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# Kite Hill Vineyards to expand

## Jackson Growth Alliance receives USDA grant

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Jackson Growth Alliance (JGA) has received a USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) to help expand Kite Hill Vineyards, a female-owned winery and member of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

The grant supports new equipment that will increase production capacity and strengthen the local wine industry.

Owned by Barbara Bush since 2006, Kite Hill Vineyards produces handcrafted wines from grapes grown in the Shawnee Hills American Viticultural Area (A.V.A.). The winery's current winemaker, who represented Southern Illinois University and the region's wine industry in France, continues to build on Kite Hill's tradition of quality and innovation.

With the new equipment, Kite Hill Vineyards has expanded production from 2,000-2,400 gallons to more than 8,000 gallons annually, allowing the business to meet new demand and produce wine for other Illinois vineyards. This growth will help increase revenue and support local agriculture.

"This project is a great example of how the Rural Business Development Grant program helps small rural businesses grow,"said Darrell Bryant, Executive Director of Jackson Growth Alliance. "We're proud to help retain and expand a business that contributes to Jackson County's economic vitality."

Jackson Growth Alliance serves as the county's economic development organization, leading projects, grants and partnerships that promote business growth and community development throughout Jackson County.



# IN A FLASH, HISTORY TUMBLES DOWN




*Photo by Adam Gunther reported for the Saluki Local Reporting Lab and Capitol News Illinois*

Hundreds of people gathered along the Mississippi River front, on the morning of Sept. 28, to watch the 80-year-old Chester Bridge come down.

In a matter of seconds, the bridge was gone. Explosives ripped through the old bridge, sending it crashing into the Mississippi River as cheers rose from the crowd.

A piece of local history had disappeared, marking the end of one era and the beginning of another for the crossing between Illinois and Missouri.

Demolition crews used strategically placed explosives to bring the bridge straight down and keep the collapse within a controlled area. Crews will work to remove the remaining pieces of the old bridge from the river.

The old bridge has been replaced by the $307 million Don Welge Memorial Bridge, a joint Missouri-Illinois-federal project named for the late Gilster-Mary Lee corporation president and CEO, who pushed for years for a safer replacement.

# WBIH Begins 16th Annual New Coats, New Hope Campaign

While warmer temperatures continue to linger, winter is not far ahead. Once again, WIBH Radio in Anna has begun its annual New Coats, New Hope Campaign to buy new coats for kids age 3 to 16 living in the lower 45 counties of Illinois.

Now in its 16th year, the radio station will partner once again with local agencies and businesses to help children impacted by abuse, neglect, disaster, and family need.

Nearly 20% of Southern Illinois children live in poverty compared with 16% statewide. For many families in the region, a warm coat for their child is an essential item during colder months. “We are fortunate to live in a community that cares about the needs of others,” said Moury Bass, co-owner of WIBH. “That’s why we are using the voice of WIBH radio to let our listeners know that there are children in Southern Illinois who need warm coats for the upcoming winter.”

Each year, coats are purchased through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm. Through the years, over $95,000 has been raised to purchase over 4,600 new coats. The Campaign’s goal for 2026 is 500 coats.

Sponsorship of a coat is just $25, but any monetary contribution is appreciated. Donations by check or money order must be made payable to Operation Warm and sent to WIBH Radio, Attn: Moury Bass, 330 South Main Street, Anna, IL 62906. You can also donate online at www.operationwarm.org/wibh. Each year Shipping Saint in Anna donates shipping of the coats which allows 100% of all donations to go directly to purchasing the coats. Deadline to donate is December 11, 2026.

Coats will be distributed to families through Arrowleaf, the Children’s Medical and Mental Health Resource Network (CMMHRN), Rural Health, Inc., and all Southern Seven Head Start locations. No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a coat. Coats are available while supplies last.

Other local businesses are also partnering with WIBH to keep coat costs low. Shawnee Mass Transit District in Vienna and Anna will help deliver coats to their distribution sites, while T&I Office Equipment in Anna is donating the printing of flyers used in outreach. Anyone wanting flyers to distribute should contact Moury at the radio station for delivery or Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates new, high-quality coats for children in need that partners with individuals and organizations across the United States to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need. Operation Warm believes a brand new coat is more than a coat, promoting self-esteem, school attendance and outdoor play.

For more information, or to request a coat for a child in need, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 618-833-9424 or Shawnna Rhine at Rural Health, Inc. at 618-833-4471, ext. 1036. Details can also be found on the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign Facebook page. To learn more about Operation warm, visit www.operationwarm.org.





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# OBITUARIES



## Gladys Evelyn (Buttry) Cast

Gladys Evelyn (Buttry) Cast came into this world as humbly as she lived, being delivered by Granny Powell in Charleston, MO. She was Born April 8, 1951, the middle daughter of the late William "Willie" and Bessy (Wyatt) Buttry. Gladys departed for her Heavenly home on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 surrounded by her loving family at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, MO.

Gladys held many titles over the years, but the best ones were being a mom, Nana and sister. If you asked her, she would gladly tell you about her family. She was so proud of her grandbabies, they truly were her greatest accomplishments. She never met a stranger. She always had a smile on her face.

Gladys married Nue Amos-Francis (Bud) Cast on June 7, 1969 in Charleston, MO. Together they would make a home they cherished in Alto Pass. He preceded her in death on May 10, 2008. Mom, Momma, Nana, Aunt Gladys was a soft spoken, mild mannered, kind and loving person with a true heart of gold. She gave the best hugs and kisses on the cheek.

Gladys led her family with a quiet strength anchored in faith, love, and humility. She attended The Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Alto Pass for many years. She considered her church members as her family and cherished every one of them.

The sweetest mother to one son Buddy (Melodie) Cast of Cobden, IL and one daughter Pamela "Pam" "Pammy" (Jerimy) Morehead of Charleston, MO; loving Nana of Beau Brenden Allen Aden and Brayden Hunter Amos Cast of Charleston, MO, Tabitha (James Pyle) Cast of Percy, IL., Brooklyn (Brady) Reynolds of Cobden, IL; one great-granddaughter, Brinnleigh Pyle of Percy IL; brothers, Charles Buttry, Tommy (Sandy) Buttry both of Sikeston, MO, Leroy Buttry of Michigan, and Larry Buttry of Charleston, MO; 2 bonus grandchildren, Isac and Ethan Schneider of Charleston, MO, as well as many nieces and nephews whom loved their Aunt Gladys.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband; parents; mother and father-in-law; sisters, Bonnie Neal and Rosalie Cornwell; one son, Robert Dewyane Cast who was born sleeping; brothers, Ray and Billy Buttry; nephew Donnie Lynn Buttry; and beloved niece, Alisa Lynn (Cast) Wachsnicht.

Without a doubt the gates of Heaven swung wide open when they saw Gladys running with her arms held high and completely healed. She will always be our Prettiest Star in the Sky!

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro with Rev. Billy Carter officiating. Interment was in the Casper Cemetery in Anna. Memorial contributions are preferred to the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Alto Pass.



## Martha "Marty" Clark

Martha "Marty" Clark, 78 of Anna, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. She was born on Nov. 28, 1947 in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of Edgar and Alvina Richard. She married Robert "Bob" Clark on May 28, 1974 in Portsmouth, N.H. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2016.

Marty is survived by three daughters, Amy (Kenny) Penrod of Dongola, Stacy (Stevie) Turner of Anna and Robin Clark of Cobden, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and good friend, Raymond Theis.

Marty attended St. Jean-Baptiste Catholic School in Lynn, MA and was a member of the St. Jean's Jeanettes color guard and drum and bugle corps. She was a member of Anna Chapter 1181 Women of the Moose. She was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. She loved spending time with her family, enjoyed horseback riding and loved dogs.

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

## Clifton Deon Davis

Clifton Deon Davis, 90, of Dongola, passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2026 at his home, surrounded by family. He was born March 24, 1936 to Clifford H. Davis and Zelma Lyerla Davis Lowery on the Lyerla family farm below Jonesboro where he spent most of his early years.

Deon married Barbara E. Keller on Feb. 23, 1957. His wife of 69 years, Barbara E. Davis of Dongola, survives him. She was his loving and devoted caregiver. He is also survived by his two daughters, Belinda (William) Hatfield of Anna and Debra (Mark) RedCloud of Bloomfield, MO; grandchildren, Ashley (Stephen) Hatfield Head of Anna, Pete (Birdie) Hatfield, Michael (Missy) RedCloud of Bloomfield, MO, Nikki (Tony) RedCloud of Evansville, IN, and Cody (Liz) RedCloud of Bloomfield, MO; great-grandchildren, Colton Head, Emily Hatfield, Zada RedCloud, Mali Bratcher, Emma Johnson and Emma RedCloud; other extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Deon attended Anna-Jonesboro High School and worked mowing lawns and delivering newspapers for the Gazette-Democrat in his younger days. He went to work for Caterpillar in Peoria and B.F. Goodrich. He drove a truck for E. H. Davis Trucking and operated heavy equipment at the Jonesboro and Ullin Quarries. He later went to work for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative for 25 years as a lineman before his retirement.

Deon was a 50-year member of the IBEW and Local 318 Operating Engineers. He was also a member of the Dongola Masonic Lodge No. 581 and the Anna Masonic Lodge No. 111. He was ordained as a deacon at the Dongola First Baptist Church on Sept. 30, 1979.

In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and racing go-karts. He spent many summer days boating and water skiing with his family and friends on Dongola Lake.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro with Brent Miller officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Dongola or the Union County Ambulance Service.



## Phyllis Miller

Phyllis Miller, 85, of Anna, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 at St. Louis University Hospital in Missouri. She was born May 27, 1941 in Balcom, the daughter of Alfred and Doris (Shepard) Sadler. On May 9, 1963, she married Carol Miller. He preceded her in death Nov. 5, 2019.

Phyllis was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and her church family. For many years, she worked at the Anna Heights Baptist Church Early Learning Center. She also worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory before its closing and the JR Center. Phyllis had a big heart, and she loved spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Joe (Jenny) Miller, Jonathan (Kathy) Miller, Angie Stoner, and Ron Miller; grandchildren, Nathan (Jen) Miller, Mathew (Kelly) Miller, Charlie (Sarah) Miller, Dusty (Natalie) Miller, Angel Stoner (Jeff Sherrill), Austin Stoner, Drake Shemwell, and Bryce Miller; great-grandchildren, Elisabeth , Judah, Norah, Madelyn, and Micah Miller, and Adelle Sherrill; sister-in-law, Nancy Sadler; nieces, Vickie Haar and Tracy Wellen; nephew, Dale Sadler, Jr., other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carol Miller; son-in-law, Michael Stoner, and brother, Dale Sadler.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 2, 2026 at the Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro with Daryl Williams officiating. Interment followed in Big Creek Cemetery in Dongola. Memorial donations may be made to Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home to assist with final expenses. Donations may be made electronically using the link below.

To leave online condolences, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



## Ronald Phillip Miller

Ronald Phillip Miller, 60, of Anna, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion, just six days after the death of his mother Phyllis. He was born on July 17, 1966 in Anna, the son of Carol and Phyllis (Sadler) Miller.

Ron is survived by his son, Dusty (Natalie) Miller; granddaughter, Elisabeth Miller; siblings, Joe (Jenny) Miller, Jonathan (Kathy) Miller, and Angie Stoner; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is also survived by his ex-wife, Sandy Kohler. She was his only wife and still a good friend and member of the family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ron was a hard worker and gave his all to everything. Throughout the years, he worked at Kroger, Bunny Bread and L and P Carpet. He was a union flooring installer. He also owned and operated a re-sale shop and upholstery business. He enjoyed refinishing antique furniture, leather crafts, camping and visiting flea markets and yard sales. Above all, Ron loved his family and adored his son and granddaughter.

Funeral services for Ronald Miller were held along with those of his mother Phyllis Friday, October 2, 2026 at the Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home to assist with final expenses.

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

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*—Pema Chödrön*

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***1 Corinthians 15***

**The Resurrection of the Dead**

15.1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[1] : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,[2] and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. 9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them-yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he "has put everything under his feet."[3] Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. 29 Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? 30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I face death every day-yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."[4] 33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."[5] 34 Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God-I say this to your shame.

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. 39 Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"[6] ; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we[7] bear the image of the heavenly man. 50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."[8] 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"[9] 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

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# NEWS FROM VIENNA, ILLINOIS




**The Beta leadership team recently attended the Beta Club leadership summit where they competed, and qualified for nationals, in five events. "All the World's a Stage:" led by Bonnie Russell with members Anna Claire West, Avery Golliher, Carmen Simpson, John Cunningham, Josiah Crim, Kassidy Baker, and Millie Partridge. "Being Better Betas:" led by Olivia Quertermous with members Tiffany Richardson and Josiah Crim. "Beta Blitz:" led by Tiffany Richardson with members Bonnie Russell and Grace Laubscher. "Collaboration Connection:" led by John Cunningham with members Carmen Simpson, Kassidy Baker, Kyran Thorne, and Olivia Quertermous. "Project Proposal:" led by Grace Laubscher with members Clara Lam, Bonnie Russell, Kassidy Baker, and Olivia Quertermous.**

## NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE By Dixie Terry

Although we welcomed fall, it seems that summer wants to stick around.

We've received some great weather for the many events that have been underway.

Some special days to commemorate this week include: Oct. 10: Mental Health and Cake Decorating Day. Oct. 11: Day of the Girl. Oct. 12: Gumbo Day and Thank A Farmer Day. Oct. 13: Train Your Brain Day. Oct. 14: Dessert Day and World Sight Day.

Like to refresh your marriage? The Eagle House Ministries is offering a "Marriage Refresher" on Oct. 9, 6-9 p.m., at their location on Route 37, north of Buncombe. The cost is $30 per couple, which includes dinner. Register at eaglehouseministries.com.

A motor coach, loaded with enthusiastic travelers, set out for Shipshewana, in northern Indiana, on an Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 adventure. This was sponsored by the Johnson County HCE of the University of Illinois Extension. The HCE will be sponsoring another coach trip for Nov. 9-12 to the holiday-decorated Biltmore Mansion and Asheville, N.C. To go along, call Faye Mize at 618-771-0066.

There is "A Beacon of Hope" at the Potter's House Christian Center in Marion, located on East DeYoung Street, Route 13. There will be six life changing services, held on Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. and Oct. 5-8 at 7 p.m.

All citizens and community leaders are urged to attend the "Community Preparedness" event on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Vienna High School.

What causes the different colors in the Fall foliage? Yellow and orange are due to carotenoids. Deep red and purple are created due to anthocyanins. Brown and tan are caused by tannins. And, now you know!

The Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days on Sept. 26-27 brought out hundreds of spectators and participants to John A. Logan College, to enjoy a long list of activities.

It is that time again, for the biannual migration on Snake Road, also known as Forest Service Road #145, located in the Shawnee National Forest. The 2 1/2-mile stretch in Union County will be closed to vehicles for several weeks, so the snakes and turtles can travel from their summer home in Larue swamp to their winter residence on the nearby limestone bluff. However, pedestrians can still hike the road. If they dare!

This event brings in tourists from all over.

Volunteers at the Goreville Ministerial Alliance Thrift Shop this week will be members of the Community of Christ Church of Tunnel Hill. Shoppers are welcomed on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon.

An abundance of quality Fall merchandise is available, including Halloween and Thanksgiving items, all at bargain prices.

The flu shot event of the Southern Seven Health Dept. at the Goreville Village Park will be rescheduled.

A complimentary luncheon was provided by the Vienna High /School for the members of the Johnson County Retired Teachers Association last week, which was well attended and enjoyed.

The True Vine food project of the Vienna United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m., at the rear entrance parking lot. The menu will include potato soup, club sandwich, fruit cup and a dessert, all for free. To pick up or have home delivered, call 618-926-1468 and leave a message.

The Vienna High School class of 1986 will hold a reunion on Oct. 17, 6-9 p.m. at the Evergreen Coffee Shop in Paducah, hosted by owner and class member, Jean Bowman Alford.

A not-to-be-missed annual historical event will be the Fort Massac Encampment on Oct. 17-18 at Fort Massac State

The Cypress School PTO is holding a dance for students in grades 5-8, on Oct. 16, 6-9 p.m.. Those attending are asked to wear a costume and mask. The cost is $5 at the door.

"Happy Birthday!" is wished to these folks.

Oct. 1--Matt Payne! Oct. 2--Gale Fosse, Rick Travelstead, Ty Taborn, Lucas Terry, our grandson! Oct. 3--Ray Smith, Brenda Funkhouser! Oct. 4--Mason Lipe, Morgan Cavins, Ellen Eastman, Shayla Storey, Emma Vaughn, Deanna Hudgens! Oct. 5--Madison Herren, Mike Webb, Marley Rambo-Sharp! Oct. 6--Cara Webb! Oct. 7--Audra Hammerick, Noel Peas! May you all have many more!

Owen Lee Webb of rural Vienna, will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Oct. 17, 3-5 p.m. at The Commons of Vienna High School. Cards can Throgmorton on Oct. 3! Stephen and Jennifer Jones on Oct. 6!

Coming up on Oct. 21,will be the "Rekindling the Spirit Youth Rally" with food served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the worship service and rally. This will be held outdoors at the Eagle House Ministries and is open to all area youngsters. The November gathering will be held on the 18th at the Ozark Baptist Church.

If you are an unpaid caregiver, you are invited to attend "TheCaregiver Retreat" on Nov. 6, 10.a.m.-2 p.m. This is a free event featuring resources, breakouts, lunch and prizes. Visit "The Healthy Seniors Action Team" Facebook page for more. This event is free for caregivers.

Enjoy the remainder of this week and all that October has

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# CACHE RIVER CLEANUP






Since 2021, the City of Anna has participated in the Adopt-a-River program, sponsored by Living Lands and Waters, an environmental stewardship organization based in Rock Island. Through the program, the city maintains the first mile of the Cache River that runs from its headwaters near the Anna City Park to the city's water treatment plant on Lime Kiln Road.

Members of The Friends of the Cache, the Anna-Jo Garden Club and Scout Troop 7044 of Anna, joined the effort by picking up litter along Lime Kiln Road where it borders the Cache. "It's always great to have young people come out and participate in these events," said Tom Caldwell, organizer of the event. "It's a boost of energy for all of us and lends the entire project a heightened purpose."

The groups collected 11 bags of trash and assorted larger items, including a discarded bicycle, tires and a custom hubcap. "I think we made a difference," said Tony Gerard, president of Friends of the Cache. "It's nice having this variety of groups contribute because true success in environmental concerns only comes with a community-based effort."

## Anna First Baptist News

Anna First Baptist Church met for Worship Service on October 4th witj Joe Cohen doing our Opening Prayer.

Cissi Cuthbertson did our Call to Worship which was on , The Lord, Supper, For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; And when he had given thanks, he brake it and said,

Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying,

This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord,Äôs death till he come.

This was taken from 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy.

Our Worship Teams three songs for this Sunday were, Jesus Messiah, Amazing Grace and Come Alive.

Pastor Lupe, sermon title was, ,Ezekiel, Can These Bones Live?

Highlights included, Ezekiel was a prophet who learned that God is still present even when life doesn, go as planned. He ministered to God, people during the Babylonian exile, when many of them felt defeated, displaced, and without hope. Through powerful visions, God used Ezekiel to remind His people that their story was not over and that He could restore what seemed completely lost. His vision of the valley of dry bones showed that when God speaks and breathes life, even the most hopeless situation can live again. Ezekiel,Äôs message still reminds us today that no valley is too deep, no heart too broken and no situation too far gone for God.

Our Sunday School begins at 9 am and is for all ages. Our Children, Church and Adult Worship Service begins at 10:15 am. Our bus runs for both of these services. Please call our Church office to be put on a list and we will be happy to pick you up

Check us out on Facebook. comAnnaFirst.Org

Our email is fbcannna409@gmail.com

We are located at 409 Morgan Street in Anna, Illinois. Our phone number is 618.833.5416.

You are welcome to any and all of our services. Please feel free to come visit us, we would love to tell you about Jesus and what He means to us.

God Bless You is always our prayer for you and your family.

## Anna Church of the Nazarene News

The morning worship service was held at 10:35 a.m.on September 27, 2026. Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins. The worship service was led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

The message ,Grace, Holiness, and the Narrow Road,brought by Pastor Wright from Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 7:13,14, Ephesians 2:8,10; Hebrews 6:4,6; Hebrews 10:26,27; John 14:6 sharing that Leviticus teaches us how a holy God makes a way for sinful people to live in His presence.

Celebrating birthdays this week are: 27th Connie Sadler, 1st Lisa Mull, Sue Bauer, 3rd Nate Wiechmann

Celebrating anniversaries this week are: 28th Bill & Linda Wright, 30th Davild & Emily Wilson

SUNDAY ,OCTOBER 4, 2026 Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:35 a.m. No Evening Service

OCTOBER 5 AT 6:00 P.M.

Fall Mission Tour at Royalton Church of the Nazarene. Rusty & Diane Robbins will be our guest speakers for the Fall Mission Tour.

WEDNESDAY , OCTOBER 7, 2026

Wednesday Night Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Youth Group in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 9-10, 2026, 8:00 AM, 4:00 PM

Charity Bake & Yard Sale, 100 Kirk St., Anna, IL.

Our youth are raising money for camp next summer! Come find great deals, homemade baked goods, and fresh lemonade at our Charity Yard & Bake Sale.

You may contact the church by calling the church office at 618-833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

# Illinois Receives $14,243,004 in Federal Funding to Deliver Home Visiting Services to Families

Illinois has just received $14,243,004 in federal funding through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program to continue providing voluntary home visiting programs that support parents and improve outcomes for families and young children.

Nationwide, this represents the largest-ever amount of dedicated federal funding for home visiting services to children and families. In Illinois, this year's federal grant represents a $1,116,694 increase over last year. The additional federal funds were unlocked by the state's investment of non-federal matching funds at a rate of $1 in state funding for every $3 in federal funding received. Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) oversees MIECHV-funded home visiting in Illinois.

"MIECHV reflects a simple idea: supporting parents early gives children a stronger start. Parents are a child's first and most important teacher, and by giving them the tools and support they need, we help create a strong foundation for children to thrive," said Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator Tom Engels. "These awards will help states and jurisdictions provide pregnant women and families the support they need during the critical early years of a child's life. Home visiting is a key pillar of the Trump Administration's work to Make America Healthy Again. When children receive the support they need early in life, we're promoting their development and laying the foundation for better health throughout their lives."

Home visiting offers parents voluntary, evidence-based assistance from trained family support professionals for guidance during pregnancy and early childhood. Home visitors serve as trusted partners for families, helping bridge the gap between parents' goals and the resources to which they have access.

Research shows a family's relationship with a home visitor improves birth outcomes, strengthens early development, increases school readiness, and reduces the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Some parents begin working with a home visitor before birth, while others enroll later in early childhood, but all are supported in their role as their children's first and best teachers, with more confident parenting and kids who arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.

MIECHV is the only federal funding source dedicated to home visiting, supporting grants to 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories, and 53 Tribes. MIECHV's evidence-based models have a research-backed track record of improving health, behavioral, and economic outcomes for children, mothers, and families. Through a collaborative, personal approach, trained home visitors work alongside new parents to identify parenting goals and establish healthy, development-focused strategies. MIECHV also empowers parents to pursue further education, job training, and financial and housing stability, all of which are key to individual, family, and community well-being.

For more information about how home visiting is working for families in Illinois, visit the MIECHV data dashboard or learn more about home visiting in Illinois here: https://asthvi.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/ASTHVI-Illinois-Fact-Sheet.pdf

*The Association of State and Tribal Home Visiting Initiatives (ASTHVI) is the professional organization of state, Tribal, and territorial officials who oversee home visiting programs across the country, including those funded by federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grants. Together, ASTHVI members advance the effective implementation and continuous improvement of voluntary home visiting programs that support parents and improve outcomes for families and young children. Learn more at: www.asthvi.org*

# For Your Health: Making the Switch to Healthier Fats

**By Dr. Graham A. Colditz**
Siteman Cancer Center

Choosing healthy fats is an important part of healthy eating. And that's actually super, for a lot of reasons. Fats can add flavor and great texture to foods, boosting our enjoyment. They can help us feel fuller longer, so we don't get too hungry in between meals. And, if we choose certain types of fats, they can do all that — plus be really good for us.

The key is knowing which are the "good" healthy fats, which are the "bad" unhealthy fats, and what are the easy ways to choose healthier options when we're eating out or staying in.

"Not all fats are bad," said Yikyung Park, a nutrition researcher and professor at WashU Medicine. "Some fats are beneficial, such as monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. These are found in most plant oils, such as soybean, canola and olive oil, as well as in peanuts, avocados, walnuts, seeds and fish oil."

Healthy fats, she said, tend to be liquid at room temperature. Unhealthy fats tend to be solid or mostly solid at room temperature.

The most common unhealthy fat is saturated fat, which is found in high amounts in foods like butter, cheese, whole milk, red meat and beef tallow. Coconut and palm oils have high levels of saturated fat, too, even though they're plant oils.

Trans fat is also an unhealthy fat — and to a greater degree than saturated fat. But since 2018, they have largely been removed from foods in the United States. They can still be found in smaller amounts in some items, though, including margarine and shortening. And even foods labeled "zero trans fats" can contain some level, which can add up with multiple servings. To check, you can look for trans fats in ingredient lists, often listed as "partially hydrogenated oils."

"Mono and polyunsaturated fats help maintain heart health by lowering bad cholesterol levels," Park said. "The American Heart Association recommends consuming foods that contain mono and polyunsaturated fats in place of those that contain unhealthy fats."

These substitutions can help prevent heart disease and stroke, and even lower the overall risk of dying prematurely.

And making these switches can be fairly straightforward. You really don't need to know too many details of the types of fats or their specific sources. Some general guidelines can take you a long way.

Instead of cooking with solid fats like butter, beef tallow or coconut oil, use liquid plant oils. These include canola, corn and other seed oils. "Seed oils contain essential fatty acids and are a great substitute for unhealthy fats," Park explained. "Some people say that they're bad because they're processed, but that's not accurate. Seed oils are healthy."

Instead of meals featuring red meat and cheese — such as cheeseburgers or beef lasagna — choose those featuring fish or poultry and vegetables — such as fish soft tacos, chicken and rice or pesto pasta.

Instead of topping dishes with extras like bacon bits, cheese or sour cream, try using nuts, seeds or salsa.

Cooking at home can also be a simple way to make the switch to healthier fats. We have control over which recipes and which fats we choose — plus it means fewer restaurant and fast-food meals, which can be higher in unhealthy fats.

Even when we make these healthy updates, though, it's important to consider that healthy fats, just like all fats, are high in calories, Park said. So, when we're eating foods high in healthy fats, we should still be mindful of portion size and eat them in moderation.

At the same time, eating healthier doesn't mean never having some of our favorite foods made with unhealthy fats. It's important to enjoy the food we eat while also making overall healthy choices. And that's a balance we can all work toward, she said.

"It is OK to use beef tallow or coconut oil occasionally, or eat full-fat dairy a few times per week. But for every day, plant oils are healthier."

Dr. Graham A. Colditz leads prevention research at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and WashU Medicine in St. Louis. Much of his work focuses on translating research findings into tools and tips that help people lower their risk of disease and improve their health — including the 8IGHT WAYS® to Prevent Cancer series.

# Shawnee College begins search for next president

The Shawnee Community College Board of Trustees has begun the process of selecting the college's 10th president. The board has engaged Pauly Group Inc., a firm which specializes in community college executive searches, to oversee the process.

As part of the process, Pauly Group president Angela Provart plans to conduct stakeholder listening sessions on Oct. 14-15. The sessions will gather feedback about the qualities and characteristics stakeholders would like to see in Shawnee Community College's next president. The feedback will help develop a position profile for recruiting candidates, the college shared in a Sept. 24 news release.

Following the listening sessions, the presidential search is expected to proceed according to the following tentative timeline:

Early November: Position profile developed based on feedback from the listening sessions.

Mid- to late November: Recruitment of applicants begins. Early February: Application deadline.

Mid-February: Presidential search committee identifies semifinalists.

Late February: Presidential search committee interviews semifinalists.

Mid-March: Finalists meet with various college constituency groups. Dates will be announced once finalists are identified.

July 2027: Selected candidate begins serving as president.

The presidential search committee is co-chaired by SCC Board of Trustees chair Steve Heisner and trustee Nancy Holt.

The college said that questions regarding the presidential search can be directed to Angela Provart at aprovart@paulygroup.com.

## Cancer Wellness Expo set for Oct. 17

The first annual Harvesting Healthy Futures: Cancer Resource & Wellness Expo will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 890 Senior Ave, Vienna, Ill.

When cancers are caught early – such as prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and breast cancer – they are fully treatable. Learn more and access your local prevention resources.

All ages are welcome to join for:

Cancer prevention education and resources

Connecting with your local organizations

Signing up for cancer screening appointments

Raffles for giveaways and health promotion games

FREE boxed lunch

This FREE event will be organized by Asian Health Coalition, The Hope Light Foundation, and Rural Health, Inc. to promote cancer awareness, screening and prevention.

Attendees can register at: https://redcap.link/CancerExpo

Contact Maddie Bernard, Program Manager, Asian Health Coalition for more information.

Email: madeline@asianhealth.org or phone: 312-682-9243.

## Reminder on when ill students should stay home

With the arrival of cold, flu and respiratory illness season, Anna School District 37 nurse Candice Sauerbrunn is sharing some reminders with families about "When to Stay Home." The reminders, shared on social media, include:

Students may not bring any medications to school, including but not limited to: Tylenol/Ibuprofen, cough drops, cough medicine, allergy medicine, creams, ointments or essential oils.

Any medications taken at school must have an order from a doctor. If your student needs to take any medication during the day, you may also come to the school and give the medication to them. If it is a long term medication, please feel free to reach out to me to discuss the best possible solution.

If a student is sent home with a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, they must be absent 24 hours after they are fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication). They must also have had no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours. If a student is diagnosed with strep throat, they must be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours (in addition to being fever free for 24 hours) before returning to school.

If a student is diagnosed with Covid-19, they must be fever free for 24 hours and have an improvement of symptoms.

Those with questions or concerns are asked to refer to the district's student handbook or to call 618-833-8022, extension 224.

# Residents urged to get vaccinated as measles cases increase

Illinois residents urged to get vaccinated as measles cases increase

With measles cases on the increase, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, is reminding the public to protect themselves by confirming they are vaccinated against the disease. While the risk for getting measles remains very low for residents, vaccination is the most effective step people can take to protect themselves and their loved ones, the department said.

In 2026, through Sept. 25, 23 confirmed measles cases had been reported in Illinois, mainly driven by an outbreak in Douglas and Moultrie counties with 16 cases. IDPH said the outbreak, defined as three or more cases that are connected by a common source, has been among unvaccinated people or people with an unknown vaccination history. The impacted local health departments have made considerable efforts towards mitigating the outbreak through intensified vaccination campaigns and community outreach. Additional recent cases not related to outbreaks have been identified in Kane and Madison counties.

"The key to preventing measles is the highly effective measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, two doses of which are 97 percent effective in preventing measles. While Illinois is fortunate to have high vaccination rates overall, there are still areas across the state with lower vaccination rates where people are at high risk," IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release.

"IDPH continues to work closely with local health departments to offer vaccination opportunities and develop strategies to minimize spread. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, confirm you are up to date on the MMR vaccine and all other age-appropriate immunizations."

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can easily be spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through direct contact with nose or throat secretions from an infected individual. Although measles was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000, it has experienced a resurgence in recent years due to a drop in national immunization rates.

To increase vaccination rates among Illinois residents living in or near a county experiencing an outbreak, IDPH and local health departments have:

Facilitated the administration of over 200 MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccines since the beginning of the outbreak in August by supporting local events in Moultrie, Coles and Douglas counties.

IDPH has offered grants to local health departments experiencing increased measles cases to support vaccination efforts.

IDPH has also held weekly calls with affected local health departments to expand on-the-ground vaccination efforts and coordinate response activities.

Treatment and p[revention

IDPH advises that the best way to protect yourself and others is to receive the highly effective measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, administered in two doses. The first is usually given around 1 year of age and the second between 4 and 6 years of age, usually before a child starts school, but can be given as soon as 28 days after the first dose. A single dose is 93 percent effective in preventing measles, while the two-dose regimen is 97 percent effective, the department said.

Post-exposure prophylaxis, PEP, which can be administered to unvaccinated persons 6 months and older who are exposed to measles, can prevent disease or lessen its severity if administered quickly. Unvaccinated exposed people should call their clinicians or local health departments immediately if they think they might be eligible for PEP, the department advised.

# P.A.S.T. News

The Jonesboro 8th grade toured the Heritage House Museum on Sept. 25 and copies of local author Darrel Dexter's book, "A Trot Down to Egypt," were issued to each student. The book covers the Lincoln-Douglas debate of 1858, held in Jonesboro. Students also received postcards from the Sesquicentennial of that debate.

Marilyn Meisenheimer and Evelyn Gillespie, members of P.A.S.T., along with teacher, Pam Turner, were tour guides for the field trip.

Members of P.A.S.T. of Union County met in a regular business meeting at the Heritage House Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Committee reports were given, specific issues were voted on and some deferred pending more information, and events were finalized for October, November and December. The next meeting will be Nov. 24 at 6 p.m.

A series of Spooky Talks will be held in October.

On Oct. 11 at the Heritage House Museum, 102 S. Main St., Jonesboro, Darrel Dexter will give a talk on Union County Cemeteries at 2 p.m.

On Oct. 18, Brian Bailey will give a talk and will demonstrate how to use witching sticks to locate graves. This talk will be held at the Jonesboro Cemetery entrance off Ashlar and S. Main St., in Jonesboro at 2 p.m.

Then on Oct. 25, Bryan Crain will give a talk at the Heritage House Museum on Funeral Practices: Then and Now, at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Please join us for the last series of parlor talks for the year.

P.A.S.T. of Union County will be hosting a Soup and Chili Supper with Dessert Auction at the Historic St. Anne's Church, 507 South Main St., Anna. The event will be held on Friday, Nov. 6, starting at 5 p.m. Cost is $8 per person, children 12 and under are free. Parking at the Stinson Library is suggested.

# Kincaid Mounds Historic State Archeology Field Day planned

An Archeology Field Day is planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Kincaid Mounds State Historic Site in Massac County. The field day is being presented by the Kincaid Mounds Support Organization, whose members volunteer their services for the preservation and management of the site.

Artifacts will be display and information tables will be set up. The program is free of charge. Restroom facilities will be available. No refreshments will be sold.

The Kincaid Mounds State Historic Site in Massac County was a large Native American town occupied from AD1050 to 1450. During this time, a dozen large and many small mounds were built.

The site is a National Historic Landmark and Illinois Historic Site and, a large portion of which is under the management of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. There is an observation and interpretation area with interpretive panels providing information on the Historic Site.

Programs are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The 10 a.m. program is scheduled to be given by Dr. Paul Welch, retired chair and associate professor of anthropology Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The 1 p.m. program is scheduled to be presented by Dr. Brian M. Butler, retired director of the Center for Archaeological Investigation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Part of the presentations, which is optional, includes a walking tour to Mound 8 at the site. Organizers said that hiking shoes are recommended.

Those who have artifacts that they would like to have more information about are invited to bring them to the event. An archaeologist is scheduled to be available to help identify the artifact and its use. No artifacts will be bought or sold.

The Kincaid Mounds are located approximately 10 miles east of Brookport along the Ohio River Scenic Byway. The event, organizers shared the following directions to the site:

From Interstate 24, take the Metropolis/Brookport Exit, travel east on U.S. Route 45 towards Brookport and before entering Brookport, turn left on Unionville Road. Go 6.25 miles through Unionville to New Cut Road. At New Cut Road turn right (south) and travel 3.6 miles to Kincaid Mounds Road, turn left (east) on Kincaid Mounds Road and go .6 of a mile to the observation platform. GPS location: 34,47.10,N 8829,25.53,W.

ore information about the Kincaid Mounds Historic Site can be found online at www.kincaidmounds.com or Facebook-Kincaid Mounds Support Organization.

# Little Grassy Get Down returns to SIU's Touch of Nature Oct. 9-11

**SIU University Communications**

The Little Grassy Get Down, a family-friendly music festival featuring Americana music from artists across the Midwest, returns to Southern Illinois University's Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center Friday through Sunday, Oct. 9-11. Weekend passes are on sale now.

Performers include the Local Honeys, the Woodbox Gang, Chicago Farmer, Chloe Kimes, the Burney Sisters, Lucas Wayne & the City of Soul, the Hornworms featuring Hugh DeNeal, Carter and Connelley, and many more notable artists. Music runs from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday with bonfire jams to follow, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

While the lineup draws the crowds, Brian Croft, director of Touch of Nature, said the experience is what keeps people coming back.

"What we love most about the Get Down is the community that has grown around it. People come for the music, but they leave talking about the memories, the setting and the feeling of being part of something special."

Beyond a fun weekend, the festival also supports Touch of Nature's mission. "Proceeds help us continue creating outdoor experiences, improving our facilities and making programs accessible to more people," Croft said.

Most weekend activities are included with a festival pass. Ride Illinois will lead guided bike rides for all ages and skill levels. Bikes and helmets are available to borrow from Touch of Nature, or guests may bring their own.

Move & Groove Kids Yoga is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Y'all Rock Instrument Petting Zoo runs from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, and contra dancing hosted by the Southern Illinois Contra Community takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. No partner experience is needed.

For an additional fee, Neon Tiger will offer festival-inspired tattoos Saturday and Sunday, with proceeds supporting Touch of Nature. Free temporary tattoos are available for kids. Musicians of all skill levels can also register for a Wernick Method Jam Class led by Derek Giles Saturday.

The Kids Zone, cargo net tower, rock wall, giant swing and archery will operate at scheduled times. Touch of Nature's multipurpose trails will be open for running, biking and hiking.

Attendees can shop Vendor Alley, which features a variety of vendors selling art, decor and more. Festival and artist merchandise will also be available at the merch-and-info booth in Jam Camp, near Vendor Alley.

Food and beverages, including vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, will be available at the Get Down Kitchen in Freeberg Hall and the Get Down Bar and Grill.

On-site ticket purchase will be available at the box office located at the SIU Credit Union Trailhead at the entrance of Touch of Nature. SIU students can buy a weekend pass, which includes tent camping, for $75 ($85), or a Saturday pass for $35 ($45). A valid SIU ID is required at the gate. Youth passes for ages 15 and under are free with a paying adult.

The Little Grassy Get Down takes place rain or shine.

For more details, visit the festival's information page, call 618-453-1122 or email ton@siu.edu.



# Raoul announces court win in continuing antitrust lawsuit against RealPage

Attorney General Kwame Raoul and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), with a bipartisan coalition of eight other attorneys general, secured a win in their antitrust lawsuit over RealPage's rent-pricing algorithm, according to a new release from Raoul's office. This week, a court denied the software company's attempts to have the case thrown out.

"I am pleased with the court's decision that will allow our lawsuit to continue," Raoul said. "At a time when many Illinoisans are finding it harder to access affordable housing, it is vital our antitrust laws are enforced to protect competition in the marketplace."

The coalition's suit against RealPage alleges the software company used landlords' competitively sensitive data to create a pricing algorithm that violated antitrust laws and raised rent prices. Specifically, the lawsuit alleges RealPage sold revenue management software to property managers across the U.S. in exchange for their nonpublic, sensitive data. That data included information about rental units coming on the market, rent prices property managers were charging and discounts they were offering. RealPage used that information to suggest apartment prices to property managers to help them make more money. The company then used multiple strategies to get property managers to automatically accept its recommendations. That meant apartment prices were artificially inflated, and renters couldn't shop around for something more affordable.

As part of the case, Raoul also filed a suit against multiple landlords who allegedly worked together and with RealPage to raise rent prices. A coalition of states and the U.S. Department of Justice sued Greystar Real Estate Partners LLC, Blackstone's LivCor LLC, Camden Property Trust, Cushman & Wakefield Inc. and Pinnacle Property Management Services LLC, Willow Bridge Property Company LLC, and Cortland Management LLC. That lawsuit alleges that the sharing of nonpublic, competitively sensitive data allowed landlords using RealPage's products to set higher prices than would have been set in a competitive market.

Raoul and the coalition's lawsuit against RealPage asks the court to stop the company and the property managers it works with from sharing non-public information and working together to inflate rent prices.

# USDA issues final rule with comment period ahead of opening the application window for Rural Energy for America Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is taking steps to advance the Trump Administration's commitment to unleashing American energy and economic prosperity and is streamlining program delivery for the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Rural Development through the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS) is issuing a final rule with comment period that will simplify the application process, reduce risk to the agency, and protect taxpayer dollars.

"The final rule from USDA will restore integrity and stability to the Rural Energy for America Program. For too long many applicants have prioritized unreliable energy sources and have not fully delivered on their stated goals, as of today that ends," said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "President Trump is committed to an energy dominant future for America and it starts with our rural communities, USDA stands ready to deliver on this goal."

"This rule cuts the red tape so that farmers and rural small businesses can spend less time and money navigating paperwork and more time investing in their operations," said Under Secretary for Rural Development Glen R. Smith. "At the same time, we're protecting productive American farmland from oversized solar developments and ensuring taxpayer-supported energy investments don't put components from foreign adversaries on American farms. REAP should work for rural America, not foreign supply chains or projects that take good farmland out of production."

Important changes to program requirements include:

Implementation of the Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins' direction to disincentivize solar photovoltaic and wind energy systems on cropland.

Requiring projects to be fully built, operational, and demonstrating performance before applying. This ensures that the applicant can demonstrate the project's actual documented output, energy savings, costs, and system performance.

Multilocation projects and specific application of certain technologies are now ineligible.

Implementation of a single streamlined national competition process to simplify program administration and prioritize projects delivering verifiable results.

A planned online application portal will significantly decrease burden for applicants by shortening application length and review times across the program.

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Stay tuned for the publication of the annual program notices which will announce application window open and close dates.

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# Record diesel prices continue uptrend, surpass $6

**By Rhiannon Branch**
FarmWeek

The price of diesel fuel has yet to find a ceiling as the national average price surpassed the $6-per-gallon mark Sept. 15, according to the US Energy Information Administration (EIA).

While drilling capacity is adequate, refining and distributing systems remain off course due to conflicts in the Middle East.

"With the inventories being so low and demand continuing to go up, that means your price is going to continue to go up until we get some sort of resolution," Don Schaefer, president of the Mid-West Truckers Association, told Jim Taylor with the RFD Radio Network.

EIA's latest weekly price report showed US on-highway diesel averaged $6.28 per gallon, up 32 cents from the prior week and $2.54 from the same week a year ago. Midwest diesel averaged $6.25, up 30 cents on the week, according to EIA.

Crude oil prices are at a three-month high. The Brent crude oil spot price recently increased 7.9% to $130.80 per barrel.

Higher fuel prices are putting pressure on some farm budgets during harvest season, especially for those farmers and truckers who couldn't lock in supplies prior to the spike.

"The real challenge is for the small operator who goes and buys (diesel) at the station. They're paying the pump price and it's expensive," Schaefer said.

With corn and soybean harvest underway across the Midwest, diesel consumption by the agriculture sector is in a peak season.

"You can't postpone harvest and you've got to have the fuel to get into the combines, trucks and other equipment you have. So, you have to go with the flow and this is a tough year," Schaefer said.

Another bottleneck occurred Sept. 13 when a power outage at the ExxonMobil refinery in Joliet triggered a safety flare, resulting in a four-hour shutdown.

The refinery is equipped to handle about 275,000 barrels of crude per day, producing about 11 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel daily.

While the shutdown in Joliet was temporary, any extended operational disruptions could intensify an already tight fuel market and push prices even higher.



**Corn is unloaded from a grain cart into a semi-trailer during harvest in McLean County. Skyrocketing diesel fuel prices are putting pressure on farmers and truckers this fall. (Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek)**

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# Officials seek to reassure public about election security, integrity

**By Peter Hancock**
*Capitol News Illinois*

> "I encourage all of you to get involved. Become an election judge. See what it is that we do. See how we operate."
>
> **Don Gray, Sangamon County Clerk**

With early in-person and mail-in voting underway in Illinois, state and local election officials insisted recently that the state's voting system is being run fairly and accurately.

Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray and Illinois State Board of Elections spokesman Matt Dietrich told a Springfield audience not to buy into false reports that the system is vulnerable to widespread fraud or that voter rolls can be hacked or manipulated.

"We can't allow that disinformation to permeate our systems here, or that form of terrorism to erode our greatest beacon of what we do – electing our leaders," Gray said. "I encourage all of you to get involved. Become an election judge. See what it is that we do. See how we operate."

Gray and Dietrich were the featured speakers at a forum sponsored by the Citizens Club of Springfield. It was billed as an effort to address concerns that have been raised in recent years about the integrity and security of elections in the United States.

Much of the recent criticism of the electoral process has come directly from the White House where President Donald Trump has tried to exert more federal control over elections, particularly mail-in voting.

**Federal lawsuits**

For more than a year, Illinois and at least 29 other states have been embroiled in litigation over the Trump administration's efforts to gain access to the states' complete, unredacted voter registration databases that include sensitive personal information such as dates of birth, driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers.

The Trump administration has said it needs the data to determine whether states are properly maintaining their voter rolls, including purging the rolls of non-U.S. citizens and other people ineligible to vote. But Illinois has argued the administration has no statutory authority to demand the data while state law prohibits election officials from releasing it.

"We've won at the trial court level," Dietrich said, referring to a July 31 federal court ruling. "But those cases are going on. There are still five more that are out there. So far, the states have prevailed in 25 of those cases. That's going to go on for a while. I foresee that that will end up at some point before the Supreme Court."

Illinois was also part of a successful multi-state lawsuit to block the administration's attempt to put the U.S. Postal Service in charge of regulating the pickup and delivery of mail ballots.

Because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the states' favor in that case, Gray said local election authorities throughout Illinois were able to mail out ballots to people who had requested them on Thursday, the official start of early voting in Illinois.

"If the guidelines were upheld, we'd have to reprint all our envelopes," he said. "It would take weeks for us to do that. They'd have to restuff all of the materials to get them in. So the timing was terrible for us to do this."

**Election safeguards**

Despite attempts to cast doubt over vote-by-mail systems, Gray said mail balloting has been growing "by leaps and bounds" in recent years and predicted that mail-in votes could account for as much as one-third of all votes cast in the Nov. 3 election.

Gray and Dietrich also tried to put to rest concerns that the state does not properly check the identity of people registering to vote.

Gray said Illinois provides multiple ways for people to register. Many people do it when applying for or renewing their driver's license or state identification card, but they can also do it through an online portal on the State Board of Elections' website or by filling out a paper form that can be delivered to their local election office.

Illinois requires applicants to show two forms of identification, at least one of which must show their current home address. That can include a driver's license, state ID card, bank statement, a residence contract or lease, or a utility bill. The application also asks for the last four digits of the person's Social Security number and their date of birth.

No matter how a person submits their application, Gray said, it eventually gets sent to the local election authority where officials verify all the information provided.

"When it comes back to the election authority, we look up those driver's licenses into a portal of the secretary of state to ensure it's active, it's legitimate, it's the person that's presenting themselves and at the address that they request," he said. "We also do the same with the last four digits of your Social Security number with the Social Security Administration. So we're doing a lot of upfront vetting all the time through those means to ensure that you are who you are."

And while Illinois does not require voters to show identification at the polls to cast a ballot, Gray and Dietrich said it would be extremely difficult for anyone to vote under someone else's name.

"You would have to know the voter's name and address for one," Dietrich said.

"You'd also have to have a pretty good idea of what their signature is. But if impersonation was happening at any volume, even if it was just a few dozen, eventually the real voter is going to show up in their polling place and try to get their ballot. The election judge will say, 'Well, you already voted. We have this here,' and the legitimate voter is going to say, 'Well, I didn't vote.' That's going to start an investigation."

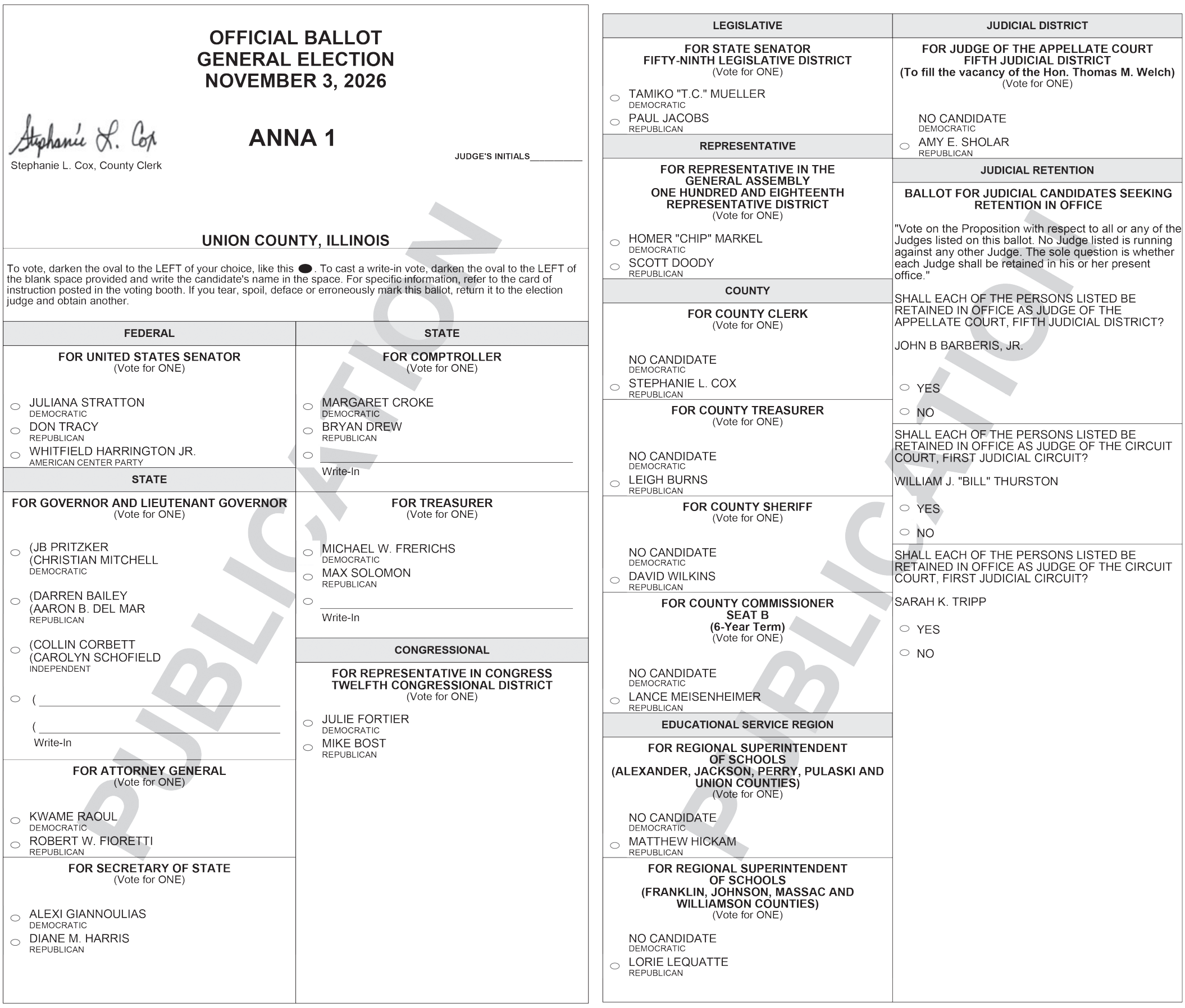
Dietrich also discussed cybersecurity measures that have been put in place since a highly-publicized attempt in 2016 by Russian agents to hack into the state's voter registration database as part of a broader attempt to interfere in that year's U.S. elections.

In response, he said, Illinois used a $13 million federal grant and state matching funds to hire "cyber navigators" who were deployed across the state to train local election authorities on cyber security.

"Probably the biggest thing that they did in that first year was they put all 108 local election authorities onto the Illinois Century Network, which is the state of Illinois' private internet that state government uses to send data within an intra-agency communication," Dietrich said. "So your voter data is never being put onto the public internet to come to us."

More information about how to vote by mail or cast an early in-person ballot is available from the State Board of Elections or local election authorities.

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UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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**FEDERAL**

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for ONE)
- ○ JULIANA STRATTON — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ DON TRACY — REPUBLICAN
- ○ WHITFIELD HARRINGTON JR. — AMERICAN CENTER PARTY

**STATE**

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for ONE)
- ○ (JB PRITZKER (CHRISTIAN MITCHELL — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ (DARREN BAILEY (AARON B. DEL MAR — REPUBLICAN
- ○ (COLLIN CORBETT (CAROLYN SCHOFIELD — INDEPENDENT
- ○ ( _____
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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for ONE)
- ○ KWAME RAOUL — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ ROBERT W. FIORETTI — REPUBLICAN

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for ONE)
- ○ ALEXI GIANNOULIAS — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ DIANE M. HARRIS — REPUBLICAN

**STATE**

FOR COMPTROLLER (Vote for ONE)
- ○ MARGARET CROKE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ BRYAN DREW — REPUBLICAN
- ○ _____ Write-In

FOR TREASURER (Vote for ONE)
- ○ MICHAEL W. FRERICHS — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ MAX SOLOMON — REPUBLICAN
- ○ _____ Write-In

**CONGRESSIONAL**

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS TWELFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- ○ JULIE FORTIER — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ MIKE BOST — REPUBLICAN

**LEGISLATIVE**

FOR STATE SENATOR FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- ○ TAMIKO "T.C." MUELLER — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ PAUL JACOBS — REPUBLICAN

**REPRESENTATIVE**

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
- ○ HOMER "CHIP" MARKEL — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ SCOTT DOODY — REPUBLICAN

**COUNTY**

FOR COUNTY CLERK (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ STEPHANIE L. COX — REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY TREASURER (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ LEIGH BURNS — REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ DAVID WILKINS — REPUBLICAN

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER SEAT B (6-Year Term) (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ LANCE MEISENHEIMER — REPUBLICAN

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION**

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (ALEXANDER, JACKSON, PERRY, PULASKI AND UNION COUNTIES) (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ MATTHEW HICKAM — REPUBLICAN

FOR REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (FRANKLIN, JOHNSON, MASSAC AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES) (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ LORIE LEQUATTE — REPUBLICAN

**JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas M. Welch) (Vote for ONE)
- NO CANDIDATE — DEMOCRATIC
- ○ AMY E. SHOLAR — REPUBLICAN

**JUDICIAL RETENTION**

BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE

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SHALL EACH OF THE PERSONS LISTED BE RETAINED IN OFFICE AS JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?

JOHN B BARBERIS, JR.
- ○ YES
- ○ NO

SHALL EACH OF THE PERSONS LISTED BE RETAINED IN OFFICE AS JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

WILLIAM J. "BILL" THURSTON
- ○ YES
- ○ NO

SHALL EACH OF THE PERSONS LISTED BE RETAINED IN OFFICE AS JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

SARAH K. TRIPP
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\IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PULASKI COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
JOSE MANUEL ROMAN, JR.,
Petitioner,
v.
MARGARITA ROMAN,
Respondent.
Case No. 2026-DN-3
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is given to you, MARGARITA ROMAN, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief.
Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Pulaski County, Courthouse, Mounds City, Illinois, on or before November 12, 2026, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.
Stephanie L. Crain
CIRCUIT CLERK
8221-969877

TAX DEED
NO. 2026-TX-34
FILED: 09/25/2026
TAKE NOTICE
TO: KAREN ODUOLA, 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 in Union County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-07-664
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Union County in Jonesboro, Illinois on February 17, 2027, at 11:00 AM. On that date the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024, for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on February 3, 2027. Redemption may be made by applying to the county clerk at the office of the county clerk in Jonesboro, Illinois.
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TAX DEED
NO. 2026-TX-35
FILED: 09/25/2026
TAKE NOTICE
TO: ZEBULON K. MOLTER, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ANNA STATE 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 in Union County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-488
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Union County in Jonesboro, Illinois on February 17, 2027, at 11:00 AM. On that date the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024, for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on February 3, 2027. Redemption may be made by applying to the county clerk at the office of the county clerk in Jonesboro, Illinois.
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TAX DEED
NO. 2026-TX-36
FILED: 09/25/2026
TAKE NOTICE
TO: AMANDA Z. HOUSEMAN, 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 in Union County:
PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-534
This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Union County in Jonesboro, Illinois on February 17, 2027, at 11:00 AM. On that date the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024, for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on February 3, 2027. Redemption may be made by applying to the county clerk at the office of the county clerk in Jonesboro, Illinois.
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TAX DEED
NO. 2026-TX-37
FILED: 09/25/2026
TAKE NOTICE
TO: KIMBERLY A. TREXLER, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PULASKI COUNTY - MOUND CITY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
TAMMY HUSTON, Personally and as Executor of the Estate of Nora Isabelle Baker; DONALD BAKER, JR.; JAMIE ROBERTS; JOHN ROBERTS; TONY BAKER; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NORA ISABELLE BAKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
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Case No. 2026FC1
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Certificate No. 2022-00009
TO: HENSON, CARROLL & DONNA, DISCOVER BANK, UNION COUNTY TRUSTEE and unknown owners, occupants 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. 03-18-01-655-
S18 T13 R1E S & W PT SW NW.
Said property was sold on 2/7/2024 for the general taxes for the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on 1/15/2027. On January 20, 2027 at 11A.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.
Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969782

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00029
TO: BLACK ELBERT LEE, CITY OF ANNA and unknown owners, occupants 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. 05-20-03-633-
S20 T12 R1W S PT W SD LOT 10 (77X150)
Said property was sold on 2/7/2024 for the general taxes for the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on 1/15/2027. On January 20, 2027 at 11A.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.
Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969783

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00058
TO: EDDLEMAN, R. EDWIN & CAROL, EDDLEMAN, SARAH H and unknown owners, occupants 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. 06-18-04-579-
S18 T13 R1W E 1/2 NE.
Said property was sold on 2/7/2024 for the general taxes for the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on 1/15/2027. On January 20, 2027 at 11A.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.
Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969784

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00059 & 2022-00060
TO: EDDLEMAN, R. EDWIN & CAROLE, NANCE, SUSAN M and unknown owners, occupants or parties interested. A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL
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S18 T13 R1W W 1/2 NE.
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S18 T13 R1W S SD NW. MOBILE HOME PT 06-043
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Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00093
TO: MYERS DALTON JO, ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION and unknown owners, occupants 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. 09-28-06-542-
S28 T13 R2W PT SE NW. MH PT 09-047
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Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE
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TO: CAMPBELL WILLIAM CODY, CITY OF ANNA, ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK and unknown owners, occupants 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. 14-00-08-438-
N PT LOT 27 A J MENEE'S ADD. SURVEY 2014R0264 02/18/14 50'X 150 & 50'X 146.5
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Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969788

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00140
TO: MILLER, JEFFREY & RACHAEL D, City of Anna and unknown owners, occupants 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. 14-00-08-791-
40' OFF E SD LOT 6 DANIEL W BROWN 4TH ADD.
Said property was sold on 2/7/2024 for the general taxes for the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on 1/15/2027. On January 20, 2027 at 11A.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.
Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969789

TAKE NOTICE
Certificate No. 2022-00158
TO: HITE, SHIRLEY LIFE EST, HITE, THOMAS E & RANDY M and unknown owners, occupants 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. 14-00-10-329-
LOTS 6 & 7 ORIGINAL PLAT OF DONGOLA.
Said property was sold on 2/7/2024 for the general taxes for the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire on 1/15/2027. On January 20, 2027 at 11A.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.
Vivek V. Gupta, Personal Representative
Petitioner
8221-969790

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PULASKI COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
WILLIAM JESSE HAND, III, Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-7
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of William Jesse Hand, III, whose place of residence at the time of his death was 302 East Main Street, Karnak, Illinois. The Order Appointing Independent Co-Administrators And For Letters of Office to issue was entered were issued on July 9, 2026 to Jessica Horn, whose address is 108 Lincoln Street, Karnak, Illinois and Amy Stafford, whose address is 5187 Lower Salem Church Road, Grand Chain, Illinois as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Richard Kruger of Kruger & Abell Law Firm, 110 W. 5th Street, Metropolis, Illinois.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Pulaski County Courthouse, Mound City, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice on or before six months from the date of first publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred.
Copies of a Claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/EFSPs-Page/ to learn more about and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/faq-page/ or talk to your local circuit Clerk's office.
Dated this 6th day of July, 2026.
Jessica Horn and Amy Stafford,
Independent Co-Administrators of the Estate of William Jesse Hand, III, Deceased,
By: /s/ Richard Kruger,
their attorney
RICHARD KRUGER
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
PULASKI COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:
WILLIAM JESSE HAND, III, deceased.
No. 2026-PR-7
NOTICE TO HEIRS OF WILLIAM JESSE HAND, III OF RIGHTS IN INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
TO: THE HEIRS OF WILLIAM JESSE HAND, III, Deceased
Independent Administration means that the executor or administrator will not have to obtain court orders or file estate papers in court during the probate. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless an interested person asks the court to become involved. Under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 (LCS 5/28-4 any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. In addition to the right to terminate independent administration, any interested person may petition the court to hold a hearing and resolve any particular question that may arise during independent administration, even though supervised administration has not been requested. The independent representative must mail a copy of the estate inventory and final account to each interested person and must send notice to or obtain the approval of each interested person before the estate can be closed (Probate Act Section 28-6 and 28-11). Any interested person has the right to question or object to any item included in or omitted from an inventory or account or to insist on a full court accounting of all receipts and disbursements with prior notice, as required in supervised administration.
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Jessica Horn, and Amy Stafford, Independent
Co-Administrators of the Estate of Todd Thomas, deceased
By: /s/Richard Kruger,
his attorney
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TAX DEED NO. 2026TX25
FILED September 22, 2026
TAKE NOTICE
TO: ROBIN HARPER-WHITEHEAD, JOHNSON COUNTY CLERK; BANK OF HERRIN; CHANVEASNA CHIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.
This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:
Lots Seven (7) and Twenty-seven (27) in Wagon Creek Subdivision, reference to plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 31, in the Office of the Recorder of Johnson County, Illinois. EXCEPT any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved prior in prior instruments of record, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any, situated in Johnson County, Illinois.
Property Index Number 02-04-404-007
On February 9, 2027 at 10:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on November 14, 2025 for general taxes of the year 2024. The period of redemption will expire January 25, 2027.
Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2024-00074
8221-969751

Assumed Name Publication Notice
Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 25, 2026, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of UNION County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:
A-MAZE-ING CREATIONS AND HOME IMPROVEMENTS
130 JACOB ST
WOLF LAKE IL 62998
Dated this 25th day of September, 2026.
Stephanie L. Cox
COUNTY CLERK
No. ABN2026-7923
8221-969852

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ALEXANDER COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
THOMAS EUGENE PORTER, Deceased
2026-PR-4
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Thomas Eugene Porter, Deceased, of Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 9th day of September, 2026, to Beverly Jean Bible, whose attorney is Kibler Law Office, Attorney at Law, 208 North Market, Marion, Illinois. 62959.
Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the admission of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six months after admission of the Will to probate.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Alexander County Courthouse, Cairo, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 24, 2027, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within
ten days after it has been filed.
Carey L. Simmons
Circuit Clerk of Alexander County
Keith W. Kibler
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PO Box 1224
Marion, IL 62959
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF
vs.
LARRY MALONE;
DEFENDANT
NO. 2026FC3
Address: 545 State Route 127 N. Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 13, 2026, I, Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on October 28, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Courthouse Lobby, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER QUARTER WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 127; THENCE NORTH 23DEGREES-44'-47" WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89DEGREES-44'-03" WEST A DISTANCE OF 315.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 24DEGREES-01'-19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 210.45 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89DEGREES-44'-03" EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 313.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 1.385 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER PLAT OF SURVEY FILED ON MAY 17, 1988, IN RECORD BOOK 50 AT PAGE 165 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
FORMERLY MISDESCRIBED AS:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE NO. 127; THENCE NORTHERLY WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET; THENCE WEST IN A STRAIGHT LINE 315 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH IN A STRAIGHT LINE 210 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE EAST ON THE SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ROUTE NO. 127, WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
COMMON ADDRESS: 545 State Route 127 N., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
P.I.N.: 08-15-05-866
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: $57,259.44
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IFYOUARETHEMORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650, Chicago, IL 60602, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 26 1922.
Sheriff of Union County, Illinois
Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC
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## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PULASKI COUNTY - MOUND CITY, ILLINOIS
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
TAMMY HUSTON, Personally and as Executor of the Estate of Nora Isabelle Baker; DONALD BAKER, JR.; JAMIE ROBERTS; JOHN ROBERTS; TONY BAKER; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NORA ISABELLE BAKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
Case No. 2026FC1
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause on August 6th, 2026, the Pulaski County Sheriff will, on November 10, 2026, at the hour of 10:30 AM, at 500 Illinois Avenue, Mount City, IL 62963, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 871 W. Washington St., Karnak, IL 62956
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 03-15-300-006
The improvement on the property consists of a Single unit dwelling.
Sale terms: cash in hand.
The Judgment amount was $65,944.31
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
IFYOUARETHEMORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN EVICTION ORDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Contact Brendan McClelland, Esq. of Noonan & Lieberman, Ltd, Plaintiff's Attorney, 33 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60602. 312-605-3500 ext. 3327. 8221-969898

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PLAINTIFF
vs.
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DEFENDANT
NO. 2026FC3
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## *Please read this...*

By Geof Skinner

# We're talking baseball, just not in St. Louis

Sigh... Major League Baseball's fall postseason is well underway. And, once again, the St. Louis Cardinals are watching from the bleacher seats.

Two teams (yes...two) from that city north of Lick Creek which is the potential future past home of Da' Bears, are in the playoffs. The White Sox and that other team in the Windy City are getting to take to the field for some postseason action, and a shot at the World Series. By the way, the last, and only, time the two teams from Chicago played in the World Series was in 1906, which was right around the time yours truly started writing for the local newspaper.

For those of us who are fans of the Cardinals, the last few seasons have been tough, especially since we have not been able to watch the players with the Birds on the Bat uniforms take to the field on cool, crisp October nights in the Midwest. Many fond memories, indeed. At least we can look forward to next year.

Meanwhile…

Well…at least they weren't groundhogs.

One night last week, Bob the cat and one of the people he tolerates on The Journey Through Life were sitting out on the porch swing…again.

As we were enjoying some unseasonably warm weather and a bit of a breeze, two unexpected and uninvited guests strolled up on the porch to join us. Yup. Two of our neighborhood raccoons paid a visit to our porch while they were out meandering around in the dark.

As is usually the case, the raccoons did not seem to be the least bit concerned about our presence. Bob even started hissing and spitting at the Critters, which he does not do very often. One raccoon turned around and high-tailed itself off the porch. The Critter's companion just kept walking in our direction. Some loud banging on the porch with my Big Red Make Lots of Noise So Raccoons Will Go Away Stick finally made the Critter go away. And, like I said, at least they weren't groundhogs.

Speaking of groundhogs…

Groundhog sightings were a thing one day last week. The first sighting of one of the furry, and very well fed, Critters was in The Other Half's garden early in the morning. Such sightings actually have been very common in recent weeks. At least one groundhog continues to really enjoy what's left of her garden. As noted a number of times during the current growing season, between the groundhogs and the crazy weather, gardening has been a challenge.

Later in the morning, a trip to Anna was on the calendar. As is often the case, such a trip included a drive through the Anna City Park, just to see what there might be to see, which included groundhogs. First, there was one…then another…then one more. The drive through the Anna City Park also included the sighting of more killdeers (or is it killdeer?) than I have ever seen at one time in one spot.

The day would include one more sighting of a groundhog, this time during a daily walk. Five groundhogs in one day might be some sort of record.



**Chillin' on a Sunday morning, a groundhog was seen taking a break from munching on goodies in The Other Half's garden.**

Maybe I need to start keeping track of such things.

Meanwhile…

At the time this week's gem was getting started, the sun was shining, the temperature in our little corner of the world was 84 degrees and the heat index was 83. Really. Information posted online by the National Weather Service office in Paducah showed that the heat index was one degree cooler than the actual temperature. Guess that might have made the heat index a wind chill. Or not.

And the forecast was calling for a low temperature around 46 degrees on Monday night of this week. The forecast might have changed, but the possibility of temperatures in the 40s was pretty exciting. That kind of weather just might mean that mosquitoes will finally go away.

Meanwhile…

In keeping with longstanding tradition, it's once again time for a shameless plug.

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to have a ColorFest book sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9-11. The sale will be at the library, which is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

A Friends Appreciation Sale will be offered from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Those who are not members can join for $5 at the sale. The sale will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The cost for a bag of books will be $5. Bags will be provided. Proceeds will help to support activities at Stinson Memorial Public Library.

Fall is a good time to find your next great book. Truth be told…any season…any time of the year…is a good time to find your next great book. Be sure to check out the book sale.

# Celebration Week focuses on impact of 4-H

National 4-H Week brings together 6 million youth, 3,500 Extension educators, 500,000 volunteers, and 35 million alumni to celebrate the incredible impact of 4-H. Participants learn practical skills for life, career and future leadership, making sure they are "Beyond Ready" for wherever life takes them. 4-H encourages hands-on learning in STEM, agriculture, civic engagement and healthy living.

Visit https://extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu to learn more about 4-H and the group's events, including livestock shows, shooting exhibitions and the Du Quoin State Fair.

# IDNR October events

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is sharing information about upcoming events and noteworthy items for October. The department reported that state parks, historic sites and museums have events planned throughout the month. IDNR also noted that October is National Hunting and Fishing Month.

Here's a look at some of the events and activities which are scheduled in October:

Oct. 1: Fall archery hunting for deer and turkey opened statewide. Visit the Hunt Illinois website, huntillinois.org.

Oct. 10: Wayne Fitzgerrell Trick-or-Treat at the Campground. Wayne Fitzgerrell State Recreation Area. Benton/Franklin County. Trick-or-treat at the Wayne Fitzgerrell campgrounds. An annual tradition with costumes, camping and candy. More information is available by calling the park office at 618-629-2320.

Oct. 10-12: Youth firearm deer hunting season is Oct. 10-12 statewide. Learn more about regulations and requirements on IDNR's youth firearm deer hunting page at dnr.illinois.gov.

Oct. 14: Gardening for Bats. Giant City State Park near Makanda. Discover how to create a bat-friendly garden by supporting dark skies, planting native species, preserving trees and snags and removing invasive plants. The program includes a bat box review and explores how citizen scientists can help monitor and protect local bat populations. Call 618-457-4836 to register and follow Giant City State Park on Facebook for more information.

Oct. 17-18: Fort Massac Encampment. Fort Massac State Park, Metropolis/Massac County. The popular Fort Massac Encampment, which has drawn thousands of visitors to Southern Illinois every fall for more than 50 years, is scheduled to return to Fort Massac State Park Oct. 18-19. Event times are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18.

Oct. 24: Fall shotgun turkey hunting. Fall shotgun turkey hunting season opens statewide. Learn more about hunting seasons, regulations and dates on the Hunt Illinois website.

Oct. 31: Trek-N-Treat. Giant City State Park near Makanda. Take a self-guided hike through the park and encounter costumed creatures that will provide candy to little ones. Follow Giant City State Park on Facebook for additional details.

# SIU Carbondale moves forward with teaching greenhouse project




**by Pete Rosenbery**
SIU University Commucications

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in partnership with the Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB), is moving forward with a teaching greenhouse project that will support new instructional and research spaces for SIU's crop, forestry and horticulture programs in the College of Agricultural, Life, and Physical Sciences (CALPS). The project will include renovations to plant biology greenhouses associated with the School of Biological Sciences.

Eggemeyer Associates Architects Inc. was recently selected by the Capital Development Board to provide architectural and engineering services for the $8.4 million project, which is funded through the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

"We are thrilled to have state capital funding for the greenhouses, and we appreciate our partnership with the Illinois Capital Development Board," said Susan L. Simmers, SIU Carbondale vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Dean Kristina Boone anticipates the project will increase faculty and student research capabilities and contribute to growing student enrollment.

"Research supported in the greenhouses strengthen the green industry, as well and specialty crops, corn, soybeans and others," Boone said. "The greenhouses support majors in horticulture, agronomy, agricultural education and plant biology." Boone added that workforce development is critical for sustainable growth in these industries.

She said that SIU "has the only comprehensive undergraduate program in horticulture in the state."

The project, she said, will further enhance SIU Carbondale's status as an R1 Carnegie Research institution and Opportunity University — one of only 21 universities nationwide to hold that dual distinction for both high research activity and student access.

The scope of work includes construction of a new agricultural sciences teaching greenhouse adjacent to the existing agricultural sciences headhouse area. Modern greenhouse infrastructure and environmental systems will include heating, cooling, ventilation, irrigation, lighting, shade systems, and related controls.

Modifications will be made to the existing agricultural sciences headhouse to support the new greenhouse, along with associated site work, utility connections, and infrastructure improvements. Additionally, the project will involve renovating the botany greenhouse and associated support areas, improving accessibility. Planned improvements include hazardous material abatement, structural repairs to greenhouse framing and enclosure systems, and upgrades to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, including heating, ventilation, lighting, and environmental controls.

Associated controls tying into the campus Building Automation System, along with necessary electrical, mechanical, and utility modifications are also part of the project scope.

"We are excited to partner with Southern Illinois University Carbondale to create facilities that provide opportunities for students to study agricultural and biological sciences," said Capital Development Board Executive Director, TJ Edwards. "Illinois is a leader in agriculture, and strong infrastructure investments like this support our state's economy and the industry's workforce."

"The project is intended to modernize these facilities, improve reliability and functionality, and provide updated greenhouse environments to support the university's ongoing instructional and research needs," said Mark T. Owens, SIU Carbondale's Facility and Energy Management director.

Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) oversees the construction of new state facilities, such as correctional facilities, state parks, mental health facilities, and college and university projects. In addition, CDB is responsible for renovation and rehabilitation projects at over 8,770 state-owned buildings spread over more