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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

A ribbon cutting is being planned for the new Shawnee School District veterans memorial. The ceremony is being planned for the week of Veterans Day.

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A major construction project is progressing at Lincoln Elementary School in Anna.

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Entries are being accepted for the 2017 Cobden Peach Festival parade. The parade is planned Saturday afternoon, Aug. 5, in Cobden. The theme is "Summer of the Eclipse." Entry forms are available at Cobden Village Hall.

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Members of the Cobden Women's Club plan to make their annual "cobbler calls" during July. Folks will be asked to provide cobblers for the Cobden Peach Festival.

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A male bluebird was doing a bit of a balancing act when this image was captured recently in Union County.

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Shawnee's new president excited about job



Dr. Peggy Bradford

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

Dr. Peggy Bradford is returning to her roots in Southern Illinois as the new president of Shawnee Community College.

The search for a new president took place after the retirement announcement of former SCC president, Tim Bellamy.

Bradford was raised in the small town of Pulaski and graduated from Meridian High School in Mounds. There, she was a cheerleader and played trumpet in the band, also playing with local group Soul Phonics, who performed at proms and prisons for the holidays.

She also was involved in Beta Club and was an escrow student, taking college level courses while still in high school.

She said that since coming back to the area, several of her teachers, who still live in the area, have reached out to her to wish her well.

Bradford is a Shawnee College alumna, graduating with an associate of arts degree.

While a student at Shawnee, she worked at the student newspaper and was a student worker. She said she liked the small classes and could interact with the instructors while getting to know them and they got to know her.

Bradford said that she sees Shawnee Community College as a "jewel," adding that "students and families need to rediscover this in our district."

Bradford earned her Ed.D. in higher education administration from Northern Illinois University, a juris doctorate degree in corporate and business planning law from the University of Iowa College of Law, a master of science degree in administration and community development from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and bachelor of science degree in counseling and administration from SIUC.

Both of her parents were elementary school teachers and education was very important to them. She and three other siblings graduated from Shawnee Community College.

Bradford previously served as the provost and vice president of academic affairs at State University of New York Westchester Community College in Valhalla, N.Y.

Bradford said she's excited to come back to Southern Illinois, since much of her family still resides here. Bradford visited the area frequently while she lived elsewhere.

During her visits, Bradford said that she has noticed a critical change in the area.

"Over the years, I've seen such a decline in the area in terms of boarded up buildings," she said.

Bradford said while talking to some of the young students about their hopes and dreams, some of them said "I'm from Southern Illinois, I'll probably just end up staying here."

"They aren't understanding that there's a whole wealth of possibilities within Southern Illinois. It shouldn't be 'I'm stuck in Southern Illinois,' it should be that 'we are excited about being from Southern Illinois,'" she said.

Bradford said some things about the area have remained the same, including a sense that students who earn associate degrees should be encouraged to continue their education to earn a bachelor's degree.

Another shared goal is having training and education available so that people can go directly into the workforce.

Bradford said she's also seen a different picture when it comes to the kinds, and numbers, of jobs which are available in the area.

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Local officials making plans for solar eclipse

By Amber Filbeck

On Thursday, June 29, representatives of a number of emergency service organizations in Union County came together to devise a plan for the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse and providing their services to all of the visitors expected to appear for the event.

Transport and housing of patients and communication between emergency services appeared to be key issues which were discussed at the meeting, which was held at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Union County has been designated as one of the longest points of duration along the eclipse's path of totality, meaning that total darkness is expected to occur longer here than almost anywhere else in the United States.

NASA's website indicated that the greatest length of duration will fall over Blue Sky Vineyard in rural Makanda, where researchers have estimated darkness will last for approximately 2 minutes and 41 seconds. Four thousand people are expected to view the eclipse at this location.

Because an event of this kind and importance has not previously been seen in Southern Illinois, organizers of emergency services are not sure what to expect.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said "some of the meetings that I have attended have given a range of 30,000 to 325,000 people" who could come to the area, which he said included Union, Jackson and Williamson counties.

At last Thursday's meeting, representatives from the Union County Ambulance Service, Southern Seven Health Department, Union County Hospital, Union County 911, the Union County Sheriff's Office, the Union County Board of Commissioners and the Union County Emergency Services Disaster Agency were present, among others.

A decision was made to distribute tents for nurses stations to be set up throughout the county during the week prior to the eclipse.

Discussion took place on how to care for any mental health patients who might need care.

Kim Honey, a licensed clinical social worker with Union County Counseling, shared concerns about emergency room space.

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Major project underway at Anna City Park

Construction of a new concessions/restroom building is underway as part of a major improvement project at the Anna City Park in Anna. Wissinger Construction of Cairo is the general contractor for the project; local subcontractors also have been working on the project. The building project is slated to be completed by Aug. 1. Resurfacing and recoloring of tennis and basketball courts at the park also have been done as part of the improvement project. E.T. Simonds Construction Company of Carbondale is the general contractor for the play courts project. The cost of the improvements is just over $300,000, with municipal and state grant funds paying for the work.



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New college president

Dr. Peggy Bradford stands in front of the entrance to Shawnee Community College's main campus near Ullin. Bradford is the college's new president. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

New Shawnee president

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"I'm seeing that the population is declining and that those jobs have moved on, and so there's a different type of training and education that we need to do to be able to reach out and connect more with the community," she said.

Bradford said that when she saw the changes, like graduation rates and the number of students who were continuing their education at Shawnee, "I felt like, this is an area I love. This is where my family is from. I've been fortunate to pick up experiences in other areas. The timing was right. It fell into place."

Since coming back to Southern Illinois, Bradford has been very busy trying to reconnect with different institutions in the area and meeting people in the community.

Bradford said that she is "trying to learn what the needs are. What are some of the dreams, the aspirations," she said.

The new Shawnee Community College president said she also is "trying to learn about the situation in Cairo. People have reached out because the college has a center there and a presence and we are looking to see how we can best serve their community."

Hundreds of families in Cairo have been displaced as the result of the closing of public housing facilities in the area. Some families are being forced to move out of the area, due to the lack of affordable housing.

Bradford said the college is looking at several buildings in the Cairo area which potentially could be utilized to offer adult basic education courses, training and regular college level courses.

"We need to locate an appropriate site that would be centrally located in Cairo where the individuals can come and participate," Bradford said.

As the new president of Shawnee Community College, Bradford said that one of her goals is to listen to the community, students and staff to figure out what it is that they would like to see in their community college.

"It should be a place where the community comes for their training and education – and they think of it as number one – and it should be a resource for everybody within all the counties in our district to see as a place for events and always a place of education and refuge," she said.

Bradford said she would like to see student enrollment grow. She would like to see high school students graduating with their high school diploma and an associate degree or one year certificate.

"I'd like to see the college be utilized more by the community and business leaders. This is a great place to hold their training, business and social events," she said.

She also wants the college to be an advocate for the surrounding communities. She said the college can be a resource to help to teach people in area communities about how to advocate and address some of the social, political and economic issues they face.

"I'm excited to be here. I really enjoy the college. There are a lot of wonderful employees here." Bradford said.

Shawnee Community College is planning to celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sept. 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the main campus in Ullin.

The new president's inauguration is scheduled Oct. 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agreements help county to keep costs down for taxpayers

While it is often assumed that vendor expenses will always go up over time, the Union County Board of Commissioners and chief information officer Rollie Hawk say they remain dedicated to keeping costs down for taxpayers.

In a pair of recently signed agreements, Union County has secured significant savings for the next few years, Hawk said in a news release.

The first, a one-year agreement for electricity, will save the county more than $5,000 over the next calendar year, county officials estimated.

The agreement with energy supplier AEP was selected after a public bid process, the second year the county has engaged in such a process for electricity.

"Keeping our options open has really paid off," Hawk stated.

"AEP was able to slightly edge out our current energy provider on pricing so the commissioners elected to make a switch.

"If energy usage stays the same as the last twelve months, this will result in savings of $5,551 over the next year. This agreement will cover all county facilities, which really helps when trying to lock in a good price."

The second agreement deals with telephone and internet services and will expand the role of carrier NewWave in the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro for the next three years.

The result is not only cost savings, but improved service quality, Hawk said.

"We were looking to improve our internet speeds in the courthouse," Hawk said.

"There's more and more we do that involves transferring large files. Plus, we anticipate the need to do more bandwidth intensive things like video conferencing in the next few years.

"Moving up to a 100 megabit connection is going to help us to do that. The fact that we were able to do this for $100 per month less than we're currently spending made that an easy decision to make."

Additionally, the NewWave agreement will cover most of the telephone services for the courthouse.

"The telephone service portion of the agreement will save us around $600 per month," Hawk said.

"In addition to lower base fees, we'll get unlimited calling within the 618 area code. That will result in much more predictable costs."

Hawk said he considers the agreements to be the result of several years of working towards improved vendor relationships.

"We have a lot more options available to us in terms of energy and communications than we had in the past.

"That opens up opportunities to keep working toward better pricing and services if you let market principles work. We're looking at close to $14,000 in savings over the next year thanks to these agreements."

Planning for eclipse

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Skilled nursing centers and Rural Health were put forth as suggestions, but there were no simple answers. Every medical location is held by licensing and state requirements.

Another issue brought up is the transportation of patients from nurses stations to a treatment facility.

"We're not even going to be available for transport," Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel said.

"Union County Sheriff's Office will be busy," Honey said, and Sheriff Harvel agreed.

"It's a very big possibility that there's a large number of these situations," Danny Hartline, Union County Commissioner, said, referring to mental health and substance abuse patients. "It's all going to hit at one time."

The group discussed the importance of having working phones and cell service so that communication will be possible between and within organizations.

"I don't know that the networks can handle this," Harvel said.

Plans were discussed to install fire ground repeaters to keep emergency lines open. Plans were also made to install signal boosters at ER locations.

Harvel shared his aim for traffic control. "All my guys will be spread out east to west."

When asked about additional assistance from the Illinois State Police, Harvel explained "all we will have is four to five troopers for the whole district." The district encompasses much of the southern tip of Illinois.

A common concern is that drivers will be on a major roadway when the eclipse begins and that confusion and the spectacle will lead to traffic congestion or accidents. One major accident could be a big concern.

Representatives of the various agencies in attendance at last week's meeting in Anna asked that the community prepare for the extra arrivals during the eclipse weekend by buying groceries beforehand, getting cash early and having pairs of eclipse glasses to view the event.

The group is planning to meet again in July and August to create a firm schedule for the eclipse and the days surrounding the event.

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A 5K run and 1-mile fun run are planned Aug. 5 as part of the Cobden Peach Festival.

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The Egyptian Area Agency on Aging reports that starting July 12, it will be distributing coupons which can be used at area farmers markets, including the market in Anna.

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A previously released calendar showed that Union County 4-H will be busy on July 8.

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A program about the upcoming total solar eclipse is planned Saturday afternoon, July 22, at the visitors center at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

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The local Rising Up for Change Coalition welcomed University of Illinois Extension representatives Jody Johnson and Mandy Huckleberry at its June meeting.

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University of Illinois Extension plans to host a fruit and vegetable field day event Aug. 7. The field day is planned at the Jackson County Extension office in Murphysboro.

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The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center has a number of events on the calendar during July.

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The Friends of Stinson Library Library are conducting a 2107-2018 membership drive. The Friends plan to have their annual meeting Monday morning, July 10, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

On July 4, 1778, Virginian George Rogers Clark and about 175 men defeated the British at Kaskaskia. Illinois subsequently was organized as a county of Virginia.

State police highlight activities

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a monthly activity report for May.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The following statistics were included in the report:

District 22 officers responded to 90 calls for service.

Officers issued 810 citations and 605 written warnings.

Seven motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 29 crashes, including two with fatalities.

A total of 225 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 18 inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 100 motorists on the side of the road were assisted.

Officers made 22 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as "Fatal Four" violations: DUI, seven. Speeding, 351. Occupant restraint, 209. Distracted driving, 54.

The District 22 safety education officer made seven presentations. The presentations were attended by 108 persons, including students, school staff members, parents and residents.

District 22 reminds motorists who travel on area highways about Scott's Law, "The Move Over Law."

The law requires motorists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper?

What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

The local newspaper is a basic institution in any community, like the post office, the schools and the churches.

The local community newspaper, whether it be a 2,000 circulation weekly or a 50,000 circulation daily, serves to keep people connected to their community, by telling them what's happening with their neighbors, as well as the institution serving the community.

The publication of obituaries, birth announcements, weddings and other significant events in our lives remind us of poet John Donne's words, "no man is an island."

Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.

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DAR chapter honors area students for achievements in history essay project

The Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has honored area students for their achievements in history.

The students competed in the annual DAR history essay project earlier this year.

The chapter's chairperson for the project was regent Juanita Broyles.

Students from the Union County area who received certificates of recognition as outstanding history students included:

Ava Vasicek, 5th grade, Anna Junior High School.

Bryce Henry, 7th grade, Anna Junior High School.

Kimberly Williams, 8th grade, Anna Junior High School.

Blake Herren, 5th grade, Dongola School.

Mackenzie Kelley, 6th grade, Dongola School.

Madison Delgadillo, 7th grade, Dongola School.

Emily Aldrich, 8th grade, Dongola School.

Torie Ralls, 5th grade, Jonesboro School.

Lily Baker, 6th grade, Jonesboro School.

Chloe McFarland, 7th grade, Jonesboro School.

Conner Hallam, 8th grade, Jonesboro School.

Matti Houseman, 5th grade, Lick Creek School.

Louis Van Muylder, 6th grade, Lick Creek School.

Will Smiley, 7th grade, Lick Creek School.

Eli Cripps, 8th grade, Lick Creek School.

Mathew Porter, 5th grade, Shawnee School, Wolf Lake.

Dustin Barnes, 6th grade, Shawnee School.

Cat Poynor, 7th grade, Shawnee School.

Austin Heise, 8th grade, Shawnee School.

River to River Yard Sale set in Southernmost Illinois

The second River to River Yard Sale is planned July 6-9 in Southernmost Illinois.

The River to River Yard Sale is scheduled to follow Illinois Route 146 from East Cape Girardeau to Cave-In-Rock.

Residents along this route are invited to clean out attics, basements, closets and storage sheds and offer items they would like to sell. Community-wide yard sales are being planned all along the route.

The organizers suggested that for those who want to have a yard sale, "the best thing to do is contact property owners directly who live along Highway 146."

To learn where yard sales can be set up, contact Julie Ames at 618-697-2435, email jjames101202@hotmail.com or find the event on Facebook.

Organizers said there is no cost to attend the yard sales.

They said to bring cash, because many of those having yard sales will not accept personal checks and aren't set up to take debit or credit cards.

'Sister Act' to be staged

"Sister Act" is scheduled to be performed July 7-16 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's McLeod Summer Playhouse.

Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays' and 2 p.m. Sundays in McLeod Theater.

The theater is located in the Communications Building on the SIU campus.

For ticket information, visit playhouse.siu.edu or called 618-453-6000.

Helping PAWS

Seranna Cross plans to have a lemonade stand at the PAWS 2nd Hand Resale Store in Anna on Saturday, July 8.

She plans to have regular lemonade, black cherry lemonade, popcorn, and dog and cat treats. Proceeds will help to support PAWS.

When the American Revolution began in April 1775, the British controlled the Illinois Territory.



Stinson Memorial Library summer reading program

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is hosting its annual summer reading program for children of preschool age through the 8th grade. The theme this year is Build a Better World. Stinson s children s librarian, Beth Sisler, read Big Bear Hug, a book about caring for trees, during the preschool and kindergarten session on Wednesday, June 28, and then showed the children how to make sponge houses that will grow plants. Photo by Amber Filbeck.

Union County Fair Queen, Little Miss, Junior Miss Fair Queen

Pageant seeks contestants

Contestants are being sought for the 2017 Union County Fair Queen, Little Miss and Junior Miss Fair Queen pageant.

The pageant is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at the fair, which will be at the Anna City Park in Anna.

Union County Fair Queen Pageant

Pageant organizers said that contestants for county fair queen must be 16 years of age by Aug. 20, 2017, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2018.

Contestants must have never been married, have never had a child and cannot be an adoptive parent.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County or have attended or graduated from a Union County school, and are not competing in another county fair queen pageant in 2017, or have been a former queen of county fair.

Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges.

Contestants will appear in casual attire, a one-piece swimsuit, and an evening gown, and will give a one minute speech and will answer an on-stage question.

Applications are available now from superintendent Mike Meisenheimer at his office at Country Financial Insurance in Jonesboro; by calling or texting Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 and requesting an application; or by going online to www.unioncountyfair.net, going to the Miss Union County Fair tab and downloading the application from there.

A schedule of practice days and times appear with the application.

Each contestant will require a sponsor. The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 6. No late entries will be accepted after Aug. 6.

A meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Union County Fair Board office. The office is located at the Anna City Park.

Applications and entry/sponsor fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Also, contestants are asked to come "picture ready." Tiffany Dillow Photography will be taking a group photo for local papers, and head shots for the pageant program and judges' books.

For more information, contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Little Miss, Junior Miss Fair Queen

Little Miss contestants must be 10-12 years of age, and Junior Miss contestants must be 13-15 years of age by Aug. 20, 2017.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County and attend a Union County school.

If contestants attend a private school outside of Union County, they must provide proof of registration with their application.

Applications are available now from superintendent Mike Meisenheimer at his office at Country Financial Insurance in Jonesboro; by calling Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 and requesting an application; or by going online to www.unioncountyfair.net, going to the Little Miss and Junior Miss Union County Fair tab and downloading the application from there.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the pageant application.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 6. No late entries will be accepted after the deadline.

A meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Union County Fair Board office for Little Miss and Junior Miss contestants. All applications and entry fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Also, contestants are asked to come "picture ready" please. Tiffany Dillow Photography will be taking a group photo for local papers, and head shots will be taken for the pageant program book.

For more information, contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Weather

High of 95 degrees

Recent weather in Union County has been hot and humid, with occasional rain.

The high temperature climbed to 95 degrees during the period from June 20 through July 2 in Union County.

Rainfall for the period included .32 of an inch of rain on June 22 and 1.01 inches on June 23.

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

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Tuesday, June 20	95	62
Wednesday, June 21	93	63
Thursday, June 22	83	70
Friday, June 23	86	66
Saturday, June 24	81	60
Sunday, June 25	85	52
Monday, June 26	82	58
Tuesday, June 27	87	56
Wednesday, June 28	88	57
Thursday, June 29	91	66
Friday, June 30	89	67
Saturday, July 1	89	66
Sunday, July 2	92	63

June Weather

Weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following statistics for June in Jonesboro:

The high temperature for the month was 96 degrees, which was recorded June 13. The average high was 88.

The low for the month was 52, which was recorded June 8. The average low was 63.

During the month, precipitation totalled 3.39 inches of rain.

The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded both on June 18 and June 23; each day had 1.01 inches.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of June totalled 32.63 inches.

Jonesboro Library plans story hour

Jonesboro Public Library is planning to host a story hour program on Tuesdays in July and August.

Story hours are set for 2 p.m. on July 11, 18 and 25 and Aug. 1.

The library is located at 412 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. For more information, call 833-8121.

Robert Phillippe, Scholarship Winner



Anna-Jonesboro National Bank is a member of Community Bankers Association of Illinois and participates as a sponsor of the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking scholarship program which awards $23,000 in prize money throughout the state. We are proud to announce that Robert Phillippe, a 2017 graduate of Cobden Community High School was a second place scholarship winner for his essay on community banking and its role in the local economy. Congratulations Robert and best of luck as you continue your education.

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Shawnee School students of the quarter

Shawnee School District No. 84 has recognized its most recent students of the quarter. Students recognized for the fourth quarter were honored at a Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education meeting which was held on June 20. Students were recognized for their academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. They received a certificate and $25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. From left are Raelynn Barnes, 8th grade; Austin Gore, 6th grade; board of education president Tim Qualls; Kayman Ford 5th grade; and Jordan Pendexter, 9th grade. Keaton Carmack, 2nd grade, and Evan Golliher, 11th grade, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.



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SPORTS

Union County summer softball, baseball highlights

The 2017 Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association season is wrapping up. The accompanying pictures feature some of the highlights from the season. Photos provided.



10U: Dozers, first place.



12U: State Farm Owls, second place.



12U: Twisters, first place.



8U: Flame Throwers, second place.



Second year T-ball: Burris Taxidermy, first place.



10U: Xplosion, second place.



First year T-ball: Cook Crushers, second place.



Second year T-ball: PhotoBombers, second place.



First year T-ball: Little Cruisers, first place.



8U: Dazzling Dare Devils, first place.



Coach honored

At the end of the 2017 spring soccer season, Jake Basler, left, presented a plaque of appreciation to coach Bobby Stone in recognition of Stone's 20 years of dedicated service to the Union County Soccer League. Basler is the league's president. Photo provided.

Kelli Wood receives award for building client relationships

Kelli R. Wood of the financial services firm Edward Jones recently won the firm's Ed Armstrong Award.

Wood was honored for her exceptional achievement in building client relationships. Her office is in Jonesboro.

The award is named after Ed Armstrong, who built a successful branch office and has contributed to his community of Grand Island, Neb., since 1977.

"Kelli's success hinges on her ability to know and understand the financial needs and goals of her clients, long-term individual investors," said Jim Weddle, the firm's managing partner, in a news release.

"Our clients most appreciate recommendations tailored to their situations and the high level of personal service Kelli provides."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Edward Jones has its headquarters in St. Louis.

Cobden falls to Steeleville in Legion baseball game

The Cobden American Legion baseball team lost 9-0 to visiting Steeleville Tuesday, June 27.

Cobden, which was held to six hits to go with five errors, stranded five base runners.

Chandler West was 2-for-3 to lead Cobden at the plate.

Clayton Flamm was 1-for-2. Josh Burgess, Cody Wieseman and Alex Ramsey were each 1-for-3.

West, Burgess and Wieseman pitched in the loss. West pitched 4 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 5 strikeouts. Burgess pitched 2 innings and allowed two hits to go with no walks or strikeouts. Wieseman pitched an inning and allowed 4 hits to go with no walks or strikeouts.

Cobden, 5-4, is scheduled to play at home Thursday, today, against Carrier Mills.

The 25th District tournament is scheduled to begin Thursday, July 13. The tournament schedule will be announced later this week.

Senior golf event played

The Egyptian Senior Golf Association competed at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, June 29.

The low gross score was won by Bob Hite. A tie for second went to Danny McClellan and Phil Meyer. Third place was won by Loren Taylor and fourth place by Jerry Beasley.

Dwight Lehr won the low net score, followed by Dale Morris, Dan Cogdill, Bob Hite, Ted James and Dale Morris.

Don Rea won closest to pin on hole No. 3, followed by Daven Henson on No. 6, Ted James on No. 11 and Bob Hite on No. 15.

Spalt has 2 hits in Legion play

Logan Spalt was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs at the plate in the Carbondale American Legion baseball team's 7-6 loss to host Marion Friday, June 30.

Spalt, one of three Carbondale pitchers, worked three innings and retired nine consecutive batters.

Spalt is a former Cobden High School baseball player.

Logan plans baseball showcase

The baseball program at John A. Logan College in Carterville plans to host its annual summer showcase on Wednesday, July 12.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. on that day and workouts begin at 11 a.m.

The showcase will feature a professional style workout which will feature 60-yard sprints, correct fielding in both the infield/outfield, batting practice and bullpen sessions.

In the last five years, more than 15 players who have attended the showcase earned scholarships with John A. Logan baseball.

More than 30 other participants have earned scholarships to play at college baseball programs.

For more information, or to register for the showcase, visit www.jalc.edu/athletics/baseball.

Family fishing program set

A free family fishing program is underway this summer at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources program is geared toward young people who are 5 to 12 years of age.

The program will cover the basics of fishing. All supplies will be provided, including poles and bait.

Programs are scheduled on the following Fridays: July 7, July 14, July 21 and July 28. Hours are from 10 a.m. to noon each day.

For more information or to register for the program, call the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Guided hikes set

Leisurely guided hikes are planned each Saturday during July at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Hikes are scheduled at 10 a.m. on the 1-mile-long Giant City Nature Trail.

The hikes will be on what is described as a moderate trail and are expected to take about an hour to an hour and a half to complete.

For more information about the hikes, contract the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Scramble results

The four-man team of Eric Hoffman, Robby Kendrick, John Krumrey and Rick Williams won the men's golf scramble at the Union County Country Club in Anna Wednesday, June 28.

Second place was won by the team of Matt Lang, Dan Smith, Mark Willman and Rob Wright.

The team of Lee Danhour, Richard Parks and Lonnie Rogers won third.

Conrad Sitter descendants celebrate 200 years of history

Descendants of Conrad Sitter assembled at the Anna Arts Center in Anna on Saturday, June 24, to celebrate 200 years of their Union County pioneer history.

William Craiglow, the father of Conrad's wife Elizabeth and great, times 2, 3 or 4 grandfather to attending Sitter descendants, settled in Union County in the fall of 1817.

At that time Union County was still a part of Johnson County, and was located in the Illinois Territory. It was at Craiglow's urging that Conrad moved his family to Union County from Rowan County, N.C., in about February 1819.

This was about a year following the establishment of Union County and just months following Illinois becoming a state.

Thirty-five people and friends, representing six of Union County pioneer Conrad Sitter's 16 children, were present at this year's gathering, some traveling from Missouri, New Mexico and Northern Illinois to attend.

Friday Evening Gathering

The annual gathering began as both local and out of town guests gathered Friday evening, June 23, at the home of Susan (Sitter) Whitemountain on Dog Walk Road, where they had barbeque that was prepared by Ron and Linda Sadler of Hickory Hog BBQ in Anna.

Stories and family pictures were shared. Four birthdays were celebrated at the gathering, including those of Luella (Sitter) Hammack and her great-granddaughter Makayla Shipley, Jim Goddard and Rick Grunert.

Saturday's Activities

Reunion activities began at 9 on Saturday morning at the Anna Arts Center, where family members viewed family trees that Charmaine (Sitter) Latsch had prepared for 11 of Conrad Sitter's 16 children, and the collection of old family pictures and histories that Whitemountain had organized for each descending family group.

Those attending the reunion also brought family pictures and stories from their own collections to add to the display. New stories and pictures are added to the collections each year.

Oldest, Youngest Living Descendants

Although he was not able to attend this year's reunion, Harold Mull, 98, of Tucson, Arizona, was documented as the oldest living Conrad Sitter descendant.

Harold has been very active in documenting the history of the Sitter family over the years and contributing much of what is known today.

The youngest living descendant documented was 8 week old Alistar Leonidas Boomer (called "Leo" by his family), the grandson of attendees Kim and Pat Youngblood of Schaumberg.

Old Homestead, Spring House

Larry and Cathy Haley were adopted as "Sitter cousins" at this year's reunion because they own the property where the Conrad Sitter homestead was established on April 21, 1819. Larry even marked the area with a special sign that he made.

In about 1970, Ralph Sitter, a great-grandson to Conrad, wrote...In 1820 Conrad lived with his wife and four sons near a spring some few miles from what is now Anna.

The farm is now owned by Mr. Haley, who has kept the spring in good condition. The property has been owned by the Haley family since 1964.

Larry and Cathy Haley were very gracious in preparing a special tour of the property and old spring house for the attendees of this year's reunion.

They worked very hard in the time leading up to the reunion to clear brush and repair and stage the old spring house.

Larry and Cathy greeted those attending the reunion and explained that Conrad built the spring house over the spring when he settled the property.

The lower part of the spring house would have been used for cold storage and possibly as a wash house.

The area above was used as a corn crib. Larry discovered some old corn cobs between the floors joists of the spring house that could be well over 100 years old when he removed some old wood between the upper and lower floors of the structure.

Larry cut the old wood into 4-inch pieces and he and Cathy labeled them to commemorate the tour, then handed them out as mementos to those who attended the reunion.

Larry also took those attending the reunion to visit some mysterious carvings in the rocks along Spanish Bluff Road.

With the invitation of of Larry and Cathy, Cherrie Hammack explored the creek that flows along Spanish Bluff Road with her daughter Alexis and granddaughter Makayla, finding many artifacts of the past, such as broken pieces of pottery, some interesting stones and a few old bones.

These sites are all on property settled by Conrad Sitter and now owned by Larry and Cathy Haley.

The group gathered just before noon for a reunion photo that was taken by Robert Carter who owns Steelwater Photography in Anna.

Reunion Meal, Cake

Prior to serving the reunion meal, a reunion cake that was prepared by Ilse Easterly of Anna, was cut by three of the oldest descendants, Mary Lou (Mull) Cochran of Springfield and Ralph Sitter of Cape Girardeau, both 93, and Helen (Martin) Sitter of Anna, 91, and the youngest Conrad Sitter descendant, Makayla Shipley, 11, of Anna.

Mary Lou's husband, Art Cochran, was also acknowledged as one of those in attendance who was among those age 90 and older.

Mary Lou and Art Cochran were recognized for being married the longest: 67 years. Kim and Pat Youngblood were recognized as newlyweds among attendees: being married now for 41 years.

Beverly McFarland was recognized for traveling the farthest, coming from Los Lunas, N.M., to attend the reunion.

Those in attendance agreed that Helen Sitter and her daughter Rose (Sitter) Walker were parent/child look-alikes. Edna Goddard was recognized as looking the most like a Sitter, her grandmother Edna Augusta (Sitter) Basler.

Norma Lee Hackney led the group in prayer before the reunion meal. The meal was prepared and served by Shavon Arnold of Anna, and included fried and baked chicken, pasta salad, coleslaw, watermelon, and little smokies. The reunion cake was served as desert.

Ralph Sitter told a story to the group that he began by commenting...Cake is like women...They are all good and some are better. Ralph went on to tell a story about a tailor who was measuring a woman for a new suit of clothes. You can only imagine. The amusement of the story led into the afternoon reunion event.

Sitter Men and Civil War

Glen Bishop of Sparta appeared in vintage Civil War attire to present his narrative about the Sitter men who served in the Civil War.

Conrad Sitter had three sons, two grandsons, and two sons-in-law who served on the Union side in the war.

Glen's narrative provided the group with insight about their family's political views, then captured the service of Sitter ancestors through his narrative of the many battles.

Those in attendance all agreed that Glen's presentation made them feel they were there with their ancestors and feeling what they experienced. One of Conrad's sons, one grandson, and two sons-in-law died in the war.

Those Who Attended

Those attending the seventh Sitter reunion are listed as descendants of Conrad Sitter's children:

Descendants of Caleb Schmitt Sitter: Karen Adams and Rick Grunert; Luella (Sitter) Hammack, her daughter Cherry and granddaughter Alexis Hammack, and great-granddaughter Makayla Shipley; Patricia (Manninger) Williams, and Earl and Jeff Lingle.

Descendants of Solomon Henry Sitter: Ralph "Bud" Sitter and his son-in-law and daughter Bill and Susan (Sitter) Leming.

Descendants of Isaac Jackson Sitter: Helen (Martin) Sitter with her daughter Rose (Sitter) and her husband Chris Walker; Mary Lou (Mull) and Art Cochran, their daughter Beverly (Cochran) McFarland, and their granddaughter Angel Cochran; Norma Lee Hackney; Ansel Kim and Pat Youngblood; Betty (Potter) Wells and her daughter Carlene (Wells) Augustine; and Susan A. (Sitter) Whitemountain.

Descendants of Catherine (Sitter) (Dillow) (Hensley): Mary Sue (Dillow) Treece with her daughter Carole (Treece) Scaggs; Robyn (Webb) Lindsey, and her sons Clark and Hoyt.

Descendants of Abraham Leonard Sitter: Edna (Basler) and her husband Jim Goddard and Barbara (Basler) Stute.

Descendants of Jacob Conrad Sitter: Charmaine (Sitter) Latsch.

Looking Ahead

Next year's reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the Anna Arts Center.

Anyone who is a descendant of Conrad Sitter is asked to contact Whitemountain at 618-833-6525 or email her at docwhitemtn@gmail.com.

In 2018, the reunion will celebrate the Union County and Illinois state bicentennials.

Whitemountain is already working on next year's Sitter family reunion program and wants to challenge the descendants of all other early Union County pioneers to see who can bring the largest number of descendants back to Union County for a gathering during the bicentennial year.



Group photo

Those in the 2017 Conrad Sitter descendants reunion group photo are, in the first row, sitting on the stage, Cherry Hammack, Alexis Hammack, Makayla Shipley, Hoyt Lindsey, Clark Lindsey and Angel Cochran. In the second row are, sitting in chairs, Barbara Stute, Luella Hammack, Betty Wells, Mary Sue Treece, Helen Sitter, Ralph "Buddy" Sitter, Mary Lou Cochran, Art Cochran, Earl Lingle and Norma Lee Hackney. In the third row are, all standing, Glen Bishop. Cathy Haley, Larry Haley, Carole Scaggs, Carlene Augustine, Beverly McFarland, Charmaine Latsch, Kim Youngblood, Rose Walker, Chris Walker, Patricia Williams, Bill Leming, Susan Leming, Jim Goddard, Edna Goddard, Pat Youngblood, Karen Adams, Rick Grunert, Jeff Lingle, Robin Lindsey and Susan Whitemountain. Photo provided.



Civil War attire

Glen Bishop dressed in vintage Civil War attire for the reunion. Photo provided.



Reunion cake

Mary Lou Cochran, Helen Sitter, Makayla Shipley and Ralph Sitter cut the 2017 reunion cake. Photo provided.



Exploring cliffs

Larry Haley explored cliffs along Spanish Bluff Road with Alexis Hammack, Makayla Shipley and Cherry Hammack. Photo provided.



Old spring house

An old spring house is located on the original Sitter settlement property. Photo provided.

Makanda resident receives SIU's Sturgis Public Service Award

By Christi Mathis
news.siu.edu

William "Bill" Bruns isn't one to just sit idly by and watch things happen.

He'd much rather lend a hand, whether that means coaching a children's sports team, advising a service organization, caring for children in crisis or filling in whatever the need may be.

That's precisely why the self-described "serial volunteer" earned Southern Illinois University's 2017 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award, which was presented in June.

Bruns, of Makanda, received the award and plaque during a ceremony at Stone Center with former award winners and SIU administrators in attendance.

Bruns, deputy director of the SIU Student Center, said he was humbled and grateful to learn he was being recognized.

Bruns has been employed at SIU since 2002, originally serving as instructor and coordinator for media and technology in the SIU College of Education and Human Services.

He was the student center's webmaster and technology director from 2006 to 2009 before moving into his current role in 2009.

The award is unrelated to his professional duties, but during his time at SIU, Bruns has also helped reestablish SIU's Beta Chi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity and served as the longtime faculty adviser/chapter adviser.

During his tenure with the fraternal organization, he has earned recognition for his work while the organization has won both local and national awards.

Touch of Nature Environmental Center is also the beneficiary of Bruns' community service.

He serves on the Friends of Touch of Nature board and helps raise funds for scholarships for Camp Little Giant, which provides a true summer camp experience for people with disabilities.

In addition, Bruns is active with the Jewish Federation of Southern Illinois, Southeastern Missouri and Western Kentucky.

He has also coached children's soccer and baseball for numerous years, as well as serving as a league commissioner, board member and secretary for Carbondale Soccer Inc.

News from Immanuel Praise, Worship Center

Sunday's message at the Immanuel Praise and Worship Center near Cobden shared that "you can be strong and brave with God. We must be courageous in God's eyes."

An ice cream social and cookout are planned Saturday evening, July 15. Serving starts at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. A praise and worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible study is at 6 p.m.

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YARD SALE

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lots of stuff, new from last sale. 402 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Clothing, tools, knick-knacks. Too much to list.

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3 FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8. 390 State Pond Road, Jonesboro.

ANNAVISTA INSIDE GARAGE SALE: Friday, July 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or shine.

INDOOR SALE: Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, some antiques, HP Deskjet printer, oil lamps, iron skillets, clothing. 401 Public Square, Jonesboro.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8, 8 a.m to 2 p.m. Men's & ladies clothing (size M-3X), dishes, furniture, knick-knacks. Inside pole barn, 715 Bartruff Road, Anna.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8. Elephant collectibles, American Indian decor, jewelry, cologne, kitchen items, baby stuff. Jonesboro, across from Dixie BBQ.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: 601 South Main, Jonesboro. Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farm table, Hoosier cabinet, distressed cabinet, crossbow, adult bicycles, infant boys clothing, girls clothing 4-6X, misc. Everything priced low, clothing 1/2 price Saturday, at 10 a.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE to benefit Shawnee Hills Christian Academy at the Main Street Center. Friday, July 7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 8, 8 a.m. to ??? If you would like to donate items, call (618)-833-1870 or text/call (618)-697-7605.

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YARD SALE: 206 Spring Street, Dongola. Tools, antique toy trucks, DVDs, designer clothing, household items. Friday, July 7, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, July 8, 8 a.m. to ???

YARD SALE: 203 Grand Avenue, Anna. Friday & Saturday, July 7 & 8. Little of everything, few tools.

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 8, 7 a.m. to noon. 304 Williford Road, Jonesboro. Fruit jars, coolers, lots of misc., adult clothing, boys youth to large & XL, girls junior size 0, lots of dishes. Kristy Mason.

YARD SALE: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, July 6, 7 & 8, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 502 Morgan Street, Anna. Lawn accessories & furniture; patio table & chairs; lots of clear, pink & green Depression glass; rocker; dishes; linens; toy kitchen; Christmas decorations. Too many items to mention. Hileman, Sadler, Wright.

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LOT NUMBER ONE IN J. N. WOOD'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-756

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THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE N.89°41'18"E., 686.81 FEET TO A _" IRON ROD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N.89°41'18"E., 548.76 FEET TO A _" IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LICK CREEK ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, S.43°10'50"W., 522.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1116.00 FEET A LENGTH OF 241.96 FEET (CHORD BEARS S.49°23'31"W., 241.49 FEET); THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N.00°50'12"W., 535.32 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.553 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1997, IN RECORD BOOK 141 AT PAGE 369 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-09-00-748

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TO: TERRENCE V. KARIOLIC, JR., UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 318.34 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 150.24 FEET TO A POINT WHICH SHALL BE THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 309.84 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID NORTH LINE TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAID PUBLIC ROAD WHICH IS LOCATED 250.24 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86°47'30", A DISTANCE

OF 250.24 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BASED UPON A SURVEY MADE AT THE REQUEST OF GRANTORS BY J. T. BLANKINSHIP, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR ON FEBRUARY 14, 1974. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-25-04-872

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD
Purchaser or Assignee
27-29g

TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-8
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: ROBIN A. LINGLE, MICHELLE LINGLE, ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

LOTS NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN (115) AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN (116), IN PURCELL HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-09-619

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

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TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-9
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: TIMOTHY NEWBERRY, USDA, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

THE EAST HALF OF LOT NUMBERED 6, AND 22-1/2 FEET OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF LOT NUMBERED 8 IN A. J. MENEES' ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-403

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

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Purchaser or Assignee
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SHOP LOCAL and check out the savings!

TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-10
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: RUBEN QUESADA, GRACIELA A. QUESADA, FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S., ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

ALL THAT PART OF LOT NUMBER 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 51, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4.69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED IN SURVEYORS RECORD 2 ON PAGE 298 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SUBJECT TO A WATER LINE EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTHERLY 4 FEET THEREOF GRANTED BY ROBERT P. KING AND RUTH MAXINE KING, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO BOBBY G. SHOEMAKER AND JUDY M. SHOEMAKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY EASEMENT DATED JUNE 24, 1977, FILED JUNE 27, 1977, IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 33 AT PAGES 60-61 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-28-03-978

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD
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27-29g

TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-11
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: HEATHER R. ROBINSON F/K/A HEATHER PORTER, ANDREW ROBINSON, ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, C.E. BASDEN, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-16-04-547-A

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

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TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-12
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: ANDREW SADLER, MIKA L. SADLER, ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 84°-32'-19" W 21.19 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF PETRAS LANE; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) CALLS: THENCE N 59°-19'-43" W 147.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 50°-26'-25" W 173.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 82°-07'-18" W 515.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 83°-38'45" W 197.73 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 87°-17'-07" W 207.38 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 89°-37'-34" W 126.29 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 00°-16'12" E 330.52 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 15 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S 84°-32'-19" E 1331.29 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH 15 ACRES TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 00°-33'-49" W 492.99 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 10.37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PETRAS LANE AND ANY OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-35-01-271-B
On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD
Purchaser or Assignee
27-29g

TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-13
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: DAVID A. STEWART, CHERYL A. STEWART, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET OFF OF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT NUMBER 4 IN JACKSON FRICK'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-10-138
On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

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TAX DEED
NO. 17-TX-14
FILED: 06/16/2017

TAKE NOTICE

TO: DOROTHY WOOD, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

THE SOUTH ONE-HALF (S1/2) CONTAINING THREE AND SEVENTY-NINE HUNDREDTHS ACRES (3.79) OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4) OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18) IN TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 5.57 CHAINS EAST OF THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION AT A STAKE SET IN THE EAST LINE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES EAST 9.54 CHAINS TO A STONE IN THE COBDEN ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 1 _ DEGREE WEST 9.68 CHAINS ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD TO A STONE; THENCE NORTH 83 _ DEGREES WEST 7.22 CHAINS TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY; THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY 8.51 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING SEVEN AND FIFTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (7.58) ACRES, EXCEPTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH ONE-HALF (S1/2) TO MAINTAIN A TELEPHONE LINE, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-18-03-329

On November 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on January 21, 2015 for general taxes of the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on November 3, 2017.

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Purchaser or Assignee
27-29g

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130034

TO: Quesada Ruben, Quesada Ruben, Illinois Department of Revenue, IRS Department of Treasury, Willow Creek Financial Group LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 04-29-02-597-P

S29 T11 R1W PT NW NW

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130045

TO: Karraker Lorraine A, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Union County Hospital, First State Bank of Dongola, Moreland Robert Shawn & Lorraine, Ryan Wagner & Brittany Alley and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 05-05-02-994

S5 T12 R1W NE CR NW NE

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130065

TO: Hileman Brenda M and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 05-20-03-677

S20 T12 R1W PT NW SE

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130083

TO: Smoot Lonnie L and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 06-15-04-536-B

S15 T13 R1W NW CR SW NW

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130098

TO: Rolfe Charles L, Administrator of Small Business Admin, Discover Bank, Cach LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 06-26-04-887

S26 T13 R1W PT SE NE

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130136

TO: Crane James Raymond, Charles C Westlund Jr, Union County Hospital, Women First and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 08-50-06-95

SDH T12 R2W PT LOT12 DUG HILL SUB 210' X 210' S OF RT 146

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130167

TO: Hansen WM A & April M, Capital One Bank, Asset Acceptance LLC, Discover Bank, IRS Department of Treasury and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 14-00-07-849

PT LOT 6 LOTS 7 & 8 WM Clingingsmith's Addition

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130176

TO: Spiller Robert & Laura, Deborah Kay Sims, Capaha Bank, Household Finance Corporation III, Union County Hospital, Credit Control LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 14-00-08-360

LOT 13 L W Ashley's ADD. 49.5' X 198

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130182

TO: Harris Marvin L & Juanita, Harris Marvin L & Juanita, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union

County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-08-493
LOT 14 LOT 15 & NE CR LOT 16 JOHN B JONES ADD>
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130184

TO: Velasques Juan H and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-08-529
LOT 2 & 20' OFF N END OF LOT 1 J F MARTIN'S ADD.
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130205 & 130206

TO: H Holcomb & Son Welding & Machine Works INC, H Holcomb & Sons Welding & Machine Works Inc and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-09-262 & 14-00-09-263
LOT 9 BLK 8 FOREST PLACE ADD.; & LOT 10 BLK 8 FOREST PLACE ADD.
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130218

TO: Dietterle Todd P/ Dillard Tracy, Dietterle Todd P and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-09-912-A
LOTS 15 & 16 W 35' LOT 17 BLK F ORIGINAL PLAT OF COBDEN
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130257

TO: Medlin Rhonna Christine, The First State Bank of Dongola and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-10-671-T
LOT 20 KRAATZ SUB KRAATZ SUB
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 130279

TO: Moore Michael E and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
Parcel No. 14-00-11-384
LOT 8 RM RENDLEMAN'S 2ND ADD WOLF LAKE. 50' X 100'
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,
Petitioner
28-30gc

ADOPTION NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SS.
COUNTY OF UNION

Circuit Court of Union County

In the Matter of the Petition of DAVID JAMES CRISLER and MELISSA JEANINE CRISLER, Husband and Wife, to adopt MATTHEW ROBERT DUNCAN, a male child, Adoption No. 17-AD-3

To: Ronald Joseph Hansen, and all Unknown Fathers

Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Jonesboro, Illinois, for the adoption of a child, named Matthew Robert Duncan. Now therefore, unless you, Ronald Joseph Hansen, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 3rd day of August, 2017, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.
Dated, June 19, 2017

Tiffany Busby
Union County Circuit Clerk

Susan Burger
Attorney for Petitioners
06189627
105 Willards Ferry Road
Jonesboro, IL 62952
(618)-833-8677
(618)-833-9818 (FAX)
28-30g

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY RION, Deceased.
Case No.: 16-P-46

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Dorothy Rion of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2016, to Doug Rion of Anna, Union County, Illinois, whose attorney is John Womick of the Womick Law Firm, Chtd., 501 Rushing Drive, P.O. Box 1187, Herrin, IL 62948.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Dated: June 21, 2017.

Doug Rion,
Representative
WOMICK LAW FIRM, CHTD.

JOHN WOMICK
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 28th day of June, 2017, under the Assumed Name of L.K.B. Materials, LLC with the place of business located at 530 Lick Creek Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

LaDonna Basler
1390 Campground Road
Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
29-31gc

NOTICE

Cobden Self Storage, 200 N. Jefferson Street, Cobden, IL, (618)-833-0992 informs Unit 20, Johnny Smith, that your balance must be paid in full or the contents will be disposed of at 9 a.m. July 15, 2017.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC. PLAINTIFF
vs
JEFFREY GIPSON; ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANT(S).
Case No. 2016 CH 16.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AS TO UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

The requisite affidavit for service by publication having been filed, notice is given you, **UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS**, defendants in the above entitled action, that an action for foreclosure was commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure and for other relief of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows:

TRACT 1: A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE I WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF GREEN STREET IN SAID CITY OF ANNA, 25 FEET SOUTH OF A POINT WHERE THE EAST LINE OF GREN STREET INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 20; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH LINE IN SECTION 20, 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH GREEN STREET, 66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 2: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE NORTH 90° 00' EAT ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 31.56 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 90° 00' EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN ALLEY THENCE SOUTH 0°06' EST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 90.23 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 18 IN LEWIS 3RD ADDITION, THENCE SOUTH 89° 49' WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 18 A DISTANCE OF 18.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 06' WEST A DISTANCE OF 65.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90° 00' WEST A DISTAR.EE OF 132.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET; THENCE NORTH 0° 06' WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
P.I.N.: 05-20-03-541
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The mortgage was made by JEFFREY GIPSON and given to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. on June 22, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Union County, Illinois, as Book: 277, page: 573

Summons was duly issued out of the court against you as provided by law and the action is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, as one of the above-named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the action, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, in the courthouse in the city of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before August 7, 2017 a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal property which is stored at the self storage facility known as Costa Store and Lock, 107 Cemetery Road, Jonesboro, IL.
1. Name of occupant:
Mary Jo Eads
2. Property to be disposed of:
Misc. personal property
3. Time and place of disposition: July 20, 2017

Costa Store & Lock
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Jonesboro, IL 62952
Phone: (618)-833-5653
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Farmland Assessment Review Committee will hold its annual meeting and public hearing in the Union County Courthouse Community Room on Tuesday, July 11th, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.
Subject of which shall be the equalized assessed values of farmland for the 2018 assessment year. This meeting and public hearing is held in accordance with Section 10-120 of the Property Tax Code.

Tammy M. Robinson, CIAO
Supervisor of Assessments
Union County
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School's out for the summer...

...but plans for the 2017-2018 academic year could be seen on the marquee in front of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Information which appeared on the sign noted that registration dates include July 31 for seniors, Aug. 1 for juniors, Aug. 2 for sophomores and Aug. 3 for freshmen. Registration hours are scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.



Check out the yard sales in this weeks paper!

Obituaries

Dorothy L. 'Dot' Shoemaker

Dorothy L. "Dot" Shoemaker, 72, of Anna, died at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, July 1, 2017, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1944, in Anna, the daughter of Ernest Ray and Versella Geraldine Oschmann Kelley.

She married Earl F. Shoemaker on May 25, 1962, in Anna.

She is survived by her four children, Julie Ann Shoemaker of Anna, Tonika Shoemaker of Hurst, Christopher Shoemaker of Lexington, Ky., and Ginger (Clyde) Delk of Rockwood, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Austin Shoemaker, Rebecca Wilson, Dillon Jurcy, Lane Kayli Piller, Jacob Nagel, Colton Nagel, Addison Nagel and one more on the way; one brother, Allen Ray (Carol) Kelley of Buncombe; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Earl F. Shoemaker; and one sister, Norma Tite.

She was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. She worked many years as a teacher aide for Tri-County Special Education. She dearly loved and cared for her kids at Tri-County. She was an avid bingo player and played as often as she could.

Funeral services for Mrs. Shoemaker will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with R.W. McAlister officiating. Interment will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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.

Dorothy M. Childers



Dorothy M. Childers, 86, of Washington, Ill., died at 10:55 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at Riverview Care Center in East Peoria.

She was born on July 6, 1930, in Monmouth, the daughter of John and Stella Cannon Lee.

She married John Ray Childers on Oct. 7, 1950, in Piggott, Ark. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Pamela (Steve) Ristau and Terry Lee (Dorothy S.) Childers; three grandsons, Kenneth Ristau, Benjamin Childers and Brian Childers; six great-grandchildren; siblings John, Bill and Margaret Lee; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed baking and canning. She loved children and retired from Faith Lutheran Child Care after many years of service.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, July 1, at Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington.

Interment was in Glendale Cemetery in Washington.

Memorials can be made to OSF Hospice or to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Washington.

Her memorial website is available at www.deitersfuneralhome.com, where condolences can also be sent to the family.

Donald Mausey

Donald Gene Mausey, 63, of Anna, died at 3 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1954, in Herrin, the son of Jesse Charles and Helen Faye Arnold Mausey.

He is survived by two brothers, Charles William Mausey and John Mausey, both of Carterville; two sisters, Beverly Sue Webb of Sesser and Linda Franklin of Waxhaw, N.C.; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He had lived in Anna for the past 20 years and acquired many friends along the way. He worked as a butcher in Walmart and other grocery stores throughout his life.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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.

News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, July 2, Pastor Mike Turner's message was titled "Impossibilities Become Realities," with scripture from Luke.

Dee Rose led the worship and provided special music.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

A monthly River to River Sunday School class is planned at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today, in the family room at the center.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled July 10-14. Bible School is planned from 9 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. each day. Dee Rose is the director. Children 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited. The theme is "Galactic Starveyor: discovering the God of the universe."

Birthdays: Kim Benefield, July 2; Harlan Coffman and Nicholas Rose, July 3; Lillie Stone, July 6; and Gene Wright, July 7

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist this coming week includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult Bible study/prayer meeting and youth meeting are planned on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

P.A.S.T. Yard Sale
102 S. Main, Jonesboro
Saturday, July 8 • 7 A.M.-Noon
Antiques, collectibles, crafts, etc. Donations may be brought Friday from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. No clothing accepted. Postponed if raining. Two attached wooden theater seats from the Rogers. $100 or best offer!
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News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

The big news at Mount Moriah last week was Vacation Bible School. Passersby may have noticed the special sidewalk art outside the church at the corner of Main and Jefferson.

Vacation Bible School was in full swing last week, with a pool party scheduled for Friday evening.

Prayers were offered for those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Beth Martin, Debbie Dale-Ford, Alma Osterholm, Wilea Bettis, Russell Johnson, Ed Beckman, Virginia Corzine and Daniel Seddon.

Prayers were also offered for those grieving for Jack Johnson, Jane Guilbeau, Shirley Davis and Mort Wright.

The LSSI Prisoner and Family Ministry storybook committee reported that during the recent Father's Day Storybook project at the Vienna Correctional Center, 38 children received books and CDs from their 18 fathers.

Among the volunteers who made it happen were Mt Moriah's Kay Rothschild and Sarah Hensch. The ladies said that it was a joy to help the fathers connect with their children.

Men's group plans to meet Monday, July 10, at the church at 5:30 p.m.

The Hands of Faith quilting group plans to meet Tuesday, July 11, at 9 a.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Sunday, July 16, is Food Collection Day. Donations of staple foods are appreciated for families experiencing a food shortage.

Ladies night out is set for Tuesday, July 18; they will meet at the church at 5 p.m.

The youth of Mount Moriah and Salem are conducting a trivia night Saturday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The event is a fund raiser for the youth to go to The National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, next summer.

A Texas themed dinner will be served. A pie auction and silent auction are planned. Admission to the event is $15 per person.

A fifth Sunday potluck is set for July 30. One service will be conducted at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro at 10 a.m., with a potluck meal to follow.

Sunday worship at Mt. Moriah is at 9 a.m. with fellowship at 10 a.m. and Bible class at 10:15 a.m.



Bible stories

Storyteller Pete Housman interpreted Bible stories to Mt. Moriah-Salem Bible School students. Photo provided.



Assistants

Vacation Bible School assistants Allyson Hasty and Alexandria Keller awaited students for their activity. Photo provided.

News from Anna Church of the Nazarene

At the Sunday morning worship service, recognition was given to Makenzie Turner, who participated in the World Quiz at General Assembly, which was held Saturday, June 24, in Indianapolis, Ind.

There were 5,880 children registered for the World Quiz from 12 countries.

Makenzie received the Gold Award by answering 27 questions correctly out of 30.

Traveling with her to the quiz were Vonda Hill, local and Illinois District quiz director, and her grandmother, Carolyn Murray, assistant local quiz leader.

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Abby Barlow and Jessica Elkins, accompanied by Betty Odum.

The offertory was provided by Jessica Elkins and Abby Barlow.

Curly Ralls, Terry Wiseman Sr., Heath Brooks and Robert Smith were ushers.

Special music was provided by the children's church.

The morning message, titled "When We Are In a Dry Place," was brought by Pastor McBride from 1 Kings.

The message shared that "one of the greatest barriers to God's blessing in the future is not what's in front of us or the discouragement of the devil. The greatest barrier is what God did for you in one season and then expecting the same thing in the next season."

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

Ushers for the evening service were Curly Ralls, Terry Wiseman Sr., Robert Smith and Drake Wiseman.

Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard.

The Sunday evening message was brought by Pastor McBride from 2nd Chronicles.

The message shared that "a drought was brought about because of sin. If sin stops something then repentance starts something. When there is an inward change of heart it results in an outward change in our lifestyle. Jesus said my sheep know my voice so listen to him today and see if there is a sin in your life you need to repent of. Then watch him open the heavens and shower His blessings."

Communion was served to the congregation.

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. July 16. A meal will be served. Everyone is asked to bring something for the meal.

Birthdays and anniversaries: 2nd Brenda Keeley, 5th Nicholas Cook, Wyatt Cook, Pat and Sarah Treece, 8th Diana Shelton, Chris Benefield.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.


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Lawn games

Leader Kristen Stegle cheered on runners during Vacation Bible School lawn games. Photo provided.

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, the guest speaker was Brian Tutt.

The church will be participating in the River To River yard sales on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, beginning at 8 a.m. on the church parking lot, just behind Stinson Memorial Library.

Summer Fun for Everyone events are planned on Sunday evenings during July: July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The events will be free and are for the whole family.

A Crazy Carnival is planned July 9, with two bounce houses, games and food. To kick off the event, a hot air balloon lift-off is planned, weather permitting, between 6 p.m. and and 8 p.m. in the church parking lot. Prizes will be given away.

A Hillbilly Hangout is planned July 16, with "redneck games" and food.

A Family Fishing Derby is planned July 23, with food and other games for younger children.

A Family Movie Night is planned July 30, with popcorn, nachos and beverages. A movie will be shown on the church parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, July 10, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hamburgers and potato salad with coffee, tea or lemonade will be served. The meal is free.

On Saturday, July 15, Three Bridges will be at Anna First Baptist Church in concert at 6 p.m. Admission is free. No tickets are necessary. An offering will be taken.

"The Preaching Pen"

Preachers Need To Rebuke

Paul left Titus on the island of Crete to set things in order that hadn't yet been done (v. 5). Part of his and any Gospel preacher's work is to rebuke the wayward. You'll note that in Titus 1:13, Titus is commanded to *"rebuke them sharply"* ("them" being the Cretians, who had a national reputation for being lazy, apparently deserved - v. 13). Again, in Titus 2:15, following some instructions about righteous living and the sacrifice of Christ, we find, *"These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority."*

What does it mean to rebuke? In Titus 1&2, it comes from the Greek word **"elegcho"** and means, "to convict, refute; To find fault with, correct." Doesn't the charge to rebuke contradict the commandment to love (Jn. 13:34)? No! *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth"* (Heb. 12:6). Jesus said, *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten"* (Rev. 3:19).

Who was Titus to rebuke? Was Titus supposed to "cut loose" on just anyone? The Bible says he was to rebuke "them" (Titus 1:13). "Them" refers to those that were "unruly, vain talkers, deceivers, liars, evil beasts and slow bellies (lazy gluttons-NKJV)" (1:10, 12). He was to rebuke those that violated the will of God.

What was the standard by which Titus was to rebuke? A rebuke is for those who are acting in violation of "the faith," which is the Gospel (Titus 1:13). The command to Titus was for him to speak, exhort, and rebuke "these things" (Titus 2:14). "These things" refers to matters that pertain to "Sound Doctrine" (Titus 2:1). That which justifies a rebuke is a violation of God's standard - His word.

How was Titus to rebuke? Titus 1:13 and 14 say he was to rebuke wrongdoers "sharply" and "with all authority." Eph. 4:15 instructs us to speak the truth "in love." Therefore, a rebuke should be clear and to-the-point, but should be done with an attitude of love and concern for the eternal welfare of the individual.

What's the motive for rebuking? "Wherefore rebuke them sharply, *that they may be sound in the faith"* (Titus 1:13); emphasis mine, RWM). God wanted the rebuked ones to see their error, turn from it, and be sound in the faith. The purpose of rebuking is not to "rub someone's nose" in their mistakes, neither is it to show a sense of superiority. Preachers ought to rebuke wrongdoers with those people's souls and well-being in mind: "that they may be sound in the faith." Think about it and ask yourself, "Am I sound in the faith?" Come visit us at 104 Nile St. this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to your visit.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ
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Young people work on a project at the Tech Wizard Camp. Photo by Amber Filbeck.



Cobden Tech Wizard Camp participants. Photo by Amber Filbeck.

Cobden School hosts Tech Wizard Camp

By Amber Filbeck

Students at Cobden Elementary School were given the opportunity to participate in hands-on science and technology activities during Cobden's Tech Wizard Camp, which was held June 21-23.

The free summer day camp was an extension of a program that met after school on Thursdays during the spring semester. The program is sponsored by a University of Illinois Extension 4-H grant.

The students learned about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) work and teambuilding.

High school science teacher Holly Hurt coordinated the program, with assistance from three "teen teachers."

Hurt trained for Tech Wizards in Washington, D.C. Her student volunteers trained at Shawnee Community College.

A total of 42 young people participated in the program during the spring semester, and 20 attended the summer camp.

Activities included making slime, snow, bouncy balls and stickers, designing and 3-D printing fidget spinners, a cooking class and a challenge to make a boat that could float marbles on water.

Hurt said that the program totaled up to 40 hours of hands-on work for the students.

She also said that Tech Wizards received "great support from principal (Crystal) Housman" and from school district superintendent Edwin Shoemate as well.

Dance lessons to be offered

Waltz and cha cha dancing will be taught July 8 at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

Lessons are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. Light refreshments will be served.

The lessons will be taught by Jeremiah and Crystal from JC Dance Heartland in Paducah. They have taught dancing for the past eight years.

The instructors will teach the two dances, and then everyone will have a chance to practice what they have learned.

The cost is $10 per person. Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by July 7; call 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

Coleman, Hayward earn degrees

Two students from Union County have earned degrees at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

The university celebrated commencement weekend May 12-13.

Samantha Coleman of Jonesboro earned a doctor of physical therapy degree, with a major in physical therapy.

Mason Hayward of Cobden earned a bachelor of science degree in physics, with a major in professional physics.

Dinner will help Steve Cremeens

An event to help support Steve Cremeens of Alto Pass is planned Saturday, July 8.

A barbeque dinner will be served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alto Pass Community Center. The center is in downtown Alto Pass.

The dinner is being sponsored by churches and friends of Alto Pass.

Dinner includes pulled-pork sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert and drinks. The suggested donation is $10 per plate.

For more information, call 618-697-1558 or 618-559-0089.

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Summer art, drama camps slated at Anna Arts Center

The upcoming schedule at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center includes a kids art camp, a drama camp and a kids painting party.

The kids art camp and the drama camp both are planned July 24-28. Hours for both camps are from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Kids Art Camp: At the kids art camp, those who attend will learn about Picasso, van Gogh and Matisse. Journaling, drawing and painting also are planned.

The instructor is scheduled to be Bonni Little, who is an artist and photographer.

Drama Camp: No prior experience is needed to attend the drama camp.

Students will learn about the acting process, set design and lights/sounds.

Instructors are scheduled to be Pete Housman and Carla Anderson.

Campers can attend a second week (planned through Aug. 4) to refine their skills, at no extra cost.

Costs: Costs for both camps are $50 for the week; three children for $120; or, attend on days you can for $10 each day.

Receptions Planned: Receptions for the kids art and drama camps are planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 28.

Kids art camp participants will host an exhibit of their work. Drama camp participants will perform what they have learned.

Kids Painting Party: Those who want to attend can pick the date, the theme and bring the refreshments.

The arts center will supply the canvases, paint, an instructor and all of the supplies which are needed.

Costs are $10 per child, with a minimum of five children, and a $20 fee for the room. The room can be used for as long as someone wants to host a party.

More Information: For more information about the upcoming events, email vabchlee@gmail.com or call 904-625-1109.

Jacob Barger honor student

Jacob Hamilton Barger of Anna has been named to the spring semester honor list at the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

To be included on the honor list, a student must have had a minimum of 12 hours and had a grade point average of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Barger is a senior and is majoring in petroleum engineering.

Mad Hatters Tea Party planned

Union County Hospital Auxiliary is planning to have a Mad Hatters Tea Party.

The tea party is planned from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 13, in the fellowship room at the United Methodist Church in Anna. The church is located on West Monroe Street.

Those who plan to attend are invited to wear their favorite hat, their grandmother's hat, their grandfather's hat, an old hat, a new hat, a red hat, a blue hat, or even no hat.

An opportunity will be offered to support the auxiliary at the tea party by becoming a member. Dues are $10.

Those who are not able to attend the tea party can still become members by sending their dues to Union County Hospital Auxiliary, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, July 8th
STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.
Location: 3211 Tick Ridge Road, Grand Chain, Illinois. Approx. 4 miles east of Grand Chain. Due to the death of the late David (Yogi) Goins, the following items will be sold at auction.

TRACKHOE, BACKHOE, DOZERS, TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT
Komatsu Advance PC200LC trackhoe w/bucket and thumb, A.C.; Cat DC6 dozer, Ser. #10K9283; John Deere 550G crawler dozer, Vin. #T0550GL773602; John Deere 310C turbo backhoe 4x4, extendahoe w/cab; Small dirt scoop, 5 yd.; (2) J.D. backhoe buckets, 14 in and 30 in.; Ditching bucket, trackhoe; Allis Chalmers 8070 tractor w/cab, front wheel assist, AC, radio, diesel; Bushhog #2615 Legend rotary mower; Pr. 208-38" tires & snap-on wheels; Pr. 14.9-24" tires & wheels; 1957 444 Massey Harris tractor, tricycle, gas, PS, 3 pt. hitch, runs good; Ford 801 Power Master tractor; Bushhog, #8010, 9 ft. rear blade; 7 ft. Ford 3 pt. rotary mower; 7 ft. Imco rotary mower, pull type w/cyl.; Set front forks, backhoe; Wagon w/metal flare bed; 1000 gal fuel tank; 500 gal. diesel tank w/elec. pump; Sq. pickup truck diesel tank; Diesel tank pump; (2) metal tanks; Hyd. hoist cylinder, for dump truck; 25 gal. spot sprayer; Lot asst. parts, Cat, Komatsu, AC & JD.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS
1979 Mack tandem truck w/dump bed, bed approx. 3 yrs. old; 1966 Mack dump truck w/bed, no title, salvage; 1987 Freightliner semi, wet kit, Cat 3406 motor, 2 saddle tanks, good rubber; 2005 GMC ext. cab 4x4 pickup 2500 HD w/Duramax diesel; 1991 GMC diesel pickup w/mechanics bed; 2006 7x16 utility trailer w/lights & title; 6x12 tag trailer w/metal ramps, no title.

LASER PLANE, TRANSITS, MOWERS, DECOYS, ETC.
Apache Bullseye (3+) Laser receiver, in case; Laser plane 220 w/magnetic bar equipment mount; David White Meridian L6-20 level, in case; (3) tripods; (2) rods; JD 210 10HP riding mower w/48 in. deck; JD 130 riding mower w/23HP Kohler motor, 48 in. deck; Kubota T1560 14HP riding mower, used very little; Paddle boat; Pull behind leaf catcher; (3) whitetail mounts; (2) sets antlers; Lot fishing rods, reels & equip.; Lg. lot goose and duck decoys; Lg. lot shop tools & items; Lot misc. items.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: A lot of good equipment in this auction. Yogi kept his equipment and trucks in shape and all had been in use until his passing. Complete listing, pictures and terms on AuctionZip.com and Facebook.

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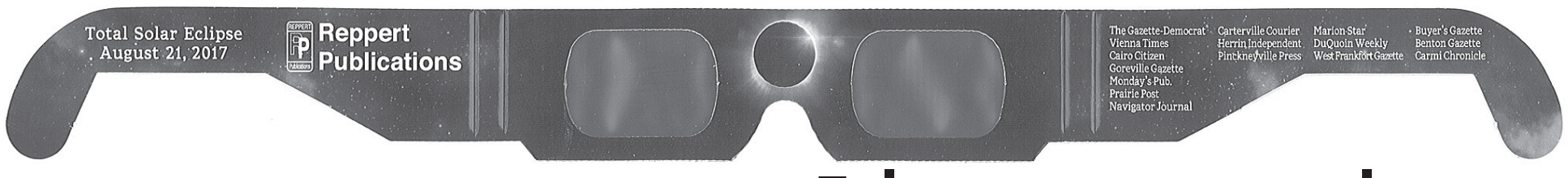
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Archaeology field school offers hands-on experience

By Andrea Hahn
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CARBONDALE, Ill. – Alice Muntz is confident that the students digging precise rectangular grids and sifting buckets of dirt in the quest for artifacts will have the skills required to land jobs in professional archaeology after completing the Southern Illinois University Carbondale-Center for Archaeological Investigations Summer Field School.

Muntz spent several years as a professional archaeologist, often known as the field of cultural resource management, but recently decided to pursue a graduate degree in archaeology at SIU.

Now she's one of the team of graduate assistants teaching the field school.

"The idea is to give the students exposure to academic and professional archaeological methods," she said. "They could go get a job after this field school."

The Center for Archaeological Investigations at SIU has hosted a summer field school for years.

Recent digs were at the Kincaid Mounds State Historic site near Brookport in Massac County. This year, the field school began at the Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site in Randolph County and concluded at Miller Grove, an historic pre-Civil War, freed-African-American-slave site in Pope County.

Mark Wagner, CAI director, applied to the Lewis and Clark Foundation for a grant to help fund the field school. Fort Kaskaskia is one of the places Lewis and Clark stopped for supplies and recruits.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency owns and maintains the site, and gave permission for the field school's activities. Visitors were welcome to come to the field school.

The goal, Wagner explained, was three-fold: first, to train students by giving them hands-on fieldwork experience; second, as a public outreach; and third, to provide the IHPA with information they wouldn't otherwise have about the site.

"We're also using equipment for geophysical surveys that enhance the investigation," he said when the field school was underway.

"If the IHPA hired an outside agency, it's likely it would cost $20,000. But we are doing this as part of our field school."

The geophysical surveys involved the use of a gradiometer and a ground-penetrating radar, GPR, unit.

Ryan Campbell, a researcher and student in the doctoral program with CAI, conducted surveys to give the field school teams a good idea where to begin digging.

The equipment gave a topographical map of what was below the surface. Sometimes it was possible to approximate building foundations or to see other forms defined in the data collected.

He also worked with the students to give them experience with the survey equipment.

"Training on equipment like this – that's not something you get at every archaeological program," he said.

"It really does give our students a leg up when it comes to the job market. There are programs that are classroom-based but there really is no substitute for in-field training. These students are learning to deal with some of the problems you don't encounter in a textbook."

And it's more than that, too. "It's a different perspective when you find an artifact in the field, on a dig: it's completely different from seeing an artifact in a classroom laboratory."

Muntz agreed. "It can really spark someone's interest when they find an artifact," she said.

Jessi Spencer, currently of Cobden, also was on the graduate teaching team. She said she loved that the site was visitor-friendly.

"It's a great bonus that we get the chance to share what we've found and to interpret the site," she said.

Spencer is a bio-archaeologist. Her focus is bones and teeth. The fundamental archaeology skills are the same, she said.

"It's important for students interested in any part of archaeology to learn all the basic techniques," she said. "They'll do that here."

A visitor to Fort Kaskaskia would have seen a green meadow surrounded by low earthwork walls.

The site has been rebuilt at least once, maybe twice, and one of the big questions was about the authenticity of some of the existing earthwork. When the fort was in use, the walls would have been wooden, with the earthwork as supports.

The field school excavated in three places at the fort site. One team worked in a corner of the fort where, according to notes made by a British soldier in the 1760s, there might have been a bakery, or perhaps a raised platform for artillery.

From the artifacts the team uncovered, the artillery platform seems the more likely.

"We're finding evidence of double occupancy," Tony Farace, graduate teacher, said during the school.

"That's common, and it's good for the students to see that. Sites that are attractive to one set of builders are often attractive to another set as well."

Another team worked on a part of the fort near what probably was an entrance. The geophysical survey indicated some anomalies under the surface, and the team was eager to find out what that may be.

A third team was excavating outside the fort walls. Wagner said SIU is the first archaeological team to do so. And the team was finding plenty of artifacts, including the button from a British soldier's uniform.

"We've learned a lot of new information," Wagner said at the time.

"The button is the first evidence of British presence here. We've found evidence of a wall trench. All the artifacts discovered outside the walls of the fort provide new clues. We've found a number of flints from flintlock guns. We are also finding prehistoric artifacts including arrowheads."



Discussing artifacts

Mark Wagner, director of the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and Alice Muntz, a graduate teaching assistant with the CAI Summer Field School, discussed artifacts at an archaeological excavation site located outside the known fort walls at the Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site. The field school conducted archaeological surveys and excavations at the site through mid-June. Photo by Russell Bailey/news.siu.edu.



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Shawnee Hills Wine Trail wineries bring home many honors

The results are in and the wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail are adding a little more hardware to their trophy cases this year.

"Each of the 11 wineries along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail produce and sell award-winning wines for every palate and we are pleased to announce a great award season for our Southern Illinois wineries," wine trail executive director Brandy Nance shared in a news release.

"The results from this year's Illinois Wine Competition are in and the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail won big," Nance said.

"Bringing home six double gold awards including three Governor's Cups, we are proud to share our passion for quality with you," she said.

For the second year in a row, Pomona Winery's Strawberry Dessert Wine brought home a Governor's Cup.

Hickory Ridge Vineyard's Norton and Blue Sky Vineyard's Rosé also received the Governor's Cup awards in their class.

Other awards include double gold medals for Alto Vineyard's Vignoles and Blue Sky Vineyard's Chambourcin Reserve.

Gold medals went to Blue Sky Vineyard's Shawnee Cream Sherry and Cabernet Franc.

The wineries also received 21 silver medals and 14 bronze medals.

Blue Sky Vineyard recently competed in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and received the best in class award for its 2013 Estate Grown Chambourcin Reserve, a gold medal for its Vintner's Select and a bronze medal for its dry Vignoles.

"This competition is hailed as the largest competition of American wines in the world and featured over 7,000 entries from 28 states across the country," Nance said.

This year's Indy International Wine Competition featured over 2,000 entries from 11 countries and 40 U.S. states.

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail wineries brought home eighteen awards from the competition.

Blue Sky Vineyard was awarded two double gold medals for its Chambourcin Reserve and Rosé and a silver medal for their dry white blend, Vintner's Select.

StarView Vineyards received silver medals for its Estate Grown Red Star and their dry Rosé wine with two bronze medals for its Chardonel and Super Nova.

Kite Hill Vineyards received silver medals for its Chambourcin and Rosé wines.

Pomona Winery's Golden Oak Aged Reserve, Orchard Harvest, Kir, Orchard Spice and Strawberry Dessert wines each received a silver medal, with four additional wines awarded bronze medals in the competition.

"It just goes to show: there's no need to travel to Burgundy or Napa Valley to experience a truly authentic wine culture," Nance said.

"The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail is home to some of the finest wines, not only in Illinois, but the nation, and we invite you to sip and savor your way along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail where there is a wine for every palate."

Looking back at 1967

Union County celebrates Independence Day with 'gigantic fireworks display' in Anna

Plans for a "gigantic fireworks display" in Anna highlighted Independence Day activities in Union County 50 years ago this summer.

This week, The Gazette-Democrat takes a look back at life in Union County for the weeks of June 29, 1967, and July 6, 1967.

The accompanying news and advertisements are reprinted from the two weeks in 1967.

June 29, 1967

Gigantic Fireworks Display To Climax 4th Celebration

Plans for the gigantic Independence Day fireworks display in Anna were announced in the June 29 issue of the paper.

A Fourth of July celebration was scheduled at the Anna City Park. Activities started at 1:30 p.m. with a horse show. "All horsemen are invited to take part in the show," The Gazette-Democrat reported.

The article about the Fourth of July celebration continued:

The show each year is under the auspices of the Anna Police Department through the cooperation of business people and organizations in the area.

The new stage is being constructed in front of the grandstand and there will be a band for the enjoyment of both young and old dancers.

The entertainment will consist of a band, horse show, coon chase, and a destruction race, and other games.

Concession stands will be open on the Midway where visitors may obtain snow cones, soft drinks, bar-b-que.

The coon chase will consist of two events, both water and drag.

Over $1000 worth of fireworks have been purchased and should prove to be a thrilling spectacle as the "bombs burst in the air."

Plan to bring the family and spend the afternoon and evening at the Anna City Park, join in the fun and dancing, and spend a safe and sane Fourth of July with your neighbors and friends.

AND DON'T FORGET TO FLY YOUR FLAGS ON THE FOURTH.

Anna Park Board To Sponsor Recreation Program This Summer

A very welcome addition to the many activities of the Anna Park Board is the proposed recreation program now being planned for the youth of the area.

Under the coordination of Larry Davis, a summer recreation plan is being put into action on Monday, July 3, when a fishing contest for all area youth will be held at the Anna Fair Ground pond.

The daily activities will include softball, soccer, horseshoes, volley ball, etc., instruction will be given in all these areas and also casting and fishing will be taught.

A block or open air dance is also being planned for once a week for teenagers.

Another event of interest to swimmers will be water polo.

A Water Carnival and water ballet in conjunction with a swim meet is tentatively being planned for August 8.

In addition, movies will be shown once a week, on each Thursday, in the open air.

Severe Thunderstorms Hit Three Times In Past Week

A thunderstorm which struck the Union County area Wednesday, June 21, created havoc among subscribers of the General Telephone Company when about 100 persons were without telephone service for several hours due to a huge tree falling across the cable line.

The tree fell near the old Sitter home on Route 146, causing electricity to go out for a while, also.

Another thunderstorm struck the area on Saturday evening, June 24, but no damage was reported.

Residents along West Chestnut were without electricity for a short while Sunday morning, June 25, about 9:30, due to (a) power failure when another rainstrom hit the area.

Becky Hindman To Vie For Title Of Miss Illinois

Miss Becky Hindman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hindman of Anna, who was crowned Miss Southern Illinois recently, will begin her long trek to the Miss Illinois Contest on Sunday, July 2, when she leaves for Aurora and the many hours of training prior to the contest on Saturday evening, July 8.

Queen Contestants To Present Trophies At Horse Show

Instead of the traditional appearance of Anna Fair Queen Contestants (or rather Miss Union County Fair as the Queen will now be called) on Tuesday evening of the Anna Fair, they will appear at the Society Horse Show on Wednesday of the Fair and will present the ribbons and trophies to the winners.

State Hospital Now Has One Employee For Each Patient

Anna State Hospital presently has one employee for every patient at the hospital.

There are presently 1,210 patients at the hospital in comparison to the 2,145 ten years ago.

With the present number of 1,060 employees, there are 150 Federal employees and students for the summer, which adds to the total number of 1,210 now employed at the hospital.

Apple and Peach Harvest Underway in Union County

The harvest for Transparent, Yellow and Lodi apples is about two-thirds completed in the Union County area. The Duchess variety is expected to be ready for harvest this week.

The area peach harvest will be about 10 days early this year, with Sun Havens beginning to ripen.

Peaches are numerous this year and in many instances, thinning had to be done due to the many blooms.

Barring unforeseen complications, the peach and apple harvests will both be very profitable, with both the quantity and quality good, according to shippers.

Record Low of 55 Degrees During Past Week

The weather took a drastic turn during the past week when after highs of 90s for nine days, and lows of high 60s for the past 14 days, the high for the week was 90 on Friday, June 23, followed by 75 on Sunday, June 25, as a high. The low for the week was 55 on Monday, June 26.

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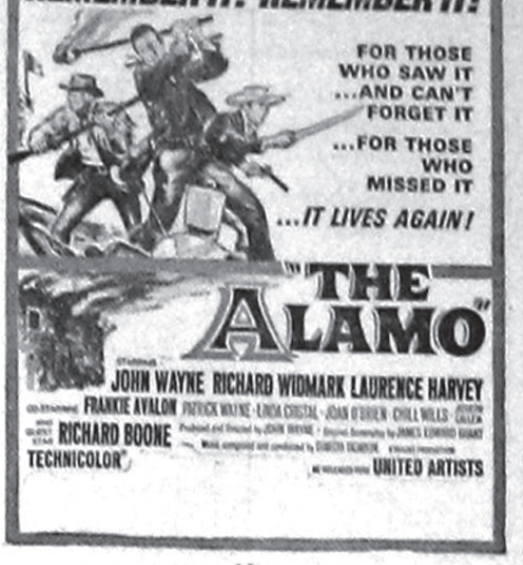
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Looking back at 1967

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Girls Softball Team Off to a Good Start

The Girl's Softball team which is managed by Don Kinney and Tom Bailey, is doing quite well this season. Their record this far is 3-1.

The Anna team has a full schedule pending for this season. They have at least 14 games to play, plus a tournament which will be held at the close of the season.

Tea Honoring Vera Hub Today

A tea in honor of Miss Vera Hub, who has been Home Advisor with the Union County Homemakers Extensions for the past seven years, will be held at the home of Mrs. Conrad Casper today, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Auxiliary To Veterans of World War I Meet

On Sunday afternoon, June 25, at 2 p.m., the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I held their regular monthly meeting in the American Legion Home, with 13 members present.

From the Alto Pass Happenings

Some from this vicinity attended the Beech Grove School Reunion at the State Forest Sunday, June 25. A bountiful dinner was served at 1 o'clock. About 78 were present.

Western Saratoga News

Don't forget the annual Homecoming at the Saratoga Park on Saturday night, July 8.

July 6, 1967

Demolition Work Started Wednesday For 80 Units in Anna Housing Project

Members of the Union County Housing Authority, representatives of Lee Potter Smith Associates, Architects, and McCarthy Bros. Construction firm of St. Louis, Mo., met Friday afternoon, June 30, for the signing of the contract for the construction of 80 housing units in Anna.

The low bid submitted by McCarthy Bros. in the amount of $909,144 was approved by the Chicago office of Public Housing.

Demolition work commenced in Anna Wednesday, July 5, for the new housing project which will be located on Chestnut and Monroe and Green Streets in Anna.

Loren Eddleman Appointed Superintendent at A-J.C.H.S.

Loren Eddleman of Dongola, has been named by the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Board of Education as the successor to Elmer J. Murray, as superintendent of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Becky Hindman In Aurora To Vie For Miss Illinois

Rebecca Hindman, 20 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hindman of Anna, is now in Aurora to compete for the title of Miss Illinois, with 48 other contestants, vying for the same title.

The winner of the Miss Illinois Contest will advance to the Miss America Pageant on September 9.

Record Crowd Enjoys Celebration at Anna City Park

Union County celebrated the Independence Day weekend with only minor traffic accidents occurring in the area.

If attendance was any criteria of the success of the Anna City Park – then the celebration was a success!

People gathered to participate in and watch the horse races, the destruction race and coon chase, and to enjoy the concession stands which were open on the midway.

A huge crowd enjoyed the large display of fireworks in the evening as they burst in the air and the American Flag climaxed the evening.

Outdoor Recreation Program Gets Off To Good Start

The first of the series of events that will be held at the Anna City Park for the youth of the community, got under way on Monday, July 3, with a fishing contest.

The next event will be held at dusk on Thursday evening, July 6, when a movie will be shown for the children of the area. All movies will be full color Walt Disney which are always popular with youngsters.

Friday, July 7, will see the first of the weekly dances which are planned.

Peaches, Apples, Cucumbers, Squash Being Shipped

Although light just now, Red Haven peaches are starting to come in for shipment and shippers report the quality good. A record harvest of all peaches is being expected this year, barring unforeseen complications, such as hail or other damaging weather.

Boyd-Dutchess apples are also being shipped as are the last of the Lodi of which 85 per cent of the harvest is expected to be marketed this year.

Cucumbers which are bringing $5 per bushel are also being shipped as are some squash and tomatoes.

MCML And 4-Leaf 4-H Clubs Are Share The Fun Winner

"St. George and the Dragon," a dramatic feature presented by the MCML and Four Leaf 4-H Clubs was the top act with an "A" rating in the Share-The-Fun Festival at the Jonesboro School Friday evening. They will represent Union County in the State Festival at the Illinois State Fair.

Homecoming at Saratoga Saturday

The Annual Western Saratoga Springs Homecoming will be held in the Village Public Park on Saturday, July 8, with everyone invited to attend.

From the Alto Pass Happenings

Farmers are very busy with their early apples and peaches, as well as tomatoes and squash, preparing them for the market now.

Rodgers Theatre

The Rodgers Theatre in Anna was planning to show the film "don't make waves" Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 7, 8 and 9. The film starred Tony Curtis and Claudia Cardinale, and introduced Sharon Tate.



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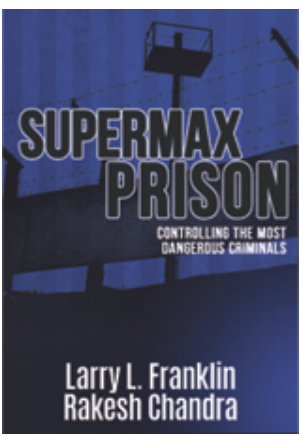


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Author: shuttered Tamms center's story not finished



The cover of "Supermax Prison: Controlling the Most Dangerous Criminals."

By Amber Filbeck

Four years have passed since the Tamms Correctional Center shut down, but its story isn't over.

That is according to Larry Franklin, co-author of "Supermax Prison: Controlling the Most Dangerous Criminals," which tells the story of the Tamms supermax and its legacy.

The top-level security prison was designed to protect correctional officers at the prison from the inmates and to protect the inmates from each other by limiting face-to-face interactions.

The prison was only operational from 1998-2013, but 15 years was plenty long enough for human rights advocacy groups to argue for its closing, citing inhumane treatment of inmates and operation costs as motivations.

Franklin, a resident of Makanda, said he "didn't have much interest" in the controversy surrounding the prison as it happened.

Former Tamms supermax psychiatrist Rakesh Chandra, MD JD, approached Franklin 20 months ago and proposed a book about the prison, offering insight into the troubled minds of many in the Tamms system.

"When I met with Dr. Chandra, it was decided that I would actually write the book," Franklin said. "He gave me some names of people that were involved with Tamms prison. That was where I started from."

Franklin said that each of the people he spoke to gave him others to contact, leading him in many directions. "If you keep an open mind, it's going to lead you down a different journey."

The book features testimonies from the task force that sought to establish the prison, correctional officers, mental health workers, inmates and administrators who were all involved with the prison or other prisons in Illinois. Many voices from the community appear to show multiple perspectives and understandings of the prison.

Franklin devotes a number of pages to the mental effects the supermax had on the inmates. The facility's policy meant that inmates spent an average of 23 hours a day in solitary confinement. Contact with guards and other inmates was minimal and heavily supervised.

Detailed accounts of how several inmates made it to Tamms are given, along with their experiences at the facility.

"'There were weeks when I didn't speak a word,'" said Adolfo Davis, an inmate who has been in the prison system since he was 14. "'The lack of human contact was unbearable.'"

Regarding Davis's case, Franklin commented that "it's not like they put him in a hole. But is it bad? Yes it's bad."

Franklin also included the written testament of an inmate that was used in state congressional hearings.

"You go to a small cage to walk in circles and the wall is all concrete...we never have direct physical contact with the guards or other inmates. I will ask you, 'Lock yourself in your bathroom for the next 18 years and tell me how it will affect your mind.'"

Other testimonies Franklin collected from those locked up in Tamms were content there, as they were protected from other prison gangs or from the possibility of hurting other people.

An inmate named Demeterious said "'I'm making progress with my state of mind. I'm labeled as a paranoid schizophrenic. I don't have to worry about my safety while I'm here in Tamms...I need a place where I can be safe.'"

Another prisoner, Doss, said that "Tamms has an excellent mental health unit. I am keeping myself in check. Because the staff care, I can feel this..."

"But when short-term isolation became permanent and misery slipped through the prison walls, public outcries rattled the airwaves," the book states, referring to the era of protests against the prison between 2009 and 2013.

The mounting claims of maltreatment of inmates, along with the $26 million annual cost of running the large facility that housed significantly below its capacity caught up with Tamms.

"On January 4, 2013, Tamms officially closed."

In the book, Franklin described the action from Illinois government as "a temporary bandage on society's unwillingness to make a long-term commitment to the treatment of mental illnesses in the penal system."

The book goes on to discuss the economic aftermath for Southern Illinois, particularly in the small town where the facility was located.

"Drive into the village of Tamms and you will find one gas station with two pumps held together by duct tape, a one-time busy restaurant open two days a week, a single place where you can buy a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread, and a few citizens trying to get by.

"Tamms seems to be resting in an imaginary lotus position waiting for her services to be needed again."

After his months spent researching and writing the book, Franklin determined that the supermax, "based on its intent, it was successful. The mistake was keeping them there so long. If prisoners know they won't get out, their mental condition can actually deteriorate. They have to have hope."

"While Tamms was meant to be a short-term stay, she was unable to let go of her invited guests."

Franklin said that the book was set for a mid-June release. The book was going to be made available from online carriers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and, potentially, at local shops.

Morris Library gala planned in September

The 2017 Morris Library fundraiser is scheduled to feature music by an award-winning bluegrass band, The Bankesters, along with a buffet dinner, a silent auction and more.

The fundraiser is sponsored by Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Friends of Morris Library and is set for Sept. 16 at the Copper Dragon, located at 750 E. Grand Ave. in Carbondale.

Proceeds of the fundraiser enable the Friends of Morris Library to provide support for the library's educational, scholarly and research missions.

The evening kicks off with a silent auction, appetizers and cash bar at 5:30 p.m. A buffet dinner begins an hour later.

The Bankesters are scheduled to perform at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the gala are $35 per person and are available online at www.siuf.org/events.

Ticket information also is available by calling the SIU Foundation at 618-453-4900. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Morris Library, the largest research library in the region, is home to nearly 2 million volumes, along with more than 273,000 e-books, nearly 50,000 current periodicals and serials, as well as some 1.4 million microform units and an extensive assortment of historical papers and collections.

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2 Cor. 2:5-17	2 Cor. 5:11-21	2 Cor. 6:1-13	Exodus 1:1-22	Exodus 2:1-25	Exodus 3:1-22	Exodus 1:1-21

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Effort underway to promote arts in Mississippi River delta region

The Delta Regional Authority, DRA, in partnership with leading national arts and government organizations, has announced the Delta Creative Placemaking Initiative.

The initiative is designed to strengthen the Delta economy and to improve the quality of life for the region's 10 million residents.

DRA will contribute nearly $460,000 to stimulate economic and community development efforts in local communities through the Delta's arts and cultural sectors.

"This pilot program recognizes the importance of incorporating the arts and cultural sectors into economic and community development efforts to enhance the quality of place and quality of life in Delta communities," DRA federal co-chairman Chris Masingill said in a news release.

"At DRA, we understand that we must support our region's cultural and creative economies to assure the rural way of life will continue as we build more entrepreneurial and inclusive communities.

"That is why we are partnering with national experts in the field who can lend their experience to help us promote the arts and culture that make the Delta region one of the most iconic places in the world."

Partners included in the effort include ArtPlace America, the Rural Policy Research Institute, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Development Organizations, Springboard for the Arts and the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, among others.

"The Delta region has a strong and deep tradition of artists working alongside their neighbors to shape their communities' social, physical, and economic futures," said Jamie Bennett, executive director of ArtPlace America.

"It is thrilling that the Delta Regional Authority will now make investments through the Delta Creative Placemaking Initiative in recognition of this history."

To better align arts and cultural activities within existing economic and community development strategies, DRA and its partners will collaborate with municipalities, counties and parishes, local development districts and other economic development organizations to form cross-sector partnerships with the region's arts and cultural sectors by implementing a series of regional workshops and providing seed investments up to $30,000 per successful applicant.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, arts and cultural activities make important contributions to the U.S. economy:

•In 2014, the arts and cultural sectors contributed more than $729 billion or 4.2 percent to the U.S. economy – in fact, arts and culture produced more than some other sectors, such as construction ($619 billion) and utilities ($270 billion);

•Between 1998 and 2014, the contribution of arts and culture to the nation's gross domestic product grew by more than 35 percent;

•Spending on arts and cultural goods and services in 2014 reached $1.1 trillion;

•Employment increased by 3.8 percent to support more than 1 million jobs in core arts and cultural production industries.

To advance these efforts, DRA planned to offer six regional workshops in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana and Mississippi this summer.

The workshops are designed to more deeply inform local elected officials, local development districts, economic development staff and leadership, and other non-arts sector decision-makers about the advantages of supporting the creative and cultural economies and how to implement these efforts through regional collaboration and strategic planning.

DRA's Creative Placemaking Regional Workshops were scheduled to begin in June and continue in July.

Workshops were scheduled June 26-27 in Paducah and June 29-30 in Wilson, Ark.

Workshops also are scheduled July 6-7 in Greenville, Miss.; July 10-11 in Vicksburg, Miss.; July 13-14 in Tuskegee, Ala.; and July 17-18 in Arnaudville, La.

Local government entities, in partnership with at least one non-profit organization, can submit applications for Delta Creative Placemaking seed investments of up to $30,000.

In addition to the seed investment, successful applicants will also receive up to 50 hours of coaching, mentoring and technical assistance to advance creative placemaking efforts in their communities.

Funding details can be found online at dra.gov/creativeplacemaking.

The Delta Regional Authority is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to help create jobs, build communities and improve lives through strategic investments in economic development in 252 counties and parishes across eight states.

DRA's SEDAP investments, together with its state and local partners, have leveraged federal resources into nearly $3.5 billion in public and private investment into local small business owners, entrepreneurs, workforce improvement and infrastructure development projects.

DRA investments have helped to create and retain more than 37,000 jobs, train more than 7,300 workers for 21st century jobs, and deliver water and sewer improvements to more than 66,000 residents.

Registration needed for temporary campgrounds

With only two months to go before the total solar eclipse, property owners in unincorporated Jackson County areas who are considering allowing camping on their property are being reminded to register under the county's temporary campground ordinance.

The ordinance, adopted by the county board in February of this year, establishes minimal standards for temporary campgrounds located in unincorporated Jackson County areas while protecting public health and safety.

The Jackson County Health Department reported in a news release that in order to help educate the public about the ordinance, a web page has been created at www.jchdonline.org (click on the Eclipse graphic at top).

The page contains links to the ordinance, a Frequently Asked Questions, FAQ, document, portable toilet and hand wash requirements, and the form for registering a temporary campground.

The health department explained that those who plan to allow camping on their property should plan to submit the registration form and $20 fee before July 31.

In addition, if portable toilets have not been reserved, campground owners should do so very soon, the health department advised.

The web page also contains links to other solar eclipse information, including eye safety, extreme heat safety, temporary event food permits, safety messages about mosquitoes and ticks, and waste and recycling resources.

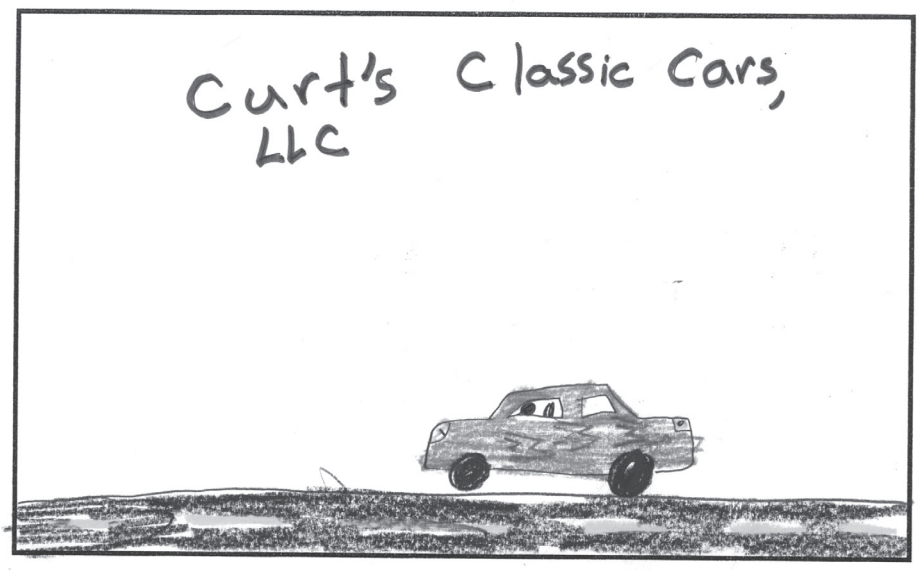
Those who are planning events in Jackson County around the eclipse are encouraged to review the public health and safety information.

For more information, contact the environmental health division at Jackson County Health Department at 618- 684-3143, extension 128, or visit www.jchdonline.org.

Design an Ad

Welcome to a feature created by students at Union County area public schools. Students in the 4th and 5th grades used their imagination to create unique advertisements for a wide range of local businesses. The advertisements appear on the accompanying pages. The Gazette-Democrat voices appreciation to the students and their teachers for these special ads. The paper also thanks the businesses which participated in this special project.

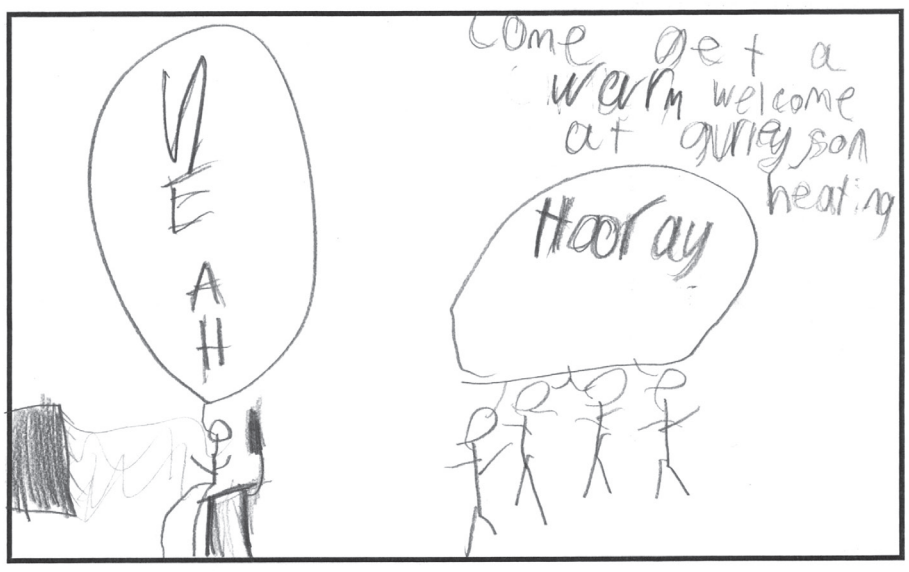
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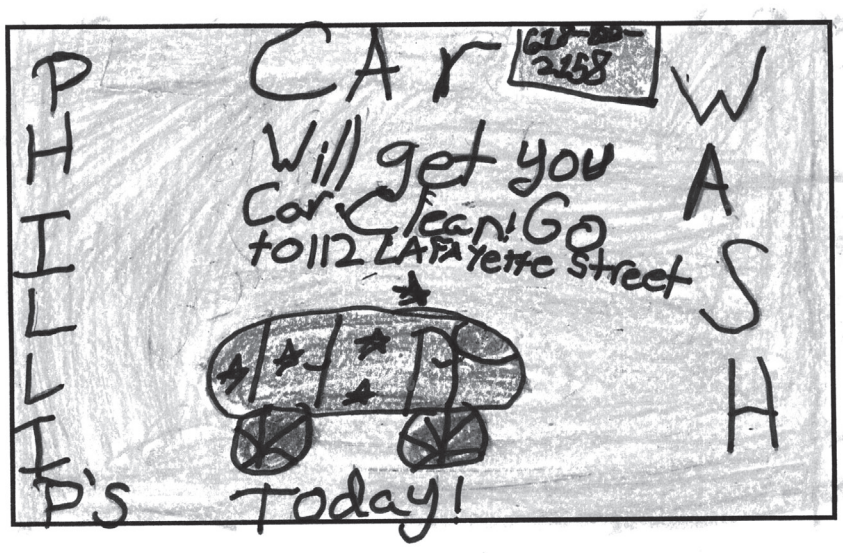
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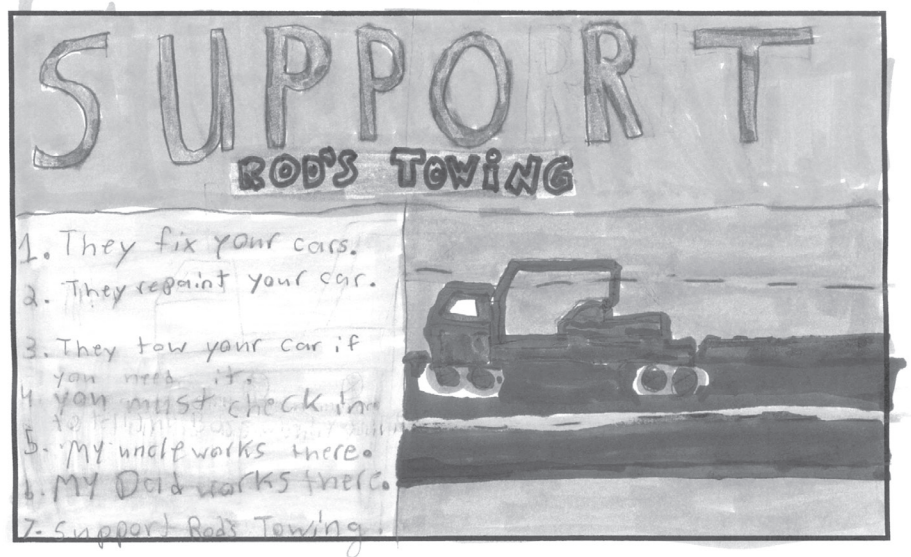
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthanews@frontier.com, mail to me at 118 W. Monroe St., leave news in the back of the green box at the right of my front door or call me at 833-5717.

Biking Across the United States

I was in Carbondale when I met Tara Gremban and her sons Greyson and Grant with their triple tandem bicycle they were riding across the United States.

Since I love riding I asked Tara if she would email me about where all they had been and were going. I received this nice email from Tara that night that said:

Thank you for stopping to talk with my sons and me today. It was nice to meet you. We did make it to Phoenix Cycles, and got a new set of tires after many miles on the old ones.

We have always been a cycling family, and my boys have been camping and touring by bicycle since they were toddlers.

But our story of pedaling the TransAmerica bike route started at our dinner table on New Year's Eve 2016.

When asked what his goal was for 2017, my oldest son, Greyson (10) said "I want to ride our bike across the United States."

He had watched the documentary "Inspired to Ride" and was amazed by the cyclists that raced the route.

Endurance cyclist, Mike Hall (killed in March by a vehicle while racing), became my son's hero after watching him set a record in the documentary.

My youngest son, Grant (7), often echoes his brother and said he too wanted to ride our bike across the U.S.

My husband and I started talking it over as a real possibility. My husband and I are both self-employed, and my husband is the primary breadwinner, so we knew he wouldn't be able to take the summer off.

He did want the boys to have the experience, and to set an ambitious goal and see how they would manage. He trusted my touring experience, and encouraged us to go.

My husband drove us and our triple tandem bicycle (we call the Dream Machine), to Yorktown, Virginia, the official start town of the route, and we left on May 23.

We have been peddling west since. We stop at national and state parks, take rest days when the weather or spirits require it and make fun and safety the primary goal of every day. We ride 40-50 miles a day.

We mostly camp (we carry all of our own gear), and utilize bike hostels. We take hotel/motel accommodations when the weather is severe, if we are in a city where camping is remote, and on rest days when a pool is just what the boys need to feel refreshed.

We have travelled the Civil War battlefields, pedaled a segment of the Blue Ridge Parkway as we crossed the Appalachians and moved through rugged eastern Kentucky, into western Kentucky and crossed over into Illinois at Cave-In-Rock on a ferry over the Ohio River. We have pedaled 1,130 miles.

We will pedal west until we run out of land, or until the boys stop having fun, whichever comes first.

The ultimate end of the tour is Astoria, Oregon. Should we make it there, we will take the Amtrak back to Wisconsin, where my angel of a husband will pick us up.

I am often asked if it is easier or harder to pedal the bike with three people. The truth is, it is exceptionally heavy, and I could not have managed the inclines we've passed without the hard work from my boys.

Our bike is painted with the phrase "Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork" and that philosophy has gotten us this far.

Thanks for your interest in our trip-the encouragement from people we meet every day keeps us motivated and strong.

Warmest regards, Tara Gremban, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

This email from my new friends makes me really want to get back in shape riding my bicycle. The most I have ridden is 50 miles in one day. I could never ride like they are doing. This is truly an inspiring story.

Old Oak Tree

One of the largest trees in Illinois was taken down last week at the home of Mike Brown at 111 Lincoln St. in Anna. Mike is 5 feet and 7 inches tall and one of the pieces of tree was 6 feet wide. Mike said the base was 8 feet wide.

The tree was registered by Fawn Cowsert when she lived there with Illinois as being one of the largest oak trees in the state. By counting the rings it was determined to be 125 years old.

Mike plans are to carve three chairs out of the base around the tree stump, make a table out of it and put an umbrella in the middle of the table. He also plans to make items from the other part of the tree that was left. It was sad the tree died.

Mike said he has heard his house was a hospital in the Civil War day when the camps were around where he lives. The old oak tree along with our city has a lot of history.

Father's Day Guests

Karen Shay (Vines) Bean from Signal Mountain, Tenn., visited her parents, Jim and Shirley Vines, for Father's Day.

Karen Shay teaches chemistry at Chattanooga State Community College. She is married to David Bean, a native of Signal Mountain. David is the principal security consultant at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

Karen Shay is a graduate of A-JCHS class of 1984, Illinois State University (BS in chemistry) and University of New Orleans (Ph.D. in chemistry).

Thanks

A special thanks to Jim and Shirley Vines for giving me credit when they took out a new subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Branson Trip

Curt, Bessie Mae and Elijah Glen Ellis enjoyed a trip to Branson, Mo.

Serving Our Country

Happy one year anniversary being in the U.S. Navy to Reagan Morrison. Reagan's mother and family are visiting her in California.

River to River Yard Sale

Yard sale from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Cave-in-Rock along Route 146 July 6-9.

If you are having a yard sale then you can put it on the River to River Facebook page.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Holy Communion was taken.

Our country was honored by the singing of patriotic hymns to celebrate the 4th of July.

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was called "Slave or Free" with a gospel lesson from John. Barbara House led the singing and call to worship. The special music was "God Exalted Him" by the ladies choir.

Sign language class for people 10 years of age and older will be taught by Maggie Johnston. July 3 was the first class. The class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to come to both.

There will be a book study on "Who Moved My Pulpit?: Leading Change in the Church" July 9, 16 and 23 at 9 a.m.

Confirmation class begins Sunday, July 9, at 5 p.m.

Yoga meets Monday at 5 p.m. Tuesday at 1 p.m. is Bible study. Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. is the men's Bible study. Tai Chi meets on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Class of 1967

The A-JCHS class of 1967 will celebrate their 50th class reunion the weekend of Oct. 13-14. They are still looking for some class members they do not have information for, so if you have not received anything from them please give Joan Dallas a call at 833-8316.

Anna Star Chapter No. 522

The Anna Eastern Star meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. with meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna City Park.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like your birthday and how you celebrated in the paper email me or give me a call. Leave on my answering machine if I am not home. If you send me a picture be sure and make a copy and send the copy.

Free Community Dinners

Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community meal the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Military Prayer List

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Mike Brown stands in front of the large oak tree that was taken down last week at his home at 111 Lincoln St. Mike is 5 feet and 7 inches tall and the piece of tree by him was 6 feet wide. Mike said the base was 8 feet wide.



On May 31, Lee and Sharon Gibson went to Paris, Tenn., and got married. Lee's sisters are hosting a reception for the couple at the Anna VFW July 15 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. They would love for all their friends and family to come out and celebrate with them.

Local Girl Scouts visit New York City

Members of local Girl Scout Troop No. 8552 spent a week in New York City for the end of their 8th grade year trip.

The girls who went on the trip were Jaley Watkins, Olivia Bowen, Libby Smith, AnnaLee Keeler, Hannah Miller, Olivia Capel, Jessi Riley and Cierra Thorn. The troop's leaders are Jaime Watkins and Tina Riley.

The main purpose of the trip was to visit the Girl Scouts of the USA's national headquarters on 5th Avenue. Along with visiting the Girl Scout headquarters for the first time, most of the girls flew for the first time, and also used a subway system for the first time.

The scouts also visited the Statue of Liberty, the Federal Reserve Bank, the 911 Memorial, walked on the Brooklyn Bridge, rode the Roosevelt Island tram, saw Trump Tower and the Plaza, the New York City Public Library, Grand Central Station, attended "STOMP," took an NBC Studios tour at Rockefeller Center, went to Coney Island, saw Times Square and Little Italy, went up in the Empire State Building, walked in Central Park and went to the American Museum of Natural History. Photos provided.



Tara Gremban and her sons Greyson and Grant are riding their triple tandem bicycle across the United States this summer.



The scouts in Times Square.



The scouts at the Statue of Liberty.

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Ribbon cutting

The Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting for the new SIH Medical Group Primary Care in Anna on Thursday, June 29. The facility employs a part-time physician and a full-time nurse practitioner. SIH Medical Group Primary Care is located at 98 Peach Ridge Rd. in east Anna and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Photo by Amber Filbeck.



Museum welcomes special visitors

Cornwall Elihu Kirkpatrick IV and his wife, Linda, visited the Union County Museum in Cobden on Wednesday, June 7. Kirkpatrick is a direct descendant of the Kirkpatrick family who operated the Anna Pottery in the mid to late 1800s. He came to examine the Union County Museum's collection of Anna Pottery.

Kirkpatrick is from Newnan, Ga., and was on the way to Peoria to attend the Illinois Stoneware Association's annual meeting. He recently has taken up pottery as a hobby and had a supply of his creations which were based on actual Anna Pottery pieces which he planned to show at the meeting. Photo provided.

Advance tickets needed to view eclipse at Bald Knob

Access to view the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass will be by advance ticket only.

Cross of Peace executive director Teresa Gilbert reported in a news release that because of the anticipated crowds for the solar eclipse, all individuals can only be admitted to Bald Knob Cross on Aug. 21 with a valid eclipse ticket and parking pass.

Tickets for the eclipse event at the cross are still currently on sale and there are spaces still available, Gilbert stated. Tickets will be sold through Aug. 7.

The point of greatest duration, the location where the total eclipse lasts the longest along the entire path, is in the heart of Southern Illinois, where Bald Knob Cross is located.

Bald Knob Mountain is the highest point in the area, at 1,034 feet above sea level.

Gilbert said there are two types of tickets available, depending on viewing preferences.

Serious viewers can park on-site and have a 10 by 10 area to set up telescopes and camera equipment. This package is $250 and includes eclipse glasses, a t-shirt and other amenities.

Casual viewers tickets are $50 per person. Shuttle service to the Cross of Peace will be provided, as well as viewing glasses, a t-shirt and additional items.

Ticket details and purchase options can be viewed online at http://www.baldknobcross.com/solar-eclipse/tickets, or by calling 618-713-8516.

"There has been a great amount of interest shown in our 'spot on' location for the only 360 degree, unobstructed viewing of this rare eclipse," Gilbert said.

"We're working with the solar eclipse committees and three local organizations, Egyptian Area Board of Realtors, In The Wind Ministries and Murphysboro Key Club, are partnering with us to plan this incredible event.

"Suffice it to say that Bald Knob Cross will be a very popular spot for viewing this phenomenon."

Gilbert noted that it is critical for the community to know that for the solar eclipse event, it will not be possible to drive up to the cross without a ticket and parking pass.

This is contrary to standard procedures for Bald Knob Cross, where the gate is open seven days a week and visitors are welcome to come and go at their leisure.

"We hope you will make plans to join us, but be sure and access your tickets in advance," she stated.

A-J class of '61 plans reunion

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1961 are planning a reunion during the weekend of Oct. 6-7.

On Friday, Oct. 6, a buffalo tro is planned at 6 p.m. at the Pitts' shelter on Lick Creek Road. A class photo is planned. RSVP's for this activity will be taken during September.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, a breakfast is planned at 9 a.m. at the Blue Boar between Anna and Cobden.

That will be followed with a gathering at the Star-View Winery near Cobden at around 1 p.m.

Class members who may have had a change in their phone number, mailing address or email address are asked to contact Ron Knupp at 618-697-1238.

Bible School set at Anna church

Vacation Bible School is planned Monday through Thursday, July 17-20, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Bible School is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The theme will be "Stories by the Seaside."

A pool party is planned Thursday evening at the Anna City Pool.

Enrollment is open to all children in the community who are in kindergarten through 5th grade.

To enroll, or for more information, visit the church, or call the church's office at 833-5225.

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THURSDAY — JULY 6, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Amateur Softball (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	"Panic Room"	(4:50) "Die Hard" ('95)	"Secret in Eyes" ('15)
:30						Seinfeld		Bizaard	Tonight		
7 PM	Boy Band (HD)	Big Bang	Beat Shazam (HD)	Hollywood (HD)		Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	K.C. Undercover (HD)	★★★ "Selena" ('97) *A singer grows up.* (HD)	"12 Rounds" ('09) *Deadly games.*	"Eternal Sunshine of Mind" ('04) Jim Carrey.
:30		Pieces				Seinfeld					
8 PM	Network (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Love Connection (HD)	The Wall (HD)	Track & Field *"Track Town Summer Series"*	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie		(:50) "Cursed" ('05, Horror) *Werewolf attacks.*	
:30						Big Bang		Liv Maddie			
9 PM	The Gong Show (HD)	Zoo *Animal attacks.*	Local Programs	The Night Shift (HD)		Big Bang	Queen of the South	Undercover	"Loving" ('16) Joel Edgerton. *Right to marry.*		A. Santino (HD)
:30						Big Bang		Undercover			
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D			Gigolos
:30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie		★★★ "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"	Gigolos
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	(:20) America (HD)		"Hardcore Henry"
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Andi Mack			

FRIDAY — JULY 7, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	"Hunter"	"Disturbance" ('01)	"Bad Moms" ('16) Mila Kunis. *Mom goes wild.*
:30						Seinfeld	Mod Family	Descendant	VICE (HD)		
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)	NBA Summer League (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	K.C. Undercover (HD)	★★½ "Pearl Harbor" ('01, Action) *WWII pilots fight for a woman's love.*	"9th Life of Louis Drax" ('16) (R)	Erik Griffin: The Ugly
:30						Big Bang	Mod Family				
8 PM	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Lucifer *Azrael's blade.*			"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" ('02) *Frodo and Sam continue their quest.* (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard		(:50) ★★½ "The Box" ('09) *Box has cash, death.*	I'm Dying Up Here
:30							Mod Family	Andi Mack			
9 PM	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Mod Family	K.C. Undercover (HD)			★★★½ "The Gift" ('15) *Wife learns secret.* (HD)
:30							Mod Family				
10 PM	Local	Local		Local			Playing	Bizaard	VICE (HD)		
:30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)			Playing	Bizaard	"7 Days"	(:50) "Any Given Sunday" ('99)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)		Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	"Apocalypse" ('16)		
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			Chrisley	Andi Mack			

SATURDAY — JULY 8, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball *"Regional Coverage-Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	"John Wick" *Ex-hit man, Kingpin.*	Walk Prank	★★ "Mr. Woodcock" ('07) (HD)	"Into the Blue" ('05)	"Cary Grant" ('16)
:30						Big Bang		Walk Prank			
7 PM	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Ransom (HD)		Little Big Shots (HD)	Pre-Game	Big Bang		MECH-X4		★★★ "The Informant!" ('09) (HD)	★★★ "Triple 9" ('16, Crime) *Rookie cop.* (HD)
:30					NBA Summer League *Boston vs Los Angeles*	Big Bang	"Mad Max: Fury Road" ('15, Action) *Social collapse.* (HD)	Lab Rats	★★★ "Popstar: Never Stop" ('16)		
8 PM	20/20: In an Instant *"Match Made in Hell"* (HD)	Training Day (HD)		Dateline NBC *Investigative news.* (HD)		Big Bang		K.C. Undercover (HD)		(:50) "Hereafter" ('10) *People are haunted by mortality.*	★★★ "Snowden" ('16, Drama) *On the run.* (HD)
:30						Big Bang		Bizaard	Pharmacy		
9 PM		48 Hours	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang		Bizaard	(:45) "The Boss" ('16) *Struggling mogul.* (HD)		
:30						Frontal	(:05) "John Wick" ('14) *Ex-hit man, Kingpin.*	Undercover			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local information.*	American Grit (HD)	Local		"The Interview" *Tyrant targeted.*		Undercover			"9th Life Louis" ('16)
:30				(:29) Saturday Night Live (HD)				Liv Maddie			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Liv Maddie	"Popstar"		"The Fifth Estate"

SUNDAY — JULY 9, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Bob's Brgr	Sunday Night (HD)	Baseball (HD)	"Talladega" ('06) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Despicable Me"	(5:45) ★★★ "The Accountant" ('16) *Gifted man.*	★★★ "Lights Out" ('16)	I'm Dying Up Here
:30			Bob's Brgr								
7 PM	Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons	The Wall (HD)	MLB Baseball *Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians* (Live) (HD)	"Get Hard" ('15) Will Ferrell. *Prison sentence.*	Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD)		"The Forest" *Woman searches.*	Twin Peaks *"Part 8"*
:30			Family Guy					Tangled			
8 PM	Funderdome (HD)	Candy Crush (HD)	American Grit (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *The Rolling Pin.* (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	The Defiant Ones	(:35) "Gods of Egypt" ('16) *Unlikely alliance.*	Twin Peaks *"Part 9"*
:30								BUNK'D			
9 PM	Pyramid *NFL stars.*	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs *Local information.*			"Talladega Nights: Ballad" ('06) Will Ferrell.	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	The Defiant Ones		I'm Dying Up Here
:30								Hotel (HD)			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs		Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Mod Family	Undercover	Oliver		I'm Dying Up Here
:30							Mod Family	Bizaard	Pharmacy	(:45) "Die Hard" ('88) *A lone hero.*	
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)		"Blades of Glory"	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	(:15) "Popstar" ('16)		Twin Peaks *"Part 9"*
:30					Sports		Mod Family	Andi Mack			

MONDAY — JULY 10, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Family Guy	Mod Family	Good Luck	"Resurgence"	★★½ "Fred Claus" ('07)	"It Follows" ('15) (HD)
:30						Family Guy	Mod Family	Good Luck	Tonight		
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	Kevin Wait	SYTYCD (HD)	American Ninja Warrior *"Razor's Edge."* (HD)	2017 Home Run Derby (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Stuck Mid.	The Defiant Ones	"Domestic Disturbance" ('01)	Twin Peaks *"Part 9"*
:30		Man Plan				Family Guy		Andi Mack			
8 PM		Mom (HD)	Superhuman (HD)			Family Guy		Liv Maddie	The Defiant Ones		Shameless (HD)
:30		Pieces				Family Guy		Liv Maddie			
9 PM	To Be Announced	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Spartan: Team (HD)	Celebrity Game (T)	Am. Dad		Tangled	Insecure	"Everest" ('15) *Battle to survive winter storm.*	I'm Dying Up Here
:30						Am. Dad		Tangled	★★½ "The Last Witch Hunter" ('15) *Last hope.*		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	(:05) "The Ugly Truth" ('09) *Reluctant love.* (R)	BUNK'D			"The Bank Job" ('08) *Scandals uncovered.*
:30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie		(:35) "The Sum of All Fears" ('02)	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld		Stuck Mid.			
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Andi Mack	Defiant		

TUESDAY — JULY 11, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Baseball	Seinfeld	Mod Family	BUNK'D	"Watchmen"	"Eddie the Eagle"	(5:45) "Snowden" ('16, Drama) *On the run.* (R)
:30			Pregame		2017 World Series of Poker *"Main Event"* (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Tonight		
7 PM	The Middle	NCIS *"Being Bad"*	2017 MLB All-Star Game *from Marlins Park in Miami* (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent *"Auditions 6"* (HD)		Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Stuck Mid.	Jerrod Carmichael: 8	"How to Be Single" *City guide.*	
:30	Fresh Off					Big Bang		Andi Mack			I'm Dying Up Here
8 PM	black-ish	Bull *"The Fall"* (HD)				Big Bang		Liv Maddie	The Defiant Ones *Sign artists.*	(:50) "Semi-Pro" ('08) *NBA star returns.* (HD)	
:30	black-ish					Big Bang		Liv Maddie			Twin Peaks *"Part 9"*
9 PM	Housewife	NCIS: New Orleans		World of Dance (HD)		Big Bang	Shooter (HD)	Undercover			
:30	The Middle					Wrecked		Undercover	Insecure		
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Shooter *"Exfil"* (HD)	BUNK'D	"Notorious" ('09, Drama) *Life of B.I.G.* (HD)	"Morgan" *Bioengineered child.*	★★★ "London Town" ('16) (HD)
:30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Wrecked	Shooter *"Musa Qala"*	Stuck Mid.			"PrimalFear"
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Andi Mack			

WEDNESDAY — JULY 12, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Red Carpet (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	"Cinderella Story: Shoe" ('16)	"Panic Room"	"The Take" ('16) (HD)	Erik Griffin: The Ugly
:30						Seinfeld			Tonight		
7 PM	The 25th ESPYS *Awards presented.* (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Big Shots (HD)	2017 World Series of Poker *"Main Event"*	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	T.J Miller (HD)	★★★ "Die Hard with a Vengeance" ('95) (HD)	★★½ "Weird Science" ('85) (HD)
:30		Salvation *"Pilot"* (HD)	The F Word (HD)	Carmichael		Big Bang		Liv Maddie	The Defiant Ones *White rapper.*		
8 PM		Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Carmichael		Big Bang	Suits (HD)	Liv Maddie		(:10) "The 9th Life of Louis Drax" ('16) (HD)	"Dazed and Confused" *Teens finish school.*
:30				This Is Us *Detour.*	Drone (T) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover			
9 PM						Frontal		Undercover	Insecure		
:30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"The Birth of a Nation" *People to freedom.*		Erik Griffin: The Ugly
10 PM	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Jessie		"Hereafter" *Mortality.*	
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	(:04) Suits (HD)	Stuck Mid.			"It Follows"
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Andi Mack			

Opinion and Commentary

Editorial

Anna fireworks display

Following a special meeting of the Anna City Council which was held Tuesday afternoon, June 27, the City of Anna issued the following statement:

"The Anna Fire Department, under the direction of Chief Gary Rider, is responsible for the annual fireworks celebration.

"Chief Rider was notified a few days ago that the Illinois state fire marshal had suspended the license of DVC Imports.

"DVC Imports was under contract to provide the City of Anna and over 100 other celebrations throughout the Midwest with a fireworks display.

"Since that time, the City of Anna has worked diligently to secure the services of a licensed and properly insured company to provide a safe 4th of July fireworks celebration.

"Given the late notice to the City of Anna it has been difficult to locate one.

"However, it is with great joy that the City of Anna will be contracting with another company to provide this service.

"The 4th of July fireworks celebration is back on.

"Mayor Steve Hartline would like to thank city administrator Steve Guined, Fire Chief Gary Rider, City Attorney John Foley, Melinda Clary of Consolidated Insurance and Brad Dawson for their outstanding efforts in bringing this together under such short notice.

"In addition, Mayor Hartline called a special council meeting for June 27 to approve this new agreement.

"Please join us at the Anna City Park on July 4th to celebrate our great country."

If all went as planned, the Independence Day fireworks display was presented Tuesday night, July 4th, at the Anna City Park. The rain date for the display was Wednesday, July 5th.

We take this opportunity to say thank you to everybody who worked so hard to make the fireworks display possible.

Nina, Pinta replicas planning fall visit to Cape Girardeau

Replicas of two ships used by Christopher Columbus are scheduled to be in the region this fall.

The replicas of the Nina and Pinta are scheduled to arrive Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Mississippi River front in Cape Girardeau.

The Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitors Bureau reported that on Friday, Sept. 29, the Nina and Pinta are scheduled to open for tours in Cape Girardeau.

The ships will be docked at Riverfront Park until their departure early Tuesday morning, Oct. 3.

While in port, the general public is invited to visit the ships for a walk-aboard, self-guided tour.

Admission charges will be $8 for adults, $7 for seniors and $6 for students 5 to 16. Children 4 and under will be free.

The ships are scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Reservations are not necessary.

The convention bureau noted that group tours will be welcomed.



Two's company...

...and three dragonflies might have been a crowd. Two dragonflies were on a branch when a third one flew by, but did not stop. The branch, and the dragonflies, were seen at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



The sun truly was shining bright on this old Kentucky home, which was the setting for a wedding your writer and his traveling companion attended a couple of weeks ago.

A deluge, a weddin', and Dan'l Boone, too

A couple of weeks ago, The Other Half and her traveling companion – that would be yours truly – journeyed to Paris for a very special occasion.

The special occasion: somebody we had known for a few years tied the knot. Got hitched. Up and married. We have known the groom for a while. The bride is a relatively new acquaintance, and, now she's family.

By the way, did I mention that we were talking about Paris, Kentucky? Paris, France, probably would have been a nice place for a wedding, too, but it's a little far to drive for a weekend.

Driving through all of that water in the Atlantic Ocean might be a bit of a challenge, too, but it probably wouldn't have been any wetter than part of our adventure turned out to be.

Our journey to Kaintuck began on the fourth Friday in June. In a word, the day, and the journey, were W-E-T. Rain was falling when we left God's Country, AKA home. Rain was falling an hour later. Rain was falling an hour after that. Rain fell for about six hours.

I'm not sure that I had ever motored through six solid hours of rain until that somewhat damp day a couple of weeks ago. I hope that your travels never, ever include that kind of an adventure.

Usually, when we travel, The Other Half reaches a point on the journey when she pretty much falls asleep, as in takes a nap. That pretty much leaves her traveling companion – again, that would be me – to his own devices. I often put the car on cruise control and take a nap myself.

Such was not the case as we motored south and east on the aforementioned Friday. The rain fell. And fell. And fell. The occasional downpour would be followed by torrents of water, and then we experienced the kind of rain which I'm pretty sure is mentioned in the Book of Revelation. The Four Seahorsemen of the Apocalypse would have been right at home.

Periodically, semi trucks would pass us, and pretty much swamp our vehicle, while at the same time reducing visibility to pretty much at the stage of water-induced blindness.

Fortunately, we made it safely to our destination in Kentucky, and then got to unload our car...in the rain.

After an exhausting six-hour trip that Noah would have recognized, our day concluded with the moving of some heavy furniture. At least the rain had stopped.

Our furniture moving adventure was done fairly late in the evening, as at night. The furniture was being hauled from the third floor of what we'll call an apartment complex.

At some point, somebody (in the apartment complex?) apparently took note of three potentially shady looking strangers hauling furniture out of the building. As good citizens, they took what probably seemed like appropriate action.

That would explain the opportunity we had to meet one of Lexington's finest late on a Friday night in June. He greeted us as we were hauling a large, very heavy piece of furniture out the back door of the apartment complex. Our fellowship proved to be congenial. We explained what we were doing, and why we were doing it. He seemed satisfied with the explanation, smiled, and went on his way.

Saturday, the day of the weddin', was bright and sunny and just pretty nice for a summer day.

The wedding was at a house outside of Paris, Kentucky, in Bourbon County, about half an hour or so from Lexington. The journey to Paris took us through some wonderful horse country in the gently rolling hills of Bluegrass Country. It wasn't surprising when we got out of the car – and the first thing we saw was a horse.

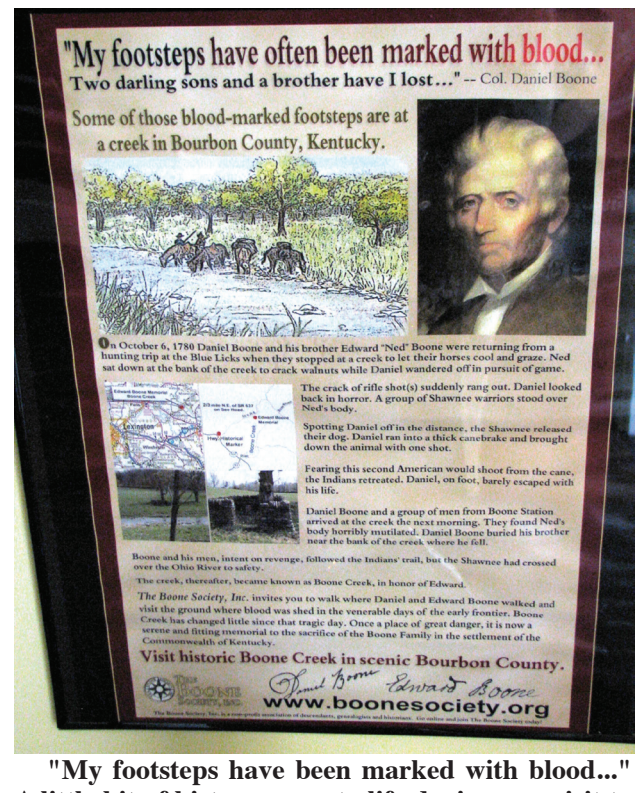
Our hostess explained that her classic home started out as a log cabin. Several additions have been made over the years. All in all, the house seemed like a bit of real live history. It was our kind of place.

One of the many items in the house which happened to catch my eyes, along with a portrait of Robert E. Lee, was a framed document which featured the legendary Daniel Boone. The document was created by The Boone Society.

"My footsteps have often been marked with blood... Two darling sons and a brother have I lost..." a bold headline at the top of the document read. "Some of those blood-marked footsteps are at a creek in Bourbon County, Kentucky." Wow. We truly were experiencing a little bit of history.

"On October 6, 1780, Daniel Boone and his brother Edward 'Ned' Boone were returning from a hunting trip at the Blue Licks when they stopped at a creek to let their horses cool and graze," the document continued. "Ned sat down at the bank of the creek to crack walnuts while Daniel wandered off in pursuit of game.

"The crack of rifle shot(s) suddenly rang out. Daniel looked back in horror. A group of Shawnee warriors stood over Ned's body.



"My footsteps have been marked with blood..." A little bit of history came to life during our visit to Kentucky.

"Spotting Daniel off in the distance, the Shawnee release their dog. Daniel ran into a thick canebrake and brought down the animal with one shot.

"Fearing this second American would shoot from the cane, the Indians retreated. Daniel, on foot, barely escaped with his life.

"The creek, thereafter, became known as Boone Creek, in honor of Edward.

"The Boone Society, Inc. invites you to walk where Daniel and Edward Boone walked and visit the ground where blood was shed in the venerable days of the early frontier. Boone Creek has changed little since that tragic day. Once a place of great danger, it is now a serene and fitting memorial to the sacrifice of the Boone Family in the settlement of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The idea of walking in the footsteps of such folks as Daniel Boone and his family are fascinating. Perhaps, the next time we are in the Bluegrass Country, we'll pay a visit to Boone Creek...and maybe look for some walnuts.

Oh, by the way...the wedding went just as planned. And, following a reception, they drove off into the sunset. Really. We had no idea where they went...

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