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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy Father's Day to all of you dads out there. Enjoy your day (which, by the way, is June 17).

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An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

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Lisa C. Casper was sworn in Tuesday, June 12, as a Union County assistant state's attorney.

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A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

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The Union County Museum in Cobden plans to host a book signing with local author Mike Estel on Saturday afternoon, June 23. Estel will sign copies of his 13th book, which is titled "Riots at SIU."

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The Blue Dolphins swim team is scheduled to host the Anna Invitational swim meet Saturday, June 16. The event will be at the Anna City Pool.

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Entries are being accepted for the 2018 Cobden Peach Festival parade. The parade is planned Saturday afternoon, Aug. 4, in Cobden. Information about participating in the parade is available by contacting Cobden Village Hall.

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Plans are being considered for the development of a recreational disc golf course in Cobden. The course would be located at the Cobden Community Park.

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A new gazebo was seen last weekend at the Cliff View Park in Alto Pass.

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A social media posting suggests that at least one area orchard appears to be about ready to start selling peaches.

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Vacation Bible Schools are getting underway at area churches.

## Revolutionary War veterans honored at ceremony

Four patriots who served during the Revolutionary War were honored during a special ceremony which was held on a rainy Saturday afternoon at the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery near Dongola.

The cemetery is located west of Dongola, across the road from its namesake church.

At about the time the ceremony was scheduled to begin, a brief downpour fell as a thunderstorm passed over.

The cemetery in Union County is the final resting place for many early pioneers of Illinois settlement, including four Revolutionary War veterans.

St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery is the final resting place for veterans Adam Clapp, Christopher Lyerle, Jacob Hileman and Peter Meisenheimer.

As part of the Illinois bicentennial celebration during 2018, the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution have undertaken a statewide project to mark all active cemeteries that contain Revolutionary War veteran burials. The Revolutionary War was fought from 1775 to 1783.

Last Saturday afternoon, a new plaque which is on display at the cemetery was unveiled during a ceremony sponsored by the Long Knives Chapter of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution.

The Long Knives Chapter has members from the southern 15 counties in Illinois. The 66 members of the chapter all have documented connections to ancestors who served during the American Revolution.

Dick Chamblin of Decatur is the president of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution. Chamblin was one of the speakers at the ceremony.

Chamblin said those who gathered for the ceremony were honoring four soldiers who "defeated the British to establish a nation of free men and women."

"These men served in a citizen army and many were untrained in the accepted art of battle. They faced a highly trained army.

"But the colonial soldier had one superior advantage over the British soldier. The British soldier was fighting

for money, booty, glory and advancement.

"The colonial soldier was fighting for a better way of life for himself and his family...he was fighting to create a nation free from the tyranny of the English king.

"Our patriots were fighting to create a nation that allowed citizens to participate in their government.

"They were successful... and we can never honor them enough. God bless our patriots and God bless America."

The program for the ceremony follows:

Greetings and welcome, Jim Wallace, Long Knives Chapter president.

Invocation, Steve Halde-man, Long Knives Chapter chaplain.

Presentation of colors, Boy Scout Troop 44.

Sons of the American Revolution color guard salute.

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Will Smiley, Boy Scout Troop 44.

Sons of the American Revolution pledge, Michael Spinks.

Dignitary introductions and comments, Jim Wallace.

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### Scouts, color guard

Members of Union County Boy Scout Troop 44 displayed the colors while an Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution color guard marched behind them. The Boy Scouts who were participating in the ceremony included Bryan Williams, Ben Hauser, Dustin Palmer, Dylan Graham and Will Smiley.



### Plaque unveiled

A plaque honoring American Revolutionary War veterans was unveiled last Saturday afternoon during a ceremony which was held at the historic St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery near Dongola.

## Remember the Removal riders visit Union County



### Sharing local history

Sandra Boaz, standing at right, shared information about the history of the Camp Ground Church area last Sunday afternoon with participants in the 2018 Remember the Removal Bike Ride.

### Trail of Tears remembered

Cyclists who are participating in the 2018 Remember the Removal Bike Ride were guests last Sunday at the landmark Camp Ground Church near Anna.

The cyclists are in the midst of a three-week journey along the northern route of the Trail of Tears.

On June 3, the cyclists began a three-week journey which will span nearly 950 miles.

The Illinois Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association hosted the Remember the Removal cyclists in the Camp Ground Church fellowship hall Sunday afternoon.

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# GOP legislators voice concerns about pardon of former governor

The entire Illinois Republican Party delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives has sent a letter to President Donald Trump sharing their concerns over White House talks of pardoning and/or commuting the sentence on former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., was among the seven GOP legislators who sent the letter, which was dated June 11.

After sending the letter, Bost released a statement on the matter.

“I served on Illinois’ House committee to impeach Governor Blagojevich and I believe that he received the sentence he deserved,” Bost said.

“He violated the public trust and is an example of the absolute worst about politics. Granting clemency to Rod Blagojevich could set a very bad precedent regarding public corruption.”

In the letter, the legislators said they had written “a unified message” to the president regarding his “recent comments contemplat-

ing the pardon and/or commutation” of Blagojevich’s sentence.

The legislators said that the facts of the former governor’s case “show a much larger problem and underlying pattern of public corruption” which culminated in what they said was “the ultimate act of public corruption: attempting to sell a United States Senate seat.”

“While we understand that, as president, you have the privilege and right under our Constitution to grant pardons and clemency as you determine fit, we ask that you consider very carefully the precedent this may set and the impact it will have on acts of public corruption in the future,” the legislators wrote.

“As you well know, the integrity of our democracy and the core of American values depend on our elected officials being honest in upholding the trust given to them by the American people.

“Granting clemency to Rod Blagojevich would go against this trust.”

# Man sentenced for aggravated battery of Anna police officer

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on June 5 that James William Dukes, 29, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with an impact incarceration recommendation, on one count of aggravated battery, which is a Class 2 felony.

Dukes will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release.

In July 2017, the Anna Police Department responded to a disturbance in the Anna police

400 block of West Jefferson Street.

After being arrested, Dukes spit on an Anna police officer.

Dukes was also sentenced to a concurrent three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after admitting to a petition for revocation of probation for an original offense of theft, which is a Class 4 felony.

Dukes was placed on probation in March 2017 for stealing items from an Anna church in February 2017. Probation was revoked based upon the new offense.

# Anna police report issued

Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter has issued a monthly activity report for May.

Highlights from the report follow:

38 adult verbal warnings issued. 25 adult written warnings issued. 108 radio/officer initiated calls. 216 phone initiated calls. 39 walk in initiated calls.

Five traffic misdemeanor arrests. Four warrant arrests. Six criminal felony arrests. One civil law violation arrest. 13 criminal misdemeanor arrests. 36 traffic citation arrests.

# Sheriff issues monthly report

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

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 16. Traffic arrests, 32. Warrant arrests, five. Total arrests, 61.

Cases opened, 36. Drug investigations, five. Crash reports, 15. 911 calls received, 1,350. Miles patrolled, 12,927.

# Anna City Council covers wide range of topics at regular meeting on June 5

The Anna City Council covered a wide range of topics at a regular meeting which was held last week.

Topics of discussion included business growth and development, including a project in east Anna, flooding on East Vienna Street during heavy rainfall, the cost of fire calls, work is planned at the four-way stop in the heart of the Union County community and the recent installation of security cameras at the Anna City Park.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, June 5, at Anna City Hall.

City administrator Steve Guined reported that progress is moving quickly on the development of a project along Illinois Route 146 in east Anna.

The project includes a business which would be like a general store that is to be built on a site which covers about 11 acres. Other development also is planned at the site.

In another matter, the city administrator said that he would welcome feedback from the council regarding action which could be taken to resolve flooding issues which frequently occur in the 500 block of East Vienna Street during heavy

rainfalls.

The issue, which involves a state highway, has been an ongoing concern for at least a half a dozen years. The flooding is related to a collapsed culvert.

Guined said he has discussed the matter many times with state officials, including legislators. No action has been forthcoming, he said.

“It’s getting worse,” Guined said, who added that “it’s not going to get better.”

The city administrator also shared an update on plans for work scheduled at the four-way stop in the heart of Anna. Major construction work is planned.

The work had been scheduled to start in mid-June. The Illinois Department of Transportation project will require the intersection to be closed for seven days.

As of last week, it appears that there may be a delay in the start of the project, Guined reported. The delay is related to insurance matters.

Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter reported that the recent installation of security cameras at the city park has proven to be beneficial.

In one case, an incident involving fighting and bullying was captured on camera.

Another incident involved vandalism at the new concession stand at the park.

Hunter said that both matters have been referred to the Union County state’s attorney’s office.

The possible granting of two general use liquor licenses also was discussed at the June 5 meeting.

In both cases, granting of the licenses would involve business growth and development.

In other business at the meeting:

Anna Police Chief Hunter and Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider discussed a review of fees for fire calls which is underway.

City attorney John Foley shared concerns about the use of the golf carts for transportation. Increased use of such vehicles is anticipated with the arrival of warm weather.

Foley would like the city to alert the community about the regulations related to the use of such vehicles.

The city administrator reported that Anna is in the process of unveiling a

new website. He praised city staff members and local vendors who have been helping with the project.

The website will offer users an opportunity to sign up for email alerts on important topics.

Posting of a clerical foreman’s position was approved.

The city administrator discussed a recommendation presented by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that action be taken regarding the installation of backflow preventers on sewer lines.

The EPA recommendation would involve modification of existing city regulations and would suggest that such equipment should be installed, but would not be mandatory.

The city administrator also reported that work continues on the process leading to the final closure of the municipal landfill site, which is located along Kaolin Road north of Anna.

Guined said he is hoping that the 15-year closing process will come to a conclusion by December. The process involves the drilling of testing wells which will allow for the monitoring of ground water.

# Cold April, warmest May on record

Wondering what happened to spring this year? The National Weather Service office in Paducah is too.

Despite temperatures averaging near normal across the region for the season, this spring was anything but normal when you look at the individual months in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

March was the only month that was anywhere near what you would typically expect, with temperatures averaging slightly below normal.

As the region progressed into April, many of the days felt like we were still in March.

In fact, it was one of the coldest Aprils on record across the area, with some locations experiencing their coldest April on record.

The region even had measurable snow in April for the first time since 1983 in several communities.

Then May 1 came, and temperatures suddenly warmed up quite abruptly.

A flip in the weather pattern resulted in above normal temperatures occurring on every single day of the month of May.

The end result was one of the warmest Mays on record across the region.

Paducah was one of many cities that experienced their warmest May on record. It literally felt more like you would expect in June.

“So essentially we flipped the switch and went straight from March to June, skipping April and May and all the nice mild weather that typically occurs in those months,” the weather service shared on its website.

As for precipitation, it was generally a wet spring for a large portion of the region.

This was particularly the case from Perry and Jackson counties in Southern Illinois, southeastward into the Jackson Purchase area of Western Kentucky.

There were some locations that were drier than normal, including across much of the Missouri Ozark counties (Carter, Ripley, Wayne) and up along the Interstate 64 corridor in Illinois.

Portions of Wayne and Jefferson counties in Southern Illinois observed less than 10 inches for the season, compared to many locations observing 14 to 17 inches.

Seasonal snowfall was generally above normal across the region. Many locations even observed measurable snow in April for the first time since 1983, including Paducah.

**May: Temperatures Well Above Normal**

During May, temperatures were well above normal, ranging from 7 to 8 degrees above normal across the region.

Paducah observed its warmest May on record,

shattering the previous record set back in 1962.

Around a dozen other locations across the region also observed their warmest May on record.

Cape Girardeau had its second warmest May on record, behind 1962.

Temperatures were more reminiscent of June, with high readings consistently in the mid-80s to around 90 degrees.

In fact, there have been 32 Junes dating back to 1938 that have been colder than May was in Paducah.

After a chilly April that felt more like March at times, the switch was flipped on May 1 with all official climate stations registering above normal temperatures every single day of May.

Looking back at previous months, it appears the last time Paducah experienced a month in which every day was above normal was back in August 2007.

As for rainfall, it varied quite a bit across the region due to the nature of warm season precipitation.

Some locations would get dumped on while a couple miles down the road observed very little from an individual shower or storm.

Generally though, more areas experienced wetter than normal conditions for May.

This was especially true

across large sections of Western Kentucky and into Southern Illinois along and south of Route 13.

Portions of Southeast Missouri and up along the I-64 corridor in Illinois were drier than normal.

Parts of Jefferson and Wayne Counties in Illinois picked up less than 3 inches for the month, while many locations across the region observed 5 to 8 inches.

May is typically an active severe weather month in our region, but this year it was fairly quiet.

There were several days when scattered thunderstorms resulted in a few large hail or damaging wind reports.

However, the only really active day came on the last day of the month.

Several rounds of storms impacted the region on May 31, with the first causing widespread damaging winds as a line of storms moved through areas of Southern Illinois along and north of Route 13 during the morning and early afternoon hours.

Several more waves of storms during the afternoon and evening hours were accompanied by large hail, damaging winds, flooding and a few tornadoes.

The remnants of tropical storm Alberto impacted the region as well May 28-30, a rare occurrence for so early in the season.



**Accident Saturday afternoon**  
Three vehicles were reported to have been involved in a traffic accident which happened early Saturday afternoon on the Illinois Route 146 hill in Jonesboro and resulted in injuries to some of those who were in the vehicles.







# Sports

## A-J football players in action at all-star game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team was well represented at the 18th annual Southern Illinois All-Star football game at Pinckneyville, Friday, June 8.

A-J's Bryce Osman, Jayce Turner, ArieH Hart and Noah Smith were on the winning Blue Team, which posted a 38-28 victory over the Red Team.

"Our kids did well," A-J football head coach Brett Detering, who is a coordinator of the event, said. "They represented our team and community really well. It was a good game."

A fifth representative for the Wildcats' was D. J. Latham, who could not play because of recent knee surgery.

Osman quarterbacked on the Blue Team and was 10 of 17 passing for 166 yards and added 20 yards rushing on 7 carries.

Smith quarterbacked as well and was 3 of 5 passing for 17 yards.

Turner was a running back and had 21 yards rushing on 8 carries.

Hart, a wide receiver, caught two passes for 18 yards and added 8 yards rushing on 3 carries.

Turner also was honored by being named the Mike Rude player of the game.

## Legion baseball slated next season in Anna

**By Mike Estel**

American Legion baseball will return to the area next year.

The Anna American Legion team, which was slated to begin again this year after several years absence, will not hit the playing field until next season.

Head A-J baseball coach Aaron Roberts, who is also the Anna American Legion coach, plans to begin conducting benefits for the program soon to help get the team off the ground.

The Anna American Legion had already previously agreed to help sponsor the team that has been absent from the Anna City Park for the last several years.

The Cobden American Legion team, which has been going strong the last couple of years in the Junior Division, is taking a break this summer and plans to

## Russell has two hits in Legion play

John Russell was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs at the plate to help lead the host Carbondale American Legion baseball team to a 14-2 win over Pinckneyville/Du Quoin Tuesday, June 5.

Russell pitched the final innings and had three strikeouts to earn the save in a 7-5 win over visiting Christopher Thursday, June 7.

Russell is a former Cobden High School baseball standout.

## A-J's Osman named all-state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Bryce Osman has been named to the Class 2A Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association all-state team.

Osman, who will attend Millikin University in Decatur on a baseball scholarship, was selected as a center fielder.

Check out  
The Gazette-Democrat on line at  
annanews.com

### Worship at Kornthal

Kornthal Church will hold its monthly worship service on Thursday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Kornthal is located 2 ½ miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.

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**Klassics for Kids**  
Members of the SI Fest Brass Band performed a special show for children at the Anna Arts Center in Anna Wednesday, June 7. The event was part of the Klassics for Kids series of interactive concerts, organized as part of the 2018 Southern Illinois Music Festival. The brass quintet performed classic and contemporary songs, which was followed by discussions about music composition, the differences between instruments and personal stories about how the band's members came to be musicians. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

## Shawnee Elementary School announces honor roll students

Shawnee Elementary School at Wolf Lake announces fourth quarter honor roll students:

**1st grade:** Gabby Barnes, Gracelynn Bigham, Thia Boucher, Nolan Ellet, Hunter Gore, Spencer Griffin, Nolan Hubbs, Ahanna Moore.

Gretchen Myers, Lilly Park, Jacob Pickel, Katie Randles, Hunter Ross, Riley Shelton, Avery Sissom, Waylon Ticer and Emma Wigley.

**2nd grade:** Amie Crowden, Eliza Ford, Eva Ford, Lillie Griffin, Tucker Hale, Berkli Holtman, Brayden Howell.

Camryn Kelley, Sterling Livingston, Brody Maeser,

## IDNR News Bits

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

**Firearm Deer Permit Applications:** Resident and non-resident deer hunters can apply for the second lottery drawing for 2018 Illinois firearm deer and muzzleloader-only deer permits.

The deadline to apply for the second lottery is June 30.

For more information about deer hunting, check the website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>.

**Online Dove Permits:** Online applications will be accepted from resident Illinois hunters through June 30 for the first lottery for Illinois free dove hunting permits for hunting at select state sites.

Applications may be submitted for the second lottery by resident hunters who were unsuccessful in the first lottery, residents who did not apply in the first lottery and non-resident



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## Reynoldsville News

**By Sue Eudy**

Thank you to Maxine and Fred Pender for renewing their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Brian and Susan Eudy and Emma Eudy, all of Jackson, Mo., and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Other visitors of Sue and Steve Eudy last week were Kevin Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro and Norman Gibbs and Larry McIntosh, both of Anna.

Those enjoying breakfast at the Golden Corral in Cape Girardeau last Friday were members of the Sunday School class at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau: Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Becky and John Sisson, Judy Rayburn and Cliff Crosnoe.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure visited Wednesday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting Thursday night at the home of Vivian Bennett of McClure were Jay and Shaun Eudy of McClure, Naomi and Mike Clark of Caledonia, Mich., Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Brent and Lola Eudy of

### St. John's Cemetery Association

is excited to invite you to an

## Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
held at the  
**Mill Creek Baptist Church**  
in Mill Creek, IL  
Serving starts at 5:00 P.M.

Come join us for fresh grilled hamburgers and hot dogs!  
Chips • Soda • Bottled Water  
Homemade Desserts and of course  
**ICE CREAM!**  
(Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla, Butter Pecan)

**QUILT RAFFLE**  
1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5  
Quilt donated by Joanne Dillow.  
Many thanks to her for a beautiful creation!

The money made from the Ice Cream Socials and the generous donations to the St. John's Cemetery Association provide for the upkeep and maintenance of our families' final resting places. Every purchase and donation is greatly appreciated.

**P.S.** Dessert donations are appreciated and highly anticipated, but please remember that it is very warm outside, so nothing that needs refrigeration. The desserts can be dropped off at the Social site anytime after 4 P.M.

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# Lincoln, Davie Schools raise \$10,500 for JDRF Kids Walk

Lincoln and Davie Schools from Anna School District No. 37 recently teamed up to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, JDRF.

Over the course of two weeks, the students participated in lessons that focused on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, proper nutrition, and exercise.

During this time, students also collected donations from family, friends and the community.

These students, from kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, impressively raised \$10,500 for the JDRF.

The fund-raising was finalized with a Kids' Walk held at the Anna City Park on Tuesday, May 8.

Students took some victory laps, played, enjoyed lunch and got to see some of the teachers get super soaked by the top fundraiser from each grade.

The top fund-raisers also received goodie bags filled with items and coupons generously donated by the community.

There were 36 students who brought in \$100 or more for the JDRF.

The top fundraisers included Ava McDowell, Kaegan Craig, Matthew Lang, Ian Sullivan, Adalyn Suggs, Spencer Holland, Olivia Eddleman, Layne Murray, Foster Needling, Kansas Craig, Alexis Houseman, all who raised \$100 each.

Sophia Wells, who raised \$101; Alexa Hinkle, who raised \$102; Emma Thurston, Blake Wells and Jordan Gentry, who raised \$104 each; Nolan Thurston, who raised \$105.

Aaliyah Prater, who raised \$106; Mariel McGrath who raised \$110; Lyra Casper, Cobie Hodges, Kennedy Laminack and Brynlee Miller, who raised \$120 each.

Max Ruddick, Ava Boreup and Paxton Boreup, who raised \$140 each; Nevaeh Walsh, who raised \$144; Logan Thompson, who raised \$176.

Holli Lopez, who raised \$215; Addison Bonner, who raised \$251; Kale Waller, who raised \$345; Ethan Plott, who raised \$400; Jake Menees, who raised \$429; Adam Clark, who raised \$450.

Shaylee Sadler, who raised \$545; and Raelynn Sadler and Presley Bierstedt, who raised \$600 each.

Class fundraising totals are as follows:

Kindergarten: \$551 from Mrs. Staples's class, \$311 from Mrs. Rich's class and \$483 from Mrs. Smith's class.

1st grade: \$700 from Mrs. Dallas's class, \$265 from Mrs. Suggs's class and \$570 from Mrs. Youngman's class.

2nd grade: \$126 from Mrs. Rathjen's class, \$232 from Mrs. Feloni's class and \$878 from Mrs. Boyd's class.

3rd grade: \$584 from Mrs. Hammer's class, \$482 from Mrs. Ligon's class and \$382 from Mrs. Mucher's class.

4th grade: \$836 from Mrs. Marshall's class, \$2,300 from Mrs. Sadler's class and \$1,670 from Mrs. Thurston's class.

Various donations totaling \$330 also were received.

Anna District 37 and the JDRF voiced their sincere appreciation to all of those who donated.

They also voiced special appreciation to the local businesses that sponsored this event, including:



A-J National Bank, Anna Baking Company, Anna Indian Athletic Booster Club, Anna Junior High Student Council, Brandon Bierstedt/Golf Pro at UCCC, Buffalo Wild Wings (Carbondale), Burger King, Dairy Queen, Davis Pastry, Francie Waller at Syliva's Brush Strokes, Hardees, Jordo's Pizza, KFC/Taco Bell, Kiki's Coffee House, King's Wok, McDonald's, Paula Bierstedt Painting, Pizza Hut, Save-A-Lot, Schlenker Farms, SIUC Athletics Department/Bryce Williams, Southern Bank, Strike Zone, Union County Country Club, Vince's DJ Show, Walmart, Whiffle Boy's Pizza and Wok N Roll.

(The photos which accompany this story were provided.)



## Hills to celebrate 60th anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Hill will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with family at their home in Goreville on June 14.

The couple is planning an anniversary trip in the fall.

Dr. Hill and Mary DeBoe were married on June 14, 1958, at the First Baptist Church in Marion, by the late Rev. Lee Swope.

The couple has three children: Terri (husband Rick) Parks of Crab Orchard;

Beth (husband Keith) Harp of Tyler, Texas; and Michael (wife Regina) Hill of Goreville.

The Hills have 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

# AUCTION

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**June 16, 2018 Saturday 9:00 am**

**TRACTORS**  
MF Diesel 175, 2 pt. 29,806 hours, SDW1644002214; John Deere Model M Ser. M-48686; MF Bushhog A025759H 6'.

**TRUCK & GOLF CART**  
2003 Chevrolet Silverado LS- 2WD regular cab-125,946 miles, Vin 1GCEC14V032; Yamaha golf cart-gas.

**ANTIQUES**  
Curved glass curio; Eastlake style occ. table; Occ. table; Wooden rocker; Sewing rocker; Cedar chest; Ball foot occ. table; AND MORE.

**FURNITURE**  
Tell City dining table w/6 chairs & 2 leaves; Tell City hutch; Round kitchen table w/4 rolling chairs; Broyhill 3-cushion sofa; Cochrane 3-cushion sofa; La-z-boy recliner; Pleather lift chair; Retro Life Line by the Cape Furniture Mfg. sofa & chair; Retro Bassett 4-piece bedroom suite (full dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers); Full bed & headboard; Chest(s) of drawers; Drum top table; Kitchen hutch; TV stand; End table(s); Desk; Media cabinet(s); Record cabinet; Rocker recliner; 2 cushion sofa; Misc. chairs & stools; Nicholas & Stone Co. Windsor rocking chair; Metal cabinets; Metal shelving; Plastic shelving; Metal filing cabinets; Metal desk; AND MORE.

**TV'S & APPLIANCES**  
Sanyo FS TV (med.); Emerson FS TV (small) (2); Sanyo DVD, VHS player; Samsung microwave; Frigidaire deep freeze 35" x 57", 29 1.2" deep.

**COLLECTIBLES**  
Barlow U.S.A. Gene Autry pocket knife; Novelty Cutlery Ireland Roy Rogers pocket knife; U.S.A. Hop-A-Long Cassidy pocket knife; Roy Rogers 50th Ann. Lim. Edition belt buckle 3768/10,000 (1990); Carnival glass; Pink depression tea cups & saucers; Pink depression water pitcher; Cookie jars; Popegossier china set "Florence"; Wash bowl & pitcher; Oil lamps; John Deere collectible (clock lamp, blanket, storage bin, metal thermometer); Snow globes; Collectible plates; China & glassware; Westminster-Whittington wall clock; Towle lead crystal vase; Vintage child's record player; Vintage trunk; Vintage cedar chest; Vintage school desks; Coca-Cola radio; Fossil transistor radios; Slip jugs; Stoneware crocks; Antique garden plows; Winchester mirror; Metal milk can; Marx mini game; Crank phone; AND MORE.

**HOUSEHOLD**  
Bissell Power Force compact; Shark cordless; Hoover Wind Tunnel; Electric heater; Karaoke machine; Stereo; Bunn coffeemaker; B&D toaster; Sunbeam mixer; Pressure cooker; Rival crock pot; Oster bread machine; Rival elec. ice maker; Glass baking pans; Mixing bowls; Electric can opener; Corning Ware; Pyrex; Glassware; Stemware; Water pitcher; Candy dishes; Relish trays; Serving pcs., Etc.; China corn set; Mikasa dinnerware set; Tea pots; S&C's; Cake stand; Platters; Imperial stainless flatware; Bunch bowls & cups; Red glass serving bowls; Chip & dip set; Cookbooks; Footed serving bowl; Holiday serving pieces; Singer sewing machine; Fellowes paper shredder; GE lantern; Holiday d cor; Picture frames; Sewing items; Metal & wooden folding chairs; Card table; Commodore 4-drawer file cabinet; Rolling TV cart; Step stool; B&D iron; Ironing board; Health-o-Meter scale; Canning jars; Presto canner cooker; Welches cups; Manual ice cream maker; Graco convertible seat; NIB Even Flo booster seat; Blanket rack; AB lounge; AND MORE.

**TOOLS**  
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Estate of Francis Westbrooks Jr.

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**Local foods featured at field day**

The Illinois State Horticultural Society hosted an annual summer field day event Thursday, June 7, at Flamm Orchards near Cobden. Nearly 100 people from throughout the State of Illinois registered to attend the field day. The day's activities included a tour of the packing house facility at Flamm Orchards, an outdoor farm tour highlighting Flamm Orchards' fruit and vegetable production, sessions on retail operations and improving security measures on the farm, and a farm marketing round table discussion. Exhibitors and vendors also were featured. A lunch which was served during the field day featured locally produced products. Sponsors of the field day included the Illinois State Horticultural Society, the University of Illinois and the Illinois Specialty Growers Association. Flamm Orchards is a family farm. Six generations of family members have operated the farm for more than 130 years.

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FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 4 miles north of Cobden off of old route 51, 3 bedroom home and a mobile home with a new roof on 3 acres, \$85,000. Call (618)-969-2451.

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FOR RENT: Modern, energy-efficient 2 bedroom apartment with washer/dryer & appliances. \$575.00 monthly. Apply in person at Classic Properties Realty, across from Dairy Queen in Anna.

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

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HELP WANTED

CAIL - CILA HOMES: Open interviews Fridays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. DSPs needed. Evenings/midnights. Training and certification provided. (618)-833-7755. **Must apply at Rescare.com**

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Candidates must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, experience in workforce development or other related human resource services field. Experience preferred in resume preparation, job coaching, and career counseling, advanced computer skills (demonstrated proficiency in MS Word and Outlook, database entry). Must have a valid driver's license and acceptable driving record. Must pass a background check.

For job details and to obtain an application, contact 618-634-2201 or [sdcpayroll@shawneedevelopment.org](mailto:sdcpayroll@shawneedevelopment.org). Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer & provider.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Extra Help Office Support Assistant - serving the southern five counties.

University of Illinois Extension is looking for an Extra Help Office Assistant for our local offices in the southern five counties. An employee in this position performs a variety of receptionist, clerical, accounting and other duties as required by the County Extension Director. This position is a fill in position. The successful candidate will have strong communication skills, experience in office operations, and proficient in MS Office suite. To apply, come in person or send letter of interest along with brief resume to: University of Illinois Extension, P.O. Box 158, Vienna, IL 62995, or email [uie-ajmpu@illinois.edu](mailto:uie-ajmpu@illinois.edu). Closing date for full consideration is June 15, 2018. This is a security sensitive position and comprehensive background screening will be required. The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

PAYROLL/RECEPTIONIST POSITION: Successful candidate should have payroll and receptionist experience, have pleasant personality, and be trustworthy. Duties involve payroll processing, answering the phone, greeting visitors, and involvement with transportation. Must have experience in operating a computer. Position is Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Come by and fill out an application or mail resume to: Rave Inc., 214 West Davie Street, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: Junked & wrecked automobiles and scraped metal. Clark & Son, 100 Kelly Cemetery, Cobden. Call (618)-893-2195.

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LOOKING FOR nice home to rent in Union/Pulaski County. At least 2 bedrooms. Prefer long term lease. Furnished okay. Would like an updated, clean house, and I will keep home in immaculate condition. Appliances must be included. Call (612)-325-9155.

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WANTED TO DO: Mow yards. Call (618)-614-2720.

WANTED TO BUY: Aluminum cans and other junk. Will pick up junk appliances. ALSO, APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Call (618)-833-3544.

WANTED: Looking for nice home to rent in Anna/Jonesboro area. 2 bedroom, 2 bath minimum. Prefer long term lease. Furnished okay. Would like an updated, clean house. Appliances must be included. Call (612)-325-9155.

WORK WANTED: Looking for in-home care work. I am a DSP (certified), 31 years old, love the elderly, and am a hard worker. (Se habla espanol). Call (618)-697-7499.

YARD SALE

GIGANTIC GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE: Troop 8546 is having a gigantic yard sale on Saturday, June 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Toys, clothing, sofa, canning jars, craft items, and lots of misc. 3 miles east of Dongola, at 220 Mount Olive Road. Follow signs on Dongola-Cypress blacktop.

LARGE GARAGE SALE: Name brand ladies clothing, shoes & purses; home décor, furniture, etc. 1020 Pinewood Court, Anna. Friday, June 15, 2p.m. to 7p.m. and Saturday, June 16, 7 a.m. to noon.

SALE: 580 Ellis Lane, Jonesboro. Right on Old Cape Road, left on Lingle Creek Road, left on Ellis Lane. Men-Women - Don't Miss This! Friday, June 15, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunting, fishing, tools, large metal office desk, antique dishes, patio furniture, small tiller, lots of household, women's clothing 2X-14, juniors clothing, boys 10-12, horse & cow halters, blankets, dog house, lots more.

YARD SALE: Saturday, June 16, 7 a.m. to noon. 101 George Street, Anna. Sleeper sofa, rocker recliner, household items, toys, women & men's clothing.

YARD SALE: 704 Heacock Street, Anna. Boys clothing NB-8, antiques & collectibles, women's clothing, and much more. Friday, June 15, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. to noon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 22nd day of May, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Rustic Hideaway Cabins with the place of business located at 60/95 Rustic Hideaway Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Lyle & Kelly McDowell  
1915 Friendship School Road  
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield  
Union County Clerk  
24-26gc

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

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL GOSS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2018CH10

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is July 10, 2018.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 21, 2018.

- The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2018CH10
- The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois
- The name of the title holder of record is: Michael Goss
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Seventy-five (75) feet in width off of the South Side of Lot 2 in Richard Perry's First Addition to the City of Jonesboro, situated in Union County, Illinois.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 313 S. Locust Street,
- An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of mortgagor: Michael Goss Name of mortgagee: First Southern Bank Date of mortgage: May 14, 2010 Date of recording: May 19, 2010 County where recorded: Union County, Illinois Recording document iden-

Vacancy Notice

Anna District #37 is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for the following positions:

Physical Education Teacher (K-8) Cafeteria Director (2) EOC Aides 0.5-time Pre-K EOC Aide

The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or gotten online at [www.anna37.com](http://www.anna37.com), should be completed and returned to Charles Goforth at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 by June 27, 2018.

tification: Document No. 2010R1191

Tiffany Busby  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-4 FILED:5/31/2018

TAKE NOTICE

TO: BRENDA HILEMAN, 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: 06-15-04-532-A1

On October 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-5 FILED:5/31/2018

TAKE NOTICE

TO: SCOTT G. MCCOMMONS, TINA M. MCCOMMONS, 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: 03-18-01-654-A

On October 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-6 FILED:5/31/2018

TAKE NOTICE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF LARRY D. MCKEE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES OF ANTHONY WINSOR, TRACIE L. MCKEE A/K/A TRACIE L. EASTERLY,

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: 03-32-01-966-A

On October 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-7 FILED:5/31/2018

TAKE NOTICE

TO: ANDREW QUINTANA, LINDA QUINTANA, 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: 14-00-08-710-

On October 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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TAX DEED NO. 2018-TX-8 FILED:5/31/2018

TAKE NOTICE

TO: GARY E. STARK, LESLIE B. STARK, ANNA STATE BANK, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL, ATTORNEY REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION, JOHN-SON & SCHNEIDER, LLC, 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: 14-00-09-384

On October 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018-TX-9  
FILED:5/31/2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO:  
HAROLD RAY  
STEVENS,  
BEATRICE STEVENS,  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AND,  
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: 08-24-06-074  
On October 17, 2018 at 1:00PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on October 4, 2018.

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**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
UNION COUNTY**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE  
OF COURT DATE FOR  
REQUEST OF  
NAME CHANGE  
(MINOR CHILDREN)**

**REQUEST OF:  
Samantha A. Stephenson  
TO CHANGE NAMES  
OF MINOR CHILDREN  
Madelyn  
Casper-Stephenson  
TO  
Madelyn Stephenson  
AND  
Paisley Casper  
TO  
Paisley Stephenson  
2018-MR-53**

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 1 p.m., Madelyn Casper-Stephenson and Paisley Casper, minors, by Samantha A. Stephenson, their mother and next friend, will request that this Court change their present names of Madelyn Casper-Stephenson and Paisley Casper to the names of Madelyn Stephenson and Paisley Stephenson.

Madelyn Casper-Stephenson and  
Paisley Casper, minors,  
by Samantha A. Stephenson,  
their mother.  
May 25, 2018  
25-27g

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

**ESTATE OF  
JOE LYERLA,  
DECEASED.  
NO. 2018-P-27  
IN PROBATE**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of JOE LYERLA of 6030 Route 146 W., Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 7, 2018, to Mark Clary, 407 Sycamore Street, Anna, IL 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are Elvis C. Cameron and Natalie B. Hatfield, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

The estate will be administered without Court super-

vision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 12, 2018, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 7, 2018.

MARK CLARY

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NATALIE B. HATFIELD  
ATTORNEY NO. 631247  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**

**In the Matter  
of the Estate of  
DORIAN G. BUCKLEY,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2018P25**

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Dorian G. Buckley. Letters of Office were issued May 29, 2018, to David M. Buckley, whose address is 616 Shorewood Drive, Shorewood, IL 60404, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys of record are William L. Broom III and Casey L. Twomey, Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP, 100 N. Illinois Ave., P.O. Box 3747, Carbondale, IL 62902-3747. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

David M. Buckley,  
Independent Executor  
of the Estate of  
Dorian G. Buckley, Deceased.

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**REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL FOR  
COPYING &  
PRINTING SOLUTIONS  
FOR UNION COUNTY  
AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Union County Ambulance is seeking sealed proposals from vendors capable of providing copier and printing equipment. A detailed copy of the RFP can be obtained by contacting the Union County Board Administrator at (618)-833-8276 or Union County Ambulance Director Grant Capel at (618)-833-2871 during regular business hours.

Responses must be submitted to the Union County Clerk by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at the Union

County Courthouse.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive or not waive any informalities or irregularities in bids or bid procedures, and to accept or further negotiate costs, terms, or conditions of any bid determined by the County to be in the best interest of the County.

Union County Clerk  
309 West Market Street  
Room 116  
Jonesboro, Illinois 62952  
26gp

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO  
NATIONAL BANK,  
an Illinois banking  
corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs  
MICHAEL E. TALAGA,  
deceased,  
THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL E. TALAGA,  
deceased,  
ERIKA TALAGA,  
MEGAN TALAGA,  
MELISSA TALAGA,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
And NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 2018CH11**

PUBLICATION  
NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Michael E. Talaga, deceased, The Estate of Michael E. Talaga, Erika Talaga, Megan Talaga, Melissa Talaga, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described

premises, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE N 01° 15' 50" W 138.67 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO AN IRON ROD SET, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE N 89° 55' 02" W 356.54 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 00° 56' 31" W 559.17 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 89° 55' 02" W 331.91 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 00° 56' 31" 192.09 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 170.43 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE CENTERLINE OF BURNS ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) CALLS: THENCE N 66° 30' 19" 246.67 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 66° 11' 39" E 4.06 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 66° 11' 39" E 237.52 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 66° 29' 16" E 6.14 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TALAGA, BEAUCHAMP & SPARROW PROPERTY (BOOK 270, PAGE 546); THENCE S 25° 53' 33" E 544.46 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TALAGA, BEAUCHAMP & SPARROW PROPERTY, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 20.02

FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S 01° 15' 50" E 460.75 FEET ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

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**‘Where the Wild Things Are’**  
Members of the Soul Schoolers home-school drama camp presented a live-action performance of “Where the Wild Things Are” Friday evening, June 1, at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. The play was an adaptation of the children’s literature classic by Maurice Sendak. The young people involved in the play worked all year on learning the various aspects of the theatre and acting on stage. The Soul Schoolers are a group of home-school families in the Southern Illinois area. The Christian-based organization emphasizes character building and fosters a life-long love of learning for the students involved. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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# Obituaries

## Patricia Reppert

Patricia Reppert of St. Pete Beach, Fla., passed away on June 7, 2018, at the home of her daughter Dawn Hall and family in Delaware, Ohio.

She leaves a family of her husband, John; daughter Dawn and son Scott of Arlington, Va.

Dawn and husband Aaron Hall blessed Pat with eight grandchildren (Thomas, Naomi Ruth, Rebekah, Hannah, Miriam, Susanna, Benjamin and Matthew). Scott and Lisa blessed her with two grandchildren (Clayton and Margaux).



Pat was born on Aug. 18, 1941, in Independence, Kan., and was raised in Thayer, Kan., by Kenneth and Lila Rash.

She attended public schools in Thayer and then upon graduation attended one year of secretarial school in Topeka, Kan.

She then enrolled in Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., from which she earned a bachelor of arts degree in education and a master of arts degree in history.

While at Kansas State, she was a consistent Honor Roll Student, President of her social sorority (Kappa Alpha Theta) and as a senior was selected for membership in Mortar Board, a student organization which recognized the best female students at Kansas State.

In 1964 she married the love of her life, John Reppert of Anna, and on completing her master of arts degree, they moved back to Anna, where he began employment as editor of the local newspaper, The Gazette-Democrat.

In 1966, John was drafted into the U.S. Army. Pat and John then moved frequently due to assignments in Arizona, California, New York, New Jersey, Kansas, North Carolina and Washington, D.C., as well as three overseas assignments to Germany, and three to Russia/Soviet Union.

Pat embraced a variety of aspects to living the life of a diplomat. She enjoyed meeting new people, learning about other cultures and reconnecting with couples that they met in the Army.

Pat was exceptional in her hosting of diplomats, military officers and their wives, including dinners at her home for more than 50 Russian generals. She will be remembered for her welcoming personality and extraordinary compassion.

As John’s duties required frequent travel, Pat joined him for the majority of trips, including more than 50 within the Soviet Union/Russia.

Pat was also employed in the American Embassy in secretarial/administrative duties. John and Pat returned to Washington, D.C., where John retired in 2000.

Following John’s retirement from the Army, they subsequently moved to Germany, Cambridge, Mass., Arlington, Va., and finally selected their ideal residence in St. Pete Beach, Fla. During the years in Florida, she truly enjoyed beautiful water views, a relaxed lifestyle, exercising in the pool and making friends at ASPEC.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. Interment will be in the Anna City Cemetery.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home for donations; or contributions may be made directly, to an account that has been set up specifically in her name at Alzhemier’s Association, 14010 Roosevelt Blvd., No. 709, Clearwater, Fla. 33762; 727-578-2558; [www.az.org/flgulfcoast](http://www.az.org/flgulfcoast).

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Aldona H. Johnson

Aldona H. Johnson, 89, of Carbondale, died at 2:47 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 15, 1928, in Chicago, the daughter of Joseph Naujalis and Helen Preskus Naujalis.

She married Evert A. Johnson on Feb. 21, 1969, in Jonesboro. Mr. Johnson preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2006.



She worked for a number of years at the Dewey Center on the Southern Illinois University campus, and later worked at the Carbondale Public Library.

She was a supporter of the Murphysboro Food Pantry, and was able to be a major contributor towards a matching grant that provided the pantry with a walk-in cooler.

For the last three years of her life, she lived at Prairie Living at Chautauqua, where she received the support she needed to continue to live as independently as possible.

She is survived by many that Evert and she called their “surrogate kids,” especially Terry and Laurie Swanson Suhre, as well as Mitch, Cheryl, Vince, Duff and Wally.

Other special friends included Perry and Susan Patterson, Lisa Colby and her husband Loren Cocking, Jan Sundberg, Margie Coleman, Sylvia Greenfield, George Cruzat, Alex and Bev Popov, and the members of the Centering Prayer group in which she participated for many years: Tary Harms, Luca Cruzat and Fran Paskert.

These and many other friends over the years were inspired and strengthened by her serene, intelligent and loving presence in their lives.

According to her wishes, her body will be cremated. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Murphysboro Food Pantry at 906 N. 14th St., Murphysboro, Ill. 62966.

A memorial celebration of her life is being planned.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Clay Scott Kell

Clay Scott Kell, 20, of Alto Pass, died at 11:28 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2018, in DeSoto.

He was born on June 9, 1997, in Carbondale, the son of Scott Allen and Michelle Ramsey Kell.

Clay is survived by his mother, Michelle Kell (Jason Fox) of Alto Pass; his father, Scott Allen (Tiffany) Kell of Carterville; grandparents Janice Ramsey of Poplar Bluff, Mo., Pam (Wesley) Fox of Alto Pass, Scott (Tammy) Kell of Carterville and Rita (Jeff) Grace of Royalton; brothers Corey Jones of Carterville and Mason Kell of Herrin; a sister, Makenzie Flare of Carterville; his best friend, Francisco “Frank” Fabien of Alto Pass; aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clay Ramsey; a brother, Michael Diuguid; and an uncle, Michael Ramsey.

Clay was a co-owner for Fox Painting and Construction. Funeral services for Clay Scott Kell were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Robert Cruz officiating. Burial was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home. To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Raymond DeWayne Henderson Sr.

Raymond DeWayne Henderson Sr. “Wayne,” 67, of Villa Ridge, died at 4 a.m. Friday, June 8, 2018, at his home in Villa Ridge.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1950, in Cairo, the son of Melvin and Nellie (Bailey) Henderson.

He married Vicki Henderson in 1971.

Mr. Henderson was a member of Christian Community Ministry-CCM.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Henderson of Villa Ridge; sons Raymond DeWayne Henderson Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, Travis Henderson of Salem, Marvin Henderson of Anna, Joseph Henderson of Ullin and Randall Henderson of Jonesboro; daughters Rebecca Earnhart of Pulaski, Tori Henderson of Villa Ridge and Joy Steele of Pulaski; 18 grandchildren and a great-grandchild; a sister, Sharon Ivy of Villa Ridge; brothers Paul Henderson of America, Benny Henderson of Mounds and Kenny Henderson of Mounds; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by two sisters, Lily Modglin and Barbara Coleson; and by three brothers, Vernon Henderson, Melvin Henderson and Junior Henderson.

Funeral services for Mr. Henderson were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with the Rev. Terry Kern officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

“Real Dads get promoted to Grandpas.”

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crain-funeralhome.com](http://www.crain-funeralhome.com).

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## Ginger Lee Kelley

Ginger Lee Kelley, 78, of Ullin, and formerly of Jonesboro, died at 7:33 a.m. Monday, June 11, 2018, at her home.

She was born on May 7, 1940, in Union County, the daughter of Cecil Vernon and Luetta Anderson Kelley.

She is survived by one brother, Mike (Kim) Kelley of Cobden; one sister, Joann (Thomas) White of Glen Carbon; two nephews, Andrew White and Stephen White; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She was a caring and thoughtful person who sent cards to family and friends on special occasions. She had a loving and caring nature.

Funeral services for Ginger Lee Kelley will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Nancy Carrington-Schmidt officiating. Interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at noon on Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Card of Thanks

*The family of Leoda Watkins would like to thank our family and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorials during the passing of our mother. We would also like to thank Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home, the ministers, Hospice of Southern Illinois, pallbearers and the staff at I.H. Care of Anna.*

*Sincerely,  
The family of Leoda Watkins*

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### “The Preaching Pen” What Has Happened to Patience?

A young Christian went to an older Christian for help. “Will you please pray for me that I may be more patient?” he asked. So they knelt together & the old man began to pray. “Lord, send this young man tribulation in the morning; send this young man tribulation in the afternoon; send this young man tribulation in the evening..”

At that point the young Christian blurted out, “No, no, I didn’t ask you to pray for tribulation. I wanted you to pray for patience.” “Ah,” responded the wise old Christian, “it’s through tribulation that we learn patience.” Jas. 1:2-3, “...count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”

Well, if that’s true, maybe we ought to ask the question, “What is patience?” Patience is the ability to accept delay or disappointment graciously. How do you deal with delay or disappointment? For some, that’s really tough. Yet, patience is the ability to accept it without becoming upset. It is synonymous with “longsuffering.” “Longsuffering” is patience in afflictions, annoyances, and persecutions.

Proverbs 14:29 says, “He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.” In other words, a man who is patient under provocation shows great insight. He who is impulsive promotes folly and holds it up to public view. What has happened to patience, to being slow to wrath? Patience is a virtue, and repeatedly, the Bible teaches us that we need to develop this virtue in our lives.

We need more patience with family, friends, coworkers, and strangers, for all are created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27), and we need also to remember Jesus’ words in Matt. 7:12: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

I pray you’ll give it some thought and strive for greater patience in your life.

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

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## In Memory of Kevin Tyler Cooley April 26, 1971 - June 18, 2017

This is a tribute to our son, Kevin, who was a wonderful son and gift from God. He did everything at an early age and now we know why. He had a positive outlook, loved people, made friends easily, and never saw a stranger. Kevin was never afraid of anything or a challenge that came his way. He loved boating and water skied at age nine. He had a great youth group and made many friends for life and loved God. At Anna-Jonesboro High School he played freshman and sophomore years and was on the varsity wrestling team and football team. He learned the trade of painting and drywall finishing from his Dad and worked part time for seven years through high school and college then five years full time before he went to the Police Academy in Nashville, TN.

Kevin loved music and was a terrific drummer. Kevin played at Governor Walker’s banquet when he was nine years old and received a standing ovation. He played drums in the first Jazz Band at A-J High School his junior and senior years. He played in a Christian band, "One Heart" for four years, and was the drummer at our church for five years. His favorite Christian song was "I Can Only Imagine."

He graduated from SIUC with a bachelor's degree in Administrative Justice May 1993. On June 12, 1993, he married Wendy Valdes. Kevin’s career was at Metro Police Department, Nashville, TN and served 19 years. He served as a Detective for seven years and Field Training Officer and supervisor of the School Crossing Guards Unit. He was known as a problem solver. Kevin received many awards through the years, too many to list. Kevin was selected by Metropolitan Police Department to receive the "Department’s Exemplary Service Award," the highest award you can receive in the police department. He retired April 2017 from Metro Police.

Kevin has two loving sons, Kyle Cooley 15 yrs. and Tyler Cooley 13 yrs. and they live with their mother in Mt. Juliet, TN.

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WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

### Elvira, the County's Second County Seat

The first Court was held at the house on Bradshaw Creek. It was a convenient but possibly not too comfortable arrangement that the Court conducted its business. Two other counties had the same type of uncomfortable arrangement, those of Madison and St. Clair. Later in the year of 1813, on December 10th, the Territorial Legislature issued an order to create a more permanent arrangement for these counties to hold Court.

The Commissioners Record, dated January 12, 1814 states: "Ordered that the Clerk of this Court do issue a notice to Owen Evans, James A Whiteside and Jonas Hibbs commissioners for fixing the seat of Justice for this county and put the same in the hands of James Cochran or some other constable or special agent appointing them to meet on Wednesday the 19 inst. at the Court house in this county for the purpose of fixing on the same agreeably to an act of the Legislature of this Territory"

The men appointed acted quickly, meeting on the 19th of January, and returning with their report on March 26, 1814.

"We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of this Territory for the purpose of fixing the seat of Justice in the county of Johnson having met on Wednesday the 19th day of January 1814 at the house of John Bradshaw within the said county did then and there proceed to ascertain the center of said county agreeably to the several laws of this Territory enacted by the General Assembly thereof for fixing

the places of holding Courts in the several counties – and after mature deliberation and circumspection have finally fixed and determined upon the following place as the most proper convenient and eligible for the same. Towit at or near a certain spring on Lick Creek about one mile above the waggon ford on said creek where the road leading to Fergusons ferry crosses the said creek and which said spring is within the 5th section of Township 12 and Range 2 East of the meridian line and in the SW corner of said section. Given under our hands and seals this 21st day of January 1814" (Their signatures follow).

The area chosen for the permanent county seat did not have a name when plans to move there were being made. The first time the records indicate the new site's name was March 26, 1814, when "Elvira" was used in a report concerning building a jail at the site.

There was no town at the site before Johnson County decided to put their seat of Justice there. This is easily seen in the original report where the commissioners simply referred to it as, at first, a spring, then gave more specific location for it, never once calling it by any name.

Some writers have mistakenly dated Elvira's beginning as earlier but with thorough investigation, it can be seen that they were in error. The most notorious writer for making several errors concerning Johnson County was George Washington Smith, writing about the history of Southern Illinois in 1912.

The name of the new town where the new seat of Justice was to be placed was given as "Elvira," coincidentally the given name of

the governor, Ninian Edwards' wife.

The first building necessary and the first attended to was a courthouse. A contract was let the same day to the highest bidder, that being William Simpson, for building a log courthouse. There was no indication as to the size of the building but Chapman does say, and we believe it is from the memories of people who had seen the building, "It was a large hewed log house, thirty or forty feet long, with a fire place in each end."

Almost as important, was a jail, which the county had not had up to this time. That contract was let the same day, Marvin Fuller, being the lowest. It was to have a room for criminals which may indicate that it had two rooms. Further details indicate that it had a door as well as a trap door. This may reinforce the idea of two rooms, one for unknown purposes and one for criminals with the entrance to this room via a trap door, most likely in the ceiling.

One additional structure was the building of a stray pen. This order was given on May 12, 1814. There was no hurry in building this because the pen on Bradshaw Creek was still being used, as the Court had not moved to Elvira yet. The stray pen was to be made of posts and rails consisting of twelve panels, enclosing an area of thirty feet square. It was to be fitted with a gate, with hopes that it might be finished by July.

The first Court was held at Elvira on September 12, 1814. The new site being considered permanent, the next order of business was to build roads to the place.

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**Mt. Moriah welcomes visitors**  
Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna welcomed visitors of Pastor Mark Hasty and family from Watertown, Wis.: Michelle, Makayla and Megan Giese. Makayla sang a solo of “Reckless Love of God.” Photo provided.

News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

At the Sunday morning worship service, 2018 graduates were presented a gift from the church by Lottie Smith, the SDMI director. Kindergarten graduate was Blake Wells. Eighth grade graduates were Hunter Grisham, Madison Schnaare and Luke Sadler. High School graduates were Alexa Macy, Wyatt Dunston, Charlotte Fuller and Kalyssa Spurlock. College graduate was Drake Wiseman.

A special prayer was offered by Lottie Smith for the graduates and their families. Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow, with Betty Odum accompanying them on the piano. The offertory was provided by Randy Wright, with Curly Ralls, Robert Smith, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers. Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard. The morning message, “Distractions,” was brought by Randy Wright from several scriptures. The message shared that “we should be totally committed and get on the path that God wants us to be on.” Sunday evening, an anointing service was held for a special need of a congregational member. Music for the evening worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

Testimonies were shared from the congregation. The offertory was provided by Randy Wright, with Robert Smith, Curly Ralls, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers. Special music was provided by Jaida Smith. The message for the evening service was brought by Randy Wright from Acts. The message shared that “when we are on fire for God, that is usually when the devil tries to step in and distract us from doing our best for God. Birthdays and anniversaries: June 10, Ruth McClure, Jacob Blakley; June 12, Stephanie Shepard; June 13, Marla Fuller; June 15, Lindsey Edwards; June 16, Jeremy and Jennifer Fuller.

News from

## First Baptist Church, Anna

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, July 9. This is a free meal. The church has a contemporary service on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

News from

# Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Rob Betts’ sermon June 3 was titled “Casting Your Cares on the Lord,” with the main scripture from 1 Peter. The message shared: “We never worry our concerns away. Worry causes us to feel sorry for ourselves, and pulls us out of faith and into fear. Worry is the flesh coming to the conclusion that we don’t have what it takes to handle what we are facing. Sunday’s sermon was titled “Trusting Jesus,” which was a continuation of last week’s sermon on worry “and the challenge to refuse to be shaken in our faith.” Scripture was from 1 Peter and Matthew. Sunday’s message shared: “We should avoid talking about our problems which allows them to take root in our life. We should bring our problems to God in prayer and thank Him for being there for us. We must learn to cast our cares and leave them there.” Prior to the sermon, Rev. and Mrs. Betts sang “I Trust You.” Receiving the offering were Aldi and Vodra Gerard, assisted by their mother Berna. Camp Ground’s elder for the month of June is Tony Gerard. Birthday greetings go to Josh Smith, whose special date was Monday, the 11th, and John Edwards on Wednesday, the 13th. Camp Ground congratulates Landon Roach, who graduated from Anna Junior High last week; also, Kindergarten graduates Tymber Roach and Cash Quick, Anna Elementary, and Aldi and Vodra Gerard, Cypress Elementary. They will be honored June 24. Camp Ground congratulates Rachel Bonner, who took 2nd place in the “Singing with the Stars” competition last Friday at McLeod Theatre. Camp Ground congratulates Josh and Karle Smith on the birth of their son, Nathan, on Sunday, June 3. The little guy was a couple of months early and remains in the hospital, but is doing very well. The Illinois Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association hosted the 2018 Remember the Removal cyclists in the Camp Ground fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, serving lunch to the 18 riders and their support staff, as well as chapter members in attendance. Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in study and worship. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m., Bible study at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

News from

## Walnut Grove Church

On the third Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Emma lit the altar candles during the musical prelude, which was played by her dad, Johnathan Cauble, on piano. The congregation sang “Happy Birthday” and “Happy Anniversary” to the Rev. Dr. Ray Long, who was the guest pastor. He’s been married for 25 years but didn’t share his age. The men’s choir sang a special, “Rock of Ages.” Rev. Long read scripture from Luke and urged everyone “to use our God-given gifts to bear the fruit that He has called on us to produce. We must do the best we possibly can to help others and bring them to the Kingdom of God.” It was reported that Makynzie Peterman made the dean’s list at college and will graduate next year. Prayers were requested for Pat Batson, Betty Bland’s three brothers, Gary Hartline, Steve Brown, Carolyn Moore, and David and Karen Lamer. Jim Brown was elected as the church council chair and also as president of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church of Cobden corporation. The church’s new front doors will be painted and installed in the near future. The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, July 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the new Appleknockers Pizza in Cobden (the former Palace Pizzeria). The church’s Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

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# Annabelle Festival celebrated in Anna

The 2018 Annabelle Festival took place last Friday and Saturday in Downtown Anna. The community festival celebrated the story of the Annabelle hydrangea, which was discovered in Union County.

The festival featured music, a car show, arts, crafts, food and much more. Lots of people came to downtown Anna to be a part of the festival.

The accompanying pictures were taken Friday evening and Saturday morning.



Classic cars were on display.



Craft vendors offered a variety of unique items.



Visitors could get an up-close look at the Anna Fire Department's ladder truck.



Krysten Myers used balloons to make special creations.



Beverly Shofstall from Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation presented a program.



Beak & Co. performed on a stage which was set up along South Main Street in Downtown Anna. Folks were listening to the music on both sides of the street.



## Annual Cache River Days pageant seeks participants

Participants are being sought for the 24th annual Cache River Days Pageant in Ullin.

The pageant is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Leona Brust Civic Center.

Participants also are welcomed for a baby contest.

The deadline for the pageant and the baby contest is Aug. 10.

The pageant has four categories, with ages ranging from 4 to 20 years old.

The baby contest is for girls and boys, ages newborn to 3 years old. Event organizers noted that only the first 12 entries received in each category will be accepted.

For information regarding rules and entry forms concerning the pageant, contact pageant director Kembre Bracken at 618-203-2701 or visit [www.facebook.com/CRDPageant](http://www.facebook.com/CRDPageant).

Information about the events also is available by contacting Tina Redcloud

at 618-845-3612, Monday through Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or 618-697-9574.

Those who leave a voice mail are asked to make sure to include their full name, telephone number, email address and mailing address.

Cache River Days also is scheduled to include a slow-pitch softball tournament. For information about the tournament, contact Jerrod George at 618-306-4409.

A flea market is planned. Information about the flea market is available by calling 618-845-3721 or 618-845-3445.

The pageant also will feature music, a parade, canoe trips, a tram, a silent auction, food, tours of the renovated caboose and Ullin Historic Depot and a band and dance at the civic center.

For general information regarding the Cache River Days event, call 618-845-3445.

## St. John's ice cream social planned

The St. John's Cemetery Association is planning to have an ice cream social on Saturday, June 16.

The social will be at Mill Creek Baptist Church in Mill Creek. Serving starts at 5 p.m.

The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, homemade desserts and ice cream.

A quilt raffle is planned. The quilt was made by Joanne Dillow.

Money made at the social, along with donations to the association, provide for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery.

Donations of desserts are welcomed. Desserts which do not need to be refrigerated can be brought to the church any time after 4 p.m.

## Jonesboro School announces 2018 8th grade graduates

Jonesboro School announces 2018 8th grade graduates:

Jacob Michael Acklin, Vance Theodore Bass, Deeken James Beegle, Natalie Lou Brown.

Jenny Jacqueline Carillo, Ethan Emmett Carver, Trevor Elliott Cochran, Kelsie Bethann Cole, Kaya Laine Coleman.

Abigail Renea Dahmer, Harrison Wayne Ford, Freda Louise Foster, Dawson Joe Frick.

Isiah Thomas Garcia, Kaelyn Jo George, Bradley Michael Glasco, Nathan James Hileman.

Mayci Don Hileman, Annie Elizabeth Hobson, Dylan James Holderfield, Abbigail Nicole Howell.

## News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, June 10, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was provided by Debbie York.

The church's story hour for children ages preschool through 5th grade is scheduled on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Story hour is for children in preschool through 5th grade.

A Women on Mission meeting is planned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Titus 2 Bible study is planned at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16.

Birthdays: Meghan Smith, June 13; Chris Rose and Megan Tehandon, June 16.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes Bible study at 9 a.m. Sunday, and two worship services on Sunday: at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Dongola DARE graduation held

A 2018 DARE program graduation ceremony was held May 18 at Dongola Elementary School. DARE is a Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The DARE instructor was Officer Al Kamp. The ceremony included the presentation of a Spirit Award and awards for essay and poster contests.



Dongola's 2018 DARE graduates include Kiara Aden, Natalie Aldrich, Cheyenne Bracken, Hannah Choate, Lily Ford, Westin George, Logan Gore, Dixie Kaufman, Kinley Lingle, Jayden Miller, Scotti Murray, Cristian Perez, Aiden Phipps, Katie Theis and Mason Wren.



Officer Al Kamp honored Dongola Spirit Award winner Kinley Lingle.



Officer Al Kamp honored essay contest winners Hannah Choate and Kinley Lingle. Scotti Murray could not be present for the picture.



Officer Al Kamp honored poster contest winners Aiden Phipps, Natalie Aldrich and Katie Theis.

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Nicholas Lingle, Aaron Madura, Luke Menees, Gavin Moore, Connor Richardson, Raegan Sanders, Savanaha Smith, Klayton Taylor, Jonah Watkins and Lyric Wright.

**5th grade high honor roll:** Halsey Alonso-Aragon, Sierra Beggs, Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Mia DeHarpert, Brooklyn Eastman, Rylan Frazier.

Cash Hodges, Kayce Isaacs, Drew Sadler, Zoe Sadler, Aaron Sheffer, Tess Wilkins and Anthony Wiseman.

**6th grade honor roll:** Elizabeth Back, Xi Chen, Adriel Del Rosario, Ben Keller, Kyle Kerr, Devon McNelly, Francisco Vaca-Miron and Elvira Zamora.

**6th grade high honor roll:** Kaleb Aden, Samuel Allen, Yoselin Avila, Addyson Bailey, Emily Belcher, Callysta Borders, Brianna Bruner, Payton Brust.

Brooke Carmack, Lake-lyn Carter, Eric Chen, Riley Cruse, Tyler Cunningham, Presli Garner, Drake Hartline, Bree Hazelrigg, Zach Henry, Carter Lannom.

Alexander Meier, Alayna Menees, Joss Needling, Victoria Perez, Jady Samuels, Kadence Sparks, Katie Sullivan, Jason Swink, Ava Vasicek, Hannah Webb and Joshua Williams.

**7th grade honor roll:** Dylan Ahlberg, Olivia Bono, Pierce Chapman, Ayden Dillman, Linsdey Hill, Jada Hinson, McKena Kimmel, Sarenity McCormick, Liam Schroeder, Sky-lar Webb, Aleshia Wright and Megan Wright.

**7th grade high honor roll:** Caden Awbrey, Jolie Barger, Carter Beanland, Nile Chotner, Megan Clark, Madelynn Eastman, Evie Eddings, Malik Groh.

Will Keller, Kaden Lincoln, Caleb Mays, Jake Merriman, Avery Osman, Hayden Ralls, Evan Ray, Reese Reynolds.

Jessica Sartin, Marissa Simmons, Samantha Stokes, Brylen Suggs, David Swink, Kosie Tripp, Julia Williams and Angel Wiseman.

**8th grade honor roll:** Ethan Ames, Jenna Chamness, Garett Cook, Sarah Gentry, Karina Griffin, Madi Hawk, Brittany Hill, Camden Hodges, Luke Lasley.

Sully Oehlsen, Clohie Powell, Brenna Pribble, Manning Rendleman, Noah Richardson, Molly Siebert, Sara Sinisi, Aislynn Smith, Brooke Starr and Noah Treece.

**8th grade high honor roll:** Caitlin Ames, Ayden Bailey, Gracie Barlow, Hunter Boyd, Max Castle, Ian Crunk, Hayley Davis, Joshua Davis, Andrew Detering.

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### Lick Creek grads named

Lick Creek School announces 2018 8th grade graduates:

Campbell Belcher, Kaleb Brown, Gracie Cook, Addison Denny, Bryson Ecker, Kristin Edmonds, Kollyn Grant.

Corydon Jerrell, Ethan Minckler, Erin Overstreet, Savana Rambeau, Robert Schuetz, William Smiley and Jude Smith.

### A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat June 13, 1968

Voting was termed extremely light in Union County as it was throughout the state in Tuesday's Primary Election, with approximately 1327 Republican votes and 1798 Democratic votes cast in the county.

For those who have thrilled at the sight of Old Glory flying proudly in the blue sky, it is fitting and proper that it should be flown Friday, June 14, Flag Day: its own special day.

Residents of Union County need not go out of town for excitement and fun on the Fourth of July! There will be plenty of entertainment at the Anna City Park for all.

Unseasonably "warm" weather has been the story for the Union County area this past week, with only two days under the 90 degree mark.

A tentative date of September 1969 for beginning classes in the Shawnee Junior College was set by the board at their Monday, June 10, meeting.

Bonnets, bustles and beards will be in fashion at Anna State Hospital when the "150th Birthday of Illinois" will be celebrated during the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, July 3.

From the Shiloh news: Well, it seems the cool weather is gone. The road work is again in progress.



# 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.

### Prayers

Prayers for the family of Brian Romines, who died 13 years ago on June 5, 2005, in Iraq, serving our country. Melinda Clary lost her only child.

It is so sad there has to be wars. I hope everyone appreciates freedom in our country and never forgets how we live in the land of the free because of the brave and our soldiers and their families who have paid the price for our freedom.

### Annabelle Fest

Thanks to everyone on the Annabelle Fest planning committee, everyone who helped and all the vendors who set up, the people who brought their classic cars, all the singers and everyone else that had any part of the Fest.

It was hot but beautiful. A special thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the hard work given for this wonderful weekend in beautiful downtown Anna.

### Baby Welcome

From Ed Plott: Please allow us to introduce Calynn Grace Plott.



Nancy Darnell McCarthy of Bend, Ore., visited the Union County Museum on Tuesday, June 5, to research her family. She did research on the Darnell and Tate families. She was accompanied with her husband, Don, and friends Jim and Nancy McCarthy. They spent several hours at the museum doing family research and touring the museum.

Calynn is the first child of Zach and Jackie Plott of Anna. Calynn was born at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on June 7, 2018, at 2:31 p.m. Calynn is 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, at birth.

Calynn's maternal grandparents are Scott and Laura Treece, and her maternal great-grandparents are, Lyman and Jean Eudy of Jonesboro.

Calynn's paternal grandparents are Ed and Sheila Plott of Anna.

Calynn is also welcomed into this world by her immediate aunts and uncles: Nathan and Chelsea Treece; Seth and Jasalyne Plott, and Sean Plott, all of Anna.

Our families are overwhelmed with joy, and thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for this wonderful blessing.

### Congratulations

Sydney Brust, daughter of Mark and Nancy (Frick) Brust of Evansville, Ind., granddaughter of Carol Frick of Anna, graduated from Mater Dei High School with academic honors on May 20.

She has been accepted in the pharmacy program at Purdue University.

### Guests

Visitors of Jim and Shirley Vines last week included Steve and Kim Norton from McKinney, Texas, Karen Shay Bean from Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Kirsty Gardner and her children Sabrina and Elliott from Iowa City, Iowa.



Jewels Watkins enjoyed her 1st birthday with her twin brother Ian May 31. They were honored with a birthday party at Anna Heights Baptist church given by their parents.



Thanks to Friends of Stinson Memorial Library Susan, Bruce, Earl and Marilyn and all the others who volunteer at the library. The book sale was a success last weekend.

Jim and Shirley enjoyed visiting with their children and grandchildren.

### Visiting Anna

Stephen Burns of St. Louis attended the ceremony honoring the lives and service of the four soldiers laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Stephen said he was reminded of the work he has yet to complete on his own family tree.

So much has been achieved yet the work is on going and always bringing new friendships into his life.

Along the way he has crossed paths with many who share the passion and brick walls of genealogy as he, yet they each carry on with their unique, personal reasons for doing so. May the soldiers rest in peace.

Stephen attended the singing at the Anna Arts Center of the SIU music majors.

He placed some flags in the Anna Cemetery, attended Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, had dinner at Dinner Bell Two and enjoyed the sunset as he drove home along Route 3 toward St. Louis.

### St. John's Cemetery

Among those attending the ceremony honoring the soldiers at St. John's Cemetery were descendants of Adam Clapp: Martha



Ian Watkins celebrated his birthday May 31 with his twin sister Jewels. They enjoyed a party at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

Schwegman, Joan Graves Edwards and Sister Mary Catherine Clark. Families of all four soldiers honored were represented.

### Birthday Celebration

Mildred Fox celebrated her 80th birthday June 7. She was honored with a birthday party at her son's Bobby Bracken given by him and daughter Kim and son-in-law Josh. Family and friends attended.

### Welcome Home

Don and Donna Sheffer have moved back from Florida to be with their children, grandchildren and family.

Donna enjoyed the Annabelle Festival and buying two Annabelle plants for their new home in Jonesboro.

### Thanks

Special thanks to Shirley and Jim Vines for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

### American Legion

Post commander is Homer Hawk. His name was left out of the news last week. A special thanks Homer for all you do for our community.

### Wedding Anniversaries

June 7 15 years Liz and David Wilkins, 49 years Betty and Bob Caraker,

### Arkansas Trip

Nancy Regain and Alice Feazel enjoyed a trip to Eureka Springs, Ark. They saw The Great Passion Play while there.

On the way home they stopped at Ozark, Mo., and ate at Lamberts.

### 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Judy and Jim Jerolds will be the guests of honor at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary.

The event will be July 1, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 115 Williford Rd. in Jonesboro. Bill and Mary Ann Bowen are hosting. All friends and relatives are welcome.

### Congratulations

Jill Treece hosted a graduation party for Noah Treece, who graduated from 8th grade from Anna Junior High School, and Julia Peeler, who graduated from AJCHS.

### Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women met at the home of Jamie Starratt Monday, June 4. They enjoyed a lovely dinner and had their meeting.

President Jane Bauer led in the Pledge of Alliance to our flag and the Club Collect.

Guest speaker was Teresa



There was a farewell celebration for Rev. Carl Johnston during the fellowship hour at United Methodist Church Sunday.



SIU music majors sang and danced at the Anna Arts Center at the Annabelle Fest.



Jane Bauer President of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club proudly holds the award of excellence her club got for first place at state for "A Safe Place for Every Child."



Ed and Sheila Plott with their granddaughter Calynn Grace Plott.



Nancy Ragain and her friend Alice Feazel having fun at Annabelle Fest with their childhood hero Smokey the Bear.



Shown here at the Herrin Methodist Church June 5 art class are two new students of instructor Marie Samuel. Left is Glenda Moye of Herrin and right is Corinne Steveson of Marion. The free class meets monthly and students of all levels are welcome. The class hopes to meet July 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the church basement. To reserve a space call 618- 889-4145. Marie will teach about painting birds and their habitats and some may be painting birdhouse and garden images.



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's club met at the home of Jamie Starratt for dinner and their meeting. Teresa Goddard from Fellowship House was guest speaker. Left to right: Clara Nell Butler, Judy Smith, Marie Samuel, Teresa Goddard, Suzie Kessler, Jane Bauer, Martha Ann Webb, Martha Schwegman, Mary Light and Edna Goddard.



Rev. Carl Johnston was honored by the pastor parish team at the United Methodist Church Anna Sunday with a gift, cards, and cake from the church family. Thank you for the love and support you have shown during your leadership. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure. In the picture are Sue Ann Zimmerman, Amanda and Paxton Boreup, Pat Fahlberg, Rev. Carl Johnston, Dean Corbit, Darryl Parks and Lynn Steveson.



Goddard from The Fellowship House. She told how she spoke to school children telling them not to take drugs.

Clara Nelle Butler gave the devotion on how we should love everyone and be kind to everyone and how God is working in our world. She said how fortunate we were to live in a Christian community.

Martha Ann Webb gave the current events and told about the Annabelle Fest and the Stinson Memorial Library book sale.

Suzie Kessler read the minutes of the last meeting.

Others present were Mary Light, Marie Samuel, Judy Smith, and guest Martha Schwegman.

The club took a vote to give a donation to the work Teresa does with the children.

**Cobden Class Get-Together**

Fred and Linda Clutts attended Fred’s class get-together for Cobden High School at Burger King in Anna.

That evening, Linda and Fred went to Ullin, where Linda played music and sang.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Happy 8th birthday to Ava Boreup.

Rev. Carl Johnston welcomed everyone. The call to worship and scripture reading from 1 Samuel was by Rev. Carl’s daughter, Maggie Davis, who is going into the ministry.

Special music was a piano solo Master, The Tempest is Raging by Carla Anderson.

Rev. Carl told the children how he would miss them and they would be getting another pastor but asked for them to remember the love of God never leaves.

Rev. Carl’s message was Rethinking Relationships with scripture from Mark.

It was good to have Clara Cates back at church after her foot surgery. She thanked everyone for all the kindness they have shown them while she was shut in. Please continue to pray for healing for her.

Melba Nork was missed and has been sick for a couple of weeks. Please pray for healing for her.

Rev. Carl and Maggie told about attending the conference.

There was a farewell celebration for Rev. Carl during the fellowship hour.

A special thanks to all the Vacation Bible School volunteers.

The men will be honored June 23rd with a supper cooked by the bazaar women.

**Connect Point Church**

Food pantry and outreach will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

**Free Community Dinners**

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Anna fellowship hall.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Dinner**

Immanuel Praise & Worship Center near Cobden plans to serve a chicken and dumpling dinner June 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Military Prayer List**

Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY JUNE 14, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	U.S. Open Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Fist Fight” Tonight	“Chaos” <i>Bank robber.</i>	“Kill Bill” ★★½ “Dean” (‘17) <i>Redeeming love.</i>
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Kimmel	Bang (HD)	The Four: Battle for Stardom “Week Two”	Little Big Shots (HD)	NBA (Live)	Seinfeld	“Jurassic Park” (‘93) Sam Neill. <i>Living dinosaurs escape captivity.</i>	Mack (HD)	“CHiPs” (‘17) <i>Unlikely partners.</i>	“Darkman” <i>Superhero’s revenge.</i>	Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	2018 NBA Finals <i>Golden State vs Cleveland</i> (Live) (HD)	Young (:01) Mom		Marlon	Golden Boy Promotions (Live)	Seinfeld Bang (HD)		Raven Stuck Mid.			
<b>9 PM :30</b>		Pieces		Marlon		Bang (HD)		DuckTales Bizaard	Westworld “Kiksuya”	“John Wick: Chapter 2” <i>Out of retirement.</i>	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>10 PM :30</b>		Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)		Raven	(:45) “Blade Runner 2049” (‘17) <i>Blade runner search.</i> (R)	(:45) C.B. Strike (HD)	Shameless (HD)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	W. Cup Tonight (HD)	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Mack (HD) BUNK'D			Immigrant Immigrant
		Corden		Late Night		Brooklyn Conan	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales Raven		“Ghosts”	

## FRIDAY JUNE 15, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	U.S. Open Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	(5:00) ★★ “Cars” (‘06)	“X2” (‘03) VICE (HD)	“Sunshine” (‘07) (HD)	“Bad Moms” (‘16) Mila Kunis. <i>Mom goes wild.</i>
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Quantico (HD)	Undercover (HD)	The Resident (HD)	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	NBA Draft Special	Burgers “San Andreas” (‘15) <i>Rescue attempt after an earthquake.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	★★½ “Cars 2” (‘11) <i>Racing competition.</i> (G) (HD)		“Split” (‘17) James McAvoy. <i>Girls kidnapped.</i>	Immigrant Immigrant
<b>8 PM :30</b>	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	The Orville <i>Adrift ship.</i>		NBA: The Jump (HD)		Law & Order: SVU		Family Family	C.B. Strike (HD)	“Walking Out” <i>Hunting mishap.</i>
<b>9 PM :30</b>	(:01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)			Bizaard Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)		
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	(:55) Mack	VICE (HD)	C.B. Strike (HD)	(:35) Patrick Melrose
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	W. Cup Tonight (HD)	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	BUNK'D DuckTales	Problem (:01) Real Time Maher	★★★½ “Split” (‘17) (HD)	4th Estate
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			Family	Raven			

## SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	U.S. Open Pregame	Local Programs	Game 7 Special (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	“Wimpy Kid” Stuck Mid.	(4:35) “Logan” (‘17)	C.B. Strike (HD)	Melrose
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Videos <i>Reel comedy.</i>	Ransom (HD)	MLB Baseball “Regional Coverage-Teams TBA” (Live) (HD)	“Jurassic Park” (‘93) Sam Neill. <i>Living dinosaurs escape captivity.</i>	2018 NCAA College World Series “Game 2” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid. Raven	“The Mountain Between Us” (‘17) Idris Elba.	“The Bourne Identity” (‘02) <i>Amnesiac agent.</i>	“Patriots Day” (‘17) Mark Wahlberg. <i>Hunt for bombers.</i> (R)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	48 Hours				Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Grav Falls Big Hero 6			
<b>9 PM :30</b>		48 Hours				Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard BUNK'D	Succession (HD)	“The Bourne Supremacy” (‘04)	Showtime Championship Boxing “Spence vs. Ocampo”
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Bella Gianna’s (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	“The Notebook” (‘04) <i>Woman chooses love.</i>	Mack (HD)	Westworld “Kiksuya”	(:50) “Jason Bourne” (‘16, Action)	
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Local Programs		W. Cup Tonight (HD)	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild Drop Mic Girls (HD)		Mack (HD) DuckTales Raven	“The Mountain” (‘17)		Billions

## SUNDAY JUNE 17, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Kimmel	60 Minutes (HD)	One Strange Rock	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA (HD)	Bang (HD)	“Armageddon” (‘98)	“Very Bad Day” (‘14)	“The Mountain Between Us” (‘17) Idris Elba.	(5:25) “Taken” (‘09)	The Affair (HD)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	NBA (Live)				Baseball	Bang (HD)					
<b>8 PM :30</b>	2018 NBA Finals <i>Cleveland vs Golden State</i> (Live) (HD)	Instinct (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	America’s Got Talent “Auditions 3” (HD)	MLB Baseball <i>Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★ “The Lost World: Jurassic Park” (‘97) <i>Dinosaurs thrive.</i> (HD)	Mack (HD) Mack (HD)		“John Wick: Chapter 2” <i>Out of retirement.</i>	The Fourth Estate The Affair (HD)
<b>9 PM :30</b>		SEAL Team (HD)	Fam Guy Ghosted			Bang (HD)		BUNK'D BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)		
<b>10 PM :30</b>		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Shades of Blue (HD)		Joker Wild Drop Mic		DuckTales DuckTales	Succession (HD)	(:05) Outcast (HD)	I’m Dying Up Here
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Postgame			Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Family	Bizaard	Oliver	“Assassin’s Creed” (‘16) <i>Secret society.</i> (HD)	The Affair (HD)
	Local Programs	Local Programs	W. Cup Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic ★★★½ “Kick-Ass” (‘10)	Family	Big Hero 6 Raven	Westworld (HD) Succession		I’m Dying Up Here

## MONDAY JUNE 18, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA College World Series “Game 6” (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Oliver Tonight	★★½ “Hide and Seek”	The Fourth Estate
<b>7 PM :30</b>	The Bachelorette (HD)	Mom (HD)	SYTYCD <i>New York.</i>	American Ninja Warrior (HD)		Fam Guy	Family				
<b>8 PM :30</b>		Plan (HD)	SYTYCD <i>New York.</i>			Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Mack (HD) Raven	“It Will Be Chaos” (‘18) (NR) (HD)	C.B. Strike (HD)	The Affair (HD)
<b>9 PM :30</b>		NCIS: New Orleans	9-1-1 <i>Plane crash.</i>			Fam Guy		Stuck Mid. Big City		“Geostorm” <i>Climate disasters.</i>	I’m Dying Up Here
<b>10 PM :30</b>	(:01) The Proposal	Elementary (HD)		(:01) Run Wild (HD)	MLB Baseball <i>Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Angels</i> (Live)	Fam Guy		Bizaard Raven	(:35) Westworld (HD)		The Affair (HD)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)		Mack (HD)	“X2” (‘03) <i>A madman plans mutant genocide.</i>	(:50) “Firewall” (‘06, Thriller) <i>Forced to hack.</i>	I’m Dying Up Here
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	W. Cup Tonight (HD)	(:35) Tonight (HD)		Conan (HD)	American “The Finals”	BUNK'D			The Fourth Estate
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Brooklyn Conan	CSI: Crime <i>Mini killer.</i>	DuckTales “Woo-oo!”	Succession	“War Dogs”	

## TUESDAY JUNE 19, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA College World Series (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Real Time Tonight	“The Pink Panther”	“Walking” ★★★½ “Dean” (‘17) <i>Redeeming love.</i>
<b>7 PM :30</b>	TBA	NCIS “Ready or Not”	Beat Shazam (HD)	America’s Got Talent “Auditions 4” (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE	Mack (HD)	Succession (HD)	“Grosse Pointe Blank” (‘97) (HD)	The Affair (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	TBA	Bull “A Redemption”	Love Connection (HD)			Bang (HD)	SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Raven			
<b>9 PM :30</b>	TBA					Bang (HD)		Stuck Mid. Big City	Court NBA Final (HD)	★★½ “He’s Just Not That Into You” (‘09) <i>Dating struggles.</i>	
<b>10 PM :30</b>	The Last Defense	48 Hours: NCIS (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	World of Dance (HD)	MLB Baseball <i>Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Angels</i> (Live)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Bizaard Raven	Real Sports - Gumbel		The Fourth Estate
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Local	Local		Local		Conan Jeff Goldblum.	Family	Mack (HD)	Court NBA Final (HD)		I’m Dying Up Here
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	W. Cup Tonight (HD)	(:35) Tonight (HD)		Brooklyn Conan	Family	BUNK'D Big City	★★½ “CHiPs” (‘17) (HD)	C.B. Strike (HD)	“Beyond” (‘18) (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			Family				

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA College World Series “Game 9” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS “Revenge” (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Be Chaos” Tonight	“John Wick 2” (‘17)	“The Gunman” (‘15)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Goldbergs	To Be Announced	MasterChef (HD)	World of Dance (HD)		Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Mack (HD)	(:15) “American Made” (‘17) <i>DEA informer.</i> (R)	“Jason Bourne” (‘16) <i>Bourne resources.</i> (HD)	“The Sum of All Fears” <i>A nuclear explosion.</i>
<b>8 PM :30</b>	Goldbergs					Bang (HD)		Raven			
<b>9 PM :30</b>	Family	SEAL Team (HD)	Gordon (HD)	World of Dance (HD)		Bang (HD)	NCIS <i>Tracking Ziva.</i>	Stuck Mid. Big City			
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Housewife					Bang (HD)					
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Shark Tank (HD)	Code Black (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Reverie (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Colony “Lazarus” (HD)	Bizaard Raven	(:15) Westworld (HD)	(:05) ★½ “Strip-tease” (‘96) <i>Mom turns stripper.</i>	The Fourth Estate
	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Mack (HD)	Problem		“68 Kill” (‘17) <i>Robbery gone awry.</i>
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	W. Cup Tonight (HD)	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	BUNK'D	(:45) Succession (HD)	“Cradle 2” (‘03) Jet Li.	“Hostel”
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	DuckTales Big City	“House”		



# Opinion and Commentary



## ‘...the flag of the United States...’

*“That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation.”*

This was the resolution adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

The resolution was made following the report of a special committee which had been assigned to suggest the flag’s design.

A flag of this design was first carried into battle on Sept. 11, 1777, in the Battle of the Brandywine.

The American flag was first saluted by foreign naval vessels on Feb. 14, 1778, when the Ranger, bearing the Stars and Stripes and under the command of Capt. Paul Jones, arrived in a French port.

The flag first flew over a foreign territory in early 1778 at Nassau, Bahama Islands, where Americans captured a British fort.

Observance of the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming, however.

Although there are many claims to the first official observance of Flag Day, all but one took place more than an entire century after the flag’s adoption in 1777.

The first claim was from a Hartford, Conn., celebration during the first summer of 1861.

In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to contribute to the Americanization of immigrant children, and the observance caught on with individual communities.

The most recognized claim, however, comes from New York.

On June 14, 1889, Professor George Bolch, principal of a free kindergarten for the poor of New York City, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution.

This initiative attracted attention from the state Department of Education, which arranged to have the day observed in all public schools thereafter.

Soon the state legislature passed a law making it the responsibility of the state superintendent of public schools to ensure that schools hold observances for Lincoln’s birthday, Washington’s birthday, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

In 1897, the governor of New York ordered the displaying of the flag over all public buildings in the state, an observance considered by some to be the first official recognition of the anniversary of the adoption of the flag outside of schools.

Another claim comes from Philadelphia. In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed on all of the city’s public buildings.

Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, that same year tried to get the city to call June 14 Flag Day.

Resolutions by women were not granted much notice, however, and it was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday.

Flag Day is a nationwide observance today, but Pennsylvania is the only state that recognizes it as a legal holiday.

Bernard J. Cigrand, a school teacher in Waubeka, Wis., reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14 as a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed.

“Father of Flag Day” honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a schoolboy in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Both President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day.

But it wasn’t until Aug. 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law.

*(Editor’s note: This article appears on the website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.)*

# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

## This week...no birds...no snakes...more words...

A fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life mentioned to me one day last week that recent columns didn’t seem to involve much writing.

The traveler was correct. Your writer has been using more photographs lately, mainly because your writer liked the photographs, and thought a few other folks might like them, too.

Turns out there are a few other people out there, and the emphasis seems to be on the word “few,” who like to see pictures of snakes hanging on window frames and goofy geese wandering across country roads. So, we’ll probably keep on using such pics. That’s why you get to see the picture this week of tiny winged creatures buzzing around.

However, in the interest in generating a few more paragraphs for your reading pleasure, I decided that this week would be a good time to start on my memoirs. Well, maybe not so much memoirs as memories. For the past week. Just ‘cause lots of things happened.

Someday, perhaps, yours truly will indeed do something that amounts to a memoir. However, once I do that, I will have to move. So many, many special memories, you see. And I have all the notes...

In the meantime, we’re going to have to make do with a week’s worth of a memoir. A week seems like it will be just about the right amount of stuff to fill up some space.

### Chapter I

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Oops. Somebody already used those sentences. They do kind of sum up the way life goes, sometimes, even without a revolution to worry about.

Last Wednesday, had a nice chat with another fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life about dandelions.

Some folks don’t like to have dandelions in their yards. Not a one. They will go to great lengths to eradicate dandelions.

While dandelions generally are viewed as a plant, I’m thinking they really are animals of some sort, and night creatures, too. At night, when everyone is asleep, dandelions will creep into the yards of folks who work hard to get rid of them. Alas, to no avail. No matter how hard they try, the dandelions keep coming back.

That’s why we don’t worry much about having dandelions in our yard. The Other Half likes to put them in salads, too. So, maybe they really are plants after all.

### Chapter II

Thursday. Spent a lot of time in the warm, no make that hot, June sunshine today. Found some fossils in a very unexpected place, too. One never knows about such things.

Thursday night, watched an ice hockey game. After all, nothing says ice hockey like June and temperatures in the 90s, or maybe even 100 degrees, which might have been the temperature in Las Vegas, Nevada, where this particular game was being played.

The game involved something called the Vegas Golden Knights and the Washington Capitals. If the Capitals won the game, they would claim their first Stanley Cup championship.

I think that there might have been a total of three persons in Union County who actually watched the game. The Other Half was in the room where I watching the game. She did not care.

Well, Washington won the game. And the Stanley Cup. With the win, Washington already has one more Stanley Cup in its trophy case than my favorite team, the St. Louis Blues, have brought home. Ever. In 50 or so years.

Last Thursday night’s game, by the way, was played in a hockey hot bed, in the Nevada desert, by a team which has a rich tradition that dates back all the way to, oh, last October or so. Let’s see. The Blues have been around for 50 or so years. Oh, I already mentioned that.

### Chapter III

Friday. One of the highlights of the day was walking through downtown Anna when the temperature was 98 degrees. At 5:30 in the evening. Perfect hockey weather.

One of the other highlights of the day was seeing Chuck,



What are these creatures? We’ve all seen them as they buzz around in little clouds. They look kind of like tiny grains of white rice as they move together through the air.

my favorite groundhog, again. Chuck had sense enough to come out a little later in the evening, when it was at least a bit cooler. That makes sense, since Chuck is wearing a fur coat all of the time. I just wish he would stay away from the road.

### Chapter IV

Saturday. Today’s memoir memory involves being on the receiving end of a scattered thunderstorm. And rain. Lots and lots and lots of rain.

The downpour didn’t really last for very long, just long enough to get yours truly pretty wet. It wasn’t all that bad, though, ‘cause I think there was only a 30 percent chance of rain at the time, so I was only 30 percent wet.

I did learn, though, that one of those reusable bags you take to the grocery store also can serve as rain gear, if needed. Well, sort of.

### Chapter V

Sunday. I know that you’re not really supposed to work on Sunday, but our lawn really, really, really needed to be mowed.

Or, at least trimmed. You see, our lawn mower has been out of commission for a couple of weeks. The grass, and the weeds, especially the weeds, have kept on growing.

We do not have a lot of grass to mow, mainly because The Other Half has turned a good portion of our yard into an agricultural production region.

Since we don’t have a lot of space to mow, I figured I would try using our new weed, um, grass, trimmer. It worked, and it didn’t take all that long.

### Epilogue

Well, that’s pretty much it for this week. Typing all of these words have given my fingers cramps. Oh, I did go to a book sale last Friday evening at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Didn’t find any memoirs, though.

The End.

## Commentary

# New budget places state on strong fiscal footing

By State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg

After months of ongoing negotiations, Illinois lawmakers set aside partisan agendas and came together to pass a budget that rejects the irresponsible practices that have dominated state spending for over a decade.

On June 4, a new \$38.5 billion state budget was signed into law, providing a responsible plan for the upcoming fiscal year and ensuring that Illinois starts down the road to financial recovery.

After enduring an unprecedented budget crisis last year that collapsed into yet another out-of-balance budget that burdened our taxpayers with a massive tax hike, the people of this state were left frustrated and defeated.

For too long, Illinois operated under state government leaders who refused to control their spending and keep their hands out of the pockets of our taxpayers. Enough was enough.

This budget is a spending proposal that I believe places Illinois on strong fiscal footing to begin moving forward. It is a budget that is balanced without adding to the burdens already placed on the backs of our hardworking taxpayers. It is a budget that provides much-needed stability for the people of this state and a budget I’m proud to have supported.

That’s not to say that this budget is perfect, but it is a budget that effectively reduces and eliminates a number of Democrat-backed bills that would have caused state spending to spike by more than \$500 million each year.

Compromise was key to this budget resolution, but for real progress to happen we have to acknowledge the irresponsible spending that led to our current fiscal problems and admit that this state needs to change.

I’m also encouraged that \$1 million was included in this budget to go toward ongoing efforts to bring a river port terminal to the City of Cairo. This is a project that I know will have a great economic impact on our district, bringing in businesses and creating job opportunities.

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