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News Notes

Congratulations to all of Union County's 2019 high school graduates and their families.

DARE graduation ceremonies are underway this week at Jonesboro, Lick Creek and Dongola schools.

A Memorial Day service is set for 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Cobden Cemetery.

May 18 is Armed Forces Day.

A summer reading program once again is planned at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. A registration kickoff party is planned Friday afternoon, May 31, at the library. "A Universe of Stories" will be the theme for the 2019 program.

More than 250 people attended Shawnee Community College's annual scholarship gala on May 4. The gala raised approximately \$32,000 for student scholarships.

The Illinois Department of Transportation reported that the rest area along Interstate 57 north in Union County was scheduled to be closed Monday and Tuesday, May 13-14. Ramp pavement repairs were planned.

Work continues on the replacement of aging bridges on county roads.

An Alto Pass all-school reunion is planned Saturday, May 25. Activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A veterans memorial service is planned at 1 p.m.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans plan to conduct a flag retirement ceremony on June 8. The ceremony is set for 5 p.m. at Dutch Ridge Church, which is north of Alto Pass.

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning a summer book sale. The sale is scheduled June 7-9 at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Donations of books for the sale are welcomed.

Veterans, fallen comrades monument dedicated

A dedication ceremony was conducted last Saturday morning for a monument in downtown Anna which honors veterans and fallen comrades.

The ceremony was hosted by the American Legion's Townsend F. Dodd Post No. 344 of Anna.

Improvements, Key Addition

In January, the Anna American Legion post highlighted improvements and a key addition that had been made at the veterans and fallen comrades memorial which stands in the heart of downtown Anna.

The memorial is located near the four-way stop intersection in the Union County community.

The project was spearheaded by the Anna American Legion Post No. 344. Homer Hawk is the commander of the post.

The monument now features a fallen soldier statue. The statue stands atop the memorial.

The Anna American Legion post has voiced its appreciation and thanks to all of those who have helped to support the project, through contributions, donations or by providing volunteer labor.

The American Legion noted that the original mon-

ument was erected in 1995 "through the combined, tireless efforts of Mr. Merle Boswell and many other proud patriotic supporters."

Now, with the help of many in the community, the memorial "will stand for many years to come."

Dedication Ceremony

Last Saturday morning's dedication ceremony at the monument was held on a cool spring morning. Light drizzle was falling at the time. Even though the weather was cool and damp, a large number of people were on hand.

The program for the ceremony opened with a prayer by Phil Ray, VA advisory board chaplain.

The National Anthem

was sung by Anna-Jonesboro Community High School concert choir members, directed by Renee McLain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Hunter.

A welcome was given by Homer Hawk, commander of the Anna American Legion post.

Comments were shared by Anna Mayor Steve Hartline and Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford.

Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker at the ceremony was Brig. Gen. James E. Bonner. Bonner is a native of Anna.

Bonner assumed command of the 20th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives, (continued on page 2)



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Graduation ceremonies scheduled

High school commencement ceremonies, including one landmark event, are planned this week at Union County's four public high schools.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School: Graduation is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

This spring's commencement at A-JCHS marks 100 years since the first graduation ceremony was held at the Union County school in 1919.

The A-JCHS ceremony will be live-streamed by Tiffany Dillow.

Cobden High School: Graduation is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 17.

Dongola High School: Graduation is set for 6 p.m. Friday, May 17.

Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake: Graduation is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 17.

Weather

1.05 inches of rain

The Union County area received another 1.05 inches of rain during the period of May 7-13.

Precipitation during the period included .11 of an inch May 8, .61 of an inch May 9, .01 of an inch May 10, .30 of an inch May 11, .01 of an inch May 12 and .01 of an inch May 13.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 85 degrees to a low of 44.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 7	82	54
Wednesday, May 8	85	60
Thursday, May 9	75	58
Friday, May 10	61	51
Saturday, May 11	55	51
Sunday, May 12	60	47
Monday, May 13	64	44

Rivers falling, flood warnings continue

Water levels on area rivers continued to slowly fall during the past week.

Even as river levels were falling, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that flood warnings continued until further notice for some locations on the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Flooding has been occurring on the region's rivers for many weeks.

The weather service's

forecast was calling for the possibility of thunderstorms on Wednesday, May 15. More rain is possible this coming Saturday through Monday.

The weather service office posted the following flood updates on its website:

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

A flood warning remains in effect until further notice.

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, the river's stage was at 42.7 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The weather service reported that major flooding was occurring.

At Cape Girardeau, the river was forecast to fall into moderate flood stage on Wednesday, May 15.

Mississippi River at Thebes

A flood warning remains in effect until Thursday, May 23.

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 40.9 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

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ing was in the forecast.

The forecast also was calling for the river to continue to fall.

Big Muddy River near Murphysboro

A flood warning remains in effect until further notice.

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 28.6 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

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The forecast also called for the river to continue to fall.



Water on Old Cape Road

Water was covering parts of Old Cape Road near Clear Creek and the Reynoldsville community last Saturday. At the time the photograph was taken on Saturday morning, rain once again was falling on the area. The road often is under water when flooding occurs in the region. For some people in the area, a boat becomes a necessary form of transportation when flooding occurs.



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Multiplier assigned

Union County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 0.9852, the Illinois Department of Revenue reports.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier,” is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

This equalization is seen as particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts, such as school districts, junior college districts and fire protection districts, overlap into two or more counties.

If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third of its market value.

Farm property is assessed differently, with farm home sites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Union County are at 33.83 percent of market value, based on

sales of properties in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2018 taxes, payable in 2019. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in February was 0.9852.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be 1.

If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than 1.

And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than 1.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease.

Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens.

If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume.

That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department’s monthly activity report for April.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 21. Misdemeanor arrests, 16. Traffic arrests, 50. Warrant arrests, 18. Total arrests, 105.

Cases opened, 35. Drug investigations, eight. Crash reports, 12. 911 calls received, 1,297. Miles patrolled, 15,583.

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Veterans, fallen comrades monument

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CBRNE, Command on July 19, 2017, at a ceremony on McBride Parade Field, Aberdeen Proving Ground-Edgewood Area, in Maryland.

Bonner is the seventh commander of the U.S. Army 20th CBRNE Command.

As the commander of the Army’s and the Department of Defense’s sole CBRNE organization, he is responsible for the manning, equipping and training of more than 4,000 soldiers and civilians assigned across two explosive ordnance disposal groups, one chemical brigade, and a CBRNE analytical and remediation activity.

The Anna native received a Regular Army commission in May 1988 as a distinguished military graduate from Southern Illinois University.

His military education includes the chemical officer’s basic and advanced courses, basic airborne school, ranger school, jumpmaster school, pathfinder school, the United States Command and General Staff College, CGSC, and the U.S. Naval War College.

He holds master’s degrees in both administration from Central Michigan University and national security and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College.

Bonner has served in chemical officer positions at all levels from the tactical to the strategic level to include both command and staff positions.

He also served in a wide variety of units including assignments within the 75th Ranger Regiment, the Joint Special Operations Command, JSOC, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI.

Previous General Officer assignments include Headquarters, Department of the Army, HQDA, G8, director of Materiel and Chief Full Dimension Protection Division, and the 29th Chief of Chemical/Commandant, United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, United States Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

His combat experience includes a deployment to Panama with 1/75 Ranger Regiment as part of Task Force Red-Tango, when he participated in the night parachute assault and seizure of Torrijos-Tocumen Airfields during Operation Just Cause.

As the commander for 23rd Chemical Battalion, he deployed in support of CJTF-76 to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom 06-08.

He was also selected to redeploy back to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom in order to assist with the establishment of the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command where he served as the executive officer for the deputy chief of staff for joint operations.

Bonner is married to the former Debra Hawk of Anna. They have two daughters: Lauren, who is married to Army Capt.

Chris Herold, and Alison, a law student in Charleston, South Carolina.

During his keynote address at Saturday’s ceremony, Bonner voiced appreciation for having an opportunity to be back in the Anna-Jonesboro area.

He said the ceremony served as an opportunity to honor all of those who have fallen in service to the country. Bonner recognized all of the veterans who were in attendance.

He praised work done by the American Legion post, which he said shows “a level of excellence” and a “commitment to community service.”

Bonner noted that on Friday, during a ceremony at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, he had commissioned 18 cadets as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force.

Bonner said that when he talked with the new officers, he discussed “the importance of service to our country.”

“I believe choosing to serve something far greater than yourselves is what makes our country so great and is the foundation for our democracy.

“The American Legion is the nation’s largest veterans organization and is full of individuals committed to serving something larger than themselves.”

“This memorial serves as a reminder of the service and sacrifices of our military members,” he said.

Saturday’s ceremony closed with a prayer by Phil Ray.

Plaque Presented

During the ceremony, Ray presented a plaque from Anna American Legion Post No. 344 to Hawk.

The plaque was presented to Hawk in appreciation for his “years of outstanding leadership.”

The plaque declared that Hawk’s vision and dedication made the restoration of the veterans monument in Anna “a reality and a fitting tribute to honor those men and women who have served our nation.”

Hawk himself made note of the work which was done for the monument by the late Jim Clary.

Contributors Recognized

The printed program for Saturday’s ceremony recognized the following contributors who supported the project:

Bill Bass Farm. City of Anna. City of Jonesboro. Concrete Solutions, Anna. Crain Funeral Homes. Homer Hawk, commander, American Legion Post No. 344. Jim Clary. Longshadow Planters and Garden Ornaments. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes. Townsend F. Dodd Post 344 of the American Legion and the post’s Ladies Auxiliary.

Legion offers free membership

The American Legion is offering free, first-year membership for new members.

Information is available by contacting Homer Hawk at 833-8193 or Phil Ray at 534-1261.



National Anthem sung
Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School concert choir sang the National Anthem. They were directed by Renee McLain.



Plaque presented
Phil Ray, left, presented a plaque of appreciation to Homer Hawk during Saturday morning’s ceremony.

Young people can audition for roles in SIU musical

The McLeod Summer Playhouse is offering an opportunity for young performers to audition for the upcoming musical “Gypsy.”

On May 23-25, Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s professional theater company plans to have special auditions for area children to fill the featured roles of “Baby June’s Newsboys” in the musical.

Young actors who can play boys ages 10-12 are welcomed to audition.

Auditions are scheduled on the SIU campus at Altgeld Hall in room 116.

Audition slots are by appointment only. Performers must sing and dance well. All children who plan to audition must live or have housing with an approved guardian in the Southern Il-

linois area during the times of rehearsals and must have transportation to and from the rehearsal spaces in Carbondale.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to become familiar with the play and the roles.

Auditions are specifically for the upcoming

production of “Gypsy” this summer. Performances are set for July 12-14 and July 19-21.

Information about scheduling an audition, and about the musical, is available by contacting McLeod Summer Playhouse at 618-453-5741 or email mcleodsummerplayhouse@gmail.com.



Sheriff’s office employee honored
Mike Dammerman, left, has retired after more than 25 years of service with the Union County Sheriff’s Office. A retirement luncheon was held in Dammerman’s honor on April 24 to honor his retirement and his service to Union County. Family, friends and coworkers attended the luncheon. Dammerman began his employment with the sheriff’s office as a telecommunicator/correctional officer in October 1993. He retired on May 1. “I want to thank Mike for his years of service to Union County and wish him well during his retirement,” Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, right, said. Photo provided.

To All Our Courageous Heroes

A heartfelt thank you to all the firemen who came the night of May 6, 2018 to save our home. Also, a very big thank you to the dispatcher and the Fire Chaplain, Bob Richardson, who did his best to assure us things would be okay.

I apologize for taking so long to thank you all, but after the fire, we had several friends die and also our son-in-law. All of that was hard to deal with. Every day we are thankful to still have our home due to your bravery and courage. It was really scary and dangerous.

I want you to know how very much my husband, Larry, and my family and I appreciate all you did. We'll never forget your brave and selfless actions. We had fire crews from Anna, Jonesboro and Cobden within 15 minutes. We will never be able to thank you enough or repay you.

God Bless you all and we pray for your, and your families, safety in all you do. Also, a thank you to all my family and friends who came to support us that night.

Sincerest thanks, Rosemary and Larry Dillow

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Sports

Lick Creek Lady Eagles win Class S state track title



Lick Creek track team
Members of the state champion Lick Creek Lady Eagles track team include, from left, Jadyn Gerardi, Kenzie Stover, Brodie Denny, Kaylee Stover, Shea Thorne, Kiley Dailey, Hailey Wright and Meranda Wright. Photo provided.

After literally running away with the Region 1 regional track trophy and qualifying in several events for the state meet, the Lick Creek Lady Eagles track team knew they could be in the running for a Class S state title.

The Lady Eagles scored 43 points, followed by Giant City with 33, Adams School with 30, and New Athens with 28.

The Lady Eagles took to the track Saturday at the Herrin Sports Complex on what turned out to be about as bad a day as it could be for a track meet.

The temperature stayed in the low 50s with steady rain for the entire day, but that didn't seem to bother the Lady Eagles.

Kaylee Stover and Shea Thorne both competed in the high jump. Stover actually finished in a tie for 8th but just missed out on points through the tiebreaker process by the number of misses.

"Kaylee jumped very well today given the conditions. She just missed out on placing," Lick Creek track team coach Matt Denny said.

Thorne also competed in the long jump, but just never got going.

"Shea never really got her steps down good for some reason today. She was having to adjust on the fly, it was just one of those days," Denny said.

Once the Lady Eagles stepped onto the track, they were solid all day long.

First up was Hailey Wright in the 100m hurdles. Wright ran a good race and finished in 14th place.

"Hailey came a long way this year. The experience was good, with her just being in the 7th grade this will help her for next year," Denny said.

Next up was the 4x100 meter relay team of Stover, Jadyn Gerardi, Thorne, and Brodie Denny. They came in seeded 4th but came away with a 2nd place finish with a time of 56.95, which was a big relief and got the Lady Eagles on the board with 8 points.

The very next race was the 400m dash in which Brodie Denny came in as the number 2 seed. Denny was able to grab 2nd place with a time of 1:04.94 behind a new state record time of 1:01.62 from Lidiah Hoffarth of New Athens.

"Brodie knew that we needed a good finish to keep us scoring well and was able to get that done," Denny said.

Next up was 4th grade standout Jadyn Gerardi in the 1600 meter run. Gerardi

came in as the 4th seed, but hadn't lost a race all year.

Gerardi was able to run a personal best time of 5:39.78 to finish 2nd place holding off Alexis Kampwerth of St. Rose who was just 1 second behind. Gerardi grabbed another 8 points for the Lady Eagles which was critical in keeping them in touch.

The 1600 was won by St. Joseph Olney's Tatum David, who won with a time of 4:57, also setting a new state record. David is one of the top runners in the United States.

"Jadyn is special too, she not only has a natural talent but works super hard all year long, and also understands the "racing" aspect and "competition" very well," Denny said.

The Lady Eagles had a bit of a break in the middle of the meet trying their best to stay warm and dry, but that was a very tough task.

The next event was the 800m run, in which both Denny and Gerardi were competing. Denny came in as the number 2 seed and Gerardi came in seeded 11th.

Denny was able to finish in second place with a time of 2:34.79 for the Lady Eagles adding another 8 points to their total. Gerardi was able to grab 8th place from the first heat to add another point for the Lady Eagles. Tatum David set another state record winning the 800m with a time of 2:26.95.

It all came down to the last event of the day, the 4x400 meter relay. "We knew the scores were extremely close going in to the 4x400, we knew if we won the race we win the meet, the girls knew that and really stepped up after a very long, cold, wet day," Denny stated.

The 4x400 relay team of Stover, Thorne, Gerardi and Denny were able to overcome Okawville to take 1st place in the event with a time of 4:35, which gave them the state title.

Brodie Denny was about 20 meters behind when she got the baton for the final leg and was able to overcome Madison Wienstroer of Okawville on the backstretch and was able to hang on for the victory.

"The 4x400 wasn't just about winning the championship, they wanted this race. We had broken the state record the last two years only to finish second both times. Brodie said that wasn't happening again. Every girl hit their marks and ran exactly what we told them we needed to win," Denny said.

"This group made a commitment early in the year to make a go at this. I talked with several of the parents and kids who decided not to go on vacation over spring break so we could attend a few meets and continue to practice, and I firmly believe this made the difference. I tell people it's not magic, just commitment and hard work. Put in the quality practice time and good things will come. I am so proud of this group, they have been a part of 4 state championships, 3 in cross country and 1 in track, they really know what it takes to win," Denny said.

The Lick Creek boys' 4x200 7th grade relay team of Evan Hall, Payton Denny, Chris Wright and J.J. Gerardi finished in 5th place with a time of 1:55.10.

Gerardi just missed a medal finishing 10th in the 200m and 9th in the 7th grade 100m.

The boys 4x400m relay team of Hall, Denny, Gerardi and Louis VanMuylder finished 10th as well.

Forest Service/Shawnee Forest plan to host kids' fishing derbies

Fishing derbies for young people are planned Saturday, May 18, by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest.

The fishing derbies are scheduled at two locations: the Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site, south of Murphysboro and near Grand Tower; and Pond No. 4 at Grantsburg.

Both of the fishing derbies are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The fishing derbies will be held rain or shine.

Young people ages 5 through 15 are invited to participate. The derbies will feature prizes, games and crafts.

West pitches no-hitter for Cobden

Appleknockers improve to 14-4

The Cobden High School baseball team won three games to close out regular season play last week.

Cobden 8, Johnston City 4: Landon Britt was 3-for-3 with a double, triple and 5 RBIs to lead the visiting Appleknockers to the win Thursday, May 9.

Noah Franklin was 2-for-2 with a double. Dylan Lewey was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Ryan Barr was 1-for-3. Chandler West was 1-for-4.

Alex Ramsey and Franklin pitched in the win. Ramsey pitched 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts. Franklin pitched 4 innings and allowed a hit to go with 3 walks and 8 strikeouts.

Cobden 13, Pope Coun-

A-J softball defeated twice in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team lost twice in last week's action.

Pope County 7, A-J 6: Payton Seip was 2-for-4 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss Wednesday, May 8.

Katie Mays was 1-for-3 with a home run. Julia Ellis, Cori Turner, Petey Foster, Abigail Dahmer and Katie Shepard were each 1-for-3. Morgan Wendling was 1-for-4.

Wendling was the losing pitcher, scattering 7 hits to go with 2 walks and 11 strikeouts.

Harrisburg 15, A-J 1: Seip was 2-for-3 to lead host A-J in the loss Monday, May 6.

Ellis and Dahmer were each 1-for-2. Mays, Tobie Treece, Turner and Shepard were each 1-for-3.

Turner was the losing pitcher, allowing 15 hits to go with 4 walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J is scheduled to play this week in the Harrisburg Class 2A regional.

ty 3: Barr was 3-for-3 to lead host Cobden to the win Tuesday, May 7.

Cody Wieseeman was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs. West was 2-for-3. Zane Nance was 2-for-4 with an double and an RBI.

Bryce Reynolds was 1-for-1 with a double and 2 RBIs. Britt and Remsey were each 1-for-2.

Franklin was 1-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Brayden Clark was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Bayden Ditterline had an RBI.

Nance was the winning pitcher, allowing 6 hits to go with 3 walks and 8 strikeouts.

Cobden 4, Shawnee 0: West tossed a no-hitter to lead visiting Cobden to the win Monday, May 6.

A-J baseball team closes regular season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost four games to close out regular season play last week.

Herrin 7, A-J 2: Carson Reynolds was 2-for-3 and scored a run to lead host A-J in the loss Thursday, May 9.

Jacob Schaefer was 1-for-3. Trent Mason scored a run.

Blake Pena, Dalton Seip and J.D. Mains pitched in the loss and combined to scatter 9 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Trico 6, A-J 2: Wyatt Johnston was 2-for-3 to lead the host Wildcats in the loss Wednesday, May 8.

Schaefer was 2-for-4. Reynolds was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Seip and Mains were each 1-for-3. Avery Goines was 1-for-4. Mason scored a run.

Jackson Laster and Mains pitched in the loss, scattering 12 hits to with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Century 11, A-J 3: Reynolds was 2-for-4 with

He walked 3 and had 12 strikeouts.

Nick Rose and Braden Freeman pitched for the Redskins. Rose pitched 6 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Freeman pitched an inning and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and no strikeouts.

Franklin was 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead Cobden. Britt was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Ditterline was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. West was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Cobden, 14-4, was scheduled to have played the host Redskins yesterday, Wednesday, in the Class 1A regional.

The regional championship is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday.

an RBI and scored a run to lead host A-J in the loss Tuesday, May 7.

Schaefer was 2-for-4. Seip and Johnston were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Laster was 1-for-3.

Goines, Pena and Laster pitched in the loss, scattering 12 hits to go with 2 walks and 7 strikeouts.

Harrisburg 10, A -J 5: Pena and Mason Watkins were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece to lead the host Wildcats in the loss Monday, May 6.

Mains and Nick McGrath were each 1-for-3 and scored a run apiece. Schaefer was 1-for-4. Goines scored a run.

Watkins, Pena and Goines pitched in the loss, combining on 14 hits to go with 6 walks and a strikeout.

A-J is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at 4:30 p.m. against West Frankfort in the Wildcats' Class 2A regional.

The A-J regional championship game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Golf a game of Elitist

"Not so in Southern Illinois" says Dan Breslin, owner & PGA golf professional at Red Hawk Golf And Grille. We have to Market to Everyday people; (coal miners, farmers, State Employees, teachers, retirees etc.) But there are also external factors affecting the bottom line. Mainly the financial condition of the State and the lack of economic growth and development in Southern Illinois.

Our course does not have the luxury of being subsidized by a taxing agency, such as a Water or Park District. I feel most courses in the area even with better demographics are also experiencing decreasing play and memberships. Fortunately last year we had an increase in our membership.

Some people say the great game of golf is dying. It's too expensive, takes to long to play, only old people play are some of the misconceptions we all hear. Maybe with all this futuristic artificial intelligence technologically changing world it might be nice to spend 2-4 hours communing with nature, experiencing peace and tranquility with our loved ones and good friends, but the numbers don't lie! National Golf Foundation says a record high of 30.6 million golfers played in 2003, has been reduced to 24.7 million. The number of golfers between the ages of 18 & 34 has declined by 30% over the last 20 years.

"When I was young, we had a strong middle class with more discretionary income, and they loved to play golf, everybody practically played," says Breslin. The experts are saying the middle class is shrinking, so golf course owners will have to be even more inventive and creative. "What's the answer? I think it runs in cycles, I strongly believe we are on the upward side of the parabola. Remember in the 90's, because of the

Tiger Woods phenomenon, we built way too many courses and gated communities with golf courses. Now simple supply and demand will happen to those clubs that can't make par. The ones that are mismanaged will have to be careful and the ones that are subsidized will most likely be privatized or sold," says Red Hawk owner.

Red Hawk is publicly for sale. I would like to sell 50% equity of the club. This would free up some loan so that we could make some capital improvements, hopefully some local golfers will be interested and work with me. The club is a special place and we've tried to make it more family friendly and someplace you can hang out and socialize. A home away from home if you will. "Business will go on as usual and it's going to be a great year," says the old golf pro.

Our girls will be graduating from Pinckneyville this spring and will be entering College in the fall. Megan is playing golf at SIU and Sarah is playing at Lewis University near Chicago. It's going to be fun following their College careers. The community was great last fall and the last few years following them at State. They mention them at football games and were following their scores on the IHSA web site. They were always excited for them and wanted to know how they were doing. We always envisioned growing old but still being productive piddling around the course and teaching anyone who will listen about golf.

Any takers out there? Who would like to buy into this great game and unique opportunity. Just let this great golf ambassador know. We love Southern Illinois and the people are amazing. I feel we have so much more to offer the community and club.

INDR News Bits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

Firearm Deer Permit Applications: Resident and non-resident deer hunters can apply for the second lottery drawing for 2019 Illinois firearm deer and muzzleloader-only deer permits. The deadline to apply for the second lottery is June 30. More information is available online at the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>.

Mushroom Collecting: Reminder to mushroom collectors – no license is required, but mushroom collectors must have land-owner permission and on public sites must adhere to approved collecting regulations and hours. Collection of mushrooms is allowed at many IDNR sites, but it is prohibited in any area designated as a dedicated nature preserve. Areas under the jurisdiction of the IDNR that offer spring turkey hunting are not open to mushroom collecting until after 1 p.m. daily during the spring turkey season to ensure the safety of all site visitors. Be sure to call ahead to the state site you intend to visit to learn of any site-specific regulations regarding mushroom collecting.

Camping Reservations: 2019 Illinois state park campsite reservations can be made online at the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com.

Always Wear Your Life Jacket While Boating: National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24. Life jackets save lives, and Illinois law requires that life jackets or life vests (personal flotation devices, PFDs) be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft. State law also requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway,

unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires persons of any age to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft.

Don't Bother Wildlife Babies: Spring brings new life to the landscape in Illinois, and it is a season when people may come in contact with young wildlife. Young animals are often left alone while their parents are away searching for food. Do not touch or move young animals unless you are absolutely sure that it is an orphan or severely injured. Many species return to their young near dusk and dawn. A young animal that looks well-fed and clean is probably not orphaned. If the animal does need help, contact a wildlife rehabilitator for advice.

Free Fishing Days: Illinois Free Fishing Days are scheduled for June 14-17, 2019. For more information on fishing in Illinois: www.ifishillinois.org.

Cobden softball goes 1-3 in games played last week

The Cobden High School softball team went 1-3 in last week's action.

Herrin 19, Cobden 1: Jenna Hartline was 2-for-2 with a double to lead the visiting Appleknockers in the loss Saturday, May 11.

Megan Rhodes, Lauren Sweitzer and Aubrey Fisher were each 1-for-2. Emily White had an RBI.

Lexi Miller and Fisher pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 18 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Johnston City 12, Cobden 3: Fisher was 2-for-3 to lead host Cobden in the loss Thursday, May 9.

Abby Clover was 1-for-2. Miller and Sweitzer were both 1-for-3. Hannah Stillman was 1-for-4 with a double.

Miller was the losing pitcher, allowing 20 hits to go with a walk and 6 strikeouts.

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Counseling service plans golf scramble

Union County Counseling Service is planning to host its 19th annual golf scramble on Friday, May 31.

The scramble will be played at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna.

Lunch will be served at noon. Tee time is 1 p.m.

Hole sponsors are available for \$75. The cost to golf is \$65 per person for a four-person team.

Proceeds will support Union County Counseling Services' programs for kids.

Information on how to enter a team and about hole sponsorship is available by contacting Kim Honey at kim.honey@uccinc.org; by calling 833-8551, extension 116; and on the counseling service's Facebook page.

Lick Creek hosts annual track meet

Student athletes from elementary and middle schools throughout the region traveled to Lick Creek School on Friday, May 10, for the annual Lick Creek track meet. It was an overcast, but rain-free day for the athletic event, as students from Cypress, Buncombe, Dongola, New Simpson Hill, Goreville, Shawnee and Jonesboro joined Lick Creek for a day of races, throwing competitions and other track and field events. Goreville took first place overall in the day's events, with Jonesboro placing second and Lick Creek finished third. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



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Dongola softball 3-1 to close regular season

The Dongola High School softball team posted a 3-1 record last week to close out regular season play.

Dongola 11, Egyptian 1: Maddie Keller tossed a three-hitter to lead the visiting Lady Demons to the win Wednesday, May 8. She had no walks and 5 strikeouts.

Keller was 4-for-4 to lead Dongola's hitting. Dailee Cummins and Megan Theis were each 2-for-4.

Crab Orchard 11, Dongola 3: Melanie Altamirano, Cummins and Keller were each 2-for-4 to lead host Dongola in the loss Monday, May 6.

Keller was the losing pitcher, scattering 10 hits to go with a walk and 4 strikeouts.

Dongola 7, Shawnee 4: Keller, Altamirano and Cummins were each 3-for-4 at the plate to lead visiting Dongola to the win Friday, May 3.

Annabelle Durham and Megan Theis were both 2-for-4.

Keller was the wining pitcher, allowing 8 hits to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

Dongola 11, Marion Agape (Christian) 6: Altamirano and Theis were each 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the visiting Lady Demons to the win Monday, April 29.

Jamie Anderson was 2-for-4 and Keller was 2-for-5.

Keller was the winning pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with no walks and 7 strikeouts.

Dongola 8, Carrier Mills 4: Keller, Theis and Hailey Ames were each 2-for-4 to lead visiting Dongola to the win Saturday, April 27. Brooklyn Hogue was 1-for-3.

Keller was the winning pitcher, allowing 7 hits to go with no walks and 7 strikeouts.

Dongola, 10-10, was scheduled to play Cobden on Tuesday in the Lady Demons' Class 1A regional.

IDOA receives more than 350 applications for industrial hemp growers, processors

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, announced it would begin accepting applications for growers and processors of industrial hemp.

Almost immediately, a steady flow of applications began coming in to the departments website, with over 350 applications being received in the first two days.

IDOA staff immediately began reviewing the applications, which is the first step in the approval process.

Statistics shared by IDOA showed that the department received 295 applications for growers, who submitted 7,093 acres. A total of 97 licenses/registrations were issued.

For processors, 74 applications were received and 29 licenses/registrations were issued.

Get Outdoors Day planned at Vienna park

University of Illinois Extension is planning to host Get Outdoors Day in Vienna on Wednesday, June 12.

Get Outdoors Day is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at the Vienna City Park.

Young people ages 7 to 13 will have the opportunity to engage in activities to learn about the water cycle, how seeds spread and how to catch and identify butterflies.

Participants will plant seeds to take home. They will also take a walk to the Hidden Springs Ranger Station to tour the visitor center and learn about the Shawnee National Forest.

Drop off will be at the Tecumseh Lodge Shelter at the Vienna City Park.

Pickup will be at the Hidden Springs Ranger Station, which is located at 602 N. 1st St. in Vienna.

Registration for the event is available by calling 618-658-5321.

“We are extremely pleased with the number of applications the department received in the first two days the applications were made available to the public,” IDOA director John Sullivan said.

“Pleased, but not necessarily surprised given the incredible amount of interest from potential growers and processors over the last several months.

“The IDOA staff worked tirelessly to ensure the rules and regulations were finished in time to plant hemp this spring – I appreciate their hard work.”

“We predicted there would be a lot of interest, but the turnout has been phenomenal,” said Jeff Cox, bureau chief of medicinal plants at IDOA.

“I’m thrilled with how smoothly the application process has gone so far and our staff has been working non-stop to review and approve the applications.”

Adult ed ceremony scheduled

An adult education recognition ceremony is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Shawnee Community College’s main campus near Ullin.

The ceremony is held annually to celebrate those who have earned a high school equivalency diploma in GED classes.

Those who have earned a diploma through the program’s alternative high school also will be recognized.

College officials noted that as many as 20 percent of the adults in the Shawnee District have not obtained a high school diploma.

The program offers a curriculum which is aligned to state standards along with instructors who help students to gain the skills they need for the workplace.



Jonesboro City Council
Members of the Jonesboro City Council who were elected in April took office last week. Brandi Boyd and Bev Schaefer were elected as new members of the city council. Boyd and Schaefer are the first women to serve on the city council. In the first row are, from left, Barbara Casper, city clerk/collector; Ken Blandford, mayor; and Tim Denny, city attorney. In the second row are city council members Bev Schaefer, Mike Stegle, Brandi Boyd, Ken Carlson, Steve Haldeman and Bart Hileman. Photo provided.

National Prevention Week continues

National Prevention Week is being commemorated through May 18 with a variety of activities in Union County.

National Prevention Week is an annual observance.

The week is a time when schools, communities and organizations come together to raise awareness about the importance of substance abuse prevention and positive mental health.

The theme for this week’s observance is “Inspiring Action. Changing Lives.”

Family Fun Night was one of the activities planned in Union County for the 2019 observance.

Youth Advisory Committee members at Anna Junior High School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, along with Teresa Goddard, a preventionist at The Fellowship House, worked to plan Family Fun Night.

Family Fun Night was scheduled Monday evening, May 13, in the downtown Anna area.

During National Prevention Week, “Prevention Rocks” with messages will

be hidden and ready to be found after school.

The event began on Tuesday and continues through Friday. Here’s a look at this week’s schedule:

Tuesday, May 14: Anna City Park, playground area.

Wednesday, May 15: Jonesboro Park (Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds), playground area.

Thursday, May 16: Cobden Community Park/soccer field, playground area.

Friday, May 17: Anna City Park, playground area.

At the end of each school day, rocks will be hidden and ready to find. Those who find a golden rock will be able to claim a prize.

Winners will need to contact Teresa Goddard at The Fellowship House prevention office in Anna, phone 833-4460.



Family Fun Night activity
Emily Hunter, right, and her niece, Milla Hunter, both of Anna, were painting “Prevention Rocks” on Monday evening at Jus10’s in downtown Anna. Rock painting for a special purpose was one of the Family Fun Night activities held in Anna as part of National Prevention Week.

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff,
vs.
CYNTHIA SUTHERIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR LARRY R. REYNOLDS, DIANA CHRISTINE REYNOLDS, JASON SMITH, DEBRA DUCK A/K/A

DEBRA BEDOCS, SARA DERESINSKI, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LARRY R. REYNOLDS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).
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Case No.: 2019CH12

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Maryanne Copeland Boren, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit: EXHIBIT A Lot 6 in Block E in Rendleman Subdivision, being a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded November 3, 1966 in Plat Book 5, page 159, situated in Union County, Illinois. and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Maryanne Copeland Boren, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **2nd day of June, 2019**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation,
v.
MARGIE A. LAMINACK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant.
Case No.: 2017-CH-39

NOTICE OF SALE

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E, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE N 01°-49'-16" W, A DISTANCE OF 598.18 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD IN THE CENTERLINE OF TIMBER ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES, N 63°-42'-07" E, A DISTANCE OF 229.25 FEET; N 67°-32'-27" E, A DISTANCE OF 389.96 FEET, N 75°-41'-59" E, A DISTANCE OF 227.60 FEET, THENCE N 78°-16'-37" E, A DISTANCE OF 135.60 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID CENTERLINE, S 00°-21'-14" E, A DISTANCE OF 782.26 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON AUGUST 27, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 160 AT PAGE 481 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2, A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES LOCATED UPON, ALONG, OVER AND ACROSS A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING 15 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE. COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE N 00°-21'-14" W, 782.26 FEET; THENCE S 78°-16'-37" W, 135.60 FEET; THENCE S 75°-41'-59" W, 227.60 FEET; THENCE S 67°-32'-27" W, 389.96 FEET; THENCE S 63°-42'-07" W, 229.25 FEET; THENCE S 01°-49'-16" E, 598.18 FEET, THENCE S 89°-46'-45" W, 175.00 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES, S 00°-13'-15" E, 89.75 FEET; THENCE S 00°-41'-54" E, 1020.31 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 146 AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT. PER REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON OCTOBER 8, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 161 AT PAGE 982 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number (573)-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

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property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Tiffany Busby
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ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
an Illinois Banking
corporation,
f/k/a FIRST NATIONAL
BANK,
Plaintiff,
Vs
BRANDY M. STUBBLE-
FIELD, CHARLES L.
STUBBLEFIELD, UN-
KNOWN OWNERS and
NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-42

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EXHIBIT A
PART OF THE SOUTH-
EAST QUARTER OF SEC-
TION 27, TOWNSHIP 12
SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST
OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL
MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS:

Commence at a Stone at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence along the Quarter Section line, N88°32'08"W, a distance of 894.83 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod; thence departing from said Quarter Section line, S01°01'08"W, a distance of 725.71 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod on the Southwesterly Right-of-Way line of Berryville Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING: thence continue S01°01'08"W, a distance of 387.99 feet to a Point in the Centerline of Dutch Creek; thence along said Centerline with the following courses: S79°52'09"W, a distance of 88.44 feet to a Point; N87°-04'21"W, a distance of 172.30 feet to a Point; N86°53'31"W, a distance of 244.39 feet to a Point; thence N86°58'47"W, a distance of 69.58 feet to a Point; thence departing from said Centerline, N01°01'08"E, a distance of 957.95 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod on said Southwesterly Right-of-Way of Berryville Road; thence along said Right-of-Way, N87°04'44"E, a distance of 6.16 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod and a Curve to the Right, having a Radius of 283.52

feet; thence along said Curve a Length of 294.52 feet (Chord bears S63°09'44"E, a distance of 281.45 feet) to a 1/2" Iron Rod; thence S33°24'13"E, a distance of 470.82 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod and a Curve to the Left, having a Radius of 546.18 feet; thence along said Curve a Length of 75.86 feet (Chord bears S37°22'56"E, a distance of 75.80 feet) to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 10.000 acres, more or less, in Union County, Illinois. Subject to existing easements if any.

All in accordance with a plat of survey dated September 17, 2002 and recorded September 20, 2002 in Record Book 217, Page 565, as Doc. No. 3684, made by Scott A. Richards, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2996, in the Union County Recorder's Office, Union County, Illinois.

Property Address: 1965 Berryville Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Tax ID: 08-27-06-210
Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number (573)-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

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ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
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Plaintiff,
vs
ANDREW ROBINSON,
HEATHER PORTER
A/K/A HEATHER
ROBINSON,
C.E. BASDEN,
UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2018-CH-27

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real estate:

EXHIBIT A
ALL THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER LYING SOUTH AND EAST OF THE BRADY ROAD (NOW BODY BARN ROAD), IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CONTAINING 8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 17-40 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-40), the percentage to be subtracted from the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in Union County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2018 is -1.48% by the application of an equalization factor of 0.9852.

David Harris
Director of Revenue
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BID NOTICE

The Village of Mill Creek is accepting bids for replacement of the roof on the Post Office/Village Hall. Must be insured. Call (618)-697-0225 if any questions.

Mail bids to Village Hall, P.O. Box 23, Mill Creek, IL 62961. 22gp, 23g

NOTICE OF
DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal property which is stored at the self service storage facility known as Wyatt Storage, 105 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, IL.

1. Name of occupant: Jennifer Aden
2. Property to be disposed of: Misc. personal property
3. Time & place of disposition: June 1, 2019, Wyatt Storage, 105 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, IL 62906, Phone: (618)-833-5653.

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Do-Gooders honored

Shawnee Junior High School at Wolf Lake and Southern Seven Health Department's CATCH program partnered to begin a Do-Gooder-Anti-Bullying Campaign. Students are asked to do things throughout their day that go above and beyond what is asked of them. When a staff member witnesses the Do-Gooder act, the student is awarded a coin. The winners for April were 8th grader Sylvia Pacheco and 6th grader Draven Hale. April winner Draven Hale is featured in the accompanying photograph with the Union County sponsor of the program, Amber Toler, and Shawnee physical education teacher LaDonna Bachmann. Sylvia could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.



Writing award winner

Drue Teske was awarded third place for her short story titled "Lost in a Big World" at the Southern Illinois Reading Council's recent Spring Celebration event in Carbondale. Drue is a fifth grade student at Anna Junior High School. Southern Illinois Reading Council member Kathy Stegle from Union County presented the 5th grade awards. Photo provided.

Good news for state
Illinois revenues received in April
\$1.5 billion higher than anticipated

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – The State of Illinois received some unexpected good news Tuesday, May 7, when officials reported that revenues received in April came in \$1.5 billion higher than expected.

That news was delivered in a letter to legislative leaders and top-ranking members of the House and Senate appropriations committees from Department of Revenue director David Harris and Alexis Sturm, director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

"As an immediate result of the strong April performance, coupled with revenue collections year-to-date, the State of Illinois will be able to address most of the \$1.6 billion shortfall in the enacted (Fiscal Year 2019) budget because of the April revenues alone," Harris and Sturm stated.

The main reasons for the boost in April were higher-than-expected receipts in both personal and corporate income taxes.

Much of that, however, may be a one-time occurrence that resulted from strong stock market performance and recent changes in federal tax law.

Because individuals can no longer deduct taxes they pay to state and local government on their federal returns, many filers did not adjust their state tax withholdings and ended up owing money in April.

Harris and Sturm said many other states also saw higher tax collections in April.

But they also said there were other factors at work, including strong job

growth, that will continue into the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

As a result, the Department of Revenue raised its official estimate of next year's tax collections by \$800 million, bringing the new estimate to \$22 billion.

Harris and Sturm said Gov. JB Pritzker is recommending that money be earmarked for making the state's required payments into state pension systems.

In his budget proposal in February, Pritzker originally suggested reducing those payments and stretching out the time for paying off the unfunded pension liabilities by another seven years.

"With the additional revenues due to the forecast revision, the state will be able to meet the current funding commitment to the retirement systems without extending the ramp this year," Harris and Sturm stated.

"The governor remains committed to finding ways to fund our pension commitments in a sustainable manner."

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza, however, noted in a separate statement that the state still faces a backlog of unpaid bills totaling more than \$6 billion, and she has urged lawmakers to be cautious about expectations for continued revenue growth.

"While we cannot confirm or deny the Department of Revenue's projection of \$800 million more than expected for Fiscal Year 2020 at this time, we are hopeful and will continue to research this possibility thoroughly," Mendoza said.

"My office has prioritized pension payments and debt service since I took office and that will be our policy going forward."



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Shawnee School District students honored at Regional Illinois Association banquet

Four students from Shawnee School District No. 84 were honored Tuesday, April 23, at the Regional Illinois Principals Association banquet. The banquet was held in the ballrooms at the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Student Center.

Shawnee seniors Autumn McMahan and Chali Phelps were recognized by high school principal Karen Schaefer. Shawnee 5th graders Emma Young and Alana Davis were recognized by elementary principal Amy Reynolds. The students were selected to represent Shawnee based on their academic achievement, leadership and character. Autumn McMahan is in the first picture, on the left. The second picture includes, from left, Chali Phelps, Emma Young and Alana Davis. Photos provided.

Student honors Earth Day

Jonesboro kindergarten student Eva Meisenheimer, recently planted a sapling at her home in honor of Earth Day. Ag in the Classroom program coordinator Andrew Banks distributed pin oak saplings at the Union County Farm Bureau office located in Jonesboro during an Earth Day tree giveaway. The pin oak saplings were donated by the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District to Union County Ag in the Classroom and the Union County Farm Bureau. Photo provided.

Derecho brought 70- to 90-mph winds to region in May 2009

Ten years ago, on May 8, 2009, widespread damaging winds from 70 to 90 miles per hour raked a 20- to 30-mile wide corridor through Southern Illinois.

Widespread power outages lasted for days, and over 10,000 structures were damaged in just Williamson County alone.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted a story about the 2009 storm on its website. Highlights from the article follow:

First, we may want to start out with what it was not. It was not an inland hurricane, although it may have felt like one.

A hurricane is tropical in nature; this system that we experienced was convective.

The storm system is classified as a Derecho. This was not your typical derecho. Often on these types of systems in the northern hemisphere, a bookend vortex, or comma head develops on the north side of the system.

The comma head usually acts like a large paddle wheel on a boat and helps to focus strong winds in behind the bowing squall line.

A large portion of the damaging winds occurred on the southwest and southern end of the comma head.

Although it is still under study, it appears that at least some of the tornadoes in this case occurred with the comma head.

This is not unusual; in fact research work in the 1980s documented a case of a derecho that moved through Central Illinois in which tornadoes were associated with the comma head.

The system that moved through on May 8 had an unusually large bookend vortex.

In fact, this is the largest bookend vortex that some experts have seen in their careers. This will be the subject of more in-depth research for years to come.

A widespread damaging wind event with isolated embedded tornadoes occurred in Southern Illinois and parts of Southeast Missouri on Friday, May 8.

Peak wind gusts were measured over 80 mph at Marion and Carbondale. The peak gust recorded by the automated system at the Carbondale airport was 81 mph before the system failed.

An observer at the airport visually observed a separate anemometer located on the rooftop reach 106 mph. The automated system measured a sustained wind of 68 mph before failing.

Extensive tree and power line damage occurred in the Murphysboro, Carbondale and Marion areas of Southern Illinois and Perry and Bollinger Counties of Southeast Missouri.

Numerous structures were damaged in the Marion, Carbondale and Murphysboro areas.

While injuries were reported, an approximate count was not available. One fatality occurred in Jackson County when a tree fell on a home, causing an elderly man to fall to his death.

State disaster declarations were granted for Jackson, Williamson and Franklin counties. Curfews and states of emergency were declared locally.

The Williamson County Airport near Marion reported a peak gust of 86 mph. There was extensive damage at the airport, including hangar buildings.

Wind damage extended eastward into the Harrisburg area (Saline County). The system weakened before exiting Southern Illinois.

The storm knocked out power and caused damage in the Union County area. In the aftermath of the derecho, many people journeyed to communities in Union County for supplies which were not available in their own towns as a result of the storm.

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Section B



Paint, Plant event held at Stinson Memorial Library

A Paint & Plant program was held Friday afternoon, May 10, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Children of all ages were invited to come to the library to decorate a flower pot and plant a flower to give to someone special for Mother's Day. Mother's Day was Sunday, May 12. Nearly 50 children came to the library to create a special gift for their moms. The program is presented by Stinson Memorial Library, in partnership with the Anna-Jo Garden Club. Garden club members Nancy Kucera, Linda Karraker and Debby McKibben were on hand to help children pot their plants.

Exhibits, camps, musicals, Annabelle Festival events set at Anna Arts Center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council has a wide range of upcoming events on the calendar.

The arts council operates the Anna Arts Center. The center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Here's a look at upcoming events:

Strictly Digital Photography Exhibit

The exhibit features farms and barns. A closing reception is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 13.

Auditions for Musical

Auditions for "Heather: The Musical" are scheduled May 23-24 at the arts center. The auditions are planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

The musical is scheduled to be presented Aug. 16-18.

Southern Illinois Music Festival

Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. Chamber music con-

cert. Tickets will be available at the door.

Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. Classics for Kids. Free admission.

Saturday, June 8, 3 p.m. Young artists will perform opera scenes.

Summer Camps

June 5-7, 9 a.m. to noon. What is Batik?

June 10-21, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Learn sign language camp.

June 10-14, 9 a.m. to noon; and June 10-14, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Unleash the Artist Within.

June 17-28, 9 a.m. to noon. Drama camp.

June 17-21, 9 a.m. to noon, arts camp, The Next Level: Art from Recyclable Materials.

Annabelle Festival

Annabelle Festival events are scheduled June 7-9 at the arts center.

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Painting party.

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m. Life in Southern Illinois art competition and exhibition.

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition. Co-sponsored by Anna-Jo Garden Club.

Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Life in Southern Illinois art competition and Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition.

Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Smokey Bear poster contest. First through 5th graders are invited to participate in the contest.

Sunday, June 9, noon to 2 p.m. Life in Southern Illinois art competition and exhibition. Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition.

"One Smart Pig" Musical

Performances of the musical "One Smart Pig" are set for 2 p.m. June 9 and at 7 p.m. June 10-11.

All ticket sales go to Marlee Smith for her medical bills.

Tickets are available at the Here & Now Shop at 319 S. Main St. in downtown Anna and online at <https://onesmartpig.brownpapertickets.com/>.

More Information

More information about the arts council events is available by contacting Lee Hackney at 1-904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Children's orthopedic clinic planned

The South District Elks Lodges, in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, plan to sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Friday, May 31.

The clinic is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment only, at Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin.

Appointments can be made by calling the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic, but physicians are welcome to refer patients to the clinic for a specific reason or second opinion.

School nurses are welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

Union County family of grape growers honored



Linda and Frank LaFoon

A Union County family of grape growers has been honored by a Clinton County Winery. The Twelve Oaks Vineyard of rural Carlyle purchased the LaFoon Family Vineyard's 2018 harvest of Chardonnay grapes.

The Twelve Oaks wine maker, Doug Palm used the Chardonnay grapes to make a dry white wine. The wine-maker honored the LaFoon Family by recognizing them on the bottle labels.

He said, "Travel south to Anna, Illinois and discover the charming LaFoon Vineyard, home to these Chardonnay grapes." He added, "Enjoy this crisp wine whispering hints of apple and pear with a vanilla oak finish."

The LaFoon Family Vineyard has been a multi-generational operation since their first plantings in 1998. Frank and Linda LaFoon were joined by son, Boyd and daughter Amy Wilde in the establishment of their family vineyard. There is now a third generation of seven grandchildren who help in the vineyard.



Sheriff's association scholarship

Zachary O'Neal from Dongola High School has received a 2019 Illinois Sheriff's Association scholarship. Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel presented the scholarship to O'Neal on Friday, May 10, at Dongola High School. The scholarship recipient was selected by a teachers committee from Union County. Committee members based their decision on the student's scholastic, extracurricular and character qualifications. Photo provided.



'Book in Every Home'

Susan Hase and Alice Kerns represented Friends of Stinson Library's annual program "A Book In Every Home" and delivered books to Union County kindergarten students during April's observance of National Library Week. Photo provided.

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News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "The Spitting Image of God." Scripture was from Matthew. Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

Four generations were represented at the annual mother/daughter/friends dinner last Friday at Anna First Baptist Church. The dinner had a tropical theme. Hawaiian leis were given to each guest upon arrival. The men of the church served drinks, dinner and dessert. Sue Wilkins, a member of Anna First Baptist and former missionary in Liberia, Africa, shared her experiences of living in the tropics. The following pictures are from the dinner. Photos provided.



Job announcements highlight governor's visit to Southern Illinois

Job announcements at local businesses highlighted a visit to Southern Illinois on Wednesday, May 8, by Gov. JB Pritzker.

In Carbondale, the governor joined Centene and IlliniCare Health as they opened their new Carbondale Service Center at 1237 E. Main St., which will create 350 new jobs.

"This 80,000-square foot facility will bring 350 new jobs to Southern Illinois. That's a direct investment in this community that will create opportunity for so many working families," Pritzker said in a news release.

"We are proud to continue investing in the people of Southern Illinois," said Michael F. Neidorff, chairman, president and CEO for Centene.

"We look forward to attracting and retaining the top talent in the region to help us deliver the highest quality of care to those we serve."

"Two years ago Centene began its search for a location for a new service center. We selected Carbondale to aid in its economic development by bringing jobs to its residents and specifically to create opportunities for young people to enter the workforce and therefore remain in the region," said Leslie Naamon, CEO of IlliniCare Health.

"We have many instrumental partners who have enabled our local economic, civic, healthcare and educational involvement: all of which contribute to an enriched environment empowering healthier decisions that create more vibrant families and communities."

The governor then joined Marion Mayor Mike Absher and Pepsi MidAmerica at a ribbon cutting and community dedication of Halfway Road.

The newly constructed road has allowed Pepsi MidAmerica to expand operations and bring 50 new jobs to Marion.

"Today we're celebrating the opening of Halfway Road, which wouldn't be possible without the hard-working men and women who built it," Pritzker said.

"This project has been 20 years in the making, and it will drive economic growth for decades to come. Right here and right now, Pepsi MidAmerica is expanding its production with new equipment and adding 50 new jobs in Marion. This is proof that investing in infrastructure unlocks so much potential in our communities."

"We are very excited about the new roadway improvements and the benefits this will have for our community," said John Rains, vice chairman at Pepsi MidAmerica.

"This new roadway will allow for safer travel to the Marion High School as well as for the residents that reside in the southern portion of our community. "This roadway improvement also provides for the expansion of the production and distribution at Pepsi MidAmerica.

"The company will be adding 50 new jobs as well as investing over 2.5 million dollars in their expanded distribution."

"After years of hard work, I'm thrilled that Halfway Road is open to the public and that longtime business partner Pepsi MidAmerica continues its extraordinary investment in Marion," said Marion Mayor Mike Absher.

"Infrastructure investment opens communities up to opportunity and spurs economic development, which is something our governor deeply understands."

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Moms honored Sunday

Sunday, May 12, was Mother's Day. At the end of Sunday morning's service, each mother in the congregation was presented with a pink carnation. Cake and cookies were served in the social room. Photo provided.

Sunday was Mother's Day. In the children's sermon, Pastor Mark explained what Mother's Day means. He also said that "as much as our mothers love us, God also loves us that much and more."

In the main sermon Pastor Mark talked about the book of Revelation. He said that actually the Revelation means "the Apocalypse according to John."

He said that Christians "have God's grace and He will take care of us."

Prayers for healing were offered for Sarah Sims, Ann West, Tasha Faire, David Wright, Lisa Gammons, Gary Davis, Clark Newton, Randy Bridges, Marlee Smith, Matthew McLane, Elizabeth (Sue) Fassler, Ed Suddarth, Becky Poole, Karen Toller, Gladys Freeze, Judy Smith, Taylor Baker, Abbie Edwards and Virginia Housman. Prayers were also said for those grieving for Bill Miller.

Men's night out has been rescheduled to May 20. Good Shepherd Sunday was May 12. Many congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America across the state celebrated their shared ministry with LSSI.

News From

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church



Men's choir

The men's choir sang "Faith of Our Mothers" on Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. From left are David Lamer, Jim Brown, Keith Herold, Duane Gaffney and Steve Brown. Photo provided.

On the fourth Sunday of Easter at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church near Cobden, Alivia and Layleigh lit the altar candles while Johnathan Caudle played the musical prelude. The men's choir sang "Faith of our Mothers" in honor of Mother's Day. Pastor Bobbi Schultz gave out carnations, leis and flower hair ornaments to all of the females in the church. They also each received a red rose courtesy of Keith Herold.

Pastor Bobbi talked about various kinds of flowers, the origin of their names and what they mean for Mother's Day. Many of their meanings such as love, strength, rebirth, and wisdom are reflected in stories in the Bible, she said. Layleigh collected the offering from the congregation.

For the next two months, each person's favorite hymn will be sung during one of the services. The hymns that were sung last Sunday were favorites of Jim, Diana, Gary, Barb and Gerry.

Everyone thanked Diana Ward for her gardening skills and the new flowers. A thank you letter was received from SPERO for the church's donation honoring the mothers and fathers that they help. Prayers are requested for Jim Brown's friend Kenny.

The next ladies' lunch is planned at Downtown Abbey in Cobden on Friday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m.

The church's Sunday service, which includes Sunday school for the children, starts at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Route 127.

Oak Grove Church sets homecoming

Homecoming is planned Sunday, May 19, at Oak Grove Baptist Church at 2200 Old Cypress Rd., Vienna.

Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. A worship service is planned at 11 a.m. A potluck dinner will follow at noon.

The Gloryroad Travelers are scheduled to sing at 1:30 p.m.

Evening services at the church will be cancelled for that day.

Sandy Creek Church plans May meeting

Sandy Creek Baptist Church near Tamms plans to have its 179th May Meeting Celebration on May 19. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., with a church service at 11 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the morning services.

The afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. The service will feature various musical groups and a timeline of the church history.

A donation has been given to the Cairo Women's Shelter to commemorate the church's celebration.

Sandy Creek is located at 26929 Grapevine Trail, at the intersection of Grapevine Trail and Tamms-Olive Branch Road near Egyptian School. Davy Miller is the pastor.

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Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

As sin prevails, so also mistrust of others . . . as mistrust prevails, so then does control erode liberty for the sake of security!

Congregational Church of Alto Pass

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

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"The Preaching Pen"

Some "Mother's Day" Thoughts

In our world today, it's popular for women to take charge, to be her own head, to dominate the marriage. Yet the Bible tells us in Ephesians 5:22-24 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. [24] Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."

When God designed men and women, He designed them to work within the family while fulfilling certain roles. The husband was designed to be the leader of the family (Eph. 5:23, I Tim. 5:8), while the wife was designed to support the leadership of her husband (Eph. 5:24; Titus 2:5). Children learn godliness and obedience to authority from their parents. When the child sees his mother living for Christ while supporting the leadership of her husband, the child sees a strong family unit that he or she will imitate when he or she grows up, but if the child sees a mother who nags and rebukes the father, who asserts her own independence over obedience to her husband, who criticizes and belittles the man she married, this same child will imitate this worldly view of marriage when they reach maturity.

Mothers, work for God within your own design, not within the world's design. Only by doing this will you honor God in your marriage while bringing peace to your family.

I pray you had a Godly mother as an example to emulate, and I pray that if you are a mother, you're setting a Godly example for your children. Honor God, honor your husband, and be what God wants you to be in every area. Give it some thought and we hope you had a happy Mother's Day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister

Anna church of Christ

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“The trees of Yahweh get rain enough, those cedars of Lebanon he planted; here the little birds build their nest and, on the highest branches, the stork has its home.”
From the Psalms

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Daily Bible Reading

Judges 6:1-27	Judges 6:28-40	Judges 7:1-25	Judges 8:1-35	Judges 9:1-21	Judges 9:22-57	Judges 10:1-18
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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.

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all those who will be graduating.

Concert

Great concert A-JCHS band and choir last Thursday.

Support Appreciated

A special thanks to all those who came to support the A-JCHS band at their plant and yard sale.

Also the United Methodist Church at their plant sale. It started raining but they had a good turnout to support both groups.

Congratulations Sandy Schuster

On Sunday, May 5, Brad and Susan (Schuster) Rendleman traveled to Eureka College.

They attended the surprise unveiling of a section of the college's gym seats in honor of former women's basketball coach and athletic director Sandy Schuster. She served in both capacities for many years at the college.

Many of her former students and staff members were in attendance. Schuster will be retiring in May

from Illinois State University. Congratulations.

Tennessee Trip

Dean and Elizabeth Corbit visited their daughter and son-in-law Brian Bolender and Nelly's son Samuel in Memphis, Tenn.

They attended church with them and the Auto Zone Park Red Bird game.

Trip

Elaine Crain visited Amy, Shawn and Gray in Wilton, Conn., last week to celebrate Gray's birthday. They went to a play in the city and an auto show at the Javits Center.

Guest

Lindsey Houston visited her parents Bill and Nancy Hooks Mother's Day. She enjoyed going to church with her mother Nancy, aunt Kathie and uncle Ron Watkins and grandmother Doris Womick.

Doris received flowers and was honored for being one of the oldest members of United Methodist Church Anna.

Band Picnic

Logan Brown was presented the Ken Stute, husband of Barbara, Scholarship by band director Renee McLain

Friends Appreciation

Stinson Memorial Library Friends of Stinson will have a book sale along with the Annabelle Fest Friday, June 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Not a Friend? Join at the sale for \$5). Public sale, Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bag sale, Sunday, June 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Outing

After the A-JCHS band plant and yard sale, Bessie and Elijah Ellis and friend Molly and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed a trip to Cape Girardeau.

The iris contest was set up at the Cape Mall so they enjoyed looking at all the beautiful colored irises.

Their friend Cynthia Kothe of Jackson, Mo., won several awards and beautiful ribbons. They did some sightseeing, shopping and ate at Logan House.

Mother's Day

Carol Gordon enjoyed dinner at the home of her son Kerry Wills.



Last performance for seniors in A-JCHS band and choir was last Thursday night. They honored their choir and band director Renee McClain with lots of beautiful roses.



Earl Miller visited with John Trimble owner of The River Runs Thru It Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage, Arts & Crafts in the old Country Club building by the covered bridge & old mill in Burfordville, Mo.



Shown here setting up to teach a youth watercolor seascape at the Carbondale Science Center on May 11 are mother and daughter teachers and artists. Marie Samuel is shown right and her daughter Jill is on the left. Marie's exhibit of Rivers & Waterways shown behind them will be at the science center through July 6 and is free to the public. Proceeds from paintings sold there benefit the science center and encourage appreciation for protecting clean water resources by young and old alike.



Renee McLain, director of the A-JCHS band presented Logan Brown with the music scholarship at their band picnic last Friday.



Elijah, Bessie, Curt Ellis and Earl Miller at Bollinger Mill State Historic Site, covered bridge and old mill in Burfordville, Mo.



The Ladies of United Methodist Church Anna sang "What a Wonderful World" Sunday morning for Mother's Day.

Guests

Audrey Davis's grandson David and family spent an early Mother's Day celebration with her last Thursday.



Janice Lewellyn enjoyed Mother's Day with her son and daughter-in-law Tim and Susan Alford outside Marion. They surprised her with a beautiful plaque with the dates of Tim's service for our country in the Marines and her late son Lester Darren Lewellyn for his service in the Marines. Semper Fi means Always Faithful. Darren also served in the Navy. Her middle son Ron Alford didn't serve because he stayed home to take care of his twins.



Four Anna belles (plus one beau) chose the perfect location for a native Annabelle hydrangea as a part of their spring planting. Great gram Barb Bauer (right) checked the plan and directed activities by the "Donut Shop" playhouse at Hileman's 5-H Farm. Nana Beth Hileman approved the location and mom Sarah Hileman Song was ready with the shovel. Helpers Joshua and Abigail Song took turns planting and watering. Also taking part in the spring planting were PaPa Doug Hileman and Gideon Boyd Song. The Song family is visiting in Anna from Fort Worth, Texas.



Doris Womick received flowers and was honored at the United Methodist Church in Anna on Mother's Day for being one of the oldest members of the church. She is pictured with her daughters Kathie Watkins and Nancy Hooks and granddaughter Lindsey (Hooks) Houston.



Rebecca Corbit was given flowers and honored as one of the youngest mothers at the United Methodist Church in Anna on Mother's Day. Rebecca is pictured with her children Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla and Owen. Her husband is Thomas.

Opinion and Commentary

Estate tax

From the Capitol News Illinois in Springfield: “Members of the Liberal House caucus announced their opposition to the senate’s move the strike Illinois estate tax from statues.”

Most of us don’t have a “dog in this fight” because it impacts the wealthy and large property owners. However, it is just unfair to have a “death tax.”

Illinois is one of the few states that have such a tax and it is the highest.

Imagine your heirs paying 28 percent of their inheritance just because you resided in Illinois at the time of your death.

I oppose a “death tax” in any form and at any limit. Let’s keep the family farm in the family which they have strived so long and hard to establish. JLR

Traffic safety campaign underway in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, has launched the second year of Life or Death Illinois, expanding the successful multimedia safety campaign to feature the real stories of Illinois residents killed in traffic crashes.

Life or Death Illinois debuted in 2018 as the first comprehensive approach by IDOT to reduce injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians, seatbelt use, work zones and impaired and distracted driving.

“With more than 1,000 traffic fatalities each year in Illinois, this campaign is an important part of our effort to drive that number to zero,” said Omer Osman, who is the acting director of IDOT.

“These stories involve someone’s parent, brother, sister, son, daughter, neighbor or coworker. By putting names and faces to these people, we show the human toll that’s tied to the decisions we make behind the wheel every day.”

Earlier in the year, IDOT asked the public to submit stories of loved ones who were killed in traffic crashes. Using these real stories, including the county where the fatal crash occurred, audiences are asked to consider the seriousness of the issues on our roads and how their actions play a role.

The campaign is running throughout the year on various media, including digital billboards, social media and online platforms, as well as traditional radio and TV channels. Additional information is available at lifeordeathillinois.com, where the public can follow the campaign on social media and continue to share stories of lives lost.

According to provisional data, 1,032 people died on Illinois roads in 2018, the third consecutive year of more than 1,000 traffic fatalities in the state. This year, there have been 244, based on preliminary statistics through May 2.

Life or Death Illinois is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

April weather active, stormy

CHAMPAIGN – April 2019 will be a month remembered for a continuation of an active and stormy weather pattern across Illinois, with two short-lived, yet notable and uncommon late season snow events which impacted many in northern portions of the state.

The Illinois State Water Survey reported that the month finished noticeably wetter than average, with temperatures marginally below the long-term average.

The preliminary average statewide April temperature was 52.0 degrees, which was 0.6 of a degree below the long-term average.

The preliminary average statewide precipitation was 4.58 inches, which was 0.80 of an inch above the long-term average.

The heaviest precipitation fell in extreme Southern Illinois, especially in counties bordering the Wabash and Mississippi rivers, where 6 to 8-plus inches were common. The highest total in the state was reported at a station near Cobden, with 8.31 inches.

Most of April’s snowfall came from two short-lived, yet notable, late season events that impacted many in northern portions of the state.

The first event during the weekend of April 13-14 brought widespread reports of 1 to 5 inches along a corridor extending from near Quincy, and running northeast toward Chicago and the Illinois/Wisconsin border.

The second snow event on April 27 brought a variety of wintry precipitation types to locations in Northern Illinois. The maximum monthly snowfall in Illinois was reported at a station near St. Charles, with 13.5 inches.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Here we go again...water was over part of the Old Cape Road between Jonesboro and Reynoldsville last Saturday morning. At the time the photograph was taken, light rain was falling.

'Don't Stop Believin' " ...and, yes, the road was closed

For the ever-so-briefest of moments, I closed my eyes and was driving down South Broadway Street in Lexington, Kentucky...

...the ever-so-familiar sounds of the Journey song “Don’t Stop Believin’” are coming from the car’s radio... ..and the moment had to be really, really brief, ‘cause I really, really was driving...

(NOTE TO YOUNG DRIVERS: Do not drive with your eyes closed. Even for the briefest of moments. It’s dumb. Just like texting when you are driving. Or using your cell phone when you are driving. Pay attention to adults. They would never, ever do such dumb things.)

“Don’t Stop Believin’” really was playing on the car radio last Saturday morning while I was motoring along the Old Cape Road, between metropolitan Jonesboro and Reynoldsville.

In my particular Journey Through Life, “Don’t Stop Believin’” has become a bit of a sound track moment. Not all that many years ago, The Other Half and yours truly had helped to take a rather special person in our life together on a trip which was leading to the next chapter in her, and our, lives.

As we were driving away, on the aforementioned South Broadway Street in Lexington, Kentucky, “Don’t Stop Believin’” came on the radio. I don’t know if the The Other Half was paying attention to the song. Yours truly truly was listening. The song, and the moment, became permanently connected in my simple little mind.

As I look back on that moment in time, it seems like the song was telling me that everything would be just fine. For that special person in our life. And for us. And, you know what, everything did turn out just fine.

Back to the here and now...

...last Saturday morning, I was heading down Old Cape Road to take some pictures of the water in the Mississippi River and Clear Creek bottom lands. Seems like this sort of thing has happened quite often in recent years. Oh, more rain was falling at the time. More water was coming.

As I turned left off of Illinois Route 127, I caught a very brief glimpse of white-tailed deer off the right, doing whatever deer do on rainy Saturday mornings. A “Road Closed” sign alerted motorists of what was ahead. I’m guessing that folks in our little part of the world are get-

ting used to seeing such a sign. Another one of the signs was posted farther down the road.

Old Cape Road is nothing like South Broadway in Lexington. South Broadway is in the heart of a city. Old Cape Road is in the heart of the country.

South Broadway is, for the most part, pretty much straight and to the point. Old Cape Road offers some winding and curving challenges.

South Broadway, at least as far as I know, does not take motorists to a creek which has a tendency to flood on what seems like a fairly frequent basis these days. Old Cape Road goes to Clear Creek. Well, most of the time it does.

It did not last Saturday. I made it almost to the creek. At one point, in a low-lying area area of the road, there was some water. Not much. And not deep enough that I could not drive through.

My journey along Old Cape Road quickly came to an end, ‘cause the water over the road was just too deep for a car.

I stopped and took some photographs. Yup. Lots of water. Flooding. Deja vu all over again.

At one point, a pickup truck drove by. The driver paused for a short time, and then continued a journey through the water.

Shortly after that, a car came my way. A BMW, I believe. The woman who was driving the car stopped. She rolled down her window.

“Is the road closed?” she asked. She had seen the “Road Closed” signs. She was on the way to Cape Girardeau. From Paducah.

Her fancy, shmancy navigation system apparently had told her to take the Old Cape Road to get to Cape Girardeau. Most of the time, that would be fine. Not on Saturday. The fancy, shmancy navigation system did not know that the Old Cape Road was flooded.

So, I scribbled some directions and drew a map on a piece of paper, sort of a very, very, very low-tech Google map for her. She said thank you, turned around, and headed back the way she had come.

I shot a few more pictures, including a couple with boats that were “docked” along Old Cape Road. I headed back to Route 127. Rain was still falling. I kept my eyes open. Nope. This definitely is not Lexington, Kentucky.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 15, 1969

Fire departments Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola, Anna, Anna State Hospital, Thebes, McClure and the Civil Defense Unit at Cape Girardeau were called to Shawnee Unit School at Wolf Lake about 3:30 Saturday afternoon when fire was discovered there.

A dangerous situation was narrowly averted Tuesday when a leak was discovered in an anhydrous ammonia storage tank located across the highway from the Texaco Service station in Wolf Lake about 4:30 p.m. The Jonesboro Fire Department was called and water was sprayed around the area until 5:00 a.m. Wednesday morning at which time the ammonia had been transferred into two semis which were driven down to Wolf Lake from St. Louis.

The Lincoln School Parent-Teachers Association is holding Open House Sunday, May 18, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in honor of Claude A. Davis, who is retiring as Principal of Lincoln School.

Temperatures dipped to a low of 41 degrees Sunday and went to a high of 83 on Tuesday.

“The Steppe Beyond” will play at Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town on Friday, May 16, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: The Physical Education class of Alto Pass Community High School, with their sponsors, Miss Shear and Miss Deaton, gave a picnic supper honoring their mothers at the State Forest the past Monday. There were 28 present.

From the Mountain Glen news: Saturday seemed to be a very unlucky day as so many fires occurred throughout the area.



It was a dark and stormy evening...

...when storm clouds were rolling in from the north on Thursday evening, May 9. The photograph was taken along Market Street in Anna. The storm clouds brought a brief period of very heavy rain to the Anna area.