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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

I'm Counted Are You?
www.census.gov

With a Sept. 30 deadline rapidly approaching, Southern Seven Health Department is making a final push to encourage everyone to respond to the 2020 census. The health department notes that for every person who doesn't complete their census, the Southern Seven region will lose \$15,000 over the next 10 years for schools, hospitals, emergency services, business development, housing programs, senior and child programs, Head Start, WIC, SNAP and jobs.

University of Illinois Extension is sponsoring the second annual Can Construction Canned Food Drive. All are welcome to participate in the event, which focuses on food security issues in the region. Details are available at local Extension offices.

Autumn started Tuesday morning, Sept. 22.

Fall crops (and summer crops, too) were available in abundance Tuesday morning at the Union County farmers' market in Anna. Several producers said the 2020 growing season has been a good one.

Conditions are starting to get a little bit dry outdoors. The Union County area hasn't had much rain in recent days.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging all families, schools, businesses and other organizations to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut on Oct. 15 at 10:15 a.m. The goal of this "Drop, Cover and Hold On" drill is to improve preparedness and to draw attention to the earthquake hazards that exist in Illinois (including Southern Illinois), across the country and around the world.

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State's attorney, sheriff to monitor polling places

Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel have announced that their offices will again be monitoring Union County polling places on Election Day, which is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Klingemann and Harvel said in a news release that prosecutors and Union County Sheriff's Office investigators will visit polling places throughout the

county to ensure that voting rights are protected and that no improper activity occurs in or around polling places.

Personnel from the offices of the state's attorney and the sheriff will be monitoring for anyone campaigning in or around polling places or otherwise interfering with the election process.

The state's attorney's office and the sheriff's office will be working closely with Union County Clerk

Lance Meisenheimer to respond to any suspected violations of the Illinois Election Code.

Union County officials remind the public that violators could be arrested and face significant fines and jail or prison time.

Possible criminal violations could include:

Active campaigning and solicitation of votes in the polling place or within the 100 foot campaign free

zone of the polling place.

Voters who try to leave the polling place with a ballot. Impersonating a registered voter.

Payment for a vote. Tampering with voting equipment. Illegal casting of votes.

Interfering with the voting process. Harassing the election judges. Harassing the voters. Illegal voter assistance or instruction.

Officials also are remind-

ing members of the public about their rights regarding the election process.

If a voter's registration is active and current, the voter does not need to show identification to vote.

If a voter makes a mistake or "spoils" a paper ballot and the voter has not cast the ballot, the voter has the right to receive a replacement ballot.

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COVID-19

More than 1,000 cases in region

The region served by the Southern Seven Health Department has surpassed 1,000 COVID-19 cases.

Health department statistics also show that Union County is nearing a total of 500 cases.

Southern Seven Health Department reported a cumulative total of 1,019 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Monday, Sept. 21.

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

As of Sept. 21, Union County had a total of 483 COVID-19 cases.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday confirmed a total of 23 new cases of COVID-19 in the region it serves in Southern Illinois for the period of Sept. 18-21.

Four of the new cases were in Union County.

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

Union County: two females in their 30s, one female in her 40s, one female in her 60s.

Alexander County: one female in her 20s, one male in his 30s, two females in their 60s, one female in her 70s, one male in his 80s.

Johnson County: one female in her 10s, one male in his 20s, two males in their 30s, three males in their 40s, one female in her 50s, one male in his 80s.

Massac County: one female in her 60s.

Pope County: one male in his 70s.

Pulaski County: one male in his 40s, one female in her 70s.

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

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Union County Census Day held Sept. 17

A Union County Census Day was held Thursday, Sept. 17. Activities were scheduled at locations throughout Union County as part of an effort to help area residents to fill out their 2020 census forms. Successful op-up events were slated in Cobden, Alto Pass, Jonesboro and Dongola. Census Day activities culminated last Thursday afternoon on the front lawn at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Nearly 50 people signed up for the census at the various events.

Census Day was sponsored by the City of Anna and Union County, and was supported by the Illinois Migrant Council, the Village of Cobden, the Village of Dongola, the City of Jonesboro, the Shawnee Mass Transit District, Southern Seven Health Department and the Southern Five Regional Planning Commission. Shawnee Mass Transit District partnered with Union County Census Day organizers to offer free rides to and from the event within the county.

Computers were available that could be used for submitting the 2020 census electronically. Union County Census Day also featured free food (with nearly 100 hot dogs served in Anna), giveaways, prizes every hour, fliers and information, along with a chance to win a \$50 gift card, a new Chromebook and other prizes.



Special effort noted

Rural Health Inc. executive secretary Patty Phillippe has created nearly 250 face masks for staff, their family and friends. Photo provided.

Rural Health thanks staff member for making masks

During the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, many people are going the extra mile to help others in the community.

Rural Health Inc. in Anna is highlighting one of its very own for stepping up and doing her part during the pandemic.

Patty Phillippe, executive secretary at Rural Health Inc., has created almost 250 face masks for staff members, their families and friends.

Phillippe has used her own resources and time for the effort. She chooses the materials, cuts and sews the masks together.

Phillippe said she loves seeing the journey each mask takes, and is proud to know that she is doing her part to keep others safe, and perhaps making a difference in someone's life.

Rural Health Inc. expresses its gratitude for Phillippe's actions, noting that "the effort and detail that Phillippe puts into each mask is awe-inspiring."

During a time where the organization has face masks readily available for patients, Rural Health says it's nice to know that one of their own is doing their part to help keep their fellow co-workers safe as well."

Constitution Week commemorated in Anna

Sept. 17-23 was proclaimed as Constitution Week in the City of Anna.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline signed a proclamation which commemorated the anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.

The commemoration also was highlighted by a special bell-ringing ceremony which was held in downtown Anna.

The proclamation signed by the mayor of Anna noted that Sept. 17 marked the 233rd anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pa.

The proclamation declared that it is "fitting and proper to officially



Bell-ringing celebrates U.S. Constitution

A group of enthusiastic participants gathered Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17, in downtown Anna to commemorate the 233rd anniversary of drafting of the U.S. Constitution. Various chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined to ring bells at 3 p.m. in commemoration of the landmark event.





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County again at COVID-19 warning level

Southern Seven Health Department reported on Friday, Sept. 18, that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk level in Union County had changed from blue to orange on the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, County Level Risk Metrics Map.

An orange designation indicates warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the community.

After a number of weeks at the warning level, Union County had been off of the list for a week. The county went back to the warning level as the result of increase in two COVID-19 risk metrics for the period of Sept. 6 to Sept. 12.

Southern Seven Health Department reported that eight different indicators are used to determine a county's designation.

A county is considered at the orange "warning" level when at least two of the main indicators are going in the wrong direction.

The health department said that individuals, families and community groups should use this information to help inform their choices about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do.

The IDPH county-level risk map can be viewed on the County Level Covid-19 Risk Metrics website.

Union County showed an increase in two risk metrics from Sept. 6 to Sept. 12, which led to an orange "warning" designation for the county.

The two risk metrics are new cases per 100,000 people and test positivity percentage.

The health department explained that the new cases per 100,000 people rate is a unit of measure calculated as a rate to compare the number of cases in large and small counties.

The rate is calculated by dividing the county case count for seven days by county population times 100,000.

This describes the potential number of people who are currently ill and may be infectious in the county.

There were 148 potential new cases (based on 25 positive cases) per 100,000 reported in Union County, which was up from the previous week of 131 new potential cases (based on 22 positive cases).

A warning indicates the new case rate is greater

than 50 cases per 100,000 people.

The test positivity percentage for Union County was 8.2 percent out of 305 tests, up from 6.4 percent out of 405 tests the previous week.

A warning indicates that the test positivity rate was above 8 percent from the previous seven-day period.

"Union County has seen significant swings in positive cases over the past two months that can be attributed to large social gatherings, July 4th and Labor Day events," Southern Seven Health Department community outreach coordinator Shawwna Rhine said in a news release.

"We all want to return to our normal activities, but we must do so safely. Please wear your mask, watch your distance, wash your hands and stay home when you're sick. Those simple steps are your best prevention."

The health department continues to work with businesses and many other facets of the community to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

These efforts have included increasing the accessibility of local COVID-19

testing in Union, Johnson and Pulaski counties, building the Southern Seven contact tracing workforce, coordinating with law enforcement officials and county state's attorneys to address executive order violations at businesses, and assisting schools, child-care providers, long-term care facilities, and other industries with public health education and guidance.

Southern Seven Health Department reported the Southern Seven Region's first COVID-19 case on April 1.

As of Sept. 16, 965 residents had tested positive for the disease. A total of 25 deaths had been reported.

For the latest information about COVID-19 cases in the region, visit <https://www.southern7.org/coronavirus-covid-19.html>.

There you will find a link to the department's Facebook page, which is updated Monday through Friday with community guidance and resources, and answers to frequently asked questions.

The health department also can be contacted by email at <https://www.southern7.org/contact-us.html> or by calling 618-634-2297.

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This year's Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days had been scheduled Sept. 26-27 at John A. Logan College in Carterville. Like many other activities, the event has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

A community yard sale day is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 3, in Cobden. Organizers note that participants will be asked to wear a face mask.

Tri State RV has increased its real estate footprint by purchasing the property on the east side of Kroger.

Dr. Walter Schroeder, who is retired, still enjoys receiving The Gazette-Democrat at his home in Cape Girardeau. Born and raised in Anna, he still has a keen interest in Union County happenings.

A very large athletic complex is under construction adjacent to The Strike Zone Bowling Center at the east edge of Anna. The facility will be the home of a fitness center.

If you intend to vote by mail in the upcoming November election, your decision is public information and political candidates may be sending you political material.

Ray Lenzi, the Democratic candidate for Congress in Illinois' 12th District, launched his "Movement for Change" campaign tour during a noon time visit Monday to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Monday's schedule also included visits to Mound City and Cairo. More on this to come.

The River-to-River Trail

Society plans to offer a series of guided hikes in the region during the fall. The first hike is planned Saturday, Oct. 10, at Pyramid State Park. The society notes that advance registration will be required for the events. The society also notes that all hikers will be required to bring a face mask.

Sept. 21-27 has been proclaimed as Illinois Rail Safety Week. The purpose of the statewide initiative is to educate drivers and pedestrians about safety around railroad tracks and trains.

In recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week, which is Sept. 20-26, the Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding parents and caregivers that state law requires children to ride in a child safety seat until age 8 and rear-facing until age 2. Proper restraint in a car or booster seat is the best way to protect a child from serious injury or death in the event of a crash.

On Friday, Sept. 25, as part of National Preparedness Month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and public safety officials throughout the state plan to participate in "If You See Something, Say Something Awareness Day." The goal of the event is to inspire, empower and educate the public about the importance of reporting suspicious activity.

Giant City State Park and downtown Makanda were busy places last Sunday afternoon.

Big change: the words "chilly nights" were used by the National Weather Service in the forecast for last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Texas man faces charges in connection with 2018 accident

Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann reported Sept. 16 that Derek M. Adams, 51, of Houston, Texas, has been charged with one count of aggravated reckless driving (a Class 4 felony) and one count of reckless conduct (a Class 4 felony).

Adams was charged after an extensive investigation by the Illinois State Police following a vehicle accident on the off ramp of Interstate 57 and State Route 146 in Union County in August 2018.

Authorities said that Adams, while driving a commercial motor vehicle, failed to stop at a stop sign and crashed into a passenger car in which one adult and two children were injured.

One of the children received life-threatening injuries, which resulted in permanent disability.

The matter has been set for a first appearance at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

COVID-19 update

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The health department reported 16 new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Sept. 21.

As of Sept. 21, there were 760 people in the health department's service area who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

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

Monitor polling places

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If a voter cannot read, has trouble understanding English, or has a disability, that voter has the right to request assistance from anyone other than his or her employer, an agent of his or her employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union.

Voters have the right to register to vote and cast their vote at the same time up to and including on Election Day. Same-day registration and voting

are available at the Union County Courthouse, which is located at 309 W. Market St. in Jonesboro – and not at regular polling places.

Polls are scheduled to be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. The state's attorney and sheriff said that members of the public who have questions or concerns regarding activities taking place at any Union County polling place should contact the Union County clerk's office at 833-5711, the Union

County state's attorney's office at 833-7216 or the Union County Sheriff's Office at 833-5500.

Early voting is scheduled to begin Sept. 24 (today) at the Union County Courthouse. Voting can be done from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Voting will be in the community room on the first floor of the courthouse.

County officials said that concerns about voting also can be addressed to: The Illinois State Board

of Elections, phone 217-782-4141.

The Illinois attorney general's office, phone 1-800-559-6812.

The office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, phone 618-628-3700.

The FBI, phone 618-397-4401.

The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, phone 1-800-253-3931, email voting.section@usdoj.gov.

Commemorating U.S. Constitution

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recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion."

The mayor also asked "our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787."

One of the "patriotic celebrations" of Constitution Week was held Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17. A group of enthusiastic participants gathered at a veterans monument in downtown Anna to ring bells at 3 p.m. to commemorate the drafting of the Constitution.

Event organizer Norma Lee Hackney shared the following information about the Constitution and Constitution Week:

Constitution Week commemorates America's most important document.

This celebration was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR.

In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week.

The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Con-

gress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to: Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.

Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.

Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us.

Hackney noted the bell-ringing which took place at 3 p.m.

"Prior to ringing bells we discussed the interdependence of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution," she said.

"The Declaration of Independence holds the key to our freedom.

In the book 'Big Q Little Q: The Calm Before the Storm' by a Friend of Medjugorje it provided an analogy for this interdependence.

"Every corporation in America has a charter or articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation or a charter brings the organization into existence and identifies its purpose and intent. Then the organization creates its by-laws on how to govern the business.

"Using this analogy the relationship between the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution was easy for me to understand.

"The Declaration of Independence is America's foundation, the articles of incorporation that brought our nation into existence and identified its purpose.

"The Constitution provides the by-laws on how our nation will be governed.

"The Declaration of Independence defines our nation's principles, our moral values.

"In the Constitution there is no right or wrongs – only the laws.

been reported in the county.

Pulaski County: 156 cases. 133 had recovered. 22 active cases. One death had been reported in the county.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in Illinois there were 1,477 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on Sept. 21, bringing the confirmed total in the state to 275,735 individuals, with 8,457 deaths.

of Elections, phone 217-782-4141.

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"Based on this, it is time for me to read the Declaration of Independence again and remind myself what the Founding Fathers had in mind for our country.

"The Declaration of Independence preceded the Constitution. It was signed in 1776 and the Constitution was signed eleven years later in 1787 and ratified in 1789.

"It appears the Declaration is the conscience for the Constitution and the Constitution is not a stand-alone document.

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for August.

Highlights from the report follows:

Felony arrests, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 25. Traffic arrests, 28. Warrant arrests, three. Total arrests, 64.

Cases opened, 42. Drug investigations, five. Crash reports, 13. 911 calls, 1,766. Miles patrolled, 15,753.

Teacher seeks access for all to visual arts



Artist featured

Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky is featured in a video which is offered as an 8th grade resource by Anna School District No. 37 art teacher Josh Shearer. The image is a screen shot from the video.

A Union County teacher says he was looking for a way to increase access to the visual arts during a school year which is unlike anything this country has ever seen before.

Josh Shearer is the art teacher for Anna Community Unit School District No. 37. Shearer says he is looking for a silver lining in the midst of a pandemic.

"Parents and teachers are using the internet in ways they have never imagined. There is little doubt that this is a struggle for students, parents and teachers," Shearer said.

"The personal rapport required for educational success is very hard to es-

tablish through remote and hybrid learning models, and it is hard enough to be a parent in these uncertain times, let alone take on the role of teacher also," he continued.

Now, Shearer says he sees an opportunity to increase access to visual art education throughout the region.

He started serving Illinois public schools as an art educator in 2006 as the art teacher for Century District No. 100 at Ullin.

In 2010, Shearer lost his position due to the state's budget crisis.

At that point, Shearer said it became his mission "to make sure every student in our great state receives

access to the magic, joy, and learning attained through art education."

He started working for Anna District No. 37 in 2011. But, Shearer said, his students at Century "were always heavy on his heart."

Shearer recalled the positive influence of having Nancy Murray as an art teacher and said that he knew the impact art education can have.

"Art is how we understand, interpret, and build culture," he said.

"In a state with the greatest river system in the world, some of the richest farmland in the world, and one of the best cities in the world, there has to be enough resources to make sure every student has an art teacher."

Shearer said he is always searching for solutions, not problems.

As Anna District No. 37 adopted a hybrid learning model to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, his instruction went virtual.

Shearer said he will be the first to tell you he never planned on managing a

website, or creating instructional videos.

"It gives students an opportunity to see me struggle as I learn, and we are all learning together," Josh says.

But the creation and publication of the online content for his students gave him the idea to share the curriculum with anyone who wanted it.

He said that every student who wants an art teacher can follow along in his remote learning plan. This is accessible to any student with the internet.

The curriculum is designed for 3rd through 8th grade students, but can be modified to suit any student's needs. His website is updated daily.

To check out his website, visit anna37.com. From there select remote learning, then Josh Shearer.

If you want additional help or feedback, email jshearer@anna37.com.

Shearer invites everyone to consider adding their child, or children to his remote classroom. Shearer says he would "be thrilled to learn with them."



Garden of the month

The Anna-Jo Garden Club has presented its most recent garden of the month award to Brenda Tripp at 335 McCloud Loop near Anna. In announcing the honor, the garden club shared that "Brenda's many beautiful gardens are well known in this area for their design, color and sometimes whimsical delight. Even in the fall season, her gardens reflect luscious color." In the picture, she is surrounded by different varieties of yellow marigolds, kiss me over the garden gate and ruby red celosias. "Brenda has generously given many colorful bouquets to the club for garden therapy visits to the nursing homes," the garden club added. Photo provided.

Career opportunities for women in farming industry topic of virtual panel discussion

A virtual panel discussion planned by Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences will explore the diverse career opportunities available within the farming industry for women.

The conversation, via Zoom, is set for noon, Friday, Sept. 25, and will focus on the varying agriculture-related careers.

The discussion will include Erin Perry, an associate professor in the SIU Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition.

The meeting is free and open to the public. To participate, click on the Zoom link. The meeting ID is 954 9813 8374 and call-in number is 312-626-6799,

95498138374#.

Other panelists are scheduled to include:

Susan Graham, assistant to the dean, College of Agriculture, Life and Physical Sciences.

Miriam Hoffman, a junior studying agribusiness economics from Earlville.

Sarah Dintelmann, a 2020 SIU Carbondale graduate in agricultural business and agronomy who is now working with Bayer Crop Science.

Perry said her goal is to help young women understand the vast diversity of available opportunities within the industry.

The discussion is scheduled to feature SIU faculty, students and alumni.

The virtual meeting is sponsored by the southern region of Illinois Agri-Women.

Food service course slated

Shawnee Community College is planning to offer a food service ServSafe course.

The course is scheduled Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19-20, at Shawnee Community College's Anna Extension Center. Hours will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

Upon successful passing of the ServSafe exam, a

student will hold a food handler's certification which is valid for five years.

To register, or for more information, call a Shawnee Community College advisor at 618-634-3200, extension 3397, or the Anna Extension Center at 833-3399, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Class space is limited.

Weather

High 82, low 44; no precipitation

The Union County area experienced mild temperatures during the period of Sept. 15-21.

The high temperature for the period was 82. The low was 44.

Mid-September was dry, too, with no precipitation recorded.

Following are tempera-

tures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, Sept. 15	80	59
Wednesday, Sept. 16	82	58
Thursday, Sept. 17	82	56
Friday, Sept. 18	72	54
Saturday, Sept. 19	71	47
Sunday, Sept. 20	75	44
Monday, Sept. 21	77	48

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A tribute to our area veterans . . .

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

Don't miss this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have proudly served or are still serving our country. Please mail or bring in a picture of your veteran (living or deceased) or your family member still on active duty to:

The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906
OR email information to news@annanews.com.

Photos need to be scanned, not photocopied please. Please include your name and phone number where you can be reached if we have any questions.

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

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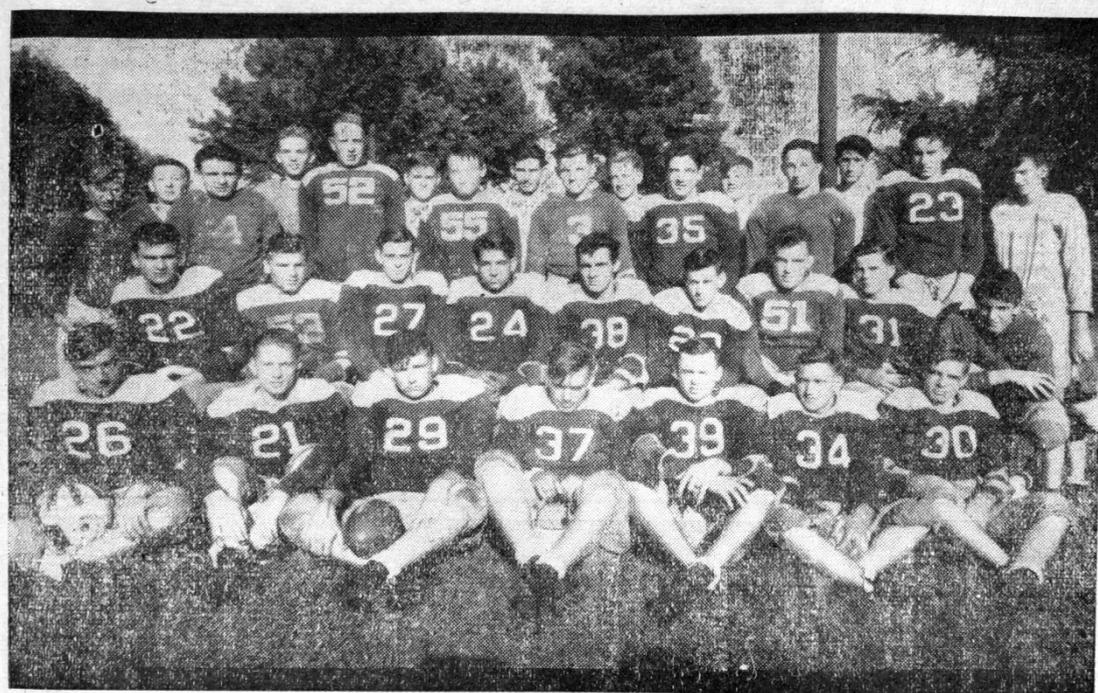
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Sports

Football memories: 1939 A-JCHS Wildcats

The 1939 A-J Wildcats



Here is the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football squad, which will open the home schedule against Zeigler here Friday night.

Front row: Clyde Choate, Merle Boswell, Capt. Hewey Tweedy, Mike Alcorn, Bill Sorrels, Charles Brimm, Charley Chrisman.

Second row: James Daubs, Marvin Englehart, Merle Hoss, Wilbur Grisham, Harold Holtz, Earl Hoss, Ernest Ellis, R. C. Mallams, Jack Burns.

Third row: Calvin Aaron, Donald Ferguson, Eldon Moak, Robert Cast, Thomas Dougherty, Charles Shafer, Roscoe Brewer, John Stokes, Dennis Boyd.

Fourth row: Billy Tripp, Robert Wiggs, Leon West, Luther Parr, Bill Eddleman, Berle Turner, Robert Niblock.

1939 A-J Wildcats

This photograph of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team appeared in the Sept. 21, 1939, issue of The Gazette-Democrat.

The 2020 high school football season in Illinois has been put on hold because of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

This week, The Gazette-Democrat takes a look back at the 1939 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team.

The following article about the A-J football team appeared in the Thursday, Sept. 21, 1939, issue of The Gazette-Democrat:

The 1939 model of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High (School) football team will make its home debut tomorrow (Friday) night, when the Wildcats meet the strong Zeigler team on the A-J field in the opening home game of the season. The kick-off is slated for 7:45.

Injuries Cripple Three

Coach Paul Houghton said the starting A-J lineup would probably be about

the same as the eleven who started at Metropolis last week.

Injuries have been hampering Merle Boswell, Mike Alcorn and Wilbur Grisham in practice this week, but all three will probably see some action Friday night if their injuries respond to treatment.

Boswell has a pulled shoulder tendon, while the other two suffered lime burns at Metropolis.

The coaches have been experimenting this week with Harold Holtz at end instead of guard, moving Bill Sorrels to the backfield, and putting Bob Cast at guard. This combination may be tried in Friday night's game.

Sorrels and Jimmy Daubs will probably start at ends with Grisham and Ernest Ellis at tackles and Holtz and Merle Hoss at guards. Capt. Hewey Tweedy will be at center.

The Wildcat backfield will likely include Charles Shafer, Boswell, Alcorn, and Charlie Chrisman.

Big Zeigler Line

Zeigler is reported to have a line weighing 180 pounds and one of their best teams. The school has a reputation for pow-

erful teams and local fans should see a good exhibition of football when the Wildcats tackle the invaders.

The 40-piece A-J High band will march before the game and during the half. Other entertainment is also planned.

A-J and Zeigler played to a 0-0 tie in the game.

Another story of interest appeared in the Sept. 21, 1939, issue of the paper: **Wildcats Meet Mounds in Six-Man Game There Friday**

A group of Anna-Jonesboro High School football players will go to Mounds to play the school there in a six-man football game. Marshall Howell is coaching the A-J squad.

Six-man football is similar to the regular 11-man game, except there are only three men in the line and three in the backfield. Mounds is playing the abbreviated football as a regular sport instead of the 11-man variety.

A return game will be played here on the night of November 1, preceding the high school conference (game).

SIU, SEMO slated to play football game Oct. 23 in Carbondale

Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri State have joined a growing list of college football programs that are planning to play football this fall.

In a joint announcement on Monday, the schools said they are scheduled to play at Saluki Stadium in Carbondale on Friday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.

SIU director of athletics Liz Jarnigan and SEMO AD Brady Barke worked together with both schools' head coaches to map out a safe return to practice and competition.

"We're so excited to bring football back this fall for our players, staff and fans," Jarnigan said.

"There have been challenges along the way, but I'm confident in the processes we have in place that we can have a safe and enjoyable evening on Oct. 23rd."

SIU head coach Nick Hill, who played for SEMO head coach Tom Matukewicz during his career at Southern Illinois, said a fall matchup with the Redhawks was the right fit for both programs.

"If we were going to play any game this fall, we were going to play SEMO," Hill said.

"The rivalry, the uniqueness of two Division I schools with the histories of both programs that are 45 minutes away from each other. A lot of the uncertainty of these times is travel, staying in hotels, getting on planes."

SEMO will drive to Southern on the day of the game and return the same night.

Saluki Athletics is working on a reduced-capacity seating plan and other measures that could allow season-ticket holders and students to attend the game.

Details will be announced at a later date.

"People are starving for football in the area and both fan bases can have a game to rally around," Hill said.

Both the No. 24 Salukis and No. 25 Redhawks are ranked in the Stats FCS preseason poll.

The game will count toward the 2020-2021 season record and be used by the selection committee when determining the proposed 16-team playoff field.

The Missouri Valley Football Conference expects to play an eight-game spring season, followed by the FCS Playoffs.

The game will be the 88th meeting all-time between the schools in a series that dates back to 1909, when the teams had to cross the Mississippi River by boat to play.

The rivalry is branded the "War For The Wheel" in reference to the ship's wheel trophy that goes to the winner.

SEMO is currently in possession of the wheel after last year's 44-26 win in Cape Girardeau.

Both schools planned to resume full-team practices on Monday.

"To start talking about game plans, practice schedules and how we're going to get this team ready to go: as a football coach, it's exciting to be able to do that," Hill said.

"This is a tremendous rivalry and I'm excited we get to play this game," said Matukewicz.

"There is so much history in this series and both fan bases look forward to this matchup every year. People are starving for football and we're confident in the protocols we have in place to make a safe return to play."

A-J boys take first in six-team event run at Massac County; girls finish in second place

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' and girls' cross country teams competed Thursday, Sept. 17, in a six-team event at Massac County.

The A-J boys won their event, while the girls finished in second place.

A-J 42, Vienna 56, West Frankfort 75, Herrin 80, Massac County 125, Harrisburg 133 (boys): Beto Vaca Diez led the way for the winning Wildcats with a 4th place finish in 17:23.36.

Matteo Vaca Diez was next for A-J at 5th in a time of 17:51.71.

Other results posted by A-J runners included: 8th, T.J. Macy 18:26.43. 9th, Zach Henry 18:28.99. 17th, Daniel Dover 19:09.78. 18th, Nick McGrath

19:17.92. 26th, Josh Williams 20:48.99.

Vienna 49, A-J 55, Massac County 71, Herrin 81, West Frankfort 90, Harrisburg 157 (girls): Kaylee Stover led the Lady Wildcats with a 5th place finish in 22:07.9.

Julia Hall was next for the Lady Wildcats at 7th with a time of 22:52.66.

Other results posted by A-J runners included: 12th, Addison Denny 23:30.52. 14th, Olivia Bowen 22:39.83. 17th, Marisol Zamora 23:53.05. 19th, Lakelyn Carter 23:57.33.

A-J's Brodie Denny had a leg injury and did not compete.

The A-J boys and girls are scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at Benton.

A-J girls', boys' golf teams both see action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' golf teams both were in action last week.

A-J Girls

The A-J girls' golf team lost for the first time this season at the Red Hawk Golf Course in Pinckneyville Thursday, Sept. 17.

Pinckneyville 189, A-J 199, Mount Vernon 220: Marlee Smith led the Lady Wildcats with 37.

Mary Jane Cavaness was next for A-J with 49, followed by Madi Hawk 56, Reese Reynolds 57 and Victoria Bittle and Addi Hadley 58 each.

A-J, which was 8-1 following the match, is scheduled to compete at the Pine Lakes Golf Course in Herrin Wednesday, Sept. 30.

A-J Boys

The A-J boys' golf team finished 1-2 in last week's action.

A-J 162, Pinckneyville 176: Luke Lasley won medalist honors with 32 in leading the Wildcats to the victory at the Red Hawk Golf Course in Pinckneyville Thursday, Sept. 17.

Kamden Richardson was next for A-J with 41, followed by Hayden Ralls 44, Gavin Osman 45 and Timothy Plott and Nick Hannan with 47 each.

Carbondale 167, A-J 176: Lasley scored 34 to win medalist honors for the Wildcats in the loss at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Plott and Richardson

were next for A-J with 47 apiece, followed by Osman and Hannan with 48 each, Ralls and Nash Oxford 51 each and Andrew Odum 60.

Massac County 177, Carterville 179, Nashville 181 and A-J 187: Lasley led the Wildcats with 41 in the loss at the Crab Orchard Lake Golf Course in Carterville Monday, Sept. 14.

Ralls finished second for A-J with 46, followed by Richardson 49, Osman 51, Plott 55 and Hannan 56.

The A-J boys had a 7-4 record following last week's action. The team is scheduled to play again in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Tournament at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carterville Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The A-J Junior Varsity Boys' Invitational is scheduled at the Union County Country Club Thursday, today.

Du Quoin edges Anna

The Anna Junior High School softball team watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 3-1 loss to Du Quoin.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Du Quoin struck out nine, while Ruby Yates from Anna sat down 11.

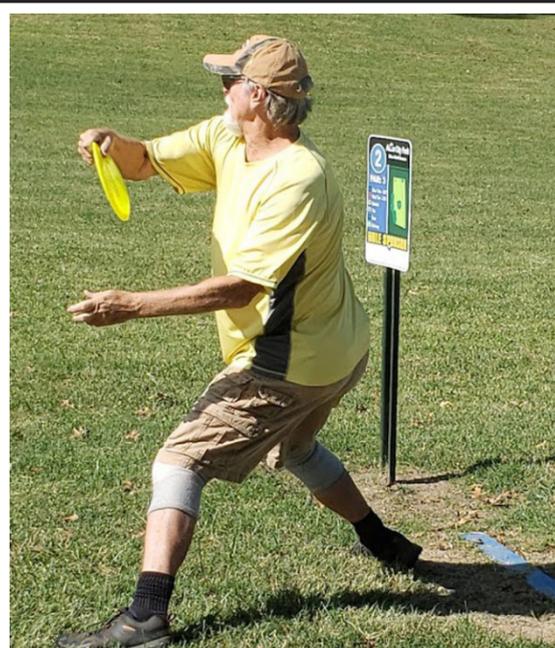
Yates surrendered three runs on six hits over seven innings, striking out 11 and walking none.

Kansas Craig led the Anna Lady Indians with two hits in three at bats.



Disc golf tournament played in Anna

Competitors from around the region gathered at the new disc golf course at Anna City Park in Anna last Saturday for the Trilogy Challenge Doubles Tournament. The team of Scott Trambley and Jon Boster finished first among the 20 teams competing. Proceeds from the tournament benefited Hadley's Haven, an organization raising funds to build an all-inclusive playground in Southern Illinois. The tournament raised nearly \$800 for the cause.



Cobden baseball posts wins over Century, Herrin Agape

The Cobden High School baseball team won for the first time this season last week.

“We’re getting better,” Cobden coach Dana Pearson said. “The big thing is that we didn’t make any errors.”

Cobden 6, Century 5: John Fuhrhop was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the host Appleknockers to their first win Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Tristan Brummer was 1-for-3 with a triple and 2 RBIs. Nolen Hand and Jace Wyatt were both 1-for-3 with an RBI each. Brock Reynolds was 1-for-4 with a triple.

Reynolds and Hand

pitched in the win. Reynolds pitched 6 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks and 10 strikeouts. Hand pitched an inning and had 3 strikeouts.

Cobden 3, Herrin Agape 0: Hand was the winning pitcher in the second win for visiting Cobden Thursday, Sept. 17.

Hand pitched 7 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 walks and 14 strikeouts.

Dawson Short, Reynolds, Wyatt and Brummer were 1-for-3. Franklin added an RBI.

Cobden, 2-4, is scheduled to play again Thursday, today, at Webber Township.

Sports Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, September 24, 1970

Through the power of an offense that mustered some 340 total yards, the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats defeated the Carterville Lions by a score of 38-18 last Friday night in the opening game of the football season.

The question concerning the balanced attack of the 1970 Wildcats football team was answered by a powerful offensive attack that could manage both an effective ground and air attack coupled with a defense that contained Carterville to 18 hard fought points.

An Illinois High School Association ruling on the scoring of the Point After Touchdown was first employed in prep football this last Friday night. The scoring of the PAT in past seasons has been one point for either a kicking or running conversion attempt. This year, however, the IHSA ruled that the running conversion attempt would now be worth two points while kicking attempt is still worth one point.

Coach’s Column: Even though all the players did an excellent job on both offense and defense, Coach Ron Gray of the Wildcats chose Joe Pickett and La Rue Parr as offensive and defensive players of the week.

Tomorrow night A-J opens its Southwest Egyptian Conference season with a game at Chester.

The annual National Coon Squalling, State Goose, Duck and Crow Calling Contest, sponsored by the Union County Sportsmen’s Club, which was originally scheduled for October 3 and 4, will be held October 10 and 11.

In the 1970 All-Star game, the Union County All-Stars pounced pennant winning State Farm, 12 to 3.

The Ridge Riders Saddle Club will hold a Western Horse Show at the Dongola Arena Sunday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Anna VFW planning corn hole tournament

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning to host a Corn Hole Challenge Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 10, starting at noon.

The proceeds from the event will go to support the local VFW.

A barbeque stand will be set up for lunch. Drinks also will be available.

The actual corn hole event will be outside so social distancing can be maintained.

The bar inside the VFW post will be open to all. The post is located north of Anna at 70 VFW Ln., just off old U.S. Route 51.

In addition to the corn hole tournament, the VFW plans to have a silent auction, with items donated by members and local vendors.

Craft vendors have been invited to set up booths and to sell their wares.

The competition will include games that will allow competitors to choose their own partners, as well as blind draw for partners, so players don’t have to be a corn hole pro to have fun.

Entry fees vary for different games with a \$30 entry fee for teams.

Games will include double eliminations, sudden death and others.

Payouts will be for first place, second place and third place.

Registration is set to begin at noon on Oct. 10. Play is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Play will continue as long as the players are having fun.

The VFW invites the community to bring a lawn chair and spend the day at the tournament.

The VFW again voiced appreciation for everyone’s support of its activities.

More information is available by calling the VFW post at 833-5182.

Anna Council has busy agenda at regular meeting

The Anna City Council once again had a wide-ranging agenda for a regular meeting.

The council met in regular session Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, at Anna City Hall.

Halloween trick-or-treat hours were discussed. Halloween is Oct. 31.

Uncertainty surrounds plans for trick-or-treating in the midst of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The city is hoping to receive guidance from state officials regarding plans for trick-or-treating.

Pumpkin Town, another seasonal event was discussed at the city council meeting.

Pumpkin Town is a popular event which has been held for a number of years on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

Like many other events, Pumpkin Town is impacted by the pandemic.

With that in mind, community member Pete Housman was in attendance at the Sept. 15 meeting.

Housman discussed plans for having Pumpkin Town at the Anna City Park.

Following the meeting, the following information about plans for the 2020 Pumpkin Town was received:

The theme for this year’s event will be Super Heroes.

Pumpkin Town is planned at the Anna City Park this year. Set up will be Oct. 19-22.

A ribbon cutting open-

ing is planned Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Pumpkin Town displays will be on view Oct. 22 through Oct. 31.

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

No categories or divisions are planned. This is an open opportunity for anyone who wishes to participate and create a display in the 20x20 space which is assigned.

Those who want to participate and enter either/and or the diorama display or store front entry are asked to register their plans by Wednesday, Oct. 14, by mail or email to Carol@southernmostillinois.com or Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau, P.O. Box 378, Anna, Ill. 62906.

In other business at last week’s meeting:

Brentley Sims was employed as a full-time officer with the Anna Police Department.

The city council approved a bid for a water line extension project along Lick Creek Road. A bid in the amount of \$56,631 was accepted from Mott Excavating in Vienna.

The council approved an ordinance which established a four-way stop at the intersection of West High and South Green streets.

A resolution was approved for the placing of four speed bumps on Herman Wright Drive, which is at the Anna City Park.

The council approved a high bid of \$800 for a surplus 1991 Ford LGT. Two bids were received.

Counseling service welcomes support for 5K run/walk event

Union County Counseling Service is planning to host its sixth 5K run/walk on Saturday morning, Oct. 17, at the Anna City Park.

Organizers are welcoming corporate sponsorship and other support for the event.

Union County Counseling Service works to improve the mental health of children and adults throughout the community.

Funds raised during the 5K run/walk will be utilized to support activities for Union County Counseling Service clients of all ages.

Activities which are supported include school athletics, homecoming and other celebrations, summer

outings, local plays and cultural programs, Christmas presents and many others which the counseling service’s clients would otherwise be unable to enjoy.

In some cases, basic needs, such as unfunded medications and personal items, may be purchased.

Those who may be interested in learning how to support the 5K run/walk can contact Susie Adams at Union County Counseling Service, phone 833-8551 or email susieadams@uccsinc.org.

Online registration and sponsorship forms are available through Union County Counseling Service’s Facebook page.

Anna Pickleball Group plans to host tournament

Pickleball action is planned in Anna. A pickleball tournament is scheduled Sept. 25-27 at the Anna City Park.

The Anna Pickleball Group will be hosting the Southern Illinois Open tournament.

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

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

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

The Anna Pickleball Group reports that players from five states have signed up to play and will partici-

pate at various skill levels.

Friday, Sept. 25, 3.0 players will compete in men’s, women’s and mixed doubles beginning at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26, is scheduled to feature 3.5 players in the same divisions. Play is set to start at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday is scheduled to feature players from 4.0 and 4.5 levels, with competition starting at 10 a.m.

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

Sinisi’s on Main in Anna plans to have its food truck available on Friday and Saturday.

Organizers noted that the public is invited to come and watch some of the best pickleball players in the area as they compete.

New police chief named for Village of Cobden

Fire department receives \$360,000 grant for new truck

The Village of Cobden has a new police chief.

The post was filled at a regular meeting of the Cobden Village Board of Trustees which was held Tuesday evening, Sept. 8.

The meeting was at Cobden Village Hall.

Village president Paul Z. Tomazzoli’s appointment of Jesse Spencer as police chief was approved by a consent vote.

The police chief’s oath of office was administered to Spencer by village clerk Karen M. Winzenburger.

In related business, the village president will draft a letter requesting input from the public regarding the public’s expectations for the Cobden Police Department.

The new police chief was asked to deactivate the police department’s Facebook page. The board also voted to provide a cell phone for the police department’s use.

A wide range of other business was conducted at the Sept. 8 meeting.

It was reported that the Cobden Fire Department was successful in applying for a grant to purchase a fire truck. Funds in excess of \$360,000 have been awarded.

Halloween trick-or-treat hours were discussed. No official hours will be set in the village due to the ongoing and unknown COVID-19 restrictions.

Village officials noted that residents and parents are not prohibited from observing Halloween traditions.

The board discussed the process of annexing properties south of the village along Old U.S. Route 51.

The village president was authorized to proceed with seeing if a majority of property owners are favorable to annexation.

In light of there being no qualified applications for the position of police officer, the board decided to place an online advertisement for police officer for 30 days.

The resignation of Jeremy Smith as school resource officer was accepted. The resignation was effective Aug. 28.

The board voted to accept the resignation of Lou Ann Hartline as village treasurer.

The village’s cemetery board of managers has a vacancy.

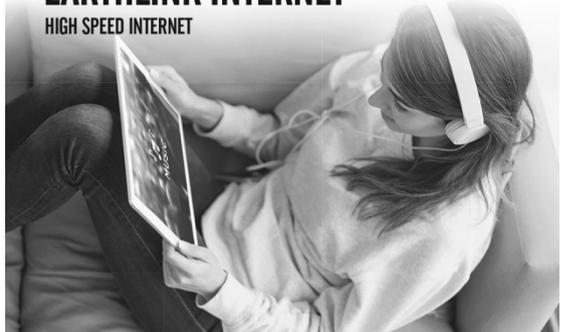
The village will work to help promote the Cobden PTO Food Cabinet in mailings to the public.

The board voted to opt out of a program to defer Social Security taxes.

The board voted to approve revised expenses for a fall disc golf tournament.

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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.

Guests

Jane Bauer's niece and husband Cal and Charisse Streetet from Topeka, Ind., visited her over the weekend. They went to Lambert's in Sikeston, Mo., for lunch on Saturday, Rendleman Orchards and walked down Main Street in Anna.

Gatlinburg Trip

Tina Ramage and a group of friends went to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They were visited by a bear at their motel. Then, they saw elk crossing the road on the way into Cherokee, N.C.

89th Birthday

Rose Ramage celebrated her birthday Sept. 21.

Guest

Guest of Dean Corbit was his daughter Nelly Bolender from Bartlett, Tenn.

Sympathy

Willie and Terrie Rhymer recently attended the funeral/visitation of their aunt Erma Story in Belknap. She was 88 years old at the time of her passing and was from the Cypress area.

Fall Weather

David and Marie Samuel toured around country roads north and south of Crab Orchard Lake Sunday. The weather was beautiful.

Annabelle Market

Jill Mills played her harp in front of Annabelle Mar-

ket Saturday night when the Stores in beautiful down town Anna stayed open late to say goodbye to summer and welcome fall.

Jill has a booth in the store to raise funds for missions.

Colorfest sale will be Oct. 10 at Annabelle Market, second Saturday, as they always have.

Thanks for Your Service

Trace Faire is stationed at the Grand Forks Airbase in North Dakota. He will be working in an unmanned aircraft used for reconnaissance missions.

His parents Tasha and Jerome are going to fly up to see him and take his sister as well as his new fiancé with them. The winters there are terrible, so they want to see the base before it was covered in snow.

Sunshine Inn

From Janice Lewellyn: I would like to add a little admiration and honor for the Sunshine Inn, which I don't think Union County citizens realize do so much for our seniors here.

A few years ago I even served on their boards so I was able to see what it was like from that side also.

I understand that most earn a salary that are involved but that does not cover the extra effort and caring that goes into it. The meals are nourishing, tasty, maybe not always what

we would select, not fixed exactly as we would like, but again I don't remember my momma always putting food on the table to my desires either. Now look at me. A healthy senior who knows from whence she come.

Thanks be to my mother and all those who care for us at the Sunshine Inn. Long may they nourish us and love us as we love them.

Anna VFW

The post will be sponsoring a corn hole tournament on Oct. 10.

They are looking for vendors to set up inside. If you are a vendor that would like to set up and sell your items please contact Linda at lindajackson98@frontier.com to receive a contract and reserve a space. If you are not a vendor and know of anyone who is in our local area please have them contact Linda.

The event will be outside, but the vendors will be set up inside. People will be coming in and out throughout the day.

Honors

Marie Samuel was given an honor for her painting but can't get a picture with it because they are all on line now.

Marie says most exhibits now are online. In some ways it is easier without shipping or taking work and picking it up and meeting those deadlines.

Life sure has changed with the pandemic. She used to be driving or taking the train to Chicago for exhibits.

Anyway this is good news but can't be a photo for the paper.

Marie received a note from Jennifer that her Winter Woods at Sunset has been selected for Highland Park Poetry's Fall/Winter Gallery. She is to send a brief two to three sentence bio and include a fun tree fact. Scheduled posting for Gallery is Oct. 1

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: Sept. 23 Preston Houseman, 26 Joanna Gibson, 28 Bonnie Treece,



Joel Brown from Carbondale donated a van full of gardening books for the recent Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club sale. He is with Susan Prestia of the Anna-Jo Garden Club and Darryl Parks, who donated elephant garlic that he got when he visited Texas.



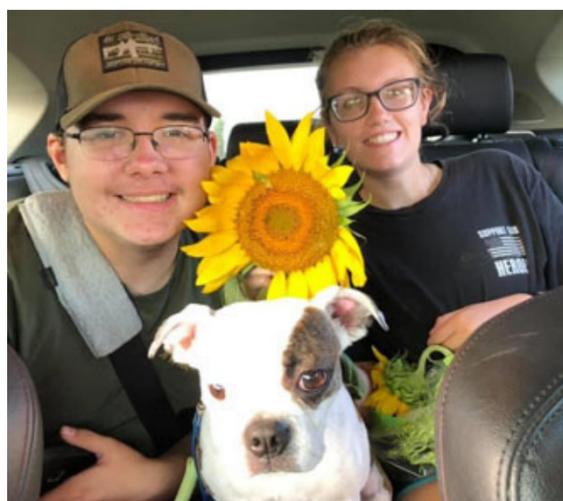
Congratulations: Joanne Dale has written a children's book Robby Robin Learns To Sing. You can buy the book in Anna at The Here and Now Store, at Barnes and Noble or you can order it through Amazon. It was illustrated by Lee Hackney from the Anna Art Center. A portion of the profits from the book goes to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council.



Margie Bittle celebrated her 94th birthday Sept. 17 with family and friends.



Jill Mills is an amazing woman. She played her harp in front of Annabelle Market Saturday evening when the stores stayed open to say good bye to summer and welcome to autumn.



Elijah Glen and Harley Ellis and Molly Seibert enjoyed a visit to the sunflower patch at Rendleman Orchards Farm in Alto Pass.



Charisse Streetet from Topeka, Ind., niece of Jane Bauer, enjoyed the stores Saturday night in beautiful down town Anna. She stopped to get her picture taken in the alley by Annabelle Market. Tasha Faire painted the angel wings.



Congratulations to Ashley Hoekstra, who won the 2020 Ken Stute Anna-Jonesboro Community High School band scholarship.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer celebrated the birthday of their great-granddaughter Hadley Grace Rhymer on Sept. 13. She turned 2. Her Frozen birthday was complete with cake, ice cream, lots of presents and a water slide bounce house. There were many other family and friends there to help her celebrate.



Congratulations Schlenker Photography (McKayla Schlenker) from Lick Creek for being published in the LENSATIONAL model magazine from the UK featuring the beautiful Madison Miller. Madison is the daughter of Matt and Misty Sadler and Matt and Samantha Miller.



Those working at the recent Anna-Jo Garden Club walk included Susan Prestia, Marge Selinger, Peggy Ferguson, Martha Ann Webb, Susan Sherwin, Nancy Kucera and Betty Sirles.



For Emmie, Finlay and Leah Hileman, happiness is helping out on the farm. They are grandchildren of Doug and Beth Hileman.



The Jacob Hileman family spent some special time with his parents, Doug and Beth Hileman, on their rural Anna 5-H Farm recently. The children, Finlay 6, Emmie 5, Leah 3, enjoyed several days on the farm while their parents prepared to leave their home in St. Louis for a year in France. Great-grandparents Norm and Barb Bauer helped with hosting and celebrating birthdays before their departure this week to Paris, France. Pictured in back are Nadia, Finlay, Emmie and Beth Hileman. In front are Jacob, Doug and Leah Hileman.



Deb Buehne and Kate Buehne from St. Rose rented electric bikes from Jay Boyd Shawnee Hills eBike Rentals and rode 20 miles. They stopped at Census Day in front of Stinson Memorial Library and got snacks. They both have filled out their census.

29 Kendra Seip. 30 Tori Ralls .

SIU Student Lunch, Tuesday, Oct. 6. AHBC is providing chicken and rice casserole. Sign up at the welcome center.

Momma Lou's crafters will not be meeting Thursday, Sept. 24.

Pastor Danny McFarland brought this week's message due to Pastor Darryl and family on vacation. He continued the series Set Apart Pursuing Personal Holiness, The Battle of Sin and Sanctification, with scripture from Ephesians.

Visiting Anna
Cliff and Lisa Darcy and dog Lady from Jackson, Mo., visited Anna. I got to meet them and it was nice talking to them and found out Lisa was the daughter of my classmate John David Newman.

Lisa grew up in California so she enjoyed looking at the farm where John David grew up and schools he attended.

Please keep John David in your prayers. He fell out of his semi and pulled a hamstring in his leg and can't seem to get any relief to help it heal. Then he got shingles in his eye.

Census

I met a friend Laura Stringer's daughter Tara Huffman who was working at the Census. It was so good to meet her. Looking for news from her soon.

Union County Housing Authority

The housing authority is currently taking applications for three and four bedroom apartments. Apartments are available in Anna, Jonesboro, Dongola, and Cobden.

Application packets are available for pick up at the main office located at 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, Ill. They are located just outside the office for your convenience. Feel free to call the office with any questions at 833-5129.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday, Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was on Workers in the Vineyard, with scripture from Matthew. A special prayer was said for Rev. Tim before his sermon by Leila Spurlock.

Special music was a beautiful song Morning Has Broken played by Rev. Tim on the hand bells accompanied by Carla Anderson on the piano.

Prayers for healing by Rev. Tim were for Jill

Treece, the fires in California and the people living there and all others who are sick.

Congratulations to Olivia and Harley Hand on their new baby boy, Carter James, 4 pounds, 15 ounces, 19 inches long, born Friday, Sept. 18. Proud grandparents are Marcy and Gary Morris and great-grandmother is Lovella Graig.

Guests were Jane Bauer's niece and her husband and Dean Corbit's daughter.

Rev. Tim said if anyone would like to volunteer at the thrift store in Vienna for the Methodist Church there they will be open Oct. 1, 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 3, to noon.

A special thanks to Dean Corbit for bringing eggs for everyone.

Loaves and Fishes gave out food at the back of the church Tuesday.

Wednesday men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. and women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to Emily J. Boyd Myers for three Honor Wreaths for Veterans: Tulley V. Boyd WWI Anna Cemetery Grave site of his parents CJ and Min-

erva Boyd. Michael Craver War of 1812 Jonesboro Cemetery. Robert E. Boyd WWII Lindsey Cemetery.

Program will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15.

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

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

Pumpkin Town

Theme: SuperHeroes.

Pumpkin Town will be at the Anna City Park this year. Set up will be Oct. 19-22.

Ribbon cutting opening Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. Display on view Oct. 22 through Oct. 31. Breakdown and removal of displays Sunday, Nov. 1, by 3 p.m.

No categories or divisions. This is an open opportunity for anyone who wishes to participate and create a display in the 20x20 space assigned.

Please register your in-

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

Email from Marie Samuel

From DAR Daniel Chapman president, Doda S. follows "I would like to thank Cara Webb, Bonnie Hogue, Margaret Mathis and Lee Hackney for all their work on Constitution Week. I'd also like to thank everyone whom they contacted and were willing to help with the bell ringing. It was so nice to be standing on the Johnson County Courthouse lawn and hear the church bells ringing at 3 o'clock. Constitution Week Proclamations were signed by Mayors in Anna, Goreville, and Vienna. Thank you, Ladies!"

A special thanks to Marie Samuel for sending me this.

Census

Thanks to everyone who has filled out your census. Union County is close and may be in the lead to win the trophy because of the hard work of our city administrator Dori Bigler and

everyone helping her.

Our schools are getting free lunches right now. All this happens because of government grants and people like you helping. It takes us all working together.

Fill out your census and be counted at my2020census.gov or by phone call 844-330-2020 or by mail fill and return paper questionnaire you got in the mail.

Military Prayer List

Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Countdown College Football (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(5:30) "Harriet" (19) A slave tries to escape.	(5:30) "Within" (16)	Love Fraud (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	The Masked Singer	American Ninja Warrior <i>Endurance course.</i> (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven		"Pandorum" (09) Dennis Quaid.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	(01) Love Island (HD)	Filthy Rich "Pilot" (HD)			Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Agents of Chaos "Part 2" (HD)		★★½ "Marshall" (17) <i>Famed attorney.</i> (HD)	
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	Star Trek: Discovery	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Lost Resort	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D		(5:50) "Hitchhiker's Guide Galaxy" (05) (HD)	DEUSUS &
10 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Sydney	We Are Who We Are	★★ "Inheritance" (20) A patriarch.	★★★ "Iverson" Rise of NBA player.
11 PM :30	Kimmel	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	"Coastal Elites" (20)		

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

THURSDAY

	7:00pm
NBC American Ninja Warrior	Participants from all across the nation travel to take on one of the world's most challenging endurance courses, hoping to complete the challenge at all. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm	
USA Chicago P.D.	"A Material Witness" Atwater and Burgess investigate a shooting that is tied to a Latin gang, finding the victim and the only witness, Olinsky's daughter. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports NBA Countdown (HD)	"Central Intelligence" (16) <i>Unlikely partners.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:10) "Frozen" (13)	"Prometheus" (12)	"White Noise" (05)	★★★ "Road House" (89) <i>Bouncer makes right.</i>
7 PM :30	Videos (HD)	#AtHome (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	World of Dance (HD)	(4:40) 2020 NBA Playoffs (Live)	(15) "Pain & Gain" (13) <i>Bodybuilders involved in extortion ring.</i> (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"MIRACULOUS" (20)	Lovecraft Country	"John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19)	"Hot Summer Nights" (18) <i>Teen's summer.</i>
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Love Island (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)			Miraculous	Miraculous	Real Time Maher (HD)	(15) "The Eagle vs. Larry Flynt" (11) <i>Lost Roman army.</i> (HD)	DEUSUS & Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Miraculous	Room 104	★★★ "Our Brand" (15)	Love Fraud
10 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	BUNK'D	Real Time Maher (HD)		
11 PM :30	Kimmel	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Family	Family	BUNK'D	Room 104		

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

FRIDAY

	7:00pm
CBS The Greatest #AtHome Videos	Host Cedric the Entertainer puts the spotlight on homemade videos that were made by individuals who have remained in quarantine due to COVID-19. (HD)
HBO Lovecraft Country	"Strange Case" Ruby is transformed into a white woman and finds her negative feelings towards the racial divide growing stronger; Atticus releases pent up rage. TVMA (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Scoreboard	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	College Football (Live) (HD)	"Uncle Drew" (18) <i>Kyrie Irving. Old players.</i>	(4:27) "Speed" (94)	"MIRACULOUS" (20)	"True Justice" (19)	(05) Warrior (HD)	Love Fraud (HD)
7 PM :30	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bull Trial consultant.	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		Bang (HD)	"The Proposal" (09) <i>A boss marries to avoid deportation.</i>	Big City	★★★ "Just Mercy" (20) <i>A young lawyer.</i> (HD)	"Side Effects" <i>New anxiety drug.</i>	★★★ "Hustlers" (19) <i>A stripper's scheme.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30		S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	(15) College Football (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City	Amphibia	(20) Lovecraft Country "Sundown"	"Words and Pictures" (14) <i>Teachers meet.</i>
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	(27) "Speed" (94) <i>A bomber rigs a city bus to explode.</i> (R)	Amphibia	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Tower Heist" <i>Wall Street thief.</i>	"The People vs. Larry Flynt" <i>Fight for rights.</i>
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Labor of Love (HD)	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		Frontal	"Rush Hour" (98) <i>Detective team.</i>	Big City	Lovecraft Country		DEUSUS & Cartoon
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs					Jessie	"The Way"		

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

SATURDAY

	7:00pm
USA The Proposal ★★★ (2009, Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds. In New York, a publisher from Canada learns she will be deported, but she makes her assistant marry her for a promotion if they survive an agent's questions. PG-13
8:00pm	
CBS S.W.A.T.	"Gunpowder Treason" A teen's abduction brings the team to an old political extremist group; Hondo and his girlfriend get into an argument about a community center's guest speaker. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos <i>Reel comedy.</i>	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America (HD)	NBA (Live)	★★½ "Geostorm" (17)	Law & Order: SVU	"Toy Story 2" <i>Toys to the rescue.</i>	(5:35) "Just Mercy" (20) <i>A young lawyer.</i> (HD)	"Shallow Hal" (01)	Cartoon
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	The OT	(20) Sun. Night Football <i>Green Bay Packers at New Orleans Saints</i> (Live) (HD)	(4:40) 2020 NBA Playoffs (Live)	"The Meg" (18) <i>Prehistoric monster attacks ocean.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(4:40) "Toy Story 3" (10) <i>The toys in daycare.</i>	Lovecraft Country	"The Aftermath" (19) (R) (HD)	The Circus
8 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	Love Island (HD)	The Harts	SportsCenter (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		The Vow Force action.	(50) ★★★ "Inheritance" (20, Drama) <i>A patriarch.</i>	The Circus
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Burgers	SportsCenter (HD)		"The Meg" (18) <i>Prehistoric monster attacks ocean.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	We Are Who We Are	"The Eagle" <i>Lost Roman army.</i>	The Comedy Rule "Night One" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Fam Guy	SportsCenter (HD)		Frontal	Family	BUNK'D	Oliver	(50) ★★★ "The Collection" <i>Serial killer.</i>	DEUSUS &
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Fam Guy	SportsCenter (HD)		"Rush Hour" (98) <i>Detective team.</i>	Family	Jessie	The Vow		The Comedy Rule "Night One" (HD)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

SUNDAY

	7:40pm
DISN Toy Story 3 ★★★★★ (2010, Comedy)	Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. As Andy leaves for college, the toys are packed and donated to a daycare, but when things get a little too rough, they plan a daring escape so they can go home. G TV G
8:00pm	
ABC Press Your Luck Game	contestants compete in a trivia challenge against one another to take a spin on a game board to win cash and other prizes while avoiding the "Whammy." (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Toy Story 3" (10)	"Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (08)	(5:25) "Asylum" (08)	The Circus
7 PM :30	Dancing with the Stars "Disney Night" (HD)	Neighbor. Young	L.A.'s Finest (HD)	American Ninja Warrior "Qualifier 4" (HD)	Monday Football <i>Kansas City Chiefs at Baltimore Ravens</i> (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (T) (HD)	Raven		★★★ "The Recruit" (03) <i>CIA recruit spies.</i> (HD)	(25) The Comedy Rule "Night One"
8 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	Love Island (HD)	Filthy Rich "John 3:3"	(20) Sun. Night Football <i>Green Bay Packers at New Orleans Saints</i> (Live) (HD)		Fam Guy		Raven	The Third Day (HD)		The Comedy Rule "Night Two" (HD)
9 PM :30	Emergency Call (HD)	Manhunt "Unabubba"	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	(01) Dateline NBC		Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	We Are Who We Are	"The Eagle" <i>Lost Roman army.</i>	DEUSUS &
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Dad (HD)	Family	Sydney	Axios (HD)	(50) "Dream House" (11) (HD)	The Comedy Rule "Night One" (HD)
11 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	NFL Rewind	Conan	Family	Jessie	The Third Day (HD)		DEUSUS & "The Jesus"

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

MONDAY

	7:00pm
CBS The Neighborhood	"Welcome to the Speed Bump" Dave and Calvin come together to improve their community's safety; Malcolm, Marty and Grover's trip to the county fair turns into a chaotic adventure. TVPG (HD)
FOX L.A.'s Finest	"Defiance" The law enforcement team seeks justice against a serial killer who streams his crimes on social media; Syd's secret becomes entangled with McKenna's past. (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Baseball Fall Frenzy	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	The Third Day (HD)	"Guide Galaxy" (05)	★★ "Countdown" (19)
7 PM :30	Conners	Love Island (HD)	Cosmos	America's Got Talent <i>Talent search.</i> (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	★★★ "Just Mercy" (20) <i>A young lawyer.</i> (HD)	"Widows" (18, Drama) <i>Husbands' debt.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Family	The Presidential Debates "First Debate" (HD)	Democracy 2020: First	Weakest Link (HD)	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D			Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	What Would You Do?		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Celebrity Show-Off	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	The Vow Force action.	★★½ "Shanghai Knights" <i>Revenge for murder.</i>	DEUSUS &
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Conan	Family	Sydney	(20) Axios		Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Celebrity Show-Off	Family	Sydney	(50) Lovecraft Country "I Am."	"Big Top Pee-Wee"	"I Know" (97) (R) (HD)

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

TUESDAY

	8:00pm
ABC Modern Family	The culturally diverse members of an expanded California family attempt to keep order in their lives, while learning and growing from daily lessons. TVPG (HD)
9:00pm	
NBC Weakest Link	Eight strangers come together to answer general knowledge questions to accumulate prize money up to \$1 million and build chains of correct answers. (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Baseball Fall Frenzy	Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Raven	Lovecraft Country	"White Noise" (05)	(15) "21 Bridges" (19) <i>A citywide hunt.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Local	Big Brother (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City	Lovecraft Country	"John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19)	The Comedy Rule "Night One" (HD)
8 PM :30	2020 NBA Playoffs (Live) (HD)	Love Island (HD)	I Can See Your Voice	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	★★ "Armageddon" (97, Ac) <i>Ghostly ending.</i>	(15) "The Crow" (94) <i>Dead man awakes.</i> (R)	(45) ★★½ "Marshall" (17) <i>Famed attorney.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Baseball Fall Frenzy	Bang (HD)	"				

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ. From the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." From the Gospel of Matthew

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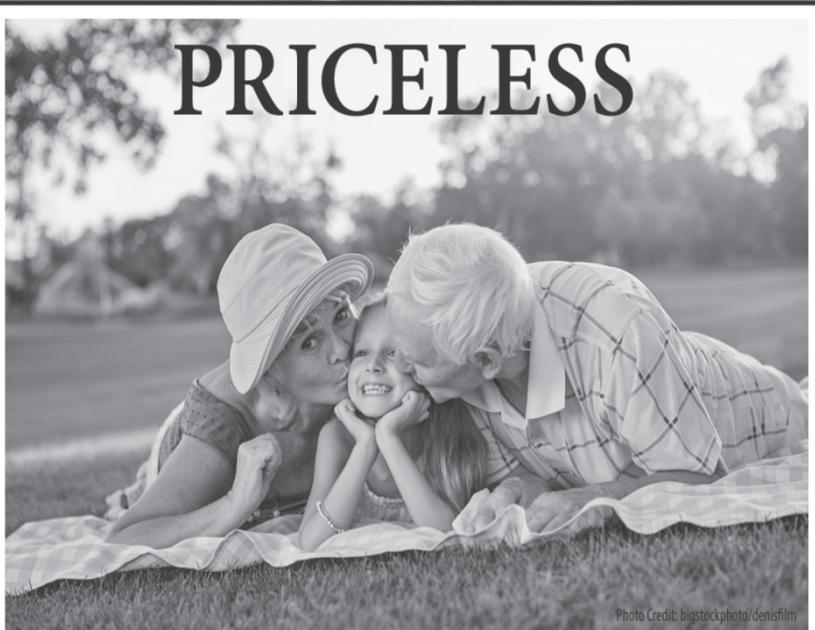
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Do you have dreams of "making it big? There is something even more valuable than success: time spent with those you love or a hug when you need it the most. Proverbs 17:6 says "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged". Just when we need them most, we have grandchildren who know none of our faults...a new beginning...a new chance to "make it big." We can pass on to them our experience and wisdom, knowing that one day they will understand and pass it on to future generations. Isn't that a form of immortality? Teach your grandchildren about the love of their Heavenly Father. Worship with them. Your presence in their lives is priceless.

Daily Bible Reading

Matthew	Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs	Proverbs
25:31-46	1:1-33	3:1-35	4:1-27	8:1-36	9:1-18	10:1-32

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark's sermon on Sunday compared three parables: the parable of the workers in the vineyard, the parable of the tax collector and the parable of the prodigal son. The message shared that the three parables "all have the same meaning: how God is merciful to all of us as sinners. He is a just God, but not a cruel God." Prayers were offered for the whole church of God, for the sick and suffering, and for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.



62nd anniversary

Mt. Moriah congratulates Norm and Barb Bauer, who celebrated 62 years of marriage on Sept. 20. Photo provided.



Special delivery

Several ladies from Mt. Moriah delivered bags filled with personal care items, magazines, snack items, games and other items to residents of the River to River Assisted Living facility. This is one of many mission projects by the Hands of Faith ladies. Photo provided.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

Mary Knight led the worship music for Sunday morning's service.

John Turner gave a very moving testimony about God's amazing love and grace in his life.

The adult Sunday School class began last Sunday with 13 present. It is hoped that the class will grow and that all of the church's activities will continue to grow as the church opens up more, staying careful and mindful of COVID-19.

Children's church also started with a good group of children and workers this past Sunday who are learning together about God. Children's church is for grades 3 and above.

The church again asks that parents not send their children on the bus or to children's church if they are sick or have a temperature.

If a child needs to ride the bus to church, the office can be called and they will be picked up. Children have their temperature taken to keep everyone safe.

Information about the church's programs is available by calling the church office at 833-5416. Hours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Children's church worship starts at 10:15 a.m. The church's worship service starts at 10:15 a.m.

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

Nick DiMauro is the church's pastor. All are welcome to attend any of the church's services.

The church's next food giveaway is scheduled for Oct. 8.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "When Life Doesn't Seem Fair," with scripture from Exodus and Matthew.

The message shared that "there is something inside us that always wants life to be fair. Especially when tragedies occur, even faithful believers call out to God 'why?'"

"God does care. Like Earthly parents feel the pain when our children are hurt, God feels our pain when we hurt."

"God comforts us in our pain, both spiritually, and physically through those persons who strive to comfort us."

"God can make something good out of our suffering. In the midst of our pain, God is faithful."

"How many times has God taken care of us and we take it for granted?"

"Gratefully, God does

not treat us fair; we don't get what we deserve for our failures."

"Jesus suffered the pain of the cross on our behalf; our sins are blotted out and remembered no more. Through His pain we can have eternal life."

All are welcome to Camp Ground Church for in-person worship on Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m., with CDC guidelines observed.

For those who don't feel comfortable returning to in-person worship, services are live on Zoom, and recorded and available on YouTube and posted on the church's Facebook page: "Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

Birthdays to Blake Herren who is turning 15 today, the 24th.

Happy 16th wedding anniversary to Michael and Ashley Roach tomorrow, the 25th.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the Rev. Greg George was guest speaker at both the morning and evening worship services.

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

During the service, Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Kim Benefield provided special music.

The church is open for worshippers for Sunday School classes beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study and youth group meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Safe guidelines are being practiced.

Birthdays: Pat Schlenker, Sept. 22; Shirley Bauer, Barbara Clymore, Sept. 25; Mary Carolyn Rendleman, Sept. 27.

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

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

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9:30 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary.

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

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "Christ is Our Example." Scripture was from Galatians.

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

Birthdays: Clayton Ramage, Sept. 20; Glenda Zaharias, Sept. 21; Yvonne Graham, Sept. 24; Jeff Sadler, Sept. 26.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed, with the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Bible study also will be available on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

A parking lot service is planned at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 27. Seniors who are less tolerant of the heat or cold will be allowed in the sanctuary, with CDC guidelines followed, including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

lines followed, including the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Alabaster offering will be taken during the service.

Bible quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed by wearing masks and social distancing.

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

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

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

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tfn n/c

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

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

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

PIN 11-10-06-914-B
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3505 N State Route 3 Wolf Lake, IL 62998

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Detail Description; Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; Thence Easterly along the North line of the last aforesaid Section 20, a distance of 1631.28 feet to a point, Thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle of 90°-00'00" a distance of 568.87 feet to an iron pin monument at the Northeast corner of a tract or parcel of land as found described in a document recorded in Book 142 at Page 270, said iron pin monument being the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, Thence Southeasterly along a line with a deflection angle of 36°-31'-04" to the left, a distance of 73.27 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 105°-36'-23" to the right, a distance of 301.59 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road, said centerline also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in a Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northwesterly along the centerline of the public road. Also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land, with a deflection angle of 86°-18'-25", a distance of 10.06 feet to a point; Thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 0°-50'-01" to the left, a distance of 56.61 feet to the Northwest corner of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land with a deflection angle of 93°-42'-30", a distance of 287.02 feet to the point of beginning for this description; containing 0.463 acres, more or less. Being a part of "Tract III" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on September 26, 1979, in Plat Record 7, Page 145, in the Recorder's Office

of Union County, Illinois.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952

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

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

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

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

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

FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff

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VACANCY NOTICE: Anna District #37 is accepting applications for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year for:

- Teachers' Aide
- Custodian

The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than September 28, 2020.

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PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICES

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

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YARD SALE

UNION COUNTY GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO YARD/GARAGE SALES:

1. Social Distancing must be exercised.

2. Please wear a mask and/or other protective clothing.

3. No more than 10 people at one time permitted.

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YARD SALE: 402 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Friday, September 25, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 26, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groceries, health & beauty items, children, men & women's clothing, books, pedestal bathroom sink, puzzles, small greenhouse, books, Little Tikes kitchen, bed linens (all sizes), queen comforter, lots of misc. Come see.

40p-41g n/c

GARAGE SALE: 680 Wing Hill Road, Cobden. Saturday, September 26, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1 mile west off New 51. Antiques, adult clothing, and lots of misc.

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RIVER TO RIVER YARD SALE: October 8-11, 2020. Along Route 146, in beautiful Southern Illinois from East Cape to Cave-in-Rock, 90+ miles of yard sales. For questions, contact Julie Ames at (618)-697-2435 or visit us at River to River Yard Sale on Facebook.

41-42gp

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

41-42gp

SALE: Saturday, September 26, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 127 South, right on Old Cape Road, left on Lingle Creek, and left on Ellis Lane (580). Lots of everything! Scrubs, horse tack, furniture, too much to mention. Men's, women's & kids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION

In the Matter of ANTHONY ALLAN BARNETT, A Child. No. 20AP00827

SUMMONS

TO: JOHN HENRY HAMILTON

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to appear and defend the petition filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30)

days from the date of service of this summons upon you. If you fail to file a written answer to the motion and order to show cause within the time provided, the court, without further notice and in the parent's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a judgment of adoption of the child if the court determines, on the date the answer is required or on a future date, that consent of the parent is not required and the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a written answer to the motion and order to show cause within 30 days after the date on which you are served with the summons or, if service is made by publication or posting, within 30 days from the date of last publication or posting. In the answer you must inform the court and the petitioner of your telephone number or contact telephone number and your current residence, mailing or contact address. If you answer the motion and order to show cause the court will schedule a hearing to address the motion and order to show cause and, if appropriate, order the parent to appear personally. You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you wish to be represented by an attorney, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. To request appointment of an attorney to represent you at state expense, you must contact the circuit court immediately for further information. You have the responsibility to maintain contact with petitioner's attorney and keep the attorney advised of your whereabouts.

August 25, 2020

FERDER CASEBEER
FRENCH & STERN LLP
Christopher J. Casebeer
Of Attorneys for Petitioner

STATE OF OREGON, County of Marion ss.

I, the undersigned attorney of record for Petitioner, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above-entitled cause.

Christopher J. Casebeer
Attorney of Record for
Petitioner

TO THE OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON SERVING THIS SUMMONS: You are hereby directed to serve a true copy of this summons, together with a true copy of the petition mentioned therein, upon John Henry Hamilton, and to make your proof of service on the reverse hereof or upon a separate similar document which you shall attach hereto.

Christopher J. Casebeer
Attorney of Record for
Petitioner

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN THE COUNTY OF MARION

In the Matter of: ANTHONY ALLAN BARNETT, A Child. Case No. 20AP00827

MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Comes now the Petitioners and moves the court for an order setting a time and place for a hearing at which time John Henry Hamilton shall appear and show cause, if any, why his consent to the adoption of the above-named child should not be dispensed with and the adoption should not be granted as prayed for in the petition for adoption.

DATED: August 20, 2020

FERDER CASEBEER

FRENCH & STERN, LLP
Christopher J. Casebeer

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE STATE
OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF
MARION**

**In the Matter of:
ANTHONY ALLAN
BARNETT,
A Child.
Case No. 20AP00827**

**ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE**

**TO: JOHN HENRY
HAMILTON**

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED within 30 days of receipt of the Petition for Adoption to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer, and furnish a true copy to Petitioner's attorney, to show cause why your consent to the adoption of the above-named child should not be dispensed with and the adoption should not be granted as prayed for in the petition for adoption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if you, without good cause, fail to file a written answer as required above, this court will enter an order granting Petitioner the relief set forth above or other appropriate relief.

Jennifer K. Gardiner,
Pro Tem Judge

Submitted by:
Christopher J. Casebeer,
OSB# 841931
Attorney for Petitioners
38-41g

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE STATE
OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF
MARION**

**In the Matter of
RYKER WAYNE
BARNETT,
A Child.
No. 20AP00829**

SUMMONS

**TO:
JOHN HENRY
HAMILTON**

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to appear and defend the petition filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you. If you fail to file a written answer to the motion and order to show cause within the time provided, the court, without further notice and in the parent's absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a judgment of adoption of the child if the court determines, on the date the answer is required or on a future date, that consent of the parent is not required and the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

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circuit court immediately for further information. You have the responsibility to maintain contact with petitioner's attorney and keep the attorney advised of your whereabouts.

August 25, 2020

FERDER CASEBEER
FRENCH & STERN LLP
Christopher J. Casebeer
Of Attorneys for Petitioner

**STATE OF OREGON,
County of Marion
ss.**

I, the undersigned attorney of record for Petitioner, certify that the foregoing is an exact and complete copy of the original summons in the above-entitled cause.

Christopher J. Casebeer
Attorney of Record for
Petitioner

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Christopher J. Casebeer
Attorney of Record for
Petitioner

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE STATE
OF OREGON
IN THE COUNTY OF
MARION**

**In the Matter of:
RYKER WAYNE
BARNETT,
A Child.
Case No. 20AP00829**

**MOTION FOR ORDER
TO SHOW
CAUSE**

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DATED: August 20, 2020

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**IN THE CIRCUIT
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FOR THE COUNTY OF
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**In the Matter of:
RYKER WAYNE
BARNETT,
A Child.
Case No. 20AP00829**

**ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE**

**TO: JOHN HENRY
HAMILTON**

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if you, without good cause, fail to file a written answer as required above, this court will enter an order granting Petitioner the relief set forth above or other appropriate relief.

Jennifer K. Gardiner,
Pro Tem Judge

Submitted by:
Christopher J. Casebeer,
OSB# 841931
Attorney for Petitioners
38-41g

**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(K)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS
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MARJORIE A.
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UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED and
NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 07-24-05-522-A

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

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**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(L)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

**TAKE NOTICE
TO: MAYNARD DEAN
AGNE,
ANNA HOSPITAL
CORPORATION,
UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 08-25-06-150

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD
Purchaser or Assignee
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**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(M)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

**TAKE NOTICE
TO: RUBY SVEJDA
f/k/a RUBY HAMILTON,
UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-603

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD
Purchaser or Assignee
39-41g

**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(N)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

**TAKE NOTICE
TO: RYAN J. TELLOR,
CRYSTAL D. SHORT
a/k/a CRYSTAL D.
TELLOR,
U.S. BANK, NA.,
MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC.,
CORELOGIC TAX
SERVICES,
GRANITE
INVESTMENT GROUP,
UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

This is NOTICE of the

filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-09-357

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

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Purchaser or Assignee
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**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(O)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

**TAKE NOTICE
TO: JEFFREY A.
LENCE,
LINDA LENCE,
JEFFREY TYLER
LENCE,
DANIEL LEWIS,
UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-10-021

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

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Purchaser or Assignee
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**TAX DEED
NO. 2018-TX-3(P)
FILED: 09/01/2020**

**TAKE NOTICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND DEVISEES OF
BERRY SHARP,
CHRISTINE SHARP,
CRYSTAL PULLIAM,
THE FIRST STATE
BANK OF DONGOLA,
UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-10-589

On January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on January 15, 2021.

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Purchaser or Assignee
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**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
ILLINOIS,
UNION COUNTY
ILLINOIS**

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

**NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION:
WILL AND CLAIMS**

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

Notice is given to heirs or legatees who are named in the Petition, filed in the above proceeding to probate a Will and to those whose names or addresses are unknown and

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

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

Autumn Winn Funkhouser,
Executor
Dated: September 8, 2020

By: Joseph J. Neely

Prepared by:
Joseph J. Neely
The Neely Law Firm
P.O. Box 428
Metropolis, IL 62960
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**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE 1ST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY -
JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**Quicken Loans Inc.
PLAINTIFF**

Vs.

**Lisa Arnsmeier; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
2019CH32**

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/03/2020, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on October 28, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse

309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 1 IN SHAWNEE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT RECORD 3, PAGE 71, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING 1/4 OF THE MINERALS UNDERLYING THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS. PIN 11-10-06-914-B

Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3505 N State Route 3 Wolf Lake, IL 62998
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real

estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-12318. 13155889

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

**FARMERS STATE
BANK OF ALTO PASS,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tract 1:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast

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

Tract 2:

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

Detail Description: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; Thence Easterly along the North line of the last aforesaid Section 20, a distance of 1631.28 feet to a point, Thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle of 90°-00'00" a distance of 568.87 feet to an iron pin monument at the Northeast corner of a tract or parcel of land as found described in a document recorded in Book 142 at Page 270, said iron pin monument being the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, Thence Southeasterly along a line with a deflection angle of 36°-31'-04" to the left, a distance of 73.27 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 105°-36'-23" to the right, a distance of 301.59 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road, said centerline also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in a Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northwesterly along the centerline of the public road. Also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land, with a deflection angle of 86°-18'-25", a distance of 10.06 feet to a point; Thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 0°-50'-01" to the left, a distance of 56.61 feet to the Northwest corner of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land with a deflection angle of 93°-42'-30", a distance of 287.02 feet to the point of beginning for this description; containing 0.463 acres, more or less. Being a part of "Tract III" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on September 26, 1979, in Plat Record 7, Page 145, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 08-20-05-917-A
4. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale. The property is to be sold, "as is, where is."
5. The time and place of the sale are: October 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL.
6. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing. Title will be conveyed "as is" and subject to all past due real estate taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions and covenants of record. Title work is responsibility of buyer.
7. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure were filed are as follows: The Estate of Charles Kinder, Kristen

Kinder aka Kristen Griffith and Heath Kinder as heir to Charles L. Kinder, One Main Financial and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, Illinois.

FARMERS STATE
BANK OF
ALTO PASS, Plaintiff

BY: Todd P. Bittle
Attorney for Plaintiff
Todd P. Bittle
Attorney for Plaintiff
317 East Poplar, Suite D
Harrisburg, IL 62946
618/2523536
REG#6236717
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

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

Kathleen Lloyd
306 E. Vienna Street
Anna, IL 62906
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CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

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

pressed warranties.

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

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

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

Dori Bigler
City Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

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

Jennifer Cleghorn
Billy Cleghorn
402 N. Green Street
Anna, IL 62906
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 37, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO SELL \$1,100,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of October, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Anna Jr. High School, 301 South Green Street, Anna, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois.

DATED the 21st day of September, 2020.

Pam Needling
Secretary,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois
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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 37, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ISSUE \$1,100,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of September, 2020, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds

in the aggregate amount of \$1,100,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 515 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 23rd day of February, 2021,

unless none of the voters of the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 6th day of April, 2021. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A.1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2020.

Pam Needling
Secretary,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois

Grant Capel
President,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois
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Governor promotes census as response deadline draws near

By Ramon Troncoso
Capitol News Illinois
rtroncoso@capitol-newsillinois.com

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker appeared in Macomb Friday, Sept. 18, to promote the census less than 2 weeks before the Sept. 30 deadline for responses.

As of Thursday, Sept. 17, Illinois was 16th in the country for "total enumeration," or the percentage of households in the state that have been counted in the census, at 96.2 percent.

The state has been above average when it comes to self-response when household representatives fill out the census themselves by mail, through the phone, or online.

With a 70.5 percent self-response rate, Illinois was 7th in the nation, and first among states with a population over 10 million.

The state's total enumeration has been dragged down by the difficulty census workers are having reaching households.

Door-knocking census takers will go to households that have not yet filled out a census response and record the information of who lives there, a process recorded by the U.S. Census Bureau as "enumerated in nonresponse followup," or NRFU.

Illinois had an NRFU rate of 25.7 percent as of Sept. 17, the 10th lowest in the country.

The state's highest self-response and NRFU rates have typically come from suburban parts of the state, with some rural and urban census tracts having lower records of response.

Census counts are directly tied to aid and funding from the federal government.

A lower enumeration rate can equal hundreds of millions of dollars lost to Illinois over the next decade. It's also tied to how

High school equivalency exam costs are reduced

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create professional hardships for thousands of Illinois residents, the Illinois Community College Board, ICCB, recently announced that they are helping to make it easier for state residents to earn their high school equivalency.

ICCB announced that grant funding is available that will significantly reduce the cost of those exams.

The grant funding is being awarded to The Center: Resources for Teaching and Learning.

The Center will work

many representatives the state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The higher the count, the more of your federal tax money comes back to Illinois instead of going to other states," Pritzker said at the Macomb news conference.

"Just a one percent undercount could result in the state losing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds, and that's at a time when, frankly, we need those funds the most."

According to Pritzker, Illinois is currently one of a

few states that receives less money from the federal government than it pays in.

While the census count is normally completed by June, there is a federal lawsuit currently underway to extend the census deadline to an end date of Oct. 31 that was at one time scheduled due to the pandemic.

The Trump administration shortened the deadline by a month in July, arguing the Census Bureau and state governments needed the census to be completed earlier to have enough time for the process of drawing new Congressional

districts and determining representatives.

Pritzker, however, said the state is approaching the deadline as if it is officially Sept. 30.

The census can be filled out at 2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

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find information to access the discount for the GED exam by logging on to their GED profile and scheduling a test at www.ged.com.

First-time users will need to create a new account before they can proceed with scheduling a test.

Candidates will need to enter the code ILSAVE20 at check-out.

HiSET Candidates can access the discount for the HiSET exam by calling the Education Testing Services customer support hotline at 1-855-MyHiSET and scheduling a test.

The discounts for the exams are as follows:

GED (in-person or online): Reduced from \$120 to \$40.

HiSET Computer: Reduced from \$93.75 to \$13.75.

HiSET Paper: Reduced from \$115 to \$35.

HiSET Online: Reduced from \$141.25 to \$61.25.

"If students are seeking assistance in preparing to pass these exams we encourage them to contact us," Harner said.

Information is available by calling 618-634-3292 or emailing gingerh@shawnecc.edu.

Obituaries

Colton James Dunaway

Colton James Dunaway, 23, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and formerly of Anna, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

He was born on March 14, 1997, in Carbondale, the son of Melinda and Greg Perry of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Rick and Rhonda Dunaway of Anna.

He is survived by his parents, Melinda and Greg Perry of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Rick and Rhonda Dunaway of Anna; sisters Danielle Dunaway and Whitney Perry; brothers Zachary (Jennifer) Riley and Nicholas Riley; aunts and uncles Sarah Sullivan (Fred Nekola), Mary (Charles) Strader, Jim (Kim) Sullivan, Jack (Susan) Stokes, Rodney (LouAnn) Stokes, and Leon Dunaway; his God given family, Tim, Gina, Braydon and Maryn Greenwood, Kerry, Elaine, Emma and Evan Ray, Chris Whiteside, Tina McRaven and family and Mary "Maw-Maw" Yeckley; and too many other relatives and friends to mention.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Isaac and Floy Sullivan and James and Linda Dunaway; and by one cousin Daniel M. Legg.

He was a 2015 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

He was employed by Boe-Tel TN of Nashville, TN. He loved his new life and job in Tennessee and coming home to share work stories of how high over downtown Nashville he would hang as he installed fiber optic cables.

He would smile and laugh as he told his Momma. He loved coming home to Southern Illinois and staying at his Dad's, fishing, hunting, flying his drones, driving his RC cars and visiting with his friends.

His other favorite pastime was bowling with his best friend, Percy Reynolds Jr., who was teaching him how to perfect his "spin."

He was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Cobden. He was known for his big loving heart, kind soul and the laughter that he always provided.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Doug Bridgeman and Percy Reynolds Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church or to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

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

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



Robert 'Bob' Jerrell

Robert "Bob" Jerrell, 77, of Cobden, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1943, in Pulaski, the son of Roscoe and Martha Lindsey Jerrell.

He married Peggy Ralls-Youngblood on July 4, 2005.

Mr. Jerrell is survived by his mother, Martha Jerrell; his wife, Peggy Jerrell of Cobden; children Kandace (Michael) Brink of St. Charles, Robert Minor (Stacey) Jerrell III of Cobden and Brandy Jerrell of Lick Creek; stepchildren, Kenna (Dom Spinella) Anderes of San Diego, Calif., Mark (Vickie) Youngblood of Cleveland, Tenn., and Darren (Amanda) Youngblood of Anna; grandchildren Jordyn and Emma Brink, Caleb and Quinton Jerrell, Tegan and Kalaina Anderes, and Kelsey and Hali Youngblood; a brother, Dennis (Kathy) Jerrell and family; a sister-in-law, Geloria Jerrell and family; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roscoe Jerrell; a son, Jeremiah Jerrell; and a brother, Jack Jerrell.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and did most of the cooking there.

Throughout his life he worked as a farmer, owned the Vienna IGA and worked at the Vienna Correctional Facility. He could sing karaoke with the best of them and he loved gardening and cattle farming.

Private graveside services will be held for the family. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Envelopes will be available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Max R. Casey

Max R. Casey, 70, of rural Buncombe, died at 2:04 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, at his home. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by members of his loving family.

Mr. Casey was born on Dec. 13, 1949, in Union County, the son of Edwin and Bonita Watkins Casey.

On March 20, 1970, he was united in marriage to Betty L. Miller at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She survives.

Other survivors include their children, Terry Sue (Troy) Norris and Shane (Kristy) Casey, all of Buncombe, and Brook (Adam) Harrawood of Harrisburg; grandchildren Lake Norris of Buncombe, Dawson (Morgan) Norris of Vienna, Casey Norris, Brandon Casey, Justin Casey, McKenna Casey and Ryan Casey, all of Buncombe, Autumn Rain Harrawood and Doc Harrawood of Harrisburg; his sister, LaRaye (Jay) Franklin of Goreville; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Casey was preceded in death by a brother, Terry Casey.

Mr. Casey was a 1968 graduate of Vienna High School. He was employed by the Carbondale office of the Illinois Department of Transportation for 11 years. He was a lifelong farmer.

Mr. Casey was a devoted Christian and faithful member of Victory Baptist Church in Carterville.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending their sports events. He was also an avid reader and particularly enjoyed studying about the U.S. Civil War and Southern Illinois history. He particularly enjoyed visiting Civil War battlefields and cemeteries.

A service honoring the life of Max R. Casey was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Glen Augur, Pastor Jay Franklin and Pastor Lake Norris, Mr. Casey's grandson, officiated.

Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Buncombe.

Memorials can be made to: Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Rd., Marion, Ill. 62959; the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Ill. 62995; the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Fund, c/o Terry Norris, 300 May Ave., Buncombe, Ill. 62912; or to the Victory Baptist Church, P.O. Box 202, Carterville, Ill. 62918.

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

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



Audrey Cunningham

Audrey Cunningham, 87, of Anna, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1933, in Scottsbluff, Neb., the daughter of Alex and Minnie Muth Meier.

She married Ralph N. Cunningham on Jan. 6, 1952.

Mrs. Cunningham is survived by her children, Karen Amy (Dana) Dover and Dianna (Ernie) Powell, all of Anna; her grandchildren, Travis Powell, Audra Powell-Quinn and Vicki Powell; and her great-grandchildren, Jacob Potbin, Clohie Powell, Erinne Quinn, Cheyenne Felder, Anthony Felder, Tanner Powell, Jessie Quinn, Reagan Quinn, Kyle Velasques and Robert Velasques.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Cunningham; her parents; and by one granddaughter, Nichole Dover.

She enjoyed quilting. She gave guitar lessons and when she was younger, she played guitar and was the lead singer for "West Bound Special."

There will be no local services. She will be laid to rest next to her parents at Fairview Cemetery in Scottsbluff, Neb.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Robert 'Bob' G. Isaacs

Robert "Bob" G. Isaacs Sr., 88, of Cobden, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1932, in Centralia, the son of Elmer and Lucille Roberts Isaacs.

He married the love of his life, Shirley Absher, on May 29, 1954, in Crown Point, Ind. She preceded him in death in November 2019.

Mr. Isaacs is survived by his daughters, Marilyn (Frank) Kohnke, Teresa (Steve) Hook and Sandra (Ray) Lewis; sons Robert Jr. (Tracy) Isaacs and Michael (Sheila) Isaacs; grandchildren Brittany and Robert Kohnke, Steven and Christopher Hook, Shannon Hein, Brook Pulido, Amanda Stone, Tabitha Isaacs, Heather Mailloux, Donald "Bubba" Isaacs and Michael Isaacs; 19 great-grandchildren; Sammy and Betsy Hess, who Bob and Shirley considered a son and cherished friends; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Isaacs; his parents; a sister, Martha Ann Garrett; and a brother, Richard Isaacs.

Mr. Isaacs served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting and hosting friends at their beloved farm.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

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

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch and Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Sunday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., spent Monday with her great-grandmother, Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting last week with Shirley Miller on Tuesday was Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro, on Wednesday Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau and on Thursday Penny Hill of McClure.

Ermadell Elkins, a resident of Union County Nursing Home, celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, Sept. 19. Those helping her celebrate by standing outside the window were

Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Tammy and Bill Davis and Jadyn Samuels and Tyler, Reagan and Alexa Hinkle, all of Anna and Shirley Miller.

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

The annual Gibbs family reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Trail of Tears State Forest with several in attendance.

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

Richard 'Dick' L. McCain

Richard "Dick" L. McCain, 81, of Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, in Palm Springs, Calif.

He was born on April 27, 1938, the son of Leslie and Hazel Housman McCain. His mother died shortly after his birth; he was raised by his maternal grandmother and his mother's sisters.

Born in Jonesboro, he attended Jonesboro School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

He served with the Illinois National Guard, the active duty U.S. Army and a tour in the U.S. Air Force.

He worked his way through the University of Indiana, earning a degree in geology and a master's degree in education.

He taught high school math and science in Montgomery County, Md., teaching both students and faculty computer operation and programming.

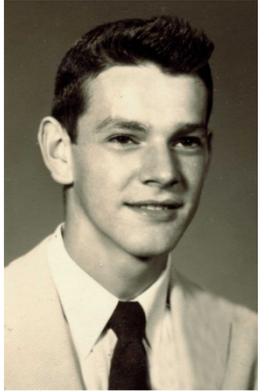
Following 35 years of teaching, he sold his home in Washington, D.C., and purchased a home in Palm Springs, Calif.

He was a gentleman content with his God and the conduct of his life.

He will be buried next to his grandmother, Laura Housman, in Jonesboro.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



Tina Marie Tate

Tina Marie Tate of East Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Anna, died at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis.

She was born on Jan. 18, 1976, the daughter of Michael and Regina Summers.

She was a massage therapist and worked for Roots Spa in Cape Girardeau. She loved to cook.

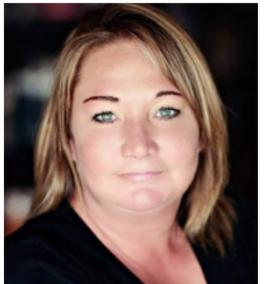
She is survived by her children, Austin Lyerla, Cassidy Lyerla, Wyatt Lyerla, Michael Charles, Justin Charles and Dylan Lyerla; three grandchildren, AJ Bennett, Lily Mae Shields and Liam Lyerla; her father, Mike Summers; a brother, Johnny Summers; a sister, Crystal Charles; and the father of her children, Joseph Lyerla.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 14, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at the funeral home, with the Rev. John Gourley officiating. Interment followed in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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



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State tops 5 million COVID-19 tests

By Jerry Nowicki
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 SPRINGFIELD — After the state surpassed 5 million COVID-19 tests over the weekend, Gov. JB Pritzker and health officials touted the expansion of testing efforts at a news conference Monday.

The statewide positivity rate in Illinois decreased to and leveled at about 3.5 percent over the previous three days. From Saturday through Monday, the state averaged 1,802 new cases among 53,510 test results reported on average over the three-day span.

That brought the total number of cases to 275,735 among more than 5.1 million test results reported, and there have been 8,457 deaths since the pandemic first began in Illinois.

There were 46 deaths reported from Saturday through Monday. The recovery rate is 96 percent for those 42 days removed from a positive diagnosis.

"In a pandemic, widely available testing and faster results mean our people are safer," Pritzker said at a news conference in Springfield.

"Here in Illinois, we've steadily added new in-state commercial labs and greater hospital and university lab capacity utilization to get to an average of more than 50,000 tests per day. We do three and a half times the testing the average state does. And we're one of the fastest states in delivering tests back to our residents."

Illinois Department of Public Health labs have conducted more than 615,000 COVID-19 tests, which is approximately 12 percent of all tests done in the state since the pandemic began, according to the governor's office.

"The only way right now to control this pandemic is to reduce exposure through masking and social distancing, and we're marrying that with a strong statewide testing program," IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said at the news conference.

While testing is one of the main reasons the state's positivity rate remains low, the governor said it does not mean certain precautions can be lifted.

He once again stood by a decision not to allow for fall contact sports such as football despite other states' decisions to let sports proceed. He said football participants could take part in drills and warm-ups, but contact could facilitate the virus' spread.

"The reason that we have overall concerns, the reason we aren't just letting everything go at this point. Why not just remove all the barriers? Why not just go to Phase 5? Why not?"

Pritzker said at a news conference in Springfield.

"And the answer is because the virus is still out there, because we still have a relatively high positivity rate. It's lower than our neighbors. That's true. But there are quite a number of states that have a lower positivity rate than we do."

He said a concern with allowing sports was players spreading the virus to others, and the state is focusing on balancing everyday activities with public safety.

"If we were only focused on the question of making sure nobody got COVID-19, we might tell everybody literally to go home, stay home. We haven't done that, even in the beginning," Pritzker said.

"The stay-at-home order was not everybody staying at home. So, you know, we're doing the best that we can, but most of all the reason that Illinois is doing as well as it is, is that we've been listening to the experts."

Pritzker said Region 4 of the state's reopening plan, which includes the Metro East area on the Missouri border, has seen its positivity rate, which was once over 10 percent, decline to 7.3 percent.

That's an indicator that increased mitigations in the area are working, he said, but it will take three days below 6.5 percent to remove mitigations such as closure of indoor service at bars and restaurants.

Other regions ranged from 2.6 percent in east-central Illinois to 7.1 percent in northwest Illinois.

Pritzker's office said the state's testing operation has approximately 300 locations, including more than 100 Federally Qualified Health Centers and 25 state testing sites and teams.

The state also has mobile testing capacity, some of which is currently deployed in the Metro East.

At the end of Sunday, there were 1,436 people in Illinois reported hospitalized with COVID-19, including 364 in intensive care unit beds and 153 on ventilators.

While the numbers can fluctuate by the hundreds daily, they were all just above pandemic lows where they have plateaued in recent weeks.

Later in the day, Pritzker also announced the release of \$156 million in Business Interruption Grant funding has been provided to 4,686 child care providers across Illinois.

The funding comes from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act.

The first round helped child care centers and homes in 95 counties across the state, and 47 percent of the grant funds were awarded to child care programs

located in areas that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, according to the governor's office.

An additional \$114 million will be available for child care providers across the state through the second round of funding for the program in the coming weeks.

Applications will be available online in the coming weeks at <https://www.ilgateways.com/financial-opportunities/restoration-grants>.

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First human West Nile virus case confirmed

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Sept. 9 reported the first confirmed human case of West Nile virus in Illinois for 2020.

A DuPage County resident in her 40s became ill in mid-August.

Southern Seven Health Department reported that as of Sept. 9, no cases of West Nile virus has been reported in its service area.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches.

Public health officials noted that preventive measures include practicing the three "R's": reduce, repel and report.

Pilot program designed to boost rural economies

CREATE BRIDGES efforts to focus on five counties in region

University of Illinois Extension has announced the selection of a multi-county region in Illinois for participation in CREATE BRIDGES, a program which is designed to build up rural economies.

CREATE BRIDGES was recently launched in Illinois, New Mexico and North Carolina with the help of a \$2,041,330 grant from Walmart to the Southern Rural Development Center.

As part of this innovative initiative, Illinois Extension will receive a subaward from the Southern Rural Development Center to pilot a process to help rural communities build capacity for strengthening the retail, tourism, hospitality and entertainment sectors.

Those sectors which provide jobs and business opportunities that frequently boost rural economies and have been notably impacted by COVID-19.

CREATE BRIDGES provides opportunities to customize implementation according to community needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant's efforts will be in the five most southern counties in Illinois: Union, Alexander, Johnson, Massac and Pulaski.

"CREATE BRIDGES offers an exciting opportunity to build upon our work with Stronger Economies Together to assist a rural region in identifying and implementing strategies to support retail and hospitality, which are often key drivers of the region's economy," says Susan Odum, Illinois Extension community and economic development specialist.

"The Southern Five region was chosen for its clear desire to grow their tourism and retail industries as well as their demonstrated com-

mitment to CREATE businesses," Odum says.

"The region is known for its scenic beauty, outdoor recreation, historic sites, state parks, orchards, wineries, restaurants and unique lodging facilities."

A diverse group of regional partners and industry stakeholders representing education, local government, non-profit, banking, business development, retail, accommodations, tourism and entertainment will work together to strengthen the retail and hospitality industry, which is vital to the region's economic well-being, Odum says.

Generally, the retail sector in rural communities often fills local needs and serves as an entry point for new workers.

However, entry level workers do not always understand the career paths available that would allow them to move up or train for supervisory and management roles.

Odum will work with state and regional partners to facilitate a CREATE academy for regional leaders, develop a business retention and expansion program, coordinate with regional workforce investment boards to identify opportunities for

workforce training focused on incumbent and new workers and identify workforce solutions to retain workers and promote from within.

The CREATE BRIDGES team includes Alison Davis, University of Kentucky's Community Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky; Stacey McCullough, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service's Community, Professional and Economic Development; Sara Siems, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service; Becky Bowen, North Carolina State Extension; Michael Patrick, New Mexico State Cooperative Extension; Susan Odum, Illinois Extension; and Rachel Welborn and Grace Langford, Southern Rural Development Center.

CREATE BRIDGES builds upon Stronger Economies Together, a collaborative effort across 32 states, led by the Southern Rural Development Center that helps rural counties work together to develop and implement an economic development plan for their multi-county region.

For more information, visit CREATE BRIDGES Illinois or contact Odum at sodum@illinois.edu.

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Jesus wasn't a family man. He had no wife and no children. Hire a single man? No wife? No kids? Would you attend?

What about his doctrine? What if there were those in the audience who had been divorced and remarried for a cause other than the only one of which God approves? What if Jesus proclaimed to your audience, "Whoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" as He did in Matthew 19:9? Do you suppose your congregation would tolerate such preaching?

Suppose Jesus spoke in the place where you worship and said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." How well would that be accepted?

The Lord never had a university degree. Could He be your preacher? Now, if a young man wants to work for such a degree, that's his right and such is commendable. However, a degree must never be viewed more meaningful than faithfulness. Faithful men to fill our pulpits (II Timothy 2:2; I Timothy 4:16) who will rightfully divide the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15) is what is needed.

The Lord's ministry lasted for three to three and one-half years. He didn't have ten or more years of ministry experience. Could Jesus be your preacher?

I daresay if your congregation wants a man as is described in the aforementioned description, your congregation may not want Jesus. Give it some thought.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ

September National Suicide Prevention, Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

The Senior Solutions program at Union County Hospital in Anna is working to raise awareness and to educate the community about the risk factors and warning signs of suicide.

As part of the awareness effort, Mayor Steve Hartline was presented with and signed a proclamation designating September 2020 as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in Anna.

"We are thankful to Mayor Hartline for recognizing September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month," Senior Solutions program director Karen Lawless said in a news re-

lease. "The staff at Senior Solutions appreciates the support.

The proclamation signed by the mayor declares that: "...mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being..."

"...all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives..."

"...talk of suicide should never be dismissed. If you, or someone you know are thinking of suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255..."

"...mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation..."

"...with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health and

other chronic health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives..."

"...each business, school, government agency, health-care provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support suicide prevention efforts..."

The mayor called upon "the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Anna to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of suicide, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions."

Senior Solutions is an intensive outpatient group therapy and teletherapy program.

The program is designed to meet the unique needs of senior adults living with symptoms of age-related depression or anxiety, dealing with difficult life transitions, a recent health diagnosis or the loss of a loved one.

"It is important to reach people early," program director Lawless said. "We know it can be difficult to ask for help, but by educating our community we hope we can show people that it is okay to reach out and ask for help for themselves or a loved one."

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline points out that risk factors are characteristics

that make it more likely that someone will consider, attempt or die by suicide and they are important to be aware of.

Several risk factors may include:

A preexisting mental disorder. Alcohol or substance use disorder. Impulsive and/or aggressive tendencies.

Major physical illness. Job or financial loss. Loss of relationship(s). Access to lethal means. Lack of social support and sense of isolation.

"The stigma associated with asking for help and a lack of healthcare, especially mental health and substance abuse treatment can also pose as risk factors to an individual," Lawless said.

"We work to lessen the stigma and increase access to behavioral healthcare."

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline also states that knowing these warning signs may help determine if a loved one is at risk for suicide:

Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves. Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying a gun.

Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live. Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.

Talking about being a burden to others. Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.

Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly. Sleeping too little or too much.

Withdrawing or isolating

themselves. Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge. Extreme mood swings.

For more information, or if an older loved one is in need of help, call Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions program at 833-4505.

Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions program is managed in partnership by Psychiatric Medical Care, PMC, which is a behavioral healthcare management company.

Focused on addressing the needs of rural and un-

derserved communities, PMC manages inpatient behavioral health units, intensive outpatient programs, and telehealth services in more than 25 states.

The company's services provide evaluation and treatment for patients suffering from depression, anxiety, mood disorders, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder and other behavioral health problems.

Information is available online by visiting UnionCountyHospital.com.

Jonesboro man faces charges of indecent solicitation of child

Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel on Monday, Sept. 14, reported that Harold Thomas Goetz, also known as Harry T. Goetz, 78, faces multiple charges in connection with alleged indecent solicitation of a child.

Goetz has been charged with one count of indecent solicitation of a child, a Class 2 felony; one count of traveling to meet a minor, a Class 3 felony; one count of solicitation to meet a minor, a Class 4 felony; and one count of grooming, a Class 4 felony.

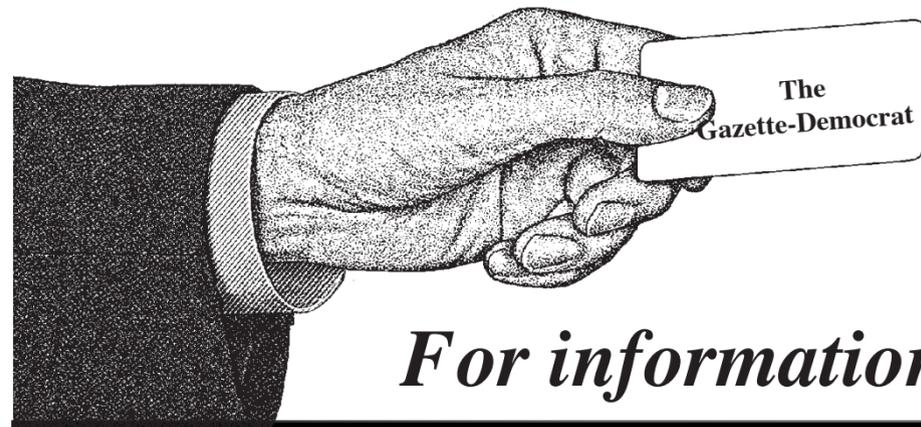
Authorities said in a

news release that Goetz is charged with attempting to meet with a person he believed to be a child under the age of 14 years for the purpose of sexual gratification.

Goetz was arrested Sept. 10 following an extensive investigation by Union County Sheriff's Detective Bart Hileman, with assistance of KTS Predator Hunters.

Goetz is being held in the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro on \$50,000 bond.

The matter has been set for a preliminary hearing at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.



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Opinion and Commentary

Isolation, loneliness: the silent pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been told to shelter in place. For many of us, sheltering in place has been a way of life before COVID-19.

The Health Resources & Services Administration states that two in five Americans report they sometimes or always feel their social relationships are not meaningful and one in five say they feel lonely or socially isolated. And according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than a quarter of the U.S. population (28 percent) of older adults live alone.

The World Health Organization reports that social isolation can be as damaging to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. The problem worsens as we get older and has other impacts.

Social isolation significantly increased a person's risk of premature death from all causes. A risk that may rival those of smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity.

Social isolation was associated with about a 50 percent increased risk of dementia.

Poor social relationships (characterized by social isolation or loneliness) was associated with a 29 percent increased risk of heart disease and a 32 percent increased risk of stroke.

Loneliness was associated with higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide.

Loneliness among heart failure patients was associated with a nearly four times increased risk of death, a 68 percent increased risk of hospitalization and a 57 percent increased risk of emergency department visits.

The late Dr. John Cacioppo, a psychology professor at the University of Chicago, studied the effects of loneliness for two decades before his passing in 2018.

After suffering a near-fatal car crash and having what seemed to be a transformative revelation, he concluded that love and social connections are what really matter in life. He equated loneliness with a type of hunger, noting that establishing social connections is essential for human survival. He also believed that chronic loneliness can increase the incidence of early death.

One would think that knowing if we are being affected emotionally or physically from loneliness would be easy for us, loved ones, and our health care providers to recognize; however, this is not always the case.

Like chronic depression or pain, over time we start thinking and believing it's just a normal way of life. In a recent article shared by AARP, Kerstin Gerst Emerson, a clinical assistant professor at the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Georgia in Athens, said, "You can't give the patient a blood test or an MRI."

Instead, diagnosis depends on asking questions. Living alone isn't always the problem, although it can be. More important, say experts, is a subjective feeling of social separation.

"We're all lonely from time to time, but the problems come when someone is chronically lonely, day in and day out," says Steve Cole, a professor of medicine and genomics researcher at the University of California in Los Angeles.

Tips to Help with Social Isolation, Loneliness

Here are some tips to help with social isolation and loneliness:

Take time to talk to family and friends: by phone, virtual platform, email and social media.

Keep up a healthy lifestyle: eat a balanced diet, exercise and get quality sleep.

Take up a new hobby you always wanted to try.

Get as much sunlight, fresh air and nature as you can.

Practice relaxation, meditation and mindfulness.

If news and social media make you feel fearful or anxious, unplug.

If you are socially distancing and feeling lonely because of COVID-19, remind yourself that this is a temporary period of isolation.

Confide in family and friends how you are feeling.

Take part in an in-person support or virtual support group.

If you suspect you are suffering from chronic loneliness, talk with your healthcare provider or mental health professional. They can refer you to a mental health professional to see if individual or group therapy, in-person or via teletherapy, is right for you. Just like a medical condition, it will only get worse if untreated.

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately. If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255).

Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions is an intensive outpatient group therapy program which is designed to meet the unique needs of older adults suffering from symptoms of anxiety and depression often related to aging. For more information, or if you know an older loved one experiencing isolation or loneliness and is in need of help, call 833-4505.

Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail set

The fifth annual Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail event is planned Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27, in Union and Jackson counties. Hours for the event are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Organizers note that unlike previous trails, there will only be three potters featured on the fall Pottery Trail. The potters request that all visitors wear a mask while visiting their spaces. The potters who plan to participate include Dan Johnson, Steve Grimmer and Karen Fiorino.

The event is open and free for everyone and will give the public a chance to interact with the potters and see their creations. There will be pottery for sale at each stop.

The link for the Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail website, which includes information on each of the potters and maps of the trail, is <http://potterstrail.wixsite.com/pottery-trail>; and on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/PotteryTrail/>.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

This week: 'xeric,' 'Fighting Trees,' 'Ents,' etc.

Once again, this week's word adventure began when your writer went on a walk...or two...

Let's start with our word for the week, which, as the caption under one of the photographs declares, is "xeric. Xeric, it seems, is a word which means the opposite of wet."

I'll be honest with you. Until last Thursday morning, I was not familiar with the word "xeric." By not familiar, I mean I had never heard of it.

"Xeric" was one of the word's featured on a sign which was displayed as part of a special event at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. You may recall that I am a frequent visitor to the little gem of a park in Jonesboro.

The sign was part of a "Woodsy's ABCs" self-guided story book trail, which was on display Sept. 17-20 at the picnic grounds. The trail featured signs which, in turn, highlighted a letter, word and rhyming verse.

The story book trail was on display in honor of Woodsy Owl's 49th birthday. He looks pretty good for a middle-aged owl.

By the way, the rhyming verse with the word "xeric" read "Xeric is the opposite of wet. A little water is all you get." I'm just guessing, but I suppose whoever wrote the verse was grateful that she didn't have to come up with a word to rhyme with "xeric."

Since "xeric" was a new word to yours truly, I thought I would do some research and, perhaps, learn a little bit more about it.

Turned out there is a brand of watches out there in the world called Xeric. Really. Found it on the internet. One Xeric watch was advertised as a "wandering hour automatic for under \$1,000." For a thousand bucks, you'd think a watch wouldn't wander around. Oh, well. For a thousand bucks, I won't be buying a Xeric watch any time soon.

My intense research, which lasted all of about two minutes, according to the cheap watch on my wrist, also turned up the following little gem related to "xeric":

"Xeric's talisman is an amulet that was once owned by Xeric, a tyrannical ruler who reigned over Great Kourend during the Age of Strife nearly 1,030 years ago. It is obtained as a rare drop from killing lizardmen, brutes and shamans. It can also be obtained by stealing from stone chests in the Lizardman Temple beneath Molch, albeit at a slightly rarer rate.

"Upon obtaining the talisman, it is inert and uncharged. By charging the talisman with lizardman fangs (costing 22 coins per charge), the talisman becomes able to teleport players to various locations throughout Great Kourend. Each fang provides one charge for the talisman, holding a maximum of 1,000 charges. The charges can be removed whenever a player wishes to do so by selecting the Uncharge option on the charged talisman. This will revert the amulet back to a Xeric's talisman (inert)."

To be honest with you, I have no idea what anything in the preceding two paragraphs means. Guess that makes me an old guy. Which I am.

Meanwhile...

We'll branch out a little bit with a few words about

trees. Get it...branch out... trees...sorry...

On another one of my walkabouts, I happened to notice a sweet gum tree looking at me. Well, it looked like it was looking at me. Check out the photograph of the tree, and make of it what you will. Or won't.

The possibility of seeing a face in a sweet gum tree led your writer's simple mind to ponder some special trees which show up in "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Lord of the Rings."

"The Wizard of Oz" features "Fighting Trees." Flying monkeys also are featured in the story about the wizard in the Emerald City. I have not seen any flying monkeys while out on a walk. Not yet, anyway.

Further research on the internet showed that the "Fighting Trees" "can only be found in the magical Land of Oz and are located on the border of Oz's southern quadrant known as the Quadling Country." I have not gone on a walk in the Quadling Country yet. I think it might be near the Kaolin clay pit, which is not far from Cobden.

The trees that show up in "The Lord of the Rings" are called "ents," which, as you probably know, are "also known as Onodrim (Tree-host) by the Elves, were a very old race of Middle-earth. They were apparently created at the behest of Yavanna after she learned of Aulë's children, the dwarves, knowing that they would want to fell trees." (This information about "ents" also came



Our word for the week: xeric. Your writer has to admit that he was not aware of the word "xeric" until last week, when he made a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds. The word "xeric," as you can see by reading the sign, means "the opposite of wet." Guess it would be a good word for Scrabble, or maybe a crossword puzzle.

from the internet. Like everything else in this column which came from the internet, it has to be true.")

All of this information about trees got me to wondering if there might have been an "ent" in "The Wizard of Oz." Seems like

Dorothy kept mentioning her "Enty Em." Oh, wait, that was "Auntie Em." I think.

I think we should wrap this up for another week. I'm going to head out to Quadling Country and look for some flying monkeys...



Kind of creepy? Or, maybe more likely, your writer's imagination has gone just a little bit overboard. Take a close look at this pic of a sweet gum tree. See anything?

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