**Honor Roll** 

Tristan Brummer, Brock

Cooper Flamm, Johnathan Fuhrhop, Maria Hernandez, Lillian Hofmeister, Amon Ingold, Giselle Mar-

Madison Pitts, Katelyn Shadowens, Halle Short, Victoria Bittle, Lilia Carmona, Mary Jane Cavaness, Carlie Clausen.

John Eck, Reuben Hawkins, Gage Lingle, Angel Olvera-Amezquita, Selena Rafael, Elsie Robles, Lynsey Timmons, Luis Villalva, Sipriano Zamora.

Ryan Barr, Landon Britt, Clayton Camden, Katherine Eck, Clayton Flamm, Bobbi Hartline, Ryan Meade, Carlos Morales Amezquita, Andrea Olvera Amezquita.

Evan Pardee, Jose Rafael, Grace Rhodes, Madeline Shoemate, Lauren Sweitzer, Jocelyn Trevino, Aidan Tunison, Bayden Ditterline.

Alexia Duran, Noah Evans, Noah Godinez, Gunnar Groves, Carla Guerrero-Rivera, Jacqueline Guzman, Rosendo Martinez, Layryn Mitchell.

Zachary Pearl, Megan Rhodes, Lacey Rushing, Emma Staley, Noah Walker, Chandler West, Dakota Wieseman.

#### Cobden Junior High **School**

## **High Honor Roll**

Garrett Basler, Dustin Fisher, Brianna Flick, Serenity Graham, Lillian Hawkins, Chauncy Hilliard, Mackenzie Jackson, Eden Kaszubski, Omar

Martinez,

Kohen Moore, Madison Moreland, Emma Roberts, Ramsie Sauerbrunn, Zitlalli Tomas, Lindsey Windings, Kaylie Adams.

Tess Brummer, Lily Deschamps, Dora Funes, Jada Furlow, Kaylee Hall, Agent Inman, Emma Kilpatrick, Alejandro Zamora, Braden Bundren.

Karleigh Ellis, Gracelynn Fisher, Tyler Franklin, Aubrie Gibbons, Leah Goins, Erickson Grimmer, Kirstin Guardian, Makenzie Hilliard, Wendy Olvera-Amezquita, Rhylee Sauerbrunn, Nicholas Sutliff.

## **Honor Roll**

Sophie Barnhart, Randy Calderon, Evelyn Campbell, Fredy Guerrero-Rivera, Destiny Hickam, Maria Martinez, Benson Poirier, Jackson Rendleman, Camden Smith, Michael Tomas.

Kylie Baker-Hale, Nicole Basler, Steven Brown, Jack Eagle, Morgan Fred, Eric Guijon, Mitchell Howell, Samuel Ingold, Jett Kuhn, Vanessa Rafael, Isaac Reiman.

Yanet Romero Hernandez, Anna Staley, Grace White, Jace Wyatt, Allison Benefield, Noah Bible, Drake Campbell, Jesse Carmona.

Cresli Carrillo, Mirranda Eads, Noah Fry, Azalea Horton, Gustavo Juarez, Sophia Lingle, Emma Phillippe, Xachary Roberts, Calley Sargent, Dawson Short, Jake Tally, Jesus Zamora.

## **SNAP** benefits to be issued early for April

April 10.

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, has announced that April Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, benefits will be issued early to some Illinois customers.

April SNAP benefits were to be loaded automatically on customers' Link cards starting April 1 and continuing through

SNAP recipients who typically receive their benefits between April 1 and April 10 will receive their benefits according to their regular schedule.

SNAP recipients who typically receives their benefits after the 10th of the month, will receive their April benefits on April 10.

May benefits will return to the regular schedule.

State officials said the change was the result of the federal government shutdown earlier this year.

SNAP is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, and distributed through IDHS in Illinois.

## Gravemarkers topic of program at wetlands center

"A Shape in Time and Space: Gravemarkers" is the title of a program which is planned Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

The program will be presented by retired archaeologist Michael Mc-Nerney.

McNerney has published a book which is titled "A Shape in Time and Space: The Migration of the Necked Discoid Gravemarker - The Illinois Sample."

His program will concentrate on the recorded 41 cemeteries and 81 markers in 12 counties in Southern

Illinois. Copies of the book will be available. A book signing will be part of the program.



Cloudy sunset

Clouds covered the sky when the sun was setting on Thursday evening, March 28. The image was captured in Anna.

# Opinion and Commentary

## Call to action

Following the recent deaths of two Illinois State Police Troopers, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has issued a call to action:

"I am issuing a call to action to motorists throughout Illinois: Stop driving while distracted. Stop texting while driving. Stop driving while impaired.

"Please protect those who protect us by moving over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle.

"I grieve for those officers who lost their lives while protecting us, and I grieve for their family members."

**Commentary** 

# Capitalism, regulations, protecting public welfare

By John Reppert

I am sure that most of you have read recently about the dramatic failure of two new Boeing 737 aircraft, resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives.

While the 737 case is still being resolved, the more basic question we should all consider is the relationships developed between industries and big business and the federal agencies charged with overseeing and regulating them and protecting public welfare.

I begin with the assumption that the vast majority of American businesses are honest, but they are simultaneously charged with minimizing costs and optimizing profits. It does not require great imagination to see how this can lead to conflicting loyalties. Capitalism is America's preferred way of doing business, but not necessarily the easiest.

While there is often a temptation to complain about government interference in the commercial world, my experience has been that it is most often for our welfare, even though we may consider it to be interference.

Each parent and every teacher has a daily responsibility to insure that young people grow up in an environment that sustains and promotes the values and the economic system of capitalism that has helped America become the most successful economic system on Earth, which has granted us levels of prosperity unknown in almost any other nation.

At the same time, they should point out that the variety of federal agencies that promote safety are equally important to our well-being. The safety of our food supply has improved dramatically. Safety devices that have been required for our automobiles have saved countless serious injuries and prevented many deaths.

Of course we must keep the government role and that of private enterprise in balance, but the kind of tragedies that brought down the two Boeing aircraft should not be occurring in a highly developed society like our own. I remember as a youth objecting to being required to wear a seatbelt in my car. I cannot as an adult imagine why I would drive without wearing one.

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# A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, April 3, 1969

The 33rd Annual Easter Sunrise Service atop Bald Knob Mountain, near Alto Pass, will be held from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 6. Speaker for the event will be Dr. Frederick A. Roblee, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Council of Churches.

The Community Good Friday Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Anna on Friday, April 4, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Most business places in Anna and Jonesboro will close from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. this Friday in order that everyone who wishes may attend the Good Friday Services which will be held from noon until 3:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Anna.

The fourth Easter Vesper Service will be held at Kornthal Church Sunday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m.

Community Good Friday services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, starting at 1:30.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be held Saturday, April 5, at the Anna City Park starting at 1:00 p.m.

Typical March weather has been the order of the day this past week, windy and mild most of the time. The low of 22 degrees which was recorded Monday did no damage to the fruit.

Typical March weather has been the order of the Union County.

Twenty-six members and guests of the Union County Health Improvement Association met for their Annual Meeting Monday evening, March 24, with a dinner at Flamm's Cafe in Cobden.

From the Barringer news: Well, March came in like a

lamb and went out like a lion.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



This image was captured from a vantage point which was about as close to the Mississippi River as the photographer dared to stand.

# Visit to Father of Waters still awe-inspiring

No matter how many pilgrimages we make to see it, the Mississippi River remains awe-inspiring.

One day last week, your writer had to make a road trip to Cape Girardeau, over in the Show Me State, for an adventure in the health care system. All went well. Actually, the doc said all was "great."

Since yours truly had to be in the vicinity of the Mighty Mississippi River, I decided to make what turned out to be an up-close visit with the Father of Waters, which, yet again, is flooding.

This is not an unusual situation, but it sure seems like the Mississippi (and the other rivers in our little corner of the world) are flooding more often.

I got my first look at the river while heading west, from Illinois into Missouri. After the adventure in the health care system, I headed down to the river front. I found a parking place and made my way, somewhat ungracefully, since there was a fairly steep bank to negotiate.

I made my way down to the river, and got as close as I could get without actually getting my feet wet. Wise words spoken by The Other Half filtered through my simple little mind at the time: Please don't fall in.

At the time of my visit, the sun was shining brightly in a bright blue sky. Such a sunny outlook was countered by the brown, rapidly moving water in the river.

I've seen the Mississippi River in flood stage many, many times, dating back to the early 1970s. As I noted earlier, the sight still inspires awe.

The flooding river is so powerful. As I stood along the river front, and watched the water move quickly south, the power which was being unleashed by the forces of nature was almost frightening.

A different kind of power also was part of my visit to the river front. This power was man-made, in the form of a towboat which was making its way north on the Mississippi. I find it pretty amazing to ponder the kind of energy which allowed the river vessel to push itself forward against the awesome forces of the river's current.

After I got back to The Paragraph Factory, I decided to do a bit of a "refresher course" on the story of the Mississippi River. A quick Google search led me to the website for the section of the Great River Road which runs through the State of Minnesota. (Yes, I know, I could have continued searching and found information about the Great River Road in Illinois. Oh, well...)

The Great River Road, as you no doubt already know, is a highway along the Mississippi River, which runs through 10 states, from Minnesota to Louisiana. Part of the Great River Road can be traveled along Illinois Route 3 right here in Union County.

Some of the information which was posted on website is probably "old hat":

The Mississippi River "is the centerpiece of the second largest watershed in the world, covering over 1.2 million square miles, and including tributary rivers from 33 states and two Canadian provinces."

Cape Girardeau river front.

"It begins as a tiny brook in Minnesota's northwoods, and 2,350 miles downstream empties in the Gulf of Mexico."

"The Mississippi is, and always has been a working river. An average of 175 million tons of freight are shipped each year on the Upper Mississippi."

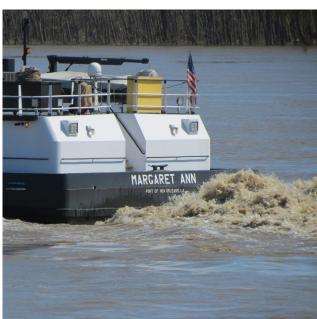
(1.2 million miles. 2,350 miles. 175 million tons of freight. Those are some mighty powerful numbers.)

"The Ojibway Indians of northern Minnesota called it 'Messipi' or 'Big River,' and it was also known as the 'Mee-zee-see-bee' or the 'Father of Waters.'"

"The Mississippi River basin was formed by glaciers, moving and melting millions of years ago, which left in their wake sometimes miles-wide floodplains, that still fill up occasionally, covering towns, roads, farms, and everything else that might stand in the way of its mighty waters."

And that brings us back to March and April of 2019. Once again, the mighty waters of the Father of Waters are on the rise. At such times, it's worth thinking about the words of a rather famous fellow who had just a little bit of experience on the river: "The Mississippi River will always have its own way; no engineering skill can persuade it to do otherwise..." The words are those of Mark Twain.

(For the record: the information and quotes about the Mississippi River were posted online at www.mnmississippiriver.com/great-river-road.cfm. The words uttered by that Mark Twain fellow were posted online at www.twainquotes.com/Mississippi.html.)



Muddy brown water churned as the towboat Margaret Ann (Port of New Orleans, La.) made its way north on the Mississippi.



The towboat Margaret Ann passes under the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge. The picture was taken on the

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