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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.**

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

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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.

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April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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## 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 prevention.

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-

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 stronger when all citizens

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

"Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families,

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

The proclamation also urged all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses to work to increase their

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.

Moderate flooding was

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 falling.

**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 continue rising to near 41.0

feet by Thursday evening, today, and then begin falling.

**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 Park.

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.





# 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,

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, including:

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.

## Screenings, registration scheduled

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

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 0-5.

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

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.



## 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 campaign was started in 2009 by the board of directors of 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

necessary to completely and totally restore the Bald Knob Cross structure, which was rededicated in 2012.

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

That is the idea behind

the One for the Cross campaign: \$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-

iting the cross much easier, 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](http://www.baldknobcross.com).

## 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. Monday.

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
Tuesday, March 26	55	31
Wednesday, March 27	62	26
Thursday, March 28	74	41
Friday, March 29	63	54
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

was 10, which was recorded on March 4. The average low was 32.

Precipitation for the month totalled 4.68 inches. The most rain in a 24-hour period was 2.43 inches, recorded on March 9.

March's weather also featured .10 of an inch of snow, which was recorded on March 3.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of March, totalled 17.71 inches.

## Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to have a guided hike on Saturday, April 6. The hike is free and open to the public.

The hike is planned at Kinkaid Lake in Jackson County.

Hikers plan to meet at 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.

## 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 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 Vienna.

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.

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# Sports

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

The Anna-Jonesboro 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 the Lady Wildcats were 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 4x200-meter relay team of Brayden Fitzger-

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-meter 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 high jump was recorded by 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 finish.

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

The Cobden High School 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 Ramsey 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. Franklin 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-

4 with a double. Ramsey 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 strikeouts.

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 Monday at home against Meridian.

## Cobden softball team scores win over Egyptian

The Cobden High School softball team was 1-2 in action last week.

**Steeleville 8, Cobden 0:** The host Appleknockers were held to one hit in the loss Wednesday, March 27.

Mackenzie Howell was 1-for-3 for Cobden's only hit.

Lexi Miller was the losing pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with 3 walks and a strikeout.

**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 win Tuesday, March 26.

Britt had a double, home run and 2 RBIs. Sweitzer had a home run and 2 RBIs.

Miller was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Howell was 2-for-3. Megan Rhodes

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

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

**A-J 7, Plano 5:** Tobie 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.

**Goreville 22, A-J 11:**

was 1-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs. Emily White was 1-for-3 with 4 RBIs.

Miller was the winning pitcher with a four-hitter to go with 2 walks and 7 strikeouts.

**A-J 15, Cobden 4:** Britt was 2-for-3 to lead the visiting Appleknockers at the plate in the loss Monday, March 25.

Rhodes was 1-for-2 with a triple and an RBI. Howell was 1-for-2 with a triple. Katelyn Shadowens was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Sweitzer was 1-for-3 with a double.

Miller was the losing pitcher, scattering 7 hits to go with 8 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden, 3-6, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Woodlawn.

Treece and Seip were each 3-for-4 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss Wednesday, March 27.

Julia Ellis, Mays and Petey 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 to play Thursday, today, at home against Pinckneyville.

## Wildcats baseball team 1-3 in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro 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

hit to go with a walk and 5 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 1-for-4.

Reynolds, Nick McGrath, 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.







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JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**Home Point Financial  
Corporation  
Plaintiff,  
vs.**

**Aurelio Hernandez aka  
Aurelio L. Hernandez;  
Mary Hernandez aka Mary  
M. Lee aka  
Mary M. Johnson; Un-  
known 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:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 155, PAGE 296 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF TIMOTHY W. AND KENDALL A WALLER, DATED MARCH 12, 1998. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE N89°53'53"W 629.87 FEET 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 DISTANCE (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 OF 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-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S89°53'53"E 378.85 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 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 SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW PARCEL 'B' ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED .NOVEMBER 18, 2016 AND RECORDED

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

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 WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(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 PURCHASER OF THE PROPERTY, OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS AND LEGAL 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 ILLINOIS 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, Attorney

Michael R. Howell  
Attorney for the Estate  
1101 North Market Street  
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Sparta, Illinois 62286  
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**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.  
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**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

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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 Carbondale.

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 a whole.

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-

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 two-thirds (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 Increase

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.”

## One person sustains fatal injuries in traffic accident

One person sustained fatal injuries as the result of a 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.

State police reported that the car was traveling east

on Ebenezer Church Road. The car left the road and 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. An investigation of the accident continues.

## Dongola man indicted

Union County State’s 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-

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.



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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 follow.

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.

## Lick Creek School hosts Grandparents' Day

Lick Creek School District 16 held its 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

Anna Junior High School/Davie School announces third quarter honor roll students.

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

Sophia Lin, Natasha Martin, Mariel McGrath, Jake Menees, Madison Moore, Layne Murray, Foster Needling, Ethan Plott, Raelynn 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.

Anastazia Kerr, William

Lessar, Danica Morgan, Tanner Powell, Aalilyah Prater, Ally Simmons, Ava Tweedy, Ricky Tweedy, Bryan Wright.

**6th grade, high honor roll:** Halsey Alonso-Aragon, Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Mia DeHarpert, Brooklyn Eastman, Rylan Frazier, Trevor Goins, Cash Hodges.

Kayce Isaacs, Kaitlyn Matuszewich, Kayla Matuszewich, Drew Sadler, Zoee Sadler, Raegan Sanders, Tess Wilkins, Anthony Wiseman, Ruby Yates.

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

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

Brunner, Payton Brust, Lakelyn Carter, Eric Chen, Riley Cruse, Tyler Cunningham, Adriel Del Rosario.

Drake Hartline, Zach Henry, Angel Hernandez, Ben Keller, Alexander Meier, Alayna Menees, Josslin Needling, Victoria Perez, Jady 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, Alesha Wright, Megan Wright.

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

## 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.

Marvin Henderson Jr., Lindsey Hill, Sophia Loomis, Caleb Mays, Charlotte Nimmo-Swartzell, Caden Shelton, Skylar Webb.

## Screening set at Jonesboro

Jonesboro Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten screening for Thursday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment, parents can call Jenny or Cathy in the main office at 833-5148.

School officials note that in addition to their children, parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate.

Each child's academic readiness skills will be checked along with hearing and vision screening.

## "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 Bible is way too complicated for you to understand. It has all those big names, like Nebuchadnezzar (II Kings 24:1) and Mahershalhashbaz (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 the 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

## Union County Hospital District Auxiliary welcomes applications for scholarship

The Union County Hospital 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-

credited college or university.

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.

## 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.

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.




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Section B

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

Disposal of medical waste 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 years.

"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.

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

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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 centers.

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, Bost said.

## 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 Uribe.



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 scam.

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

charges back in December 2018.

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-

ern District of Illinois in 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 Saturday 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 be found on the Southern Illinois Earth Science Club's website at [www.siesclub.org](http://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-

ship. 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 Harvett, 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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Jeremiah	John	John	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke
42:1-22	11:1-27	11:28-57	14:1-14	14:15-35	15:1-10	15:11-32

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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 Little Mermaid Musical at 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 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

dinner after church.

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 Corbit.

## 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



Pete Housman of the Anna-Jo Garden Club did a presentation on the principles of flower design for the district meeting in Benton.

attended. Pete Housman from the Anna-Jo Garden Club, was the guest speaker.

## Branson Trip

Peggy Rains enjoyed a trip to Branson, Mo., with her family.

## AARP

Linda Clutts, president of Carbondale AARP, hosted a meeting at Carbondale Senior Center.

Guest speaker was the mayor of Carbondale Mike Henry. Other guests were the managers of the new Freddy's Steakhouses 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 enjoyed by everyone there.

## Trip

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 Japonica bush. Then they went to Sikeston, and to the watermelon capital of the world Blodgett, Mo., then to Cape Girardeau for a late lunch.

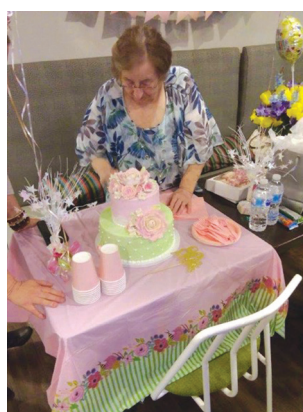
## Birthday Celebrations

Willie and Terrie Rhymer spent their birthday weekend March 22-24 in Nashville, Tenn.

They were planning on going to the flea market



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 anniversary because Speedy had a broken leg, so they were very happy they got to celebrate this year.



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 table and benches made from recycled bottle caps.



Three state officers attended the GFWC 25th Woman's Club Convention in Eldorado: Helen Crause, state membership VP Southern Region, state president Shelli R. Fehr, Teresa Samford-Shipplett, state dean of chairman.



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 at Mayberry Music Store.



Congratulations to Earl Miller, winner of the Washburn guitar at Mayberry Music Store.



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 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

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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.



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 sponsoring and supporting

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 than 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 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.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM to 11 PM.

## APRIL 4, 2019

## THURSDAY

Table with 3 columns: Time, Network, Show. Rows for 7:00pm TBS Seinfeld and HBO Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again!

## FRIDAY

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## APRIL 5, 2019

## FRIDAY

Table with 3 columns: Time, Network, Show. Rows for 7:00pm HBO The Meg and 10:35pm ABC Jimmy Kimmel Live

## SATURDAY

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## APRIL 6, 2019

## SATURDAY

Table with 3 columns: Time, Network, Show. Rows for 7:00pm MAX Murder on the Orient Express, 8:00pm SHOW The Dark Tower, and 8:45pm HBO Veep

## SUNDAY

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## APRIL 7, 2019

## SUNDAY

Table with 3 columns: Time, Network, Show. Rows for 7:00pm CBS The 54th Academy of Country Music Awards, 8:00pm MAX Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, and 8:45pm HBO Veep

## MONDAY

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## APRIL 8, 2019

## MONDAY

Table with 3 columns: Time, Network, Show. Rows for 7:00pm HBO Blockers, 8:45pm HBO Veep, and 9:00pm FOX Mental Samurai

## TUESDAY

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## APRIL 9, 2019

## TUESDAY

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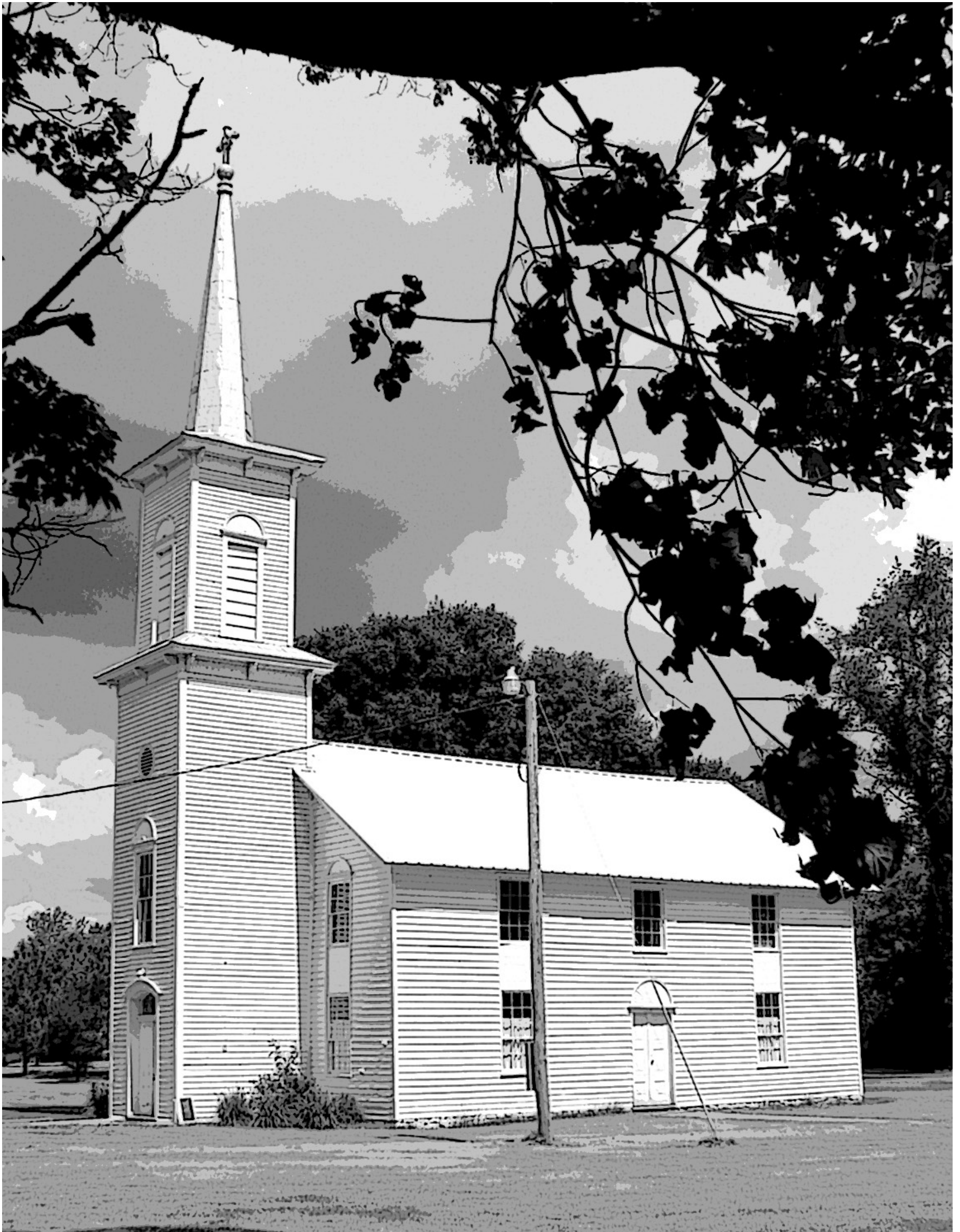
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## APRIL 10, 2019

## WEDNESDAY

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## News from

**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

## News from

**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.

**Cobden Junior-Senior High School names third quarter honor students**

Cobden Junior-Senior 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 Ramsey.

Molly Smith, Hannah Stillman, Avigail Amezcuita-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 Ramsey.

Hayphin Sargent, Olivia Schroeder, Morgan Bass, Alexandria Benefield, Harleigh Braden, Tori Brummer, Madison Bundren, Brayden Clark.

Jordyn Keith, Alejandra Lopez, Evelyn Martinez, Katherine Mason, Lexi Miller, Dalton Nance, Jacquelynn Potter, Amanda Smith, Guadalupe Zamora.

**Honor Roll**

Tristan Brummer, Brock

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.

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, Grace Lynn 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 Philippe, Xachary Roberts, Calley Sargent, Dawson Short, Jake Tally, Jesus Zamora.

## News from

**Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna**

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 ask."

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.

**SNAP benefits to be issued early for April**

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

**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

**Talking with children**

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 autis-

tic blankets for children served by DCFS. This type of blanket is comforting to the child.

The Mt. Moriah men 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 meal.

April 10.

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 receive 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.

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.

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.

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## 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."

"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](http://www.mnmississippiriver.com/great-river-road.cfm). The words uttered by that Mark Twain fellow were posted online at [www.twainquotes.com/Mississippi.html](http://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 Cape Girardeau river front.