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News Notes Items of interest

from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 5.

As always...if you are planning to celebrate the holiday, please do not drink and drive.

Congratulations...and thank you...to all of those who were involved with the 2022 Union County Fair in Anna.

The Union County Fair posted its appreciation to all of the local emergency services personnel "that help keep us safe."

Union County Fair queen Avery Osman shared on social media that she "had the absolute best week being able to represent one of the best fairs in Illinois."

State Sen. Dale Fowler was among those who paid a visit to the Illinois Department of Public Health Wellness on Wheels van when it was at the Union County Fair on Thursday, Aug. 25. The legislator had his blood pressure checked and received a COVID-19 booster. The van's visit was hosted by the Southern 7 Health Department.

Union County Fair Week came and went...with not a drop of rain.

Southern 7 Health Department has announced that the Wellness on Wheels mobile health services van is scheduled to be at the Dollar General store in Dongola on Sept. 21.

Union County has experienced an increase of about 150 COVID-19 cases during the month of August.

Looking ahead...the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's White Out Game is set for Sept. 16. The game will help to support the Hadley's Haven playground project at the Anna City Park.

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Union County Fair hosts demolition derby action

Always popular demolition derby action was on the schedule last Friday and Saturday nights at the Union County Fair in Anna. Bright lights were shining Friday night at the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand at the Anna City Park, which is the home of the fair each year. The grandstand was packed for Friday night's action.

Southern 7 promotes emergency preparedness

Department says that in recent years, devastating earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires and a pandemic have highlighted the need for Americans to prepare for natural disaster.

However, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, half of Americans have not discussed or developed a family emergency

In observance of National Preparedness Month tember, Southern 7 Health including information on

Southern Seven Health Department is offering how to reconnect and re-supply kits for work, home, consists of healthcare and some tips on how to help families in the region to be ready and safe in the event of an emergency.

> **Tip 1:** Be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur in your area and the best way to protect yourself if and when they happen.

> These emergencies may include severe seasonal storms, tornadoes, flooding, a fire, an earthquake, a pandemic and others.

Tip 2: Make a family/ during the month of Sep- household emergency plan unite.

The plan can include how to receive emergency warnings and alerts, updating vour emergency preparedness kit, knowing evacuation routes and what is your communication plan.

As you prepare your plan, tailor it and your supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities including care of children, business, pets or operating medical equipment for those in need. And don't forget to practice.

Tip 3: Build emergency

and car. A list of basic supplies can be found at https:// www.ready.gov/kit.

Tip 4: Get yourself and your family involved by finding opportunities to support community preparedness. This can include learning

first aid and CPR, donating to reputable organizations in your area, volunteering and sharing tips on social media. You can also become a

member of the S7HD Medical Reserve Corps, MRC.

This local response team

non-healthcare volunteers working to strengthen the health and safety of area communities.

MRC identifies, trains and prepares volunteers before a disaster.

For more information on how to prepare for an emergency, or to become an MRC member, contact Southern 7 Health Department MRC coordinator Bobi Cavins at 618-634-2297, extension 9123, download the Southern 7 app or visit www.southern7. org.

Treasurer reports tax funds distributed

Union County Treasurer Leigh Burns reports that the first distribution of local property tax revenues was made last week by her office.

The treasurer shared an update about the distribution at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The first installment of property tax bill payments was due Aug. 4. The second installment is due Oct. 4.

The first round of funds was distributed last week, Drainage \$75,142.47. Big following the Aug. 4 due date for payments.

The first distribution totalled \$10,471,996.43. The treasurer reported the following distribution of funds to local taxing entities and districts:

County of Union \$2,002,746.80. County unit road district \$201,112.83.

Lick Creek School District 16 \$253,802.71. Anna School District 37 \$1,356.357.21.

Jonesboro School District 43 \$607,837.02. Buncombe District 43J \$48.69. Cypress District 64J \$5,282.44.

Preston Drainage \$71,763.11. Clear Creek Creek Drainage \$1,032.

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Getting ready to show their sheep

Hayden Craft, Cobie Hodges and Hunter Craft, all of Lick Creek, were getting their Southdown cross sheep, number 211, ready to show on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, at the Union County Fair in Anna. Junior sheep and swine judging took place Aug. 24 at the junior show arena at the fairgrounds at the Anna City Park.



Union County Fair junior livestock auction

Area young people had an opportunity to showcase hard work at the Union County Fair junior livestock auction. The auction was conducted Thursday evening, Aug. 25, at the fair in Anna, with a full house on hand for the special event. Prior to the start of the auction, award-winning livestock entries were showcased.



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Labor Day Holiday Schedule

Labor Day will be commemorated on Monday, September 5.

Due to the observance of the holiday, The Gazette-Democrat will be changing its schedule in order to meet printing plant deadlines.

The following deadlines will be in place for the paper which will be published on Thursday, September 8.

Display Advertising: Noon Tuesday, September 6. Classified Advertising: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Septem-

Obituaries: 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 6. Sports News Items: Noon Friday, September 2. Correspondents, Church News: Noon Friday, September 2.

News Items: Noon Friday, September 2.

News and sports items which arrive after the deadlines will be held for the following week. Thank you for your cooperation.

One person fatally hurt in accident on interstate

to have sustained fatal in- notification of next of kin. which happened Wednesday, Aug. 24, in Union

County. Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident happened on Interstate 57 at milepost

32 near Anna. The accident involved a 2018 International trucktractor semi-trailer combination and a 2022 Freighliner truck-tractor semi-

trailer. The driver of the 2018 vehicle was identified as Hussein Abdi Digale, 35, from Columbus, Ohio.

The driver of the 2022 unit was identified as Mohamud Hassan Dacar, 42, from Minneapolis, Minn.

A passenger in the second unit sustained fatal injuries. The victim was identified as a 36-year-old male from Minneapolis, Minn. The name of the victim had

One person was reported not been released pending

juries in a traffic accident State police shared preliminary results from an investigation of the accident.

The 2018 unit was disabled and partially stopped in the right lane on Interstate 57 northbound at milepost 32.

The 2022 unit was traveling north at the same location and struck the disabled vehicle with its passenger

The drivers of both vehicles reported no injuries at the scene.

The passenger in the 2022 unit who sustained fatal injuries was pronounced dead at the scene by the Union County coroner.

Interstate 57 northbound lanes were closed as a result of the accident. The lanes were reopened at approximately 2:20 p.m. An investigation of the accident continues.

Man sentenced for predatory criminal sexual assault of child

Pulaski County State's called parole, for a period Attorney Lisa C. Casper reports that Jared Wade Hinman Sr., 39, has been sentenced to 55 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on multiple

charges. Hinman was sentenced on two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, both Class X felonies; and one count of criminal sexual assault, a Class 1 felony.

After completing his sentence, Hinman will also be placed on mandatory supervised release, formerly

of three years to life.

Hinman was convicted by a Pulaski County Jury in May after a four-day jury trial.

The case was prosecuted by Pulaski County State's Attorney Lisa C. Casper and Appellate Prosecutor Lorinda M. Lamken.

Hinman was arrested in April 2021 following an investigation by the Illinois State Police, with the assistance of the Marshall County Sheriff's Office in Benton, Ky.



New vehicle delivered

Thursday, September 1, 2022

A new vehicle was delivered to the Anna Fire & Rescue station last Saturday afternoon.

Anna Fire & Rescue has new truck

The Anna Fire & Rescue to Anna by Tim Learned Rescue Department will Department has a new vehicle. The unit was delivered to the department over the weekend.

The truck arrived at the Anna Fire Station early last Saturday afternoon. Anna Fire Chief Mike

Dammerman and assistant fire chief Todd Harris were on hand to accept the de-

of Christopher, a sales representative for MacQueen Emergency. The unit was manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing. The vehicle cost approximately \$350,000.

Anna Fire Chief Dammerman said the new unit will replace a 1990 GMC vehicle.

With the addition of the The vehicle was driven new unit, the Anna Fire &

have two engines, a ladder truck, a heavy rescue vehicle and a brush truck.

"It's definitely a welcome addition to the fleet," Dammerman said.

Equipment will have to be installed before the new unit can go into service. Fire department personnel also will undergo training with the vehicle.

Union County remains at medium community level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department be in the hospital with CO- had received at least one of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Aug. 26, reported 24,297 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 82 deaths since Aug. 19.

According to the CDC, 33 counties were rated at high community level for COVID-19.

An additional 48 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level.

Union County remained at a medium community level. Pulaski County also was at a medium community level. Alexander County was at a low community level.

Jackson, Williamson, Johnson, Pope, Hardin and Massac counties were at a high community level.

Union, Pulaski, Alexander, Johnson, Pope, Hardin and Massac counties are served by the Southern Seven Health Department.

As of Friday, Aug. 26, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,670,258 cases, including 34,677 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, Aug. 25, 1,310 individuals in Illinois were reported to

VID-19. Of those, 158 patients were in the ICU and 59 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

IDPH director Sameer Vohra continued to urge all Illinoisans to get up to date on vaccinations and booster shots as the best defense against hospitalization and more serious outcomes from COVID-19.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 77 percent

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Aug. 26: 24,297 Aug. 19: 25,084 Aug. 12: 26,462 Aug. 5: 30,762 July 29: 35,371 July 1: 28,216 June 24: 27.094 June 3: 32,605 May 6: 30,633 April 1: 8,426 March 4: 10,462 Feb. 4: 60,389 Jan. 7, 2022: 201,428 Dec. 3, 2021: 42,559 Nov. 5: 17,462 Oct. 1: 18,735 Sept. 3: 30,319 Aug. 6: 16,742 June 18, 2021: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 69 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated and more than 54 percent of the vaccinated population has had an initial booster according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All data are provisional and are subject to change.

Union County COVID Cases Update

Aug. 29: 6,162 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 25: 6,136 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths. July 31: 6,001 total

cases. 66 deaths. July 7: 5,748 total ases. 66 deaths.

June 30: 5,691 total cases, 66 deaths. June 1: 5,501 total

cases. 65 deaths. May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.

April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths. March 1: 5,334 total

cases. 63 deaths. Jan. 18: 4,378 total

cases. 58 deaths. Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. **Numbers represent statistics** since the start of the pandemic.

State police focus on distracted driving

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct distracted driving enforcement program patrols in Union County during September.

Plans for the patrols were announced by Capt. Nathan Douglas, who is the commander of District 22.

The patrols will allow the state police to focus on distracted driving laws to prevent traffic deaths and serious injury crashes.

The state police noted that distractions can increase a driver's risk of being in an accident and shared the following information: Eating or drinking (non-

alcoholic beverages) increases the risk by three times. Sending a text message increases the risk by four times.

Reaching for an object increases the risk by eight times. Reading a text message can take a driver's eyes

off the road for an average of five seconds. Officers will be on the

lookout for drivers who

disobey Illinois' distracted driving laws, including:

All drivers are prohibited from reading, sending, or receiving text messages or communication and from browsing the internet. All drivers are prohib-

ited from using handheld electronic communication Drivers under the age

of 19 are prohibited from using any cellphone, even hands-free. All drivers are prohibited

from using any cellphone,

even hands-free, while in school speed zones and work zones.

School bus drivers are not permitted to use any type of cellphone, even hands-free.

It is illegal to use a cellphone or take photos or videos on wireless devices when driving within 500 feet of an emergency scene.

The campaign is made possible by traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Not much rain recorded in area High temperatures were

in the 70s, 80s and 90s during the period of Aug. 16-29 in Union County. Very little precipitation

was recorded, with only .01 of an inch of rain recorded on Aug. 29. Following are tempera-

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

H L Tuesday, Aug. 16 73 64 Wednesday, Aug. 17 83 61 86 58 Thursday, Aug. 18 87 59 Friday, Aug. 19 Saturday, Aug. 20 88 60 Sunday, Aug. 21 86 65 Monday, Aug. 22 87 61 Tuesday, Aug. 23 86 60 89 59 Wednesday, Aug. 24 Thursday, Aug. 25 91 63 Friday, Aug. 26 92 64 Saturday, Aug. 27 92 64 Sunday, Aug. 28 92 66

Monday, Aug. 29

Tax funds

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Lake of Egypt Fire \$361.29. Ware/Wolf Lake Fire \$23,923.34.

Vienna High School 133 \$4,587.61. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School 81 \$1,859,467.48.

Shawnee Community College 531 \$997,018.48. Dongola Library \$24,318.76.

Stinson Memorial Library \$209,031.92. Goreville Unit 1 \$22,723.09.

Cobden Unit School 17 \$896,827.81. Dongola Unit 66 \$587,258.54. Shawnee Unit 84 \$757,411.45. City of Anna

\$348,069.82. Village of Alto Pass \$6,822.75. Village of Cobden \$30,344.47. Village of Dongola

\$31,664.18. City of Jonesboro \$60,878.36. Village of Mill Creek \$827.42. Dongola TIF \$9,048.46. Cobden TIF \$20,025.30.

City of Anna TIF \$6,260.62.

News Notes

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A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Kornthal Church near

The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved a \$22,100 hotel/motel tax to the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. The funds will be used primarily in support of a website.

Concerns about a bridge on Bauer Road were voiced at last Friday morning's Union County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Asa Busby has been appointed to a post on the Union County Sheriff's Merit Board.

Discussion about the use of ATVs and UTVs on county roads has resurfaced. Speed limits are a key concern.

Quite a few adoptions have been reported for the past month by Union County animal control.

This year's Cache River Days celebration is planned Sept. 8-11 in Ullin.

The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts recently announced the selection of the Ulen family farm in Ullin as its conservation farm family of the year for 2022.

Southern 7 Health Department's podcast is highlighting Wellness on Wheels health events.

Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass is going solar to power its tasting room.

The first Sangria Fest is planned Sept. 3 at Alto Vineyards.

SIU Day set at Du Quoin

SIU/College Day/Coal Heritage Day is set for Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Du Quoin State Fair.

The fairground is open from noon to midnight, with SIU activities planned from noon to 4 p.m. Parking is free for all SIU students, faculty and staff with a valid ID.

SIU activities will be in the Second Heat building, located on Midway Drive across from the walk-in plaza (Gates 5-6) and an adjacent outdoor area.



Family members

In the first row are, from left, Judy Rich Casper of Gordonville, Mo., and Susan Rich of Minneapolis, Minn. In the second row are Leta Rich Smith of Cobden, Kay Rich Choate of Cape Girardeau and Becky Rich Oakley of Benton, Ky. In the third row is Karen Rich Morris of New Holland, Pa. In the fourth row are Don Rich of Anna, Eugene Carrol Rich of Silver Springs, Md., and Sue Lingle McIntosh of Cape Girardeau. Photo provided.

Cousins gather for special reunion

Several grandchildren, family reunion. great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Lyman Rich gathered Aug. 6 at Giant City Lodge near

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Some of the first cousins had not seen each other in over 50 years.

The family descended Makanda for a long overdue from Jacob Rich Sr., who

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was killed in the Revolutionary War at Gates's defeat. His son, Jacob Rich, Jr.,

immediately enlisted, was injured and was a Revolutionary pensioner at the time of his death in 1838 in Franklin County, Tenn. His home still stands in Tennessee and is inhabited.

Jacob's son, Thomas, migrated to Cobden, and settled in 1832. He died in 1868 and is buried in the Rich Cemetery, which is outside Cobden near U.S. Highway 51.

His son, John Rich, donated land for the cemetery, the John Rich School and the John Rich School Road.

The Rich family toured the cemetery that afternoon. A granite marker stands, marking Thomas' burial

Lyman Rich was one of his descendants. Lyman Rich had nine children and 25 grandchildren. Nine of the grandchildren were able to attend the reunion.

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By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had its first meeting of the new club season Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, at the Carnegie Library in Vienna.

The meeting was called to order by regent Suzan Harvel. The opening ritual followed, along with the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed and the Preamble to the Constitu-

The ratification of new officers included: Julia Mowery, vice regent; Doda Starkey, recording secretary; Carolyn Tripp, treasurer; Marilyn Meisenheimer, registrar; and Deborah Simmons, librarian. The new officers were sworn in by the chapter's regent.

The installation and welcome to new members Allison Harvel of Cape Girardeau and Marla Saint Arbor of Anna were conducted by the chapter registrar and the chapter regent.

The president general's report was given by Julia Mowery. The national defense report was read by Bonnie Hogue.

A tea party followed, in celebration of the Boston

Tea Party.

The chapter's regent presented a program about "Daughters of Liberty," which was followed by the prayer of blessing by the chapter's chaplain, Carol Palmer.

DAR chapter meets in Vienna

Members had been invited to bring their favorite tea cup and to share information about it. A business meeting followed the tea.

The chapter's chaplain reported about cards that had been sent.

With no corrections to the June 14 meeting's minutes, they were approved for recording.

Carol Palmer distributed the financial report, which was approved for recording and auditing.

In committee reports:

The chapter's regent gave the American Indian report for Sandra Boaz.

Melanie Penrod gave the conservation report, including that the Conservation Medal will be presented at the September meeting.

Bonnie Hogue reported about Constitution Week.

Membership chair Marilyn Meisenheimer announced that the chapter will celebrate "Patriots of the Month," with Daniel Chapman, Peter Meisenheimer

and Daniel Mashburn honored this month.

The flag of the U.S. report was given by Carol Palmer. In commemorative events, Julia Mowery presented the "Card Challenge" made by the Project Patriot National Community. She announced that money would be accepted for the Project Patriot, which will provide for useful items to be shipped overseas to military personnel; this is to be

completed at the chapter's

October meeting.

Virginia Street announced that the bricks with the names of three chapter members, who are veterans, will be purchased by the chapter and placed at the women's veterans statue at Brehm Library in Mt. Vernon. Those being honored are Tambra Cain, Dr. Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain.

The chapter's next meeting is scheduled Sept. 9 at the Vienna Carnegie Library at 1 p.m., with state regent Debra Coe of Rochester bringing the program.

The Shawnee Forest Chapter grave marking is planned Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. in Eldorado.

Observance of the 21st anniversary of 9-11 is planned on Sept. 11 with a moment of silence.

Doda Starkey, Julia Mowery and Suzan Harvel planned to attend DAR Days at Fairview Heights on Aug.

Constitution Week will be observed on Sept. 17-23. It was reported that the chapter placed third nationally for its participation in Constitution Week in 2021.

Those attending the meeting and tea included Tambra Cain, Bonnie Hogue, Margaret Mathis, Doda Starkey, Virginia Street, Barbara Williams, Vienna. Juanita Broyles, Goreville. Allison Harvel, Cape Girardeau, Suzan Harvel, Tamms. Wanda Honey, Marla Saint Arbor, Anna. Alice Thodoropoulos, Debora Simmons, Golconda. Cathy Warmack, Paducah. Dixie Terry, Marion. Carol Palmer, Lillian Milam, Marilyn Meisenheimer, Anna. Lynn Moore McCreery, Ozark. Julia Mowery, Elizabeth James, Buncombe. Rita Hull, Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill. Melanie Penrod, Carterville, and one guest, Lauren Roehm.

News from

Camp Ground Church, **Community**

Rev. Chris Fleming's sermon Sunday was titled "Jesus Remains Faithful," with the scripture selection from the Gospel of Matthew, referred to as "The Temptation of Jesus.'

The sermon shared that Satan tried to tempt Jesus into satisfying His 'human' need for food, protection from injury, and acceptance by the world. But Jesus remained faithful to God and cast Satan aside.

"We are tempted every day; hopefully, we have grown to the point that we resist evil.

"When we do sin, it does not sever our relationship with God because we have a Savior who will forgive.

"The more we read our Bibles, pray and deepen our less we want to sin."

Aldi and Vodra Gerard rang the bell commencing worship. They also took up

the offering. After the first hymn, the children/youth were given gift certificates from the church and Rev. Fleming prayed over them as they begin the new school year.

Following the morning message, Berna Gerard and Mary Robinson came forward to unite with the church via reaffirmation of faith.

Gary Johnson also united with church by transfer of membership from the church he attended in Florida.

Holy Communion was then shared by the new members and the entire congre-

After morning worship, a potluck lunch was shared by all present.

Several in the congregation are "under the weather," but seem to be improving. The church extends sym-

pathy to those grieving the loss of loved ones recently, especially the family of Victor Tucker, who grew up as part of the congregation of Camp Ground.

LaDonna Jean Miller was guest of honor at a surprise birthday party Aug. 21 planned by her husband Rodney and daughters at the home of daughter Lara and Collin Crane, Reed and Kayton. Others enjoying the meal of chicken and brisket with sides were daughter Brittany and Jeff Roach, Landon and Tanner, daughter Ashley and

Michael Roach, Gage and Tymber and LaDonna's parents, Kenneth and Nis Quick. Raspberry birthday cake and homemade butter pecan ice cream were also served. All are welcome to ser-

vices each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Worship also is available on Zoom. Those who would like to join in worship via Zoom can leave a message on the church phone (833-9000) with their email address or cell phone number and the link will be sent Sunday morning.

A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts, begins at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages are planned at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at relationship with God, the the intersection of Camp Ground Road and Tunnel Lane, just north of Route 146 east of Anna.

Anna poet receives awards from national federation

Kathy Lohrum Cotton of board of directors of the Anna received eight poetry awards at the 2022 hybrid convention of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, NFSPS, hosted in Ohio.

Winners were chosen from more than 6.000 submissions across the United States and from countries including the United Kingdom, Spain, Mexico, Canada, India, Ukraine and Czechia.

Winning poems from the Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance contest and the Al Laster Memorial ekphrastic contest were published in the Encore 2022 Prize Poems anthology.

Cotton's submissions also took honorable mentions for the Robbie Award, the Poetry Society of Indiana Award, the Mississippi Poetry Society Award, the Ohio Award, the Iowa Poetry Association Award and the Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award.

Cotton's full-length manuscript, "Even a Beak-Scraped Mountain," was named as a finalist in the \$1,000-prize Barbara Stevens Poetry Manuscript Contest.

Cotton serves on the

ISPS Southern Chapter in Carbondale. She also is a member of the NFSPS board of directors. She is editor for the national organization's annual poetry anthology.

Illinois State Poetry Soci-

ety and as facilitator of the

Labor Day **Festival** planned

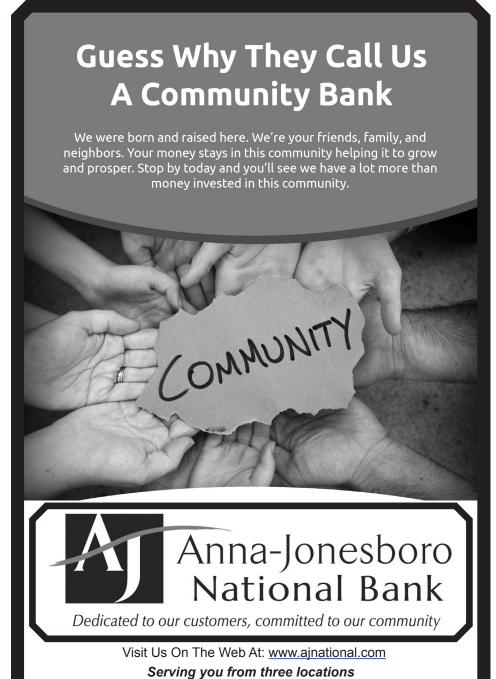
Horseshoe Lake Chamber of Commerce in Olive Branch is planning to host its Labor Day Festival on Sept. 5. The festival is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival will feature live entertainment, a corn hole tournament, food, a silent auction, a raffle, a bounce house and games.

A blind draw corn hole tournament sponsored by J.D. Williams is planned from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry is \$10 per person.

Live entertainment will feature David Isom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu will feature barbeque, slaw, baked beans, drinks, hot dogs, ribbon fries and nachos.



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Sports

A-J faces Murphysboro on road Friday night

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team travels to Murphysboro for the second game of the season Friday, Sept. 2. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

The Red Devils enter the game after a season opening 41-20 win over Jackson County rival Carbondale.

"Murphysboro has a lot back from last year's playoff team," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "They have a lot of speed and a lot of size."

Senior Drew Caldwell is the quarterback. Some of the top backfield rushers in Murphysboro's win over Carbondale were senior Devon Clemons and Ethan Finke and junior Ethan

Finke led the Murphysboro rushing attack with 174 yards and 3 touchdowns.

"We have high expectations this year," Murphysboro head coach Gary Carter said. "But as long as we stay healthy, we should be okay."

Host A-J wins boys' golf invitational title

Community High Schoolboys' golf team won the McDonald's Invitational. which was played Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Union County Country Club course in

The Wildcats won the 14-team match with a score of 313.

Aiden McFadden led A-J with a 74. Tim Plott had a 78, Nick Hannan 79, Hayden Ralls 82, Landon Brown 88 and Taj Hodges 90.

A-J's junior varsity finished in last place with 391,

Logan Johnson led the JV with a score of 93. Daylon Butler had a 95, Lucas Salazar 101, Graydon Edmonds 102, Luke Vaughn 113 and Gunner Myers 123.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, bondale.

The host Anna-Jonesboro the host Wildcats won a 4-team match with a score of 153

> Brown led A-J with 36, followed by McFadden with 37, Hodges 39, Ralls and Nick Homan 41 apiece and Plott 44.

The A-J JV finished in 2nd place with 181.

Butler led the JV with 40. Vaughn and Logan Ebersohl had a 46 apiece, Logan Johnson and Myers 49 apiece and Edmonds with 58.

Cobden finished in 3rd place with 215.

Jeff Kuhn led Cobden with 46. Kingston Kuhn had a 49, Tyler Franklin 58, Jesus Zamora 62 and Mario Trevino 72.

The Wildcats play again Thursday, today, at Car-

Cobden baseball opens with wins over Egyptian, Century

The Cobden High School baseball team opened its fall season with wins over Egyptian and Century.

Cobden 12, Egyptian 5: Tyler Franklin was 3-for-3 with an RBI and 2 doubles to lead the visiting Appleknockers to the win Friday,

Xach Roberts was 2-for-3 with 2 doubles and an RBI. Aug. 23. Matthew Howell was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs.

Hunter Pitts was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Jake Tally was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Mitchell Howell and Mason Lyerla were each 1-for-2.

Dawson Short, Wyatt and Mitchell Howell pitched in the win.

A-J/Cobden soccer plays at invitational

The Anna-Jonesboro/ Cobden high school co-op boys' soccer team was in action at the Greg Kline Invitational last weekend at Carbondale.

Carbondale 6, A-J/Cob**den 3:** Taj Hodges, Rylan Frazier and Zach Henry scored a goal apiece to lead A-J/Cobden in the loss Friday, Aug. 26.

Goalie Carter Lannom had 5 saves.

Cape Girardeau Central) 10, A-J/Cobden 0: Goalie On Patel had 8 saves in the loss Saturday, Aug.

A-J/Cobden 5, Centra**lia 1:** Henry scored 2 goals to lead host A-J/Cobden to the season opening win Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Hodges, Frazier and Ethan Plott scored a goal apiece.

Adrial Del Rosario had 2 assists. Matteo Vaca Diez added an assist.

Goalie Patel had 10 saves. A-J/Cobden, 1-2, hosts Harrisburg Thursday, today. at 833-9252.

Short pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Wyatt pitched an inning and allowed 2 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts. Howell pitched an inning and had 2 strikeouts

Cobden 11, Century 0: Franklin was 4-for-4 with Chase Wyatt was 3-for-3 3 doubles and 4 RBIs to with a double and an RBI. lead the visitors to the season opening win Tuesday,

> Short was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Omar Martinez was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Wyatt was 1-for-2. Pitts was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Mitchell Howell and Alberto Amezquita added an RBI apiece.

Franklin was the winning pitcher. He allowed one hit to go with 4 strikeouts and 2 walks.

Cobden is scheduled to play again Friday, Sept. 2, at home against Woodlawn.

Shawnee golf scramble set

at Anna course

The 2022 Shawnee Athletic Boosters Munz Memorial Golf Scramble is set for Oct. 1.

The scramble will be played at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna. Lunch is planned at noon. Tee time will be at 1 p.m.

All of the proceeds generated by the scramble will help to support the athletics program at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake.

Entry fees are \$80 for individuals and \$320 for teams. The fees include mulligans and skins. Hole sponsorships are available.

The scramble will feature prizes for the longest putt and closest to the pin. Raffle prizes will be awarded.

Information about the scramble is available by contacting Mindy Livesay



Friday night football action

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School quarterback Payton Denny, number 18 in dark uniform at right, looks for an open receiver during the first quarter of last Friday night's 2022 high school football season opener against visiting West Frankfort. Denny threw two touchdown passes for the Wildcats in the first quarter of the game.

2022 high school football season opener

West Frankfort outscores host Wildcats

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team let a 13-0 lead slip away in a 22-13 loss to visiting West Frankfort last Friday night in the season opener for both teams.

"We got off to a really good start," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "We hoped we would play better.'

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to get on the scoreboard.

After Brylen Suggs ran to near midfield on the opening kickoff, A-J scored on the second play from scrimmage.

Quarterback Payton Denny connected with Dylan Harvel for a 55-yard touchdown pass. Rylan Frazier kicked the extra point and the Wildcats led 7-0 with 11:36 remaining in the first quarter.

on their opening drive, A-J's offense went to work again. After a 4-play drive, Den-

ny connected with Dawson Trammel for a 16-yard TD The extra point kick was blocked and the Wildcats

were ahead 13-0 with 4:35 left in the opening quarter. The third A-J drive was

halted when West Frankfort's Hunter Ragan intercepted a Denny pass. The Redbirds' offense

then began to click. After a 9-play drive, Travlon Johnston scored on a 1-yard run. The extra point kick was blocked and West Frankfort pulled to 13-6 with 8:35 remaining in the first half.

An incomplete pass on fourth down ended the next Wildcat drive.

A-J drive to end the first The A-J offense failed

to move a lot in the second half. However, West Frankfort was just the opposite. Johnston put the Red-

birds ahead for keeps on a 4-yard TD run following a short drive.

Cameron Joyner's extra point kick put West Frankfort ahead 14-13 with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter.

After both teams traded punts, Johnston closed out the scoring with an 11-yard TD run. Quarterback Gavin Mann connected with Eli Dawson with the conversion pass to close out the scoring with 1:59 remaining in the game.

The Wildcats rushed for 81 yards, with Denny lead-Denny was sacked at ing the way with 73 yards

Following a Redbird punt midfield to thwart the next on 18 carries. Harvel added 8 yards on 2 carries.

"We're so used to running the football," Detering said. "We don't have a lot of experience on our line."

The Wildcats relied on passing to get their offense moving. Denny had 30 passes for

157 yards, with 3 intercep-

Harvel led the way with 83 yards receiving on 5 receptions. Trammel added 42 yards on 3 receptions.

"We didn't do a good job attacking or protecting our quarterback," Detering said. "We're going to have to make adjustments and improvements. You can't have those penalties and negative yardage plays."

The Redbirds rushed for 177 yards and had 54 yards passing.

Jonesboro softball team improves to 9-0

The Jonesboro School junior high softball team stayed unbeaten for the season with four big wins on the road during the past

The Lady Bulldogs earned a victory at Goreville on Tuesday, Aug. 23, beating the Junior Black-

cats 15-3. Pitcher Brook Sheffer racked up another win for the season, allowing 5 hits and 3 runs during 6 innings

pitched with 7 strikeouts. Sheffer led the team on offense as well, going 4-for-

5 at the plate. Emma Craig had 3 hits for the Bulldogs, with Addi Suggs, Macayla Nance and Jaylin Vicory contributing 2 hits each.

Kynlee Needling, Ad-

dison Pinnon, MacKenzie Barnhart and Maddie Moss each had 1 hit for the day.

Massac County gave the Lady Bulldogs their most allowing only 1 hit, 1 run season on Thursday, Aug. 25, with Jonesboro coming out on top by a score of 8-7.

Maddie Moss, Emma Craig, Carley Pearson and Kynlee Needling all went 2-for-4 for the Lady Bulldogs. Addi Suggs, Addison Pinnon and Jaylin Vicory each had a hit in the game

as well. Brook Sheffer pitched all 7 innings of the game, giving up 7 runs on 7 hits with 3 strikeouts.

The next day, on Friday, Aug. 26, Jonesboro traveled to Creal Springs, netting a big win against Adams

School by a score of 15-1. In her 6th straight start

for the season, Brooke Sheffer pitched 5 innings, competitive game of the and 1 walk while racking up 14 strikeouts.

Sheffer also shined at the plate, going 4-for-4 for the day.

Addi Suggs, Carley Pearson, Emma Craig and Mackenzie Barnhart contributed two hits each in the win. Maddie Moss, Kynlee Needling and Macayla Nance each had a hit for the Lady Bulldogs as well.

Earlier this week, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Vienna, where they racked up another big win by a score of 14-0.

Emma Craig went 3-for-4 with a home run in the game. Addie Suggs also went 3-for-4 from the plate.

Mackenzie Barnhart, Macayla Nance, Brooke Sheffer all went 2-for-3. Maddie Moss, Carley Pearson and Kynlee Needling each contributed a hit in the win. Sheffer pitched another

just 1 hit and 1 walk with 8 strikeouts. The win was Sheffer's 8th for the season. With the wins, the Jones-

shutout game, giving up

boro softball team's record improved to 9-0.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to play at home against Century on Wednesday, Aug. 31, and are also scheduled to play Anna at home on Thursday, Sept.



Demolition derby action at the Union County Fair Dirt, mud and dust were flying during demolition derby action last Friday night at the Union County Fair in Anna.



Cheering on the Wildcats

Participants in last week's Little Wildcat Cheerleading Clinic led the crowd in a cheer between the first and second quarters of last Friday night's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School home football game. The clinic was at the Union County school. The Little Wildcats joined the A-JCHS cheerleading squad on the field to help cheer on the host Wildcats in their 2022 high school football season opener against visiting West Frankfort.

Hunter safety education course scheduled in Anna

of Natural Resources, successfully complete a IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3, at the First Evangeli-Main Street Center in Anna. The center is located at 315 South St. in Anna.

The course is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 2 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 3. Students must attend both classes.

The course is being sponsored by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on calling 618-697-0286.

An Illinois Department or after Jan. 1, 1980, to hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license.

Those who complete the cal Presbyterian Church's course will receive a hunter education certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction.

> The course will include instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

> More information about the course is available by

Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition planning dinner, music event

The Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition is planning to host "Spayghetti and a Show" on Friday, Sept. 9.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden.

Live music by local favorites Banjo Joe & Danielle and Hugh DeNeal is planned.

Tickets are \$10/adult and \$6/child at the door, and include dinner and the show. Children 3 and under are free.

The event also will feature a silent auction and

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m. Organizers are collecting monetary and silent auction donations.

Proceeds will benefit the Cobden Spay/Neuter Coalition. The coalition's mission is, in part, to reduce the feral cat population in the Union County village and surrounding communities.

The organization also helps residents finance spay and neuter surgeries for their pets.

More about the coalition can be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook. com/CobdenSpayNeuter-Coalition/.

Information about the Sept. 9 event is available by contacting Jillian Miller by phone at 618-201-4841.

A-J class of '67 luncheon set at Giant City

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1967 are planning to celebrate their 55th class reunion.

A luncheon is planned at noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at Giant City Lodge near

The cost will be \$25 per erson, which includes the meal, a drink, tax and gratuity.

Checks, made payable to A-J Class of '67, can be sent in care of Brenda Kapper, 3457 New Town Lake Dr., St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Organizers of the event are asking that checks be sent by Oct. 8.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Those enjoying eating at Grecian Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau on Tuesday were Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Peggy St. Cin of Cape Girardeau, Vivian Bennett, Shirley Miller and Pam and John, all of McClure.

Visiting Thursday with Penny Hill of McClure were Kacie, Derek and Milo Golliher of Fenton, Mo., and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting Monday with Steve Eudy of Anna were Marjie Stark of Anna and Cathy and Dolly Jo, daughters of the late Opal and Chester Smith of Cahokia.

Visiting Friday with Sue and Steve Eudy were Lois Crites of Jackson, Mo., and Venita Lingle of Anna.

Happy birthday to our granddaughter, Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau on Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day.

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

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Watercolor art, photography programs planned at Giant City

photography will be the focus of upcoming programs scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The events are free. Registration is required. Registration, and more information, are available by calling the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Monarch Notecard: Artist, nature journalist and Master Naturalist Kathy Belletire plans to present a watercolor art program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3.

Belletire will demonstrate how to turn the energy and beauty of a monarch butterfly into art. The program is geared toward

Watercolor painting and adults and teens. All materials will be provided. Beginners are welcome.

> **Outdoor Photography:** An outdoor photography for beginners program is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

Local outdoor photographer John O'Connell plans to discuss camera settings and composition tips.

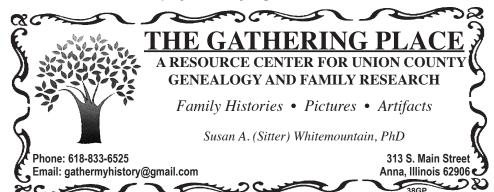
The program will include an opportunity to use a camera in the field.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a camera which is charged and any related equipment they may have. Participants also are asked to wear appropriate outdoor trail gear/attire.



Breakfast volunteers

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna on the morning of the 2022 season opener against West Frankfort. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers at the church on Friday morning, Aug. 26. The volunteers included, from left, Darryl Williams, Debbie Hess, Danny McFarland, Sondra Holshouser and Doug Hileman. Host A-J and West Frankfort played Friday night.







September 5, 2022

What Labor Day Means

For most people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and a chance to say goodbye to the summer. But why is it called Labor Day? Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894.

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation."

Who started Labor Day?

Like most cultural events, there is still some doubt over its origination. Some records show that Peter J. Mc-Guire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor working men and women. But many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear however is that the Central Labor Union adopted the Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

In the USA, governmental recognition first came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed

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by Oregon on February 21, 1887. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Still, it wasn't until the May 1894 strike by employees

of the Pullman Palace Car Company and the subsequent deadly violence related to it that President Grover Cleveland suggested making Labor Day a national holiday. On June 28th, 1894, as a way of mending fences with workers, he signed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

There is a tradition of not wearing white after Labor Day. This fashion faux pas dates back to the late Victorian era. The Emily Post Institute explains that white indicated you were still in vacation mode, so naturally when summer ended so did wearing white.

Sources: US Department of Labor, PBS, US Census Information from officeholidays.com



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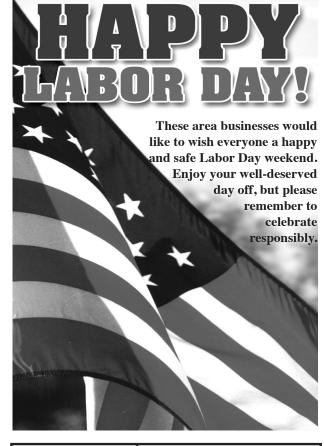
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News from

First Baptist Church, **Jonesboro**

In the morning service on Sunday, Aug. 28, Pastor Perry Williams presented a message about the kingdom of God "and what we must do to inherit it." The message was based on scripture from Luke.

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

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. John Tuner was the pianist. He also presented a medley, which included "Little Mountain Church House" and "This World is Not My Home."

Men's Bible study was planned Monday at 7 p.m.

The children's program, Dig-In Ministry, is scheduled to resume Sept. 21. Children 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited to attend. The program is scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bus transportation is available; more information is available by calling the church office at 833-7981.

Birthdays: Clara Harvell,

Aug. 28; Melody Keller, News from Aug. 29; Ann Landis, Aug. 30; Roger Wilkins, Aug. 31; Dee Rose, Sept. 2; Amy Aldridge, Sept. 3.

Anniversaries: Jim and Nancy Ralls, Aug. 30, 25 years; Wayne and Doris Whiteside, Aug. 31, 54 years; Lyman and Jean Eudy, Sept. 2, 62 years; Jim and Rhonda Brumitt, Sept. 4, 35 years.

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

Youth are scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult Bible study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning wor- Sept. 1. ship service was held Aug. 28 in the church and on at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

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

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled Our Covenant with God." Scripture was from Deuteronomy.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

Communion was served. Yvonne Ramage was bap-

Birthdays: Luke Sadler, Kerri Macy, Sept. 2.

Anniversary: Pastor Randy and Lea Wright,

Breakfast will be served Sunday School is

planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 4.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with a youth group meeting in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-

Women's retreat set

A You're God's Girl Women's Retreat is planned Sept. 24 in Union County.

The retreat is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Street Center in

Guest speakers are scheduled to be Serena Smith, Margaret Hite and Stephanie Shemwell Voss.

Music will be presented by Cassie Sharp.

Lunch will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$30, which includes lunch, a t-shirt and a gift bag.

Ticket information is available online at brownpapertickets.com. Information also is available by calling 618-967-5368.

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Daily Bible Reading

Genesis Genesis John John Genesis Genesis John 49:29-50:14 5:19-29 47:13-31 48:1-22 50:15-26 5:1-18 5:30-47

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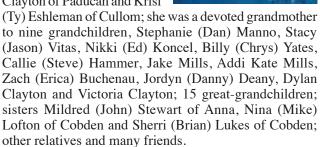
Jo Ann Yates

Jo Ann Yates, 83, of Anna, died Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at home, with her family by

She was born on Sept. 3, 1938, in Charleston, Mo., the daughter of Glen and Doris Bibb Middleton.

She married Lowell Dean Yates on Sept. 18, 1954, in Cobden.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Yates of Anna; children Steve (Jean) Yates of Shorewood, Mike (Connie) Yates of Anna, Kim (Bill) Clayton of Paducah and Krisi



She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Glenda Wingerter; brother Johnny Middleton, and sister Deanna Walker.

Her family moved to Southern Illinois before she started elementary school. She attended Cobden High School.

She married Dean in 1954 and they moved to Joliet in 1956. While there, she worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company for 11 years.

In 1977, Dean and Jo Ann moved to Mt. Pleasant, S.C., where Jo Ann loved to take their boat out to the beaches and look for seashells.

In 1989, Dean's work took them to Nanjing, China. They enjoyed that assignment enough, they decided to take another. They went to Kuantan, Malaysia, in 1995. During their two years there, they were able to travel to New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore and Hawaii.

They returned to Southern Illinois in 2000, building their home in Anna.

She was known for her excellent cooking. Her delicious cakes were well loved at the First Baptist Church of Cobden, especially her carrot cake and Italian cream cake. Her grandchildren loved her biscuits and gravy. They were frequently enjoyed on yearly trips to Kentucky Lake.

Her favorite pastimes included gardening, crocheting, needle point and canning.

Funeral services for Jo Ann Yates were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with Pastor Ed Falgout officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Cobden building fund or to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

Dylan James Myers

Dylan James Myers, 25, of resident of Metropolis, was tragically taken from this life on Aug. 23, 2022. He was born on March 14, 1997, in Paducah.

He is survived by his father, James Eric Myers of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three siblings, Austin Myers of Chattanooga, Tenn., Harley

Myers of Roanoke, Texas, and Shadow Capron of Metropolis; grandparents Dennis and Joanie Myers of Anna and Jim White of Metropolis. He also leaves his best friend, Gunner, Dylan's bloodhound.



He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Kathy

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. He was deeply loved and respected by his family and friends. Those who knew him well would let you know he was always quick to lend a hand and he had a generous spirit.

A 2015 graduate of El Dorado High School in Placerville, Calif., he volunteered in 2016 to serve in the U.S. Army. He served three years as a biomedical equipment technician while being stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

After the military, he continued to work in healthcare as a field service engineer, repairing and maintaining diagnostic imaging equipment. His most recent job was for G.E. Healthcare in the Bismarck area.

Funeral services for Dylan will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Jeff Myers officiating.

Interment will be in the Alto Pass Cemetery. Graveside military rites will be conducted by the Illinois Army National Guard and the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Friends can call from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made in his name to Music for the Soul, PO Box 159027, Nashville, Tenn. 37215-9027 or online at www.musicforthesoul.org.

A reception for the family and close friends will be held at Brodies Tavern at 202 Public Square in Jonesboro immediately following the graveside services.

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

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Norman G. Hickam





Norman G. Hickam was born in rural Alto Pass on Nov. 19, 1921, the son of George Allen and LuMeda Belle McKinney Hickam, and died on Aug. 28,

2022, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, where he had resided since June 2021.

He was the eighth of 10 children, with three sisters and

He worked in the CC Camps as a dental assistant. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1943; 1944 to 1945 in the Anti-Aircraft Command as a first lieutenant as secretary to the general stationed in Hawaii. After discharge, he did five years of Reserve Service.

As an Honor Guard, having lost his best friend Dale Rogers in the war, Norman was grateful to get to escort Dale home.

Mr. Hickam retired from his timber business when he was 80 years old and remained active and didn't stop gardening until he was 99 years old.

He was an active member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. He regularly donated blood for many years.

Mr. Hickam is survived by sons George J. (Kim) Hickam and Jack Hickam (Sherri) and daughter, Judith D. Hickam (Fred); stepchildren Monty Walker, Connie (Kent) Boyd and Sharon Abernathy.

Surviving grandchildren are Patricia (Mike) Henard, Angie (Tim) Bowen, Victoria J. Wright, Charles (Kiya) Hartline II, Chad (Mihia) Hartline, Jenny (Louie) Hertter, Jackie Hickam, Jamie (Erik) Larsen, Jeffrey (Anniston) Hickam, Jeremy (Katie) Hickam, Jill (Ben) O'Dell, Tina Glasco, Cindy King, Zac Cobb, Marria Walker and special grandson, Curtis Walker; and a bushel and a peck full of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandbabies.

He is survived by one sister, Gladys Cavaness Smithey, and many nieces and nephews, as well as his First EPC family, who have been so loving and wonderful to him throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers George Hickam and special nephew Lewis Hickam from Georgia, and brothers/sisters-in-laws Aubrey and Lydia, Cecil and Anna, Bryan and Vera, Glenn and Maxine, Jesse and Sara Hickam and Carolyn Hickam; and sisters/ brothers-in-laws Mabel and Charles Minton, Juanita and Dick Gaddis, Charles Cavaness and Raymond Smithey; as well as sisters/brothers-in-laws Hazel and Fred Lilly and Clara and Lee Dallas. His daughters, Wilma Joan Hickam Sweitzer and Julianna M. Hickam; stepson Roy Walker; and granddaughter Deborah Lynn Hickam; grandson Jeffery Scott Hickam; great-grandson Andrew Larson; and many nieces and nephews. First wife and mother to his children, Opal Elizabeth Martin Hickam, and second wife and mother of his stepchildren, Betty J.

100 years 9 months and 9 days, what a blessing you have been to all who have known and were loved by you, Dad.

Funeral services for Norman Hickam will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment with full military honors will follow at the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna or to the charity of the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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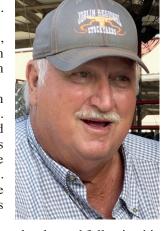
Larry Ray Lingle

Larry Ray Lingle, 71, of Dongola, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, at his residence.

He was born on Dec. 28, 1959, in Anna, the son of Van Hugh and Irene Eddleman Lingle in Anna.

He married Rae Lingle on June 30, 1973. She survives. Mr. Lingle was retired

from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, where he had worked for 36 years. He was a graduate of the Dongola High School class of 1969.



He enjoyed auctions, livestock sales and following his granddaughters to cattle showing. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Landon (Breanna) Lingle, Lana Lingle and Terry (Trena) Lingle; seven granddaughters, Madison Lingle, Lexie Lingle, Kristen Duckworth, Peyton Lingle, Kinley Lingle, Aden Lingle and Ryker Van Lingle; a sister, Sharon (John) Resch; and several other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. LaRue Parr officiating. Interment followed the service at Meisenheimer Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Meisenheimer Cemetery.



To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Richard Wild

Richard Wild, 81, of Mounds, died Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Gi-

He was born on Oct. 16, 1940, in Valmeyer, the son of Louis and Verda May Thompson Wild.

Mr. Wild was a retired mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. He loved teaching Bible

studies and Sunday School. He was deacon in the First Baptist Church of Mound City. He loved

his church family; they were very special

He also loved gathering every morning at a local restaurant to have coffee with his very special friends. This was the highlight of his day, and all appointments would need to be scheduled around this event.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine; daughters Sherry (Kenny) Meadows of Villa Ridge, Juliet Jackson and Johnetta LaMar of St. Louis and Jill (Chip) Bulgin of Baltimore, Md.; son Joshua (Kim) Jackson of St. Louis; one sister, Patsy Rundles of Alton; one brother, Harry Wild of Anna; granddaughters Christiana Bulgin, Rebecca (Robert) Wilson and Susan (Marc) Stout; grandsons Mitchell Jackson, Austin Davis, Benjamin Jackson, Drew Jackson, Garrett Bulgin and Riley Powell; special niece Nancy Powell of Mound City; special sister-in-law Marcella Dockins of Cape Girardeau; special cousin Harold McNelly of Thebes; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Jean Wild; his parents; three sisters, JoAnn, Karen and Shirley; one brother, Kenny Wild; special nephew Steve Powell; and daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Wayne French.

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo. Interment followed the service at the Mound City National Cemetery, with military honors accorded.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo was in charge of arrangements.



To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Ray Wall

Ray Wall, 71, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, at the Jonesboro Rehabilitation & Health Care

He was born on Dec. 27, 1950, in Anna, the son of Ralph Sr. and Agnes Williams Wall.

Mr. Wall is survived by his daughters, Michele Long of Makanda, Maria McDaniel of Florida and Anna Wall of Salem; his grandchildren, Timothy Long, Christopher Curneal, Enrique Hoehner and Kaylee Weaver; a brother, Richard (Charlotta) Wall of Brighton; a sister-in-law, Marva Wall of Cobden; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Ralph Wall Jr.

He loved music and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Graveside funeral services for Ray Wall will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Anna Cemetery. Family and friends may gather from 10:30 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m. at the cemetery.

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

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condo-

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lences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Nelson Berbling

Nelson Berbling, 68, of Sikeston, Mo., died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1953, in Cairo, the son of Theodore and Juanita Boyd Berbling.

He was a graduate of Murray State University and a

life-long lover of history. He was one of the found-

ing members of the 8th Illinois Infantry reenactment group of Cairo, and participated in living history for 30 years.

He was a talented woodworker, blacksmith and leathersmith, and could make just about anything his wife, Anne, wanted, including dinner. He was an excellent cook and delighted in making wonderful meals for his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Launius Berbling; children Neil (Rebecca) Berbling of Bennett, Colo., Jon Berbling of Cape Girardeau and Chris Berbling of Olive Branch, Mark (Sharon Granger) Pratt of Sikeston, Mo., Mandy Pratt of St. Charles, Mo., and Katie Pratt of North Hollywood, Calif.; four grandchildren, Theodore William Berbling and Vivianne Berbling of Bennett, Colo., Cody (Erika) Pratt of Kelso, Mo., and Nicholas Pratt of Sikeston, Mo.; two great-grandchildren, Beau Pratt and Kaden Pratt of Kelso, Mo.; four sisters, Sherry Gibson of Mount Vernon, Bernadine Roberts of Olive Branch, Charlene (Pete) Halstead of Linton, Ind., and Marcena Berbling of Anna; four nephews, Whitney Althoff and Corey (Julie) Althoff of Anna, Bill (Leanna) Gibson and Steve (Barb) Gibson of Mount Vernon; three nieces, Cara (Shane) Pribble of Anna, Megan (Andrea) Halstead of Linton, Ind., and Deena (Mike) Johnson of Memphis, Tenn.; as well as many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Theodore Berbling II; his nephew, Donnie Gibson; and his brother-in-law, Charles Roberts.

The family suggests that memorials be considered in the form of a donation to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Foundation, CJDFoundation.org, 3634 W. Market St., Suite 110, Akron, Ohio 44333.



Melvin Hazelwood

Melvin Hazelwood, 78, of Fordyce, Ark., and formerly of Tamms, died Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at the VA Hospital in Little Rock, Ark.

He was born on June 20, 1944, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Perry Clifford Hazelwood Sr. and Sadie Marguerite Randall Wade.

Mr. Hazelwood was preceded in death by his first

wife, Nancy, on May 15, 2003. He then married Joyce McHarry on Sept. 4, 2004. She survives. He was also preceded in death by one



brother, Perry Hazelwood Jr.; and one sister, Jane Ham-

Mr. Hazelwood was a member of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Fordyce. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, where he received his degree in forestry.

He loved his profession and the outdoors. He retired from Anthony Timerlands in Bearden, where he worked as a forester for 37 years.

He served in the U.S. Air Force in security in the Aleutian Islands during the Vietnam War.

He was a family man and took pride in organizing the annual Hazelwood family reunion.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Joyce of Fordyce; one son, Russell (Ruth) Hazelwood of Fordyce; a daughter, Tracy Green of Maumelle, Ark.; two grandchildren, Lawson (McKinley) Green of Maumelle, Ark., and Julia Green of Little Rock, Ark.; stepdaughters Missy Morgan of Wylie, Texas, and Patty Cortesano of Murray, Ky.; stepson Dustin (Cory) Bambic of Franklin, Tenn.; stepgrandchildren Lilly, Colton, Judah, Elias and Ruby; and two sisters, Emma Dell Bennett of Tamms and Sammy (Dennis) Thompson of Affton, Mo.; one sister-in-law, Carmela Hazelwood of Wheeling, W. Va.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 27, at Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce, Ark., with the Rev. Nathan Petty, Bobby Thornton and Ed Givens officiating.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola. Military honors



were accorded at the cemetery. Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Nova Skye Garrett

Nova Skye Garrett was born sleeping on Aug. 18, 2022, at 9:40 a.m. at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Nova is survived by her parents, Austin Garrett and Amanda Harris; siblings Aiden Garrett, Peyton Garrett and Gracen Brant; as well as many other grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives.

There will be a private family service held at Lindsey

Memorial contributions can be made to Crain Funeral Home to assist the family with a mon-



ument for Nova.

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

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Union County Soil & Water Conservation District



The Union County Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for the Fall 2022 fish sale. The pickup date is Saturday, September 24th, starting at 2 P.M. Fish may be picked up at the Union County USDA Service Center; 201 Springfield Avenue, Anna, IL 62906. The following species and sizes will be available for purchase: Channel Catfish 4-6" and 6-8". Largemouth Bass 3", Bluegill 1-3" and 3-5", Hybrid Bluegill 2-4", Redear 3-4", Fathead Minnows 1-3" approximately 150/LB, and Triploid Grass Carp 8-11".

All orders for grass carp must be submitted by Friday, September 9th. All other fish orders must be submitted by Monday, September 19th. Only exact cash or check will be accepted for payment. No electronic payments. For more information, visit our Facebook page @unioncountyswcdSo.IL. You may place an order by visiting our office or calling Tara at 618-202-3028.

Emilie Marlene Atwood (nee Ulrich)

Emilie Marlene Atwood (nee Ulrich), 86, of Anna, went to be with our Lord and Savior, while surrounded by her loving family, on Aug. 26, 2022, after her struggles with congestive heart failure.

She was born on March 5, 1936, in Chicago, the daughter of Kurt and Josephine Ulrich.

She married Jackie Dean Atwood on May 14, 1957,

She is survived by her sons, Thomas Dean Atwood (Sue) and Scott Russell Atwood (Elisa); daughter-in-law Michelle Atwood; brothers Kurt Joseph Ulrich (Shari) and Richard Paul Ulrich (Pam); as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie Dean Atwood; daughter Jacqueline Marlene Lape Wohlwend; and son, Edward Lee Atwood.

She graduated from St. Anne's Hospital School of Nursing in 1956 as a registered nurse and provided care and support for over 35-plus years to her patients at Manteno State Hospital and Anna State Hospital before retiring in 1995.

She loved her animals; so the family asks that a donation be made to a local chapter of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, ASPCA, in her name.

Graveside funeral services for Emilie Atwood will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Maplewood Cemetery in Marion.

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

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To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Virginia Otten

Virginia Otten, 93, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Aug. 28, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman &

Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences

for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Kelly Rains

Kelly Rains, 53, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Aug. 28, L. and Callie S. Hazzard. at her home.

Funeral arrangements were pending and Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

Adam Riley

Adam Riley, 48, of Anna, died Monday, Aug. 29, at his home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Worship at Kornthal

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Helen Hight Miller

Helen Hight Miller, 90, of Wetaug, died Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at her residence.

She was born on Dec. 4, 1931, in Detroit, Mich., the daughter of Harley Walter and Edna Mae Staudacher Hight.

She marred Donald Ray Miller on April 3, 1954. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 2011.

She was a member of the Wetaug Church of Christ. She was president of the

Dongola High School class of 1949, a 4-H leader and a Home Extension Association member.

She was part of the original Pulaski County History Book Committee. She served as an election judge for the Wetaug precinct for many years. She was a member of the Farm Bureau.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband in all of his endeavors as his chief secretary and operator.

Survivors include her daughters, Donna Miller and Kedron (Patrick) Laws, both of Ullin; a son, Brent (Holly) Miller of Ullin; 13 grandchildren, Bradley Cobb, Jeffrey Cobb, Justin Cobb, Karen Akin, Christopher Cobb, Jeremy Cobb, Joshua Cobb, Jennifer Helman, Stacy Larry, Fletcher Laws, Chelsea Rentfro, Hannah Miller and Ben Miller; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers Dwight Hight of Millstadt and Larry (Rosemary) Hight of Anna; a sister, Joyce Fuiten of Sherman; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Colby Miller, and a sister, Connie Young.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with her son, Brent Miller, officiating. Interment followed the service at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.



To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Julia Eleanor Hazzard

Julia Eleanor Hazzard, 96, of Benton, died Friday, Aug.26, 2022, at Benton Rehab.

She was born on June 6, 1926, the daughter of Harry

She was a Presbyterian minister throughout the later years of her life.

Survivors include her cousins, Greg Taake of Ullin and Janet Taake of Williamsburg, Va.; as well as many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and She was laid to rest next to her parents at Green Lawn

Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge on Wednesday, Aug. 31. Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrange-



To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.



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Step #2 We need to grasp Grace. Mankind must grasp God's gift of grace. The Bible states that few will receive it, and many will not look for it Matthew 7:13-14; some will not do the God's will Matthew 7:21. Only the obedient can fully grasp (take ahold) of God's grace.

Step #3 We need to receive Grace. God saves individuals who choose faith (obedience) Romans 6:17. Belief in Christ is necessary, John 6:28-29, but belief involves more than mental consent; it requires obedience to God's plan of salvation: **Hearing** the gospel Romans 10:17, **Believing** the gospel John 3:16, **Repenting** from our sinful lives Luke 13:3, Confessing Christ before men Matthew 10:32-33, and Immersing oneself into the water of baptism Acts 8:37. This process was the only way in which Christians were made in the 1st Century Acts 11:26, and it still is the only way today. Have you, followed God's word?



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VS.

Deanna Allen, Wilma Bartlett, Steven Allen, Bruce Allen, Diana Reynolds, Rhonda Watkins, Michael D. Smith, Harold Smith, **Unknown Heirs and** Legatees of Esther Willcut; Unknown Owners and **Non-record Claimants** No. 2021P8

Summons and Notice by Publication of Petition to Sell Real Estate

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is given to the Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Esther Willcut and Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, that a Petition to Sell Real Estate has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois by Rebecca J. O'Neill, Administrator of the Estate of Esther Willcut, deceased, for an order to sell property described: Eightyeight (88) feet of even width off of the south side of Lots 3 and 4 in Henry Kohler's Second Addition to the City of Anna, situated in the County of Union in the State of Illinois, with an address of 134

Warren Street, Anna, IL. You are summoned to file your answer to the petition in this matter or otherwise make an appearance in this action with the Circuit Court of Union County, 309 West Market St. Jonesboro, IL, 62952, within 30 days from the date that this notice was first published, August 18, 2022.

You are also required to mail a copy of your answer to Attorney Rebecca J. O'Neill. If you fail to answer the petition within this time period, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and an order may be entered in accordance with the request of the petition.

Keri E. Clark Circuit Clerk Attorney Rebecca J. O'Neill Administrator of the Estate of Esther Willcut 118 East Union Street Marion, IL 62959 (618) 751-1753 rebeccajoneill5law@gmail.

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

ANNA-JONESBORO

a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

ADAM LEE MAYS, WENDY J. MAYS, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2022FC19

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Adam Lee Mays, Wendy J. Mays, Midland Funding, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

"EXHIBIT A" **Legal Description**

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-RIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICU-LARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A ½" IRON ROD AT THE **SOUTHEAST CORNER OF** THE SOUTHEAST QUAR-TER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 35, THENCE N 84°32'19"W, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 620.30 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SOUTH LINE, N00"48'15"E,ADISTANCE OF 639.31 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD, THENCE S84°54'05"E, ADISTANCE OF 620.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUAR-TER-QUARTER, THENCE S 00°48'16"W, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DIS-TANCE OF 643.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-GINNING. CONTAINING 9.102 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SUR-VEY BY SCOTT A. RICH-ARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED IANHARY OF 2014. SUBJECT TO EX-ISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY AND **THATTHEREOF FALLING** IN MOSCOW ROAD AND

PETRAS LANE. ALLINACCORDANCE OF "TRACT #1" ON A PLAT OF SURVEY DAT-ED JANUARY 17, 2014 AND RECORDED FEB-RUARY 11, 2014 AS DOC. NO. 2014R0247, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 908, MADEBY SCOTTA. RICH-ARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE. SITUATED IN THE COUN-TY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1770 MOSCOW RD., DONGOLA, IL 62926 TAX ID: PART OF TAX NO. 02-35-01-271

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Adam Lee Mays, Wendy J. Mays, Midland Funding, LLC, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or tober, 2022, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

HELP WANTED

Needing to hire an office assistant for Reppert Publications. No phone calls please.

Apply in person at 112 Lafayette Street, Anna, IL, or online at:

> jlreppert@annanews.com katynews618@gmail.com

27GPTF

Wanted: Taking applications for the mailroom

Apply at: The Gazette-Democrat 112 Lafayette Street Anna, Illinois 62906 Apply for Mailroom.

(No phone calls please)

Prepared by: JOHN R. SCHNEIDER JOHNSON, SCHNEIDER & FERRELL, L.L.C. 212 North Main Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Tel: (573) 335-3300 Fax: (573)335-1978 36-38g

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

In the Matter of the **Estate of** RONALD D. HILEMAN Deceased. Case No. 2022-PR-20

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

Notice is given of the death of Ronald D. Hileman, of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 19th day of August to April Hileman, 310 Cass Ln., Cobden, IL. as Executor, whose attorney is listed below.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 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 with the Union County Circuit Clerk, 309 W Market St. Ionesboro II 62952 or with the Executor on or before February 27, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, 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 Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: this 25th day of August 2022.

> Independent Executor: April Hileman 310 Cass Ln. Cobden, IL 62920

Bigler Law Office Bryan Phillips Attorneys for Executor 407 E Vienna Street Anna, IL 62906 Office: (618) 833-4777 Facsimile: (618) 833-4770

> PUBLIC NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2018-00032

To: GRACIELA A QUESADA AND/OR UNKNOWN **OCCUPANTS** ROBERT MARK CHAMNESS AGENT FOR RUSTY'S HOME CENTER OFFICER FOR FARMERS STATE **BANK OF ALTO PASS** DORI BIGLER CITY CLERK CITY OF ANNA RACHELLE AUD

CROWE US ATTY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

INTERNAL REVENUE

SERVICE

MERRICK B GARLAND **US ATTY GENERAL DAVID HARRIS IL DEPT OF REVENUE** KWAME RAOUL IL ATTY GENERAL **LANCE MEISENHEIMER UNION COUNTY**

CLERK,

and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, as Case Number 2022-TX-9. On January 18 2023 at 11:00 am, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Union County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGALDESCRIPTION: S28 T12 R1W PT LOT 2 W 1/2 SE SUBDIVISION E OF HWY 51 1685 US HWY 51 S PERMANENT INDEX

NUMBER: 05-28-03-978and was sold on 2/5/2020 for general taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on 1/6/2023.

RAVEN SECURITIES INC **PETITIONER** 38-40g

> IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT** FIRST JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** UNION COUNTY, THE BANK OF MISSOURI, **Plaintiff**

BILLY G. GRAVES, II, TAMARA S. GRAVES, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., CITY OF ANNA. ILLINOIS, And Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, Defendants.

> NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE **PROCEEDING**

> Case No. 22-CH-5

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIM-ANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2- 206, 2-207, 2-413 and 15-1502, 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 said Defendants is September 30, 2022.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on August 18, 2022

A. Plaintiff is The Bank of Missouri and the case number is 22-CH-5.

B. Plaintiff brought said action in the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois.

C. The titleholder of record on the real estate is Billy G. Graves, II and Tamara S. Graves.

D. The legal description of the real estate which is the subject of the Complaint for

Foreclosure is as follows: The West Sixteen feet of Lot

The Gazette-Democrat Custodian

38gp **WANTED**

ARROWHEADS! Amateur Archeologist is obsessed with the hobby. I am building a museum of artifacts from Missouri & Illinois, and would like to buy individual finds or whole collections. ALSO, looking for sites to buy or lease that have a lot of "flint". Happy to answer any questions! Call Sean, (314)-608-2692.

52p-1g tfn

YARD SALE

YARD SALE: 10 a.m. to p.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, at 105 West Maple Street, Cobden, for the duration of the summer. Fresh vegetables and flowers.

23p-24g tfn

HUGEYARD SALE: North end of Tamms, Rt. 127. Friday & Saturday, September 2 & 3.15 minutes from anywhere at 100 MPH! Portion of proceeds will go to animal rescue. Rain cancels.

37p-38gc

YARD SALE: 109 Apple Lane, Anna. Friday, September 2.

To Place Your Ad In

37p-38gc

Call (618) 833-2158 NATIONAL BANK,

Keri E. Clark Clerk of the Circuit Court

before the 2nd Day of Oc-

NO.77 in the Original Plat of the Town (now City) of Anna. Situated in Union County Illinois. EXCEPT all coal,

oil, gas, and other minerals. Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-08-046

E. The common address or description of the location of the real estate that is the subject of the Complaint for Foreclosure is

337 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906

F. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed in the Complaint for Foreclosure is as follows: 1. Name of mortgagor:

The Bank of Missouri 2. Name and address of mortgagee: Billy G. Graves,

II and Tamara S. Graves 3. Date of mortgage:

11/17/2015 4. Date of recording:

12/03/2015 5. County where recorded:

6. Recording document identification: Document 2015R2427

Dated: 8/19/2002

Keri E. Clerk Clerk of the Circuit Court

Deanna L. Litzenburg Mathis, Marifian &

Richter, Ltd. 23 Public Square, Suite 300 PO Box 307 Belleville, IL 62220 (618) 234-9800 dlitzenburg@mmrltd. <u>com</u> 38-40g

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of the School District No. 66 in the County of Union, State of Illinois, that the proposed initial budget for the said school year beginning July 1, 2022 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Superintendent's office, Dongola Unit School, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois in this school district from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:15 p.m. on September 27, 2022 at Dongola Unit School.

Board of Education of the School District No. 66, in the county of Union, State of Illinois.

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE FIRST**

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, **ILLINOIS**

IN THE INTEREST OF: WAYLON ALLEN, A Minor. NO. 2022-JA-13

STATE'S AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH

AND REQUEST FOR **SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

NOW COME the PEO-PLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS by TYLER E. TRIPP, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, J. Jeremy Lloyd, Jeremy on oath state on information and belief:

1. The minor's Putative Father, Blake Smith, has departed the State of Illinois or has concealed himself within the State of Illinois such that the Department of Children and Family Services and the People of the State of Illinois have been unable to locate and serve said parent with the Motion for Shelter Care Hearing, Notice of Parents and Childrens Rights to Rehearing on Temporary Custody, Notice of Rights for Respondents, Notice of Shelter Care Hearing, and Petition for Adjudication of Wardship via summons due to whereabouts unknown.

2. Upon diligent search through the Diligent Search Service Center and inquiry by the Department of Children and Family Services, the address located for Blake Smith was whereabouts unknown.

3. The People of the State of Illinois request that the Circuit Clerk issue a Notice by

Publication pursuant to 705 ILCS 405/2-16 to be ran one time in the local newspaper.

WHEREFORE, the People of the State of Illinois requests the Circuit Clerk's office to issue the Notice by Publication pursuant to 705 ILCS 40512-16 for said parent and to whom it may

J. Jeremy Lloyd Assistant State's Attorney 309 West Market Street, Rm 239 Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 (618) 833-7216 (61 8) 833-3349 facsimile

VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

The undersigned respectfully states that the movant has read the foregoing instrument and under the penalties as provided by law, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct as to matters therein stated to the best of the information and belief of the undersigned.

> J. Jeremy Lloyd Assistant State's Attor-

309 West Market Street. Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the State's Affidavit of Diligent Search and Request for Notice by Publication was served upon the parties attorneys of record, by providing a copy through the court e-filing system in Jonesboro, Illinois, on this 2nd day of June, 2022.

Edward Eytalis 106 N. Division Street Carterville, IL 62918 Guardian ad Litem

> Thaddeus Croft PO Box 1363 Vienna, IL 62995 Attorney for Mother

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tentative Budget for the 2022-2023 school year for Shawnee CUSD #84 is available for inspection during the hours of 7:30 A.M. through 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, in the Superintendent's Office located at Shawnee High School, 3365 State Route 3 North, Wolf Lake, Illinois.

A public hearing to approve the budget for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Shawnee High School Library, 3365 State Route 3 North, Wolf Lake, Illinois.

Any person desiring to review the budget or appear at the public hearing to present testimony should contact:

Shelly Clover-Hill, Superintendent Shawnee CUSD #84 3365 State Route 3 North Wolf Lake, IL 62998 (618) 833-5709

CITY OF ANNA, **ILLINOIS**

NOTICE OF SALE OF **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

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

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

EXHIBIT A

Surplus Property 1983 CHEVROLET K30, VIN# 1GBJK34WX-DV104328, RUNS BUT

NEEDS FUEL PUMP, MIN. BID \$2,000

1990 GMC TOW-ERS, VIN# 1GDP-7D1Y7LV509852, RUNS **BUT MEEDS TRANSMIS-**SION, NO MIN. BID

Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item(s), shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through September 20, 2022. The minimum bid has been established for each surplus item. Please see Surplus Property List for the Minimum bid, as no bid for less than that amount will be

All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on September 20,2022 at 5 p.m. at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

> Dori Bigler City Clerk 38-39g

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois **County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 29th day of August, 2022, under the Assumed Name of Panthers Inn Treehouse with the place of business located at 355 Panthers Den Road, Makanda, Illinois 62958, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

> Derick Nalley 355 Panthers Den Road Makanda, IL 62958

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk

County Line News (Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Another Month Passes Already another month has passed and I am seriously shocked at how quick

it seemed to go. My "golden" years are fleeing at what seems to be no more than the blink of an eye. I am not happy about that.

My grandchildren seem to be growing up faster than my children did. I feel like I need to pull a massive brake lever and yell STOP, like it's a runaway train.

Does anyone else feel that way? Maybe it's just me, and, God is telling me to knock it off and slow down. I am trying... seriously.

I will never be a retiree who sits and does nothing. I'm not made that way and would lose my mind. Maybe it's just time for a long vacation.

DAR Meeting

Daniel Chapman Chapter, NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) met at the Vienna Carnegie Library and

held a tea party. They inducted new members, one of whom was my youngest daughter. Marla Saint Arbor was the other. New officers were also

ratified. The tea was well attended, with 26 present.. The program was to promote the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (December 16, 1773) and to learn about the women's active roles in the revolution that created our country.

Chapter members brought tea cups or teapots that were special to them and discussion was made on the history of tea and of tea equipment used then and now.

The chapter's next meeting is scheduled Friday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m., at the Vienna Library again, with the Illinois State DAR Regent Debra Coe bringing the program.

If you have a desire to join DAR please contact me

at sgph58@hotmail.com. **Many Memories**

My request for a photo-

graph of the old Mill Creek Baptist church has opened up the floodgates of memories for me and those that hold them.

Through a cousin's cousin, I was blessed to meet with Ann Landis this past week. She and her husband Floyd were married in the old church and she had a copy that she graciously allowed me to copy and return to her.

I've also received invitations to visit with other folks and view their photographs. I will be doing that, with great delight, soon.

Thank you all for helping me out. I love old photographs and those of my family, and where they lived, have even greater meaning. I treasure them all. Please keep calling me if you have more.

Trip to Fairview **Heights**

I didn't have time this I made a trip to Fairview past week. On Sunday Heights for a DAR meeting take I-55 through Missouri instead of I-57 through Illinois.

I am so glad I did. No road construction except at the bridge in St. Louis as I crossed back into Illinois. Not a single vehicle tried to run me off the road or pancake me with another.

It was a lovely drive. I wasn't stressed out by the time I got there either. I-57 has become a nightmare of too much traffic with construction that never seems to end. I'll stick to the back roads or alternate routes.

Meeting an Old Friend

I ran into an old friend, Suzanne Lynn Carter, at a local store this past week. It was good to chat in the aisle but I had an even better time when I and my husband joined her and her husband, David, for dinner this Sunday.

It's nice to reconnect with friends like that. It was nice to catch up with the news on their families too.

Suzanne's mother and mine grew up together. I have many photographs of them that I also treasure. The youthful joy on their faces always brings a smile to mine and a pang to my

heart that mother isn't here any longer, but she certainly enjoyed life while she had it. Oh, but that we all

By Suzan Harvel

Mill Creek Baptist Church

can achieve that.

Bobby Newberry supplied our pulpit on Sunday. He brought a message we all need to hear and heed.

Bible verses from John 4:7-19 and Acts 28:26-28 tell us we are in a world that is a mission field. We are to meet those whom God puts in our path and minister to

Jesus ministered to the woman at the well, simply by asking for a cup of water.

You don't know what impact a simple conversation can have on someone who is lost, hurting, lonely, grieving, afraid or just weary and needs whatever comfort you might offer.

Bobby shared that he has himself met those needs in afternoon, Aug. 21, the Thursday and decided to the grocery store and in the

hospital. God will open those doors, but we must see, hear and take to heart what the Holy Spirit intends us to. Take those opportuni-

A woman I didn't know, will never know, met my needs on the day my sister died. Be that person...reach out and help someone in need.

Prayer List

On our prayer list this week we've included the Alan Lott family, the Griffin Goetz family, Mason Henderson, Mason Morrow, Lori Runion, Sandy Stone, Aunt Lou Eastwood, Chris Vellella, Debbie Newberry, Elaine Helton, Janetta LaRue, Jeff Starr, Kelly Rains, the Jo Ann Yates family, Erik Austad, Mike McLane, the Roger Honey family, Sue Starr, Chris Rider, Bryson Roberts, Shirley Harvel, Bob Hansel and Tony Smith. May the Lord meet all their needs and whatever needs YOU might have this week.

We finally received the pitter patter of a bit of rain. Ahh...the cool breeze was even better. I just hope we get enough to make a difference.

IMMEDIATE OPENING AVAILABLE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Reports to: Board of Directors Date: August 30, 2022 Job Summary:

Shawnee Professional Services is in search of a Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer will direct and oversee the financial activities of the corporation, direct the preparation of current financial reports and summaries.

- <u>Supervisory Responsibilities:</u> Oversees Accounting department, budget preparation, and tax functions. · Works with other department heads to monitor each department and
- make recommendations. Serves on the board of directors and presents monthly financial and marketing reports.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Directs the preparation of all financial statements (GAAP), payroll taxes and corporate tax returns.
- Compares sales and profit projections to actual figures and budgeted expenses to actual expenses; makes or oversees any necessary adjustments to future projections and budgets.
- Reviews planning process and suggests improvements to current methods and policies.
- · Works with the President and CEO to coordinate planning and establish priorities for the planning process.
- Studies long-range economic trends and projects their impact on future growth in sales and market share.

Required Skills/Abilities:

- Excellent management and supervisory skills.
- · Excellent analytical and organizational skills.

required.

- Proficient in QuickBooks Enterprise, Microsoft word and Microsoft excel. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Work primarily in an office setting. Must work the hours necessary to accomplish objectives.

Education and Experience: · Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or Finance

 Certified Public Accountant designation preferred. Five to eight years of experience in financial management required.

Disclaimer: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work to be performed. The above information is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, skills, or duties required for this position.

Interested individuals please email your resume to the Human Resource department: hsullivan@shawneepsi.com

You can also mail your resume to: Shawnee Professional Services Attn: Heather Sullivan PO Box 125, Vienna, IL 62995

need in the classifieds. To Place Your Ad In The Gazette-Democrat Call (618) 833-2158

Need some extra cash? Sell what you don't

Public Record

from the files at the **Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro**

Realty Transactions

The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amber L. Sturgeon, Dylan S. Sturgeon. Grantee: Jessica D. Miller, Justin A. Miller. Tract Section 31 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Michael Eugene Pickles, Misty Pickles. Grantee: Michael Eugene Pickles. Subdivision Name: A.J. Menees Addition.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Arthur L. Ward, Diana M. Ward. Grantee: Jesse T. Adams, Beatryss R. Miller. Tract Section 34 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason Oliver, Molly Oliver. Grantee: Sue Kaufman. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 1. Lot 14.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert Shepard. Grantee: Amanda Shepard. Subdivision Name: Daniel W. Browns 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: McLane Real Estate Holdings LLC. Grantee: Dusty S. Lewis. Samantha J. Lewis. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: McLane Real Estate Holdings LLC. Grantee: Angela Joy Alsip, Billy Gene Alsip. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Maria Diaz, Nelson A. Diaz. Grantee: Natalie R. Barrett. Subdivision Name: City of Anna. Lot 24.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: John B. Cauble. Grantee: Donna K. Cauble, John B. Cauble. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Oscar Chain Trueba. Grantee: Orizaba North Properties LLC. Tract Section 22 Township 11S

Range 4W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael J. Yana. Grantee: Jimmy D. Baltzell. Tract Section 20 Township 12S

Range 1W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: David J. Crisler, Melissa J. Crisler, Karen L. Duncan. Grantee: Byford J. Miller, Stephanie N. Miller. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jorge L. Costa, Penny K. Costa. Grantee: Lana Kay Waselewski, Randall Johnston Waselewski. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed Gran Jesse L. Johns Sr., Lonnie W. Johns. Grantee: Alicia Russell. Subdivision Name: A.J. Menees Addition. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Wunderbar Woods LLC. Grantee: Brandon Shields. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Christine A. Guernsey, Edward Guernsey. Grantee: Ellen Williams. Subdivision Name: Abernathys Add. of Alto Pass. Block C.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael B. Stevens, Robyn S. Stevens. Grantee: Maria Christine Piper, Ryan Anthony Uteg. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Terry Shawn Hileman. Grantee: M. Shawn Myers, Trisha Myers. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lisa L. Tokarz. Grantee: Ronnie E. Stewart. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of

Anna. Block 4. Lot 9. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kendra Joan Edwards. Grantee: Douglas Scott Edwards. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jessica Dean, Khyle Dean. Grantee: Jama L. Eddleman. Tract Section 24 Township 12S

Range 2W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kathy Jackson. Grantee: The Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Mill Creek. Tract

Section 31 Township 13S Range 1W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeffrey O. Scherer, Lisa K. Scherer. Grantee: Jenna Webb, Tyler Joseph Webb. Tract Section 35 Township 12S

Range 2W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carla G. Holderfield, Jeremy Holderfield, Carla G. Lingle. Grantee: Levite J. Biddle. Subdivision Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of

Dongola. Lot 115. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Collin Cain. Grantee: Debra L. Ellis, Samantha K. Ellis. Tract Section 30 Township 12S

Range 2W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Melissa J. Keck, William S. Keck. Grantee: Andrew R. Johnson, Belinda R. Johnson. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeremy S. Roach, Leslie N. Roach. Grantee: Charles Ward, Kaitlyn Ward. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Gail Charles, Timothy Charles, Jacob Doss. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dana L. Dover, Karen A. Dover. Grantee: Gail Charles, Timothy Charles, Jacob Doss. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gail Charles, Timothy Charles. Grantee: Gail Charles, Timothy Charles, Jacob Doss. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Derk Allan Wright. Grantee: Sarah Page Burd, Donavan Adam Wright. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carla Harvel, Kim Harvel. Grantee: Billy Davis Jr. Subdivision Name: McIntosh Heirs Addition of Jonesboro. Lots 25, 26.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anthony Robert Bliss. Grantee: Adriana Maldonado, Emillo Miranda, Itzel G. Miranda. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Pamela Ann Miles. Grantee: Patricia Bridwell. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Phyllis Deyo. Grantee: Danis Daville. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's

Jason D. Bryant, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Joshua C. Daly, Carbondale, disregard stop sign, \$164.

Nicole D. Johnson, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Lainey R. Trout, Murphysboro, driving

Selina C. Davis, Naperville, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Gregory E. Casagrande, Spring Lake, N.J., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Devin T. Neal, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Tia C. Rogers, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above

limit, \$257. Lawrence E. Lynch, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Susan P. Rivas, Berwyn, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Christiana L. Casper, Anna, no valid registration,

Ashley E. Spalding, Berea, Ky., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Layla Alexandra Kingman, Southfield, Mich., driving 21-25 mph above limit,

Luis R. Gonzalez, Chicago Heights, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Kevin Ngo, Houston, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Edgar V. Gonzalez, Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Shane A. Casconi, Johnston City, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Harold J. Curry, Cordova, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Kimberly Nicole Guckert, Buford, Ga., driving 15-20 mph above limit,

Miguel Carmona, Cobden, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Darrell L. Mowell, Cobden, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Bryce J. Ray, Du Quoin, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Taylor N. Treat, Ashley, driving 15-20 mph above limit,

Erin C. Stambulski, Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Rebecca A. Vicory, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

LeDonn A. Smith, Carbondale, head/tail/ sidelight, \$257. Letecia Shante Giegerich, Mil-waukee, Wis., driving 15-20 mph above limit,

Dalton Bryant Woods, Cape Girardeau, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Shi Fan, Energy, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164

Chastity M. Kissiar, Alto Pass, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Ian JC Penrod, East Prairie, Mo., fail right-of-way/ intersection, \$257. Madison N. Greene, Crestwood, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Landis family reunion set

The 48th annual Landis family reunion is planned Sunday, Sept. 4.

The reunion will be at Connie Lingle's house at 1895 Lick Creek Rd., Anna.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish to share. Drinks, plates, cups and utensils will be provided.

Games and a bounce house are planned for the

More information about the reunion is available by contacting:

Connie (Landis) Sommer. 618-638-2364. csommer1978@gmail.com.

Connie (Davis) Lingle. 618-614-0052. connie62906@gmail.com.

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Hasely LeFevre played in the church nursery during the sermon at church on Sunday.



Merritt LeFevre and Hasely LeFevre (who are cousins) played in the church nursery during the sermon at church on Sunday.

The nursery staffed every other week at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church during the summer, but is open and available for all families each Sunday with the service over the intercom. Children's church is scheduled to begin Sunday, Sept. 11, for ages 3 and older. Photos provided.



Feeding the folks at the fair

The Union County Fair Board thanks Burger King, McDonald's, Sheriff Dale Foster, Ray Crain, owner of the Revlon, and Whiffle Boys for providing lunches for the volunteer workers needed to set up the many areas of the fairground. Thanks to the providers and the volunteers. Those in the picture are, from left, Corinna Henderson, Jamie Anderson, Crystal Pratt, Ciara Johnson, Connor Lopp, Niasia Lester and Rakia Earl.

New U of I program will train beginner specialty crop growers

URBANA - A new Uni- specialist in the Department versity of Illinois program will train beginner specialty crop growers in every aspect of farm operation and management.

The year-long Illinois Small Farm Apprenticeship Program offers new farmers opportunities to learn by doing and to deepen that experiential knowledge with lessons from faculty experts in soil science, pest management and more.

"Most people, when they start out, go to work for an established farmer or maybe attend a few weekend conferences," says Matt Turino, manager of the sustainable

of Crop Sciences at University of Illinois.

"But we are training people intensively for a full year to give them the complete picture of running a farm

'They'll walk away with the horticultural knowledge, business skills and people-management skills to start their own farm or become a valuable employee on an existing farm.

Turino says most similar programs at universities or farmer non-profits are much shorter, running about six months, but that leaves out important learning moments student farm and research during the so-called "off cost \$6,000 for the full year.

season."

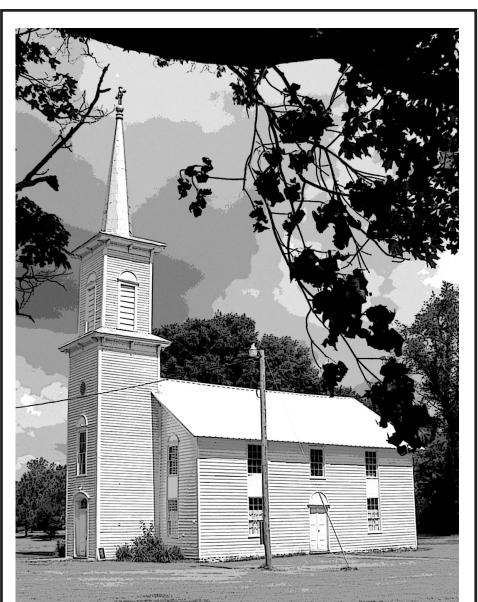
On-the-job training also tends to fall short on deepdive learning with experts in their fields.

But the Illinois Small Farm Apprenticeship Program partners with world-class U of I research faculty to round out apprentices' education on the farm.

Those who might be interested in applying for the program are asked to send a letter of interest by Oct. 15 to program director, Matt Turino at illinois-ssf@illinois.edu.

Those who apply are asked to describe their interest in the program and the skills and experience they would bring. Previous experience is not required, but is a bonus.

The program is scheduled to start Jan. 23, 2023, and will



Historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro

One of the reasons we are glad to be a part of the Union County community.

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The Gazette-Democrat plans to publish a 2022 special section, A Salute To Our Veterans, on Thursday, November 3rd.

The section, published in commemoration of Veterans Day, will honor the accomplishments of area men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces.

This special section again will honor the accomplishments of our veterans, both living and dead, and is designed as a "Keeper Section."

The section will be filled with photographs of veterans and will be highlighted with some of their heroic stories. If at all possible, please submit a copy of a photo. Please note, however, that original photographs will be kept on file and will be returned to the owner.

Veterans and their families are asked to fill out the accompanying form. The information will be used to create a biographical sketch about each veteran who is honored.

Please submit materials for "A Salute to Our Veterans" by no later than Friday, October 14th.







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Area Veterans To Be Honored

Area veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored in a special section of The Gazette-Democrat to be published in conjunction with Veterans Day. All are invited to submit pictures and information about military service to be included in the section at no charge.

To be included all you have to do is:

- 1. **Submit a picture** with your name printed on the back. Newspaper clippings and photo copies won't work. We'll take good care of your photo and return it to you. If you bring it to our office we can often copy it while you wait.
 - 2. **Provide information** about your military service using as much as you can of the form below.
- 3. Repeat last year's article and photo. You may update information or photos. You must let us know if you want last year's article repeated!

$\underline{\textbf{Current information on veteran or person submitting form}}$

Please bring or send this form with photo to: The Gazette-Democrat 112 Lafayette Street P.O. Box 529 Anna. IL 62906 You may also email photo and information to news@annanews.com **Military Service** Veteran's name Branch of service ______ Years in which you served _____ Military unit ______ Rank _____ Military job/specialty _____ Primary places of service _____ Campaigns or operations____ Awards or achievements Is veteran living or deceased?_____ Additional notes and comments:

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

Birthday Celebration

Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago is visiting his parents Gaylon and Clara Cates and to help celebrate his dad Gaylon's birthday.

Visiting Anna-Jones-

It was good to see Wanda, Beth, Cliff and Brenda Perry who were here visiting from Texas. They enjoyed seeing all their friends at Anna First Baptist Church Sunday morning where they attended for many years while living here.

Anna Union County **Fair Church Service**

Lisa Murray took her grandchildren Maeleigh, Madison and Maci to the Alliance of Churches service at the Anna Park.

American Legion Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., they will meet in the back room of the VFW in Anna. If you are a veteran or have papers for a veteran kin to you they are always welcoming new members. If it's Taco Tuesday at the VFW come early and enjoy a taco or two.

The Closet Ministries Kathy Wheaton says they

have had another great week at The Closet Ministries next to Anna Dollar Store.

They are welcoming new customers to the store as well as their regular shoppers. Getting to encourage and reaching out in prayer with some. They are looking forward to changing over into fall and winter wear.

They never charge. Everything is by what ever you feel you can give. Check out this neat store with friendly volunteers. If you have a yard sale with things left over or cleaning a closet they are always willing to take donations to help others.

Cousins

I had a wonderful hour and half phone visit with my cousin Dr. John Nathan Corbitt who was at the cabin he restored in North Carolina

Nathan wrote his newest book about From My Front Porch Restoring History, Renovating Posey Brown's Cabin from privy to barn and everything between.

This adventure started as a simple retirement project of renovating an old, worn down shack in the Appala-

chian foothills. Within the Broad River community called Riverbend near Lake Lure. His book is \$20 and can be bought on Amazon.

Anyone that still remembers his dad Rev. John Calvin Corbitt and aunt Gretchen Corbitt will remember their children and how they loved spending their summers with my aunt Lena and uncle Mark Keller in Anna.

Nathan is five years younger than me and we were always very close even when his work took him to Africa serving as missionaries for the Southern Baptist Convention. I remember he was awarded a new car for his missions in Africa.

Nathan was also president of Build A Bridge and when he retired from music consultant for all of southern Africa he and Vickie moved to Pennsylvania where he was a college professor there for several years until his full retirement.

Special Prayers

Joyce Plott reported Roger of Anna had knee replacement surgery Monday, Aug. 29, at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Honor Wreaths For Vet-

A special thanks to Paul and Brenda Sutliff for buying three Honor Wreaths for Veterans for out of town veterans. Honor Wreaths for Veterans service will be Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. Laying of the wreaths after the service.

Sympathy

To friends of Larry Bentley who went to be with our Lord Sunday, July 17.

Larry served our country in the Army and worked for the American Red Cross for over 10 years.

He loved to tell stories about owning his reptile exhibits in Central Illinois. Larry lived in Louisiana and was relocated to Anna after the bad hurricane 9 years ago.

Larry enjoyed going to

was able.

He loved animals and enjoyed feeding any stray cat that came by his home at Grayland Court at affordable living in Union County Housing in Anna even though he talked many times about missing his home in the south. He loved for his neighbors to stop by for a visit if they were out walking their dogs also.

Harold James, Lois Benson and Bob Kraatz.

Larry grew up in Springfield and his graveside service was held at Roselawn Memorial Park in Springfield.

United Methodist Church, Anna

On the 12th Sunday after Pentecost, special music was "I will Sing Praise" presented by Ava Borup. There was a special presentation by guest speaker Dan Huffman from the Gideon Metropolis Camp.

On Wednesdays, men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. Women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes will be Tuesday, Sept. 20, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Birthdays for September: 4 Angel Wiseman, 5 Linda Johnson, 8 Jason Swink, David Swink Jr., 12 Debbie Janowski, 13 Ginger Brasher, 18 Dr. Charles Sunshine Inn for dinners Halterman, Terry Riley, 22 and fellowship when he Kevin Belcher, Anthony



Cathy Ziegler had lunch at Mackie's in Marion on Friday, Aug. 26, with several retired Carterville teachers.

Wiseman, 24 Al Kamp III, 25 Earl Miller.

90th birthday celebration for Barbara Adams: On July 15, a birthday

celebration to honor Barbara Adams on her 90th birthday was held at The

Kitchen on Lafayette. Those attending were, left to right, Elizabeth James,

Betty Carter, Dr. Gary and Debbie McKibben, David and Jysele Jones, Beverly

Bolanowski, Wanda Basler, Mark Willmann, Mandy and Matt Endrizzi, Dr.

Anniversaries: Sept. 6 Boyd and Heather LaFoon, 14 Roger and Lelia Spurlock, 30 Al and Carolyn Dammann.

Anna First Baptist Church

Pastor Lupe Lopez's sermon last Sunday, titled "Judged by the Court of Public Opinion," centered in part around Luke 6:41-45 ("Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye.", Vs. 41). We are not to judge others because we are sinners ourselves. We must confess that sin and examine ourselves to see why we are so quick to judge others. Also referred

to was Luke 18: 9-14 ("For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.", Vs. 14b). We are to humble ourselves before the only one who can judge, the Lord God.

The congregation enjoyed two traditional worship songs, Holy Ground and Holy, Holy, Holy, with Jean Denny at the piano; then Brittany Lopez sang a more contemporary worship song.

Announcements included Anna First Baptist's new website, http://www.annafirst.org and an updated Facebook page.

Also, the 9 a.m. adult Sunday School will be starting a new series based on the Book of James on Sept.

The Union County 4-H Club hosted the pet parade at the Anna fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 21. Anna-Jonesboro National Bank sponsored the event by providing the premiums.

There were five categories: best trained dog, most unusual pet, smallest pet, prettiest pet and best dressed. 1st place won \$15, 2nd place earned \$10 and 3rd place was \$5.



Lisa Murray was on an afternoon walk with her grandchildren Jon, Maeleigh, Jaxon, Maci and

Madison when they stopped by for a visit with

Martha Ann Webb and got their picture made in

front of her fence artist Nick Allen painted.

Illinois State Rep. Dr. Paul Jacobs with Kevin MacDonald at The Hub Senior Health Fair for Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living. This was put on by Sen. Dale Fowler and State Rep. Dave Severin.



Sharon Dickerson and Nancy Ragain at Sharon's home at Grayland Court in Anna at Union County affordable housing. Her walls in her home have been recently painted the new grey color. The beautiful vases picture she bought belonged to dear friends Bill and Vicky Miller. If you would like to rent one of these nice homes or apartments check at the office at Hillside Terrace in Anna, Illinois.









For best trained dog, Johnson 2nd place, Alayna Chapman 3rd place and Cat Thomas in first.

Most unusual pet: 1st Anastazia Kerr, 2nd **Andrew Harvell and 3rd** Carlie Chapman.

Smallest pet: 1st Carlie Chapman, 2nd Anastazia Kerr and 3rd Andrew Harvell.

Prettiest pet:1st Angel Starfox, 2nd Carlie Chapman and 3rd Jozilyn Kerr.

Best dressed: 1st Knox Echols, 2nd **Brooklynn Shipley and** 3rd Angel Starfox.





4. All are welcome; materials will be provided.

A new addition to Sunday mornings includes a coffee social time.

Sibling Supper

Cathy Ziegler had a sibling supper last Friday night with her siblings Daryl McCoy, Joyce King and husband Don King and Corinne Steveson.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Will meet on the third Wednesday of September at 11 a.m. at Honey's Quick Stop in Ullin.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke by Peggy Jerrell will be at the VFW this Friday night. Fish dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Karaoke 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: 1 Ava Ralls, 4th Terry Clark, Dawn Holmes, Marion Stevens, 5th Greg Lacer, Jade Marks, 7th Sue Treece, Julia Williams, Ricky Williams, Taylor Rhymer.

Anniversaries: 1st Dixie and Jerry Miller 60 years, 3rd Dewayne and Velma Eaker, 4th Robert and Joy Poole, 4th Thomas and Jessi

Aug. 21 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 86. 10:30 a.m. worship 152. Small group Bible study 202.

See you at the Pole: save this date Sept. 28. Praying at the school that day around the flag pole (student led) parents can also attend and pray off school grounds but around area of schools.

Dessert fellowship and testimony time Sunday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. in the FLC.

Annual church picnic



Edgar Dangbar, Danny Gibbons and Butch Cook attended the Illinois Moose Association state convention Aug. 18-21 in St. Louis. Edgar received the Quilt of Valor recognition from District 10 while at the convention. Edgar served as a medic in Vietnam and we thank him for his service. "The mission of Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor."

Preschool department appreciation social Saturday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. in the chapel.

WMU gems meet Thursday, today, at the church.

Pastor Darryl Williams taken.

continued his sermon series: The Gospel According to Isaiah. This week: A Worship Experience based on Isaiah 53.

Our Lord's Supper was



On a recent Sunday at Anna First Baptist Church Shirley Ray, the children's director, conducted a Sunday School class.



Lou and Deb Bauer from Chesterfield, Mo., came to Anna to visit the Doug Hilemans and the Norm Bauers. They enjoyed a bit of fair food and attending the rodeo. Pictured at the fair are Beth Hileman, Deb and Lou Bauer. Seated in front are Norm and Barb Bauer.



Congratulations to Macy Adamitis who was baptized Sunday morning at Apostolic Lighthouse.



Welcome new clothing and accessories store Karma in Alto Pass at 65 N. Elm St. in Alto Pass. The owner is Kristy Davis. The store has jewelry, clothing, purses, belts and boots. Kristy is a new member of **Union County Chamber** of Commerce and **Economic Development.**



Congratulations to Joanne Dale, who has written her second book Robby Robin Finds the Missing Eighth Note, illustrated by Norma Lee Hackney.



Martha Ann Webb with Ashley Guined. Going to miss Ashley's smiling face at Anna City Hall but wish her many blessings at her new job as a kindergarden aide at Lincoln Elementery School in Anna.

Television Listings

THUR	RSDAY							5	EPTEN	IBER 1	, 2022
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW
/ PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(Live) College Football	West Virginia vs	Bang (HD)	"Furious 7"	Disney's	(5:00) "Movie"	★★★ "Like	★★★ "The Ka-	
30 :30					Pittsburgh (Live)	Bang (HD)	('15, Action) Crew protects			• , ,	rate Kid" ('84) Bullied teen
7 PM	Press Your Luck	Young		Law & Order	(HD)	Bang (HD)	self and seeks	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Friends with	aided.
:30	(HD)	Ghosts	Penn State Nittany Lions at	(HD)		Bang (HD)	revenge. (HD)			Kids" Toll of kids.	
Q PM			Purdue Boilermakers	Law & Order:		Bang (HD)					(:10) "The Ka-
O :30	(HD)			SVU		Bang (HD)		(:45) Ultra		"Something	rate Kid, Part
O PM	(:01) The Con	CSI: Vegas (HD)	(Live) (HD)	Organized Crime	SportsCenter	Bang (HD)	Race (HD)	Big City	"Movie"	Borrowed" Old crush returns.	(60, Action)
30	(HD)			(HĎ)	with Scott Van Pelt (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	i eli (Live) (I ID)	Last O.G.	"Fast & Furi-	Miraculous			★ "The Karate
:30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight]	Young	ous" ('09) Deadly convoy	Miraculous			Kid III" Danny is challenged.
T PM	Live	(HD)		(HD)	SportsCenter	Young	heist.	Jessie	"Movie"		crialierigeu.
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	(Live)	Frontal		Jessie			

FRID/	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 20													
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW			
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro- grams	Local Programs	College Football Western Michi- gan vs Michigan		(5:32) "The Fast and the Furi- ous" ('01) (HD)	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	"Eight Legged" ('02)	"Infinite Storm" ('22)			
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Secret Celebrity (HD)	Night	American Ninja Warrior "Na- tional Finals 3"	State (Live) (HD)		ous (or)(rib)	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Pacific Rim" ('13) Humanity threatened. (HD)	"National Champions"			
8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative	Blue Bloods (HD)	(Live) (HD)	lionai i inais 5			"2 Fast 2 Furi- ous" ('03) Street	Hamster &		illieatened. (IID)	strike.			
O PM	news. (HD)	Blue Bloods		Dateline NBC		"Movie"	racing. (HD)	Hamster &	"Movie"	(:13) "47 Ronin"	"Club			
30:30		(HD)	Local info.		TCU Horned Frogs at Colo-			Villains	1	('13, Action) Samurais battle.	Cumming"			
1 \cap PM	Local	Local		Local	rado Buffaloes		★★★ "Fast	Ultra		Samurais battle.	"Talladega			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show		(:35) Tonight	(Live) (HD)		Five" ('11) Ex-cop and	Raven]		Nights: Ballad" ('06) Will Ferrell.			
■ PM	Live	(HD)		(HD)		B/R Gaming	ex-con. (HD)	Raven	"Movie"	"Machine Gun"	(00) Will Fellell.			
:30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night]	(HD)		Jessie		('11)				

ATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2													
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW		
∠ PM	Studio	Local Programs	MLB Baseball	Local Programs			(5:35) "Fast_	(5:05) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"		(5:00) "Arrival"		
:30	College Football		"Regional Cov-		Utah Utes at Florida Gators		Five" ('11) For- mer cop and			('89)	('16)		
7 PM	Notre Dame Fighting Irish at	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	TBA" (Live) (HD)	America's Got	(Live) (HD)	"Movie"	ex-con team up.	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Hot Shots!"	"Red Rocket"		
:30	Ohio State			Talent "Qualifi- ers 3" (HD)						Flyboy's mis- sion.	('21) Washed up porn star. (HD)		
PM	Buckeyes (Live)	48 Hours (HD)		CIO O (IID)						31011.	pom star. (HD)		
:30	(HD)						(:35) "Furious	Hamster &	1	★★½ "Hot			
O PM		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC	Scoreboard	Christmas (HD)	7" ('15, Action)	Hamster &	"Movie"	Shots! Part	(:10) "Pleasure"		
30					College Football	1	Crew protects self and seeks	Big City	1	Deux" ('93)	('22, Drama) Adult film star.		
10 PM			Beat Shazam	Local	Boise State vs Oregon State	Christmas (HD)	revenge.	Big City	1	"The Day After	Addit IIIIII Star.		
:30	1	Local info.	(HD)	Sat. Night Live	(Live) (HD)			Miraculous	1	Tomorrow"			
PM	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sketch comedy.		Wipeout		Miraculous	"Movie"	Global warming.	City on a Hill		
:30	1						(:35) Race	Miraculous	1		(HD)		

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	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
	Conners	60 Minutes (HD)	MLS Soccer	Weakest Link	MLB Baseball	"21 Jump St."	(5:00) NASCAR	"Movie"	To Be An-	(5:20) "Solaris"	"McENROE"
:30	(:37) College		(Live)	·	San Diego Pa- dres at Los An-	('12)	Cup Series "Southern 500"	Hamster &	nounced	('02)	('22) Tennis' original bad bo
7 PM	Football Florida State Seminoles	Big Brother (HD)		Dancing with My-	geles Dodgers	Bang (HD)	(Live)	Hamster &	House of the	"Hollow Man"	original bad bo
	vs LSU Tigers		Live)	self	(Live) (HD) Bang (HD) Big City Bang (HD) Big City	Dragon	('00) The man vanishes. (HD)				
	(Live) (HD)		Burgers	America's Got]	Bang (HD)		Big City	House of the	Variisries. (HD)	The Chi (HD)
:30	1	"Pulse"	Family Guy	Talent "Qualifi- ers 4" (HD)		Bang (HD)	1	Jessie	Dragon		
O PM	1	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs	1615 4 (ND)	SportsCenter	Bang (HD)	Post Show	Jessie	House of the	(:55) "Cobra"	City on a Hill
30			Local info.		(Live)	Bang (HD)	Race 2022 sea-	Jessie	Dragon	('86) One tough	(HĎ)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs		Local Programs	SportsCenter	Love Life	son.	Big City	House of the	cop.	The Chi (HD)
:30	Local info.			Local info.	(Live) (HD)	"21 Jump	Austin	Big City	Dragon	(:23) ★★	1
PM]	Local Programs				Street" (12, Comedy)		Big City	(:15) ★★	"Setup" (11)	City on a Hill
-30	(-35) Local		Local	1	Sports	Comedy)	SVU	Big City	"Hellboy" (19)	"Hellseeker"	(HD)

MON	MONDAY SEPTEMI												
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW		
∠ PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	CFB Countdown	Young	Law & Order:	Big City	"Man of Steel"	(5:18) ★★1/2	The Chi (HD)		
:30			Local			Young	SVU	Big City	('13) Super- man's origins.	"Birth" ('04)			
7 PM	The	Neighbor.	Don't "Moms	American Ninja		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday	Big City	(HD)	Dark powers the	"The Godfa-		
:30	Bachelorette (HD)	NCIS "The Brat	Rock!"		Clemson vs Georgia Tech	Bang (HD)	Night Raw (Live)	Big City			ther" ('72) The story of a New York Mafia fam-		
Q PM	(112)				(Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(110)	Villains	Industry (HD) (:31) "Freaky" House of the ('20) Body swa	awakon.			
:30		Pack"				Bang (HD)		Ultra			ily. (R) (HD)		
O PM	(:01) Claim To	NCIS: Hawai'i		Weakest Link		Bang (HD)		Big City		('20) <i>Body swap.</i> (R)			
:30	Fame	(HD)	Local info.	(HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	Dragon	(11)			
1 ∩ PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter	Dad (HD)	Snake in the	Miraculous	(:05) Industry	(:15) "Pacific	★★½ "The		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show		(:35) Tonight	(Live)	Dad (HD)	Grass	Miraculous		Rim" ('13) Hu- manity threat-	Contractor" ('22) (HD)		
T PM	Live	(HD)	Local Programs	(HD)	SportsCenter	Burgers	Race 2022 sea-	Raven	"Bodyguard"	ened.	(22) (110)		
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	(Live)	Burgers	son.	Raven	('21) (Ř)		The Chi		

UES	DAY							9	SEPTEM	BER 6	, 2022
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	НВО	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2022 U.S. Open Tennis "Quarterfinals"	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Stuck" (HD)	Big City Big City	(:05) Hard Knocks '22	"Day After" ('04) (HD)	"The Aviary" ('22) (R)
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THURSDAY

8:00pm ABC Generation Gap "Bob Dylan Wants to Rule the World" Acclaimed actor Judd Hirsch makes a special appearance; Kelly Ripa hosts as seniors and young people compete in teams to answer trivia. (HD)

10:00pm

USA Fast & Furious ★★★ (2009, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. O'Conner and Toretto seek out the truth behind a crime committed by a common enemy, and soon they must join forces to track down a dangerous convoy heist. PG-13 TVPG (HD)

FRIDAY

7:00pm

NBC American Ninja Warrior "National Finals 3" As the National Finals come to a close in Las Vegas, the contestants move on to Stages 3 and 4 in the hopes of being crowned the champion. TVPG (HD)

9:13pm MAX 47 Ronin ★★½ (2013, Action) Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada. In the ancient battle to restore honor to their homeland, a com-mander and his lordless samural embark on a treacherous journey to avenge their master's death. PG-13 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm

MAX Hot Shots! ★★★ (1991, Comedy) Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges. A renegade pilot struggles to overcome the stigma of his father's reputation in the cockpit while competing with a rival pilot for the affections of his doctor. PG-13

8:35pm

USA Furious 7 ★★★ (2015, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. After the brother of a man killed by Toretto retaliates with violence, the crew of street racers must protect themselves while avenging one of their own. PG-13 TV14

SUNDAY

7:00pm

MAX Hollow Man ** (2000 Science Fig. tion) Elisabeth Shue, Kevin Bacon. A scientist working on an invisibility project defies orders and tries the serum on himself, reveling in his newfound power as he goes murderously

8:00pm

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SHOW The Chi "I Am the Blues" Trig makes a life-changing decision, and Kiesha and Tiff find a way to resolve their problems; Emmett supports Jada, and Douda feels the pressure

MONDAY 7:00pm SHOW The Godfather ★★★★ (1972, Crime) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino. A decorated vet eran takes over control of his family's criminal

empire from his ailing father as new threats

and old enemies conspire to destroy them. R

9:00pm

NBC Weakest Link "Who's as Sharp as a Spoon?" A podcaster, a leather worker, an anesthesiologist and five other strangers work with one another as a cohesive unit while playing a trivia game. TVPG (HD)

TUESDAY

8:00pm

ABC Generation Gap "Bob Dylan Wants to Rule the World" Acclaimed actor Judd Hirsch makes a special appearance; Kelly Ripa hosts as seniors and young people compete in teams to answer trivia. (HD)

9:00pm

CBS FBI: Most Wanted "Incendiary" A young bomber uses napalm-style devices as his weapon of choice against his targets; Jess and Sarah struggle to get used to being empty nesters. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm NBC America's Got Talent "Qualifiers 5 Re sults" Host Terry Crews and the celebrity judges look on as two acts learn the good news that they are advancing into the final round of competition. TVPG (HD)

8:01pm

Emma's plot to replace Violet ends with a sur-

prising twist. TVPG (HD)

NBC Chicago Fire "The Magnificent City of Chicago" The Firehouse 51 crew welcomes Casey back as the big wedding day arrives;

Opinion and Commentary

State fair, roundtable discussions rally groups around agriculture

By Richard Guebert Jr. Illinois Farm Bureau President

Some of my favorite memories from the Illinois State Fair go back to the years I spent in high school showing dairy cattle owned by family friends. I remember the nervous excitement and feeling of anticipation as I entered the ring, praying the Holstein I was leading would cooperate.

Flash forward to the 2022 fair and I've now become a spectator in the stands, watching youth exhibitors show in the same arena I had when I was their age. I'm reminded of how special the experience is for those in the show ring and for the friends and families cheering them on from the sidelines.

I'm also reminded of the many ways agriculture brings

Agriculture Celebrations at State Fair

Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair is an annual event that brings together some of the best and brightest in the farm and food sectors. This year's celebration took place on Aug. 16 and included events to help connect people living in suburban and urban areas to where their food comes from.

From the Master Showmanship Contest and other youth livestock shows, to fresh produce sold by the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and pork chop or brisket sandwiches offered in the commodity pavilion, agriculture was literally around every corner and on every table.

In addition to fairgoer activities, commodity group leaders also had the chance to work collaboratively on issues that affect rural communities. I was proud to see so many farmers meeting with elected officials and representatives from universities and government entities to talk about programs that can benefit Illinois agriculture.

Workshopping the 2023 Farm Bill

Illinois farmers and other ag business leaders at the Illinois State Fair had a unique opportunity to participate in a farm bill discussion this year. The panel discussion, hosted by Congresswoman Cheri Bustos and Illinois State Sen. Patrick Joyce, allowed us to talk about pressing concerns facing agriculture ahead of the 2023 farm bill, which lawmakers have already begun working on.

As a speaker on the panel, the main points I shared are areas of concern Illinois farmers have expressed to me in the past.

The first is the need to protect crop insurance as an essential risk-management tool in farmers' toolboxes. The second is the need to maintain voluntary conservation efforts, rather than imposing mandates on farmers who are already doing their best to preserve farmland for the next generation.

My hope is that as this next farm bill is written, we will see overwhelming support from both sides of the political aisle. Bipartisan support for legislation like this can bring people together over issues that impact us all, from commodity prices to supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

Building on State Fair Conversations

Just eight days after Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair, more than 100 ag industry leaders met to conduct the Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable, IALR, Candidate Forum in rural Lexington. Candidates for Illinois governor and U.S. Senate talked about issues they would

The IALR does not endorse statewide candidates, nor does Illinois Farm Bureau, so this candidate forum offered an excellent venue to hear from candidates about their plans for supporting Illinois agriculture.

Discussion topics included 2023 farm bill priorities, along with issues facing the general farm economy, livestock sector and biofuels industry. Candidates also addressed transportation and infrastructure projects needed in rural areas. To watch each candidate's presentation at the roundtable forum, visit farmweeknow.com/vote2022.

As the November election approaches, I urge Illinois residents to learn more about candidates running for office and take into consideration the tremendous commitment public officials make to serving constituents with a broad range of expectations.

While recent discussions between farmers, ag leaders and elected officials is important, there is still a lot of work to do. But one thing is certain – agriculture will continue to bring people together to find common solutions.

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A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, August 31, 1972

vice office.

The 92nd annual Union County Fair came to a close Saturday evening, Aug. 26, with more than 1,000 persons attending the tractor pull in the evening event. A large crowd remained to enjoy the Grand Monarch shows on the midway.

The Youth Building at the Anna City Park was dedicated Friday morning, Aug. 25, during the Union County Fair with ribbon cutting ceremonies at 11 a.m. The principal speaker at the dedication services was Gordon Ropp,

Director of Agriculture for the State of Illinois. Thunderstorms continued to plague the Union County area through most of the period of the Union County Fair

The preliminary figures submitted by the various school districts in Union County indicate there may be a slight increase in the number of students enrolled for the 1972-

1973 year. Two Union Countians were inducted into the Armed Forces August 17, according to the local Selective Ser-

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Getting stink eye from unhappy raccoon...

Nothing ever happens around here...

Excuse me for just a moment...

I sat down a few minutes ago to craft this week's masterpiece...and managed to get a sentence or two out of the way when I heard a clatter out on the front porch...

With flashlight in hand, I looked out the "front" door, which is really on the side of the house...but that's another

Hmmm...what I saw definitely did not look like the 'outdoor" cat which The Other Half befriended early in the pandemic. She calls her feline friend Momma Kitty.

Momma Kitty likes to eat. So we put food, and water, out for her. Probably might not be considered the wisest thing to do, but The Other Half has a very big heart. So, Momma Kitty gets to keep her belly full.

Some other critters like the "cat" food on the front porch, too. Two of them showed up Monday evening while this little gem was being composed.

The critters looked suspiciously like raccoons. Perhaps that is because they were raccoons. They were enjoying

I opened the front/side door, with the idea that the noise might send the raccoons on their way. Goal achieved. Sort of. The raccoons moved off the porch...then they stopped... turned around...and looked at me. One even attempted to climb back up on the porch.

I made more noise. I am pretty sure that the raccoon which was attempting to return to the porch gave me the stink eye. I don't know if I'd ever been given a stink eye by a raccoon. Oh, well, it was Monday...

Let's see...where was I?

Nothing ever happens around here...

That frequently heard observation filtered through the dust between my ears last Saturday morning after a journey to the big city for what proved to be an unsuccessful attempt to acquire some more "insulation" for our

"Insulation," in this case, is how we refer to the rather large number of pre-read and pre-owned books which occupy a fair amount of our space.

When it comes to used books, I'm afraid your writer is a bit like a moth drawn to a bright light. To be honest, we don't "need" any more books. Just like a person does not 'need" one more square in that chocolate bar.

Anyway, I like to go to used book sales. I often visit used book sales at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. And, until that little pandemic thing that has been going around, I also liked to go to used book sales at the Carbondale Public Library. (Actually, the sale takes place in





Saw the bear...at the fair...and the deer over there (next to Anna City Hall)...

a building next to the library.)

A book sale was scheduled last Saturday at the library in Carbondale, so I made plans to go. Got my Saturday morning chores done and then headed north.

As I got closer to the library, I noticed the street had been blocked off. Emergency services vehicles were parked along the street...with their lights flashing. What appeared to be smoke was rising over the neighborhood where the library is located.

I turned and drove down the street, about a block away from the library. That was when I caught a brief glimpse of water pouring from a hose atop a fire department's ladder truck.

I determined that under the circumstances, the book sale would just have to wait. The folks who work to fight fires don't need any more traffic around. It turned out there was a fire...in two houses right across the street from the library.

I headed back home, driving south along new Route 51. At one point, I was in a rather lengthy line of traffic. A minivan passed me. I glanced in the rearview mirror. A small black car of some sort quickly filled the mirror... and it passed me, too.

Then, after passing me on the left, the car, which I am guessing was traveling at a speed just below the speed of sound, zoomed around the previously mentioned minivan. No big deal...except that the car passed the minivan on the shoulder on the right side of the highway. I hadn't seen that happen before. Then again, I'd never had a raccoon give me a stink eye...

Excuse me...again...they're back out on the porch... Nah...nothing ever happens around here...

Ag Legislative Roundtable hosts candidates

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com

LEXINGTON – The candidates for Illinois governor faced questioning about their agriculture-related policies

Wednesday, Aug. 24, in an outbuilding on a McLean County farm.

Gov. JB Pritzker's message was one of optimism, billing himself as the state's "chief marketer." His challenger, state Sen. Darren Bailey, a Republican

from Xenia, told the room full of farmers that Illinois was in a "dire situation" that needed the "grit of a farmer" to rectify it.

The Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable, put together by a coalition of more than 100 of the state's agriculture stakeholders, took place at Schuler Farms in rural Lexington.

The event was moderated by Illinois Farm Bureau president Richard Guebert Jr.

Pritzker highlighted his administration's wide-ranging infrastructure bill, defended his signature on a massive decarbonization bill and highlighted the progress toward fiscal stability the state has seen in his time in office.

Bailey, meanwhile, sought to discredit the state's fiscal progress, dismissed the energy bill as a collection of 'virtue signals" and said Illinois was starting to look like Baghdad.

The last comment came in reference to the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, signed into law by Pritzker last year, which aims to put 1 million electric vehicles on state roads by 2030 and take carbon-emitting energy generators offline in the state by 2045.

The law seeks to accomplish that by massive ratepayer subsidies for renewable and nuclear energy and forced closure of fossil fuel plants over the next two decades.

Bailey said that law has led to a threat of brownouts in areas of downstate Illinois that are part of the MISO regional transmission organization that purchases energy capacity for 15 states.

MISO representatives, however, testified at a committee hearing earlier this year that the early retirement of out-of-state fossil fuel plants, not the passage of CEJA, led to higher downstate energy prices and warnings of potential brownouts.

"JB Pritzker's energy policies are a little more than impractical virtue signals and cannot succeed with the speed of his promises," he said. "We all want a clear plan, but JB has bet the farm, he's bet our farms, and he's thrown snake eyes every time."

Pritzker pointed the finger for higher downstate energy prices at MISO.

"MISO has fallen down on the job," he said. "That's why Illinois had to pick up the pace in solar and wind and make sure that we're producing more energy, not less. That is what the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act does. It helps us produce more energy."

It was also in relation to the energy bill that Pritzker accused Bailey of lying to members of the forum about one of the provisions in the bill that the Illinois Farm Bureau had hotly contested.

The point of contention had to do with eminent domain, a process that allows governments to procure private property while giving the property owner little power other than to negotiate a price.

While the climate bill was ultimately stripped of provisions that would have given counties the power to invoke eminent domain for wind and solar projects, the final bill did include a provision that allows a private transmission line to invoke the authority in seven counties.

Democratic lawmakers at the time said the language, included on page 673 of the public act, applies to the Grain Belt Express, a transmission line owned by the private company Invenergy.

The language in the bill states that a project of Grain Belt's magnitude "shall be deemed" a public use line, giving the company the ability to invoke eminent domain

The counties named in the bill are Pike, Scott, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland and Clark.

While Bailey said he believed the bill forced coal and natural gas offline too early, the eminent domain provision was enough for him to vote against it.

Pritzker, in his discussion at the forum, incorrectly claimed any eminent domain language was stricken from the bill. Asked by a reporter after the forum about the Grain Belt Express provision, Pritzker said he was "talking about eminent domain broadly."

"What I heard was eminent domain, and that really got taken out of the CEJA at the very last day," he said.

Invenergy, meanwhile, has held town halls and said eminent domain would be a last resort with the vast majority of their interactions with property owners ending amicably.

While the energy bill was a major topic of conversation, candidates also discussed a number of other issues, from agriculture subsidies to broadband availability in rural areas to infrastructure.

Pritzker continued to tout the \$45 billion capital infrastructure bill that includes money for broadband infrastructure and all modes of transportation. It's a program Bailey opposed while in the General Assembly.

'We're going to be building our roads and our bridges, and our airports, and our ports all across the state of Illinois so you can more easily get your goods to market across the board," Pritzker said. "Take note that the majority of the dollars that we're putting into infrastructure are invested downstate."

Bailey, meanwhile, continued to assert that state finances can be improved with "zero-based budgeting," a concept of justifying every dollar spent up front rather than carrying over costs from a previous budget year.

He said he'd fill government agencies with businesspeople.

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