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News **Notes**

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

The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children plans to announce the distribution of more than \$100,000 to 29 Southern Illinois agencies Thursday, today, during a press conference at John A. Logan College in Carterville. Some of the agencies which are set to receive funds serve the Union County area.

Southbound I-57 near mile marker 34 in Union County was closed between the Anna and Lick Creek Road exits for part of the day Monday due to a traffic accident. Traffic was being diverted off at the Lick Creek Road exit.

Union County was under a frost advisory early Sunday morning...and again early Monday morning. Temperatures dropped into the 30s both mornings.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost scheduled an open house Monday, April 24, at his new constituent office in Murphysboro.

The Anna Blue Dolphins swim team plans to have registration from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 4 at the parish hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna. The parish hall is located across from the Anna City Pool. The team noted that the swim shop will be open and items will be available for purchase.

Looking ahead...lots of activities are planned for this year's Annabelle Festival in Anna. The celebration is set for Saturday, June 10, in Anna.

The Union County CEO program's annual trade show was scheduled Wednesday evening at the Barn Event Center near Anna.

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Ag's importance noted in resolution

The importance of agriculture to the local economy was highlighted at a recent meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The commissioners unanimously approved a resolution in support of Union County agriculture at their regular meeting on Friday morning, April 14. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The resolution proclaimed that...

...Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 96% of which are familyowned and a third of which include livestock; and

"...Union County is home to 590 of those farms with more than 900 farmers, and a total of 1,154 jobs, and

"...crops in Union County hold a market value of more than \$43 million and livestock market value is \$4.7 million and added household income is more than \$70 million, and

"....Union County produces the most apples of any other county in the State of Illinois and is the top producer of fruit, tree nuts and berries in Illinois,

"...farm property provides 30 percent of taxable value, which provides services to residents; and

"...Union County Farm Bureau is the largest membership organization in the county, and

"...farmers in Illinois face multiple layers of regulation involving state and federal agencies providing a comprehensive, robust regulatory program for all farms including those raising livestock; and

"...farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals in ways that also benefit the land; using tools and technology to better manage soil nutrients, water runoff and air quality on the farm, farmers are using fewer natural resources and reducing their carbon footprint while producing more food; and

"...THEREFORE, the Union County Board acknowledges and supports agriculture within our county; the jobs created, taxes generated, technologies embraced, and environmental practices implemented by farmers makes agriculture a valuable industry within our county.

The resolution closed by declaring that the county board and county staff members "will work to support and promote the development of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents."

Legislator recognizes Rendleman Orchards for 150 years of service

A Union County farm full-service turnaround opfamily was honored last week in Springfield.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, welcomed Rendleman Orchard owners Wayne and Michelle Sirles to the State Capitol Tuesday, April 18, as a way to thank the multigenerational farm family for their 150 years of service to Southern Illinois.

'Tucked away in the hills of Southernmost Illinois, and bordered by the Shawnee National Forrest, the Rendleman Orchard Family has dedicated their lives to producing some of the best apples and peaches across our state," Fowler said in a news release.

"Over the years, they have invested and grown their operation providing fruit and vegetables across the entire state."

Rendleman Orchards was founded in 1873 by John and Isabelle Rendleman, who at that time staked their claim on 88 acres at the Alto Pass location in Union County.

Today, five generations later, the orchard is a vast 800-acre phenomenon employing hundreds while feeding millions, the Southern Illinois legislator noted.

"We are considered a

eration," Michelle Sirles said.

"Our family farm being that we are wholesale primarily and retail secondary. We grow it, we take care of it, we harvest it, we pack it in our own packing facilities, and we ship it in our own trucks or sell it direct to consumers in our farm markets. People are quite surprised by the various services that we offer and mostly that we are the fifth generation."

Fowler honored fifth gen-

eration producers Wayne and Michelle Sirles on the Illinois Senate Floor April

Other generations in the family include John and Isabelle Rendleman (first generation), Grover and Iva Rendleman (second generation), James and Mary and Helen Rendleman (third generation) and Wayne R. and Betty Sirles (fourth generation).

Every senator was delivered a gift box as a token of appreciation from the orchard.



From left are Michelle Sirles, State Sen. Dale Fowler and Wayne Sirles. Phoro provided.

A-J students help to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month

Students in the Ag Department at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School worked hard in recent weeks cutting out the blue kids which can be seen throughout the Union County area community to help promote April's observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Union County Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The proclamation was highlighted at a public ceremony held in early April at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

A-JCHS agriculture teacher Jaryd Clark shared that the work done by the students at the Union County school "was a great experience - students showed teamwork and dedication to complete this project. We are happy to help support our community and learn new skills."

In two of the accompanying photographs, the A-JCHS students and their teacher were joined by Ginger Meyer, clinical director for Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, a program of SIU School of Medicine.

CMMHRN provides specialized medical evaluations for children ages birth to 17 who are reported victims of child maltreatment in rural Southern Illinois. The network sees about 150 to 200 children per year, on average.

CMMHRN also assists children who are emotionally abused, witness domestic violence and those who may have been harmed due to a drug environment.

Medical exams are provided both during regular scheduled office hours and on an emergency after hour

Under the leadership of Dr. Kathy Swafford, a board certified child abuse pediatrician, CMMHRN medical providers are trained to perform pediatric sexual assault and physical abuse

They perform the evaluations in a timely manner to ensure any evidence is preserved, while keeping

of the child the number one priority.

CMMHRN provides training and consultation to medical providers and members of the multidisciplinary teams (DCFS, law enforcement, child advocacy centers, mental health and court systems) regarding medical evaluations of maltreated children.

CMMHRN also coordinates workforce development and training in child mental health professionals for traumatized children in the southern 45 counties of



3rd hour students (ag construction): from left are TJ White, Gentry Quick, Brett Smith and Timothy Plott. Photo provided.

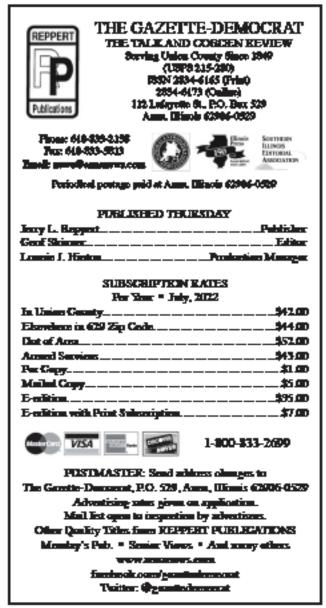


Ag mechanics: from left are Ginger Meyer, Reece Belcher, Stuart Busby, Hailey Wright, Payton Brust, Elias Jackson, Payton Denny, Edward Dahmer, Jaryd Clark, Dayton Johnson and Landon Bradley. Photo



Ag construction: from left are Ginger Meyer, Hunter Chapman, Dawson Trammel, Koda Leslie, Gentry Quick, Wyatt Pinnon, Yovani Carrillo Garcia, Jaryd Clark, Kyle Velasques, Evan Ray, Shayden Heath and Joseph Turner. Photo provided.





Union County remains at low COVID level

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, April 21, announced that the CDC was reporting two counties in the state are at a medium community level for COVID-19 last week, compared to six a week earlier.

There were no counties at a high level for the fifth straight week.

Union County remained at a low level. Alexander, Pulaski, Jackson, Williamson and Massac counties each were at a low level as well.

IDPH had recorded a total of 4,127,625 cases and 36,735 deaths, in 102

Union County COVID Cases

Update April 19: 6,956 total

cases. 71 deaths. April 5: 6,929 total

cases. 71 deaths. March 29: 6,919 total cases. 71 deaths.

March 23: 6,892 total cases. 71 deaths. March 15: 6,872 total

cases. 70 deaths. March 8: 6,858 total cases. 70 deaths.

March 1: 6,852 total cases. 69 deaths.

Feb. 9: 6,826 total cases. 69 deaths.

Jan. 29: 6,813 total cases. 69 deaths.

Jan. 4, 2023: 6,712 total cases, 69 deaths. Source: Illinois Department

of Public Health website. **Numbers represent statistics** since the start of the pandemic. counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

The department reported 5,278 new confirmed and probable cases of COV-ID-19 in Illinois in the week ending April 9, and nine deaths.

IDPH and the Illinois Department on Aging, IDoA, endorsed action last week by both the FDA and the CDC to simplify their recommendations for CO-VID-19 vaccinations.

The two federal agencies approved an optional additional updated bivalent vaccine dose for adults ages 65 years and older and optional additional doses for people who are immunocompromised.

The bivalent booster is designed to offer better protection against newer strains of the virus.

cision to approve a second COVID-19 booster demonstrates the real risk that this illness continues to pose for specific groups," IDPH diretor Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release.

On April 19, the CDC recommended a second bivalent booster for those who are 65 and older if it has been at least four months since their first bivalent booster.

For those who are immunocompromised, they are eligible for a second bivalent booster if it has been at least two months since their first bivalent booster.

Canvass of 2023 election results held

Results from 2023 elections in Union County have been finalized.

An official canvass of 2023 Union County election results was conducted Tuesday, April 18.

The canvass took place at the Union County clerk's office. The clerk's office is located at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer said the canvass finalized the results and outcomes of this year's election, which took place on April 4.

Turnout for the election totalled 1,805 voters. The county had 11,934 registered voters at the time of the election.

On the night of Election Day, the county clerk released information which explained that due to the number of mail out ballots that had not been received by April 4, if the numbers were within ranges set for various elections, the race could not be determined until 14 days after the election, which was April 18. The guidelines are set by state statute.

The county clerk reported the following results from contested elections in Union County:

City of Anna **For City Councilman** Vote for not more than

Kathy Bryan 394. Martha Ann Webb 381. Michael Bigler 294. Torie Carter 285. Nathan Guined 252. Anthony Edwards 208.

City of Jonesboro, Ward 2

For Alderperson **Vote for One**

Beverly K. Schaefer 61. Diana Scherer 26.

Anna Community Consolidated School District

For Members of the **Board of Education (to**

serve a full 4-year term) Vote for not more than

Cheryl Ligon 697. James B. Hammer 456. Collin Crane 414. Brooke Frank 342. Dave Sullivan 326. Shari Sweeney-Sadowski 297. Heath Newman 291. Austin Walker 238. Scott Carter 206.

Dongola Community Unit School District No.

For Members of the **Board of Education (to** serve a full 4-year term)

Vote for not more than Brenda Hogue 109. Mark

D. Eddleman 109. Mark Tyler Eddleman 88. David Gaddis 82. Charles Wayne Brown 49.

Anna-Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 81

For members of the **Board of Education (to** serve a full 4-year term)

Vote for not more than

Stacey M. Plott 914. Angela "Angie" Johnsn 783. Nathaniel Jared Dean Bracken 677. Jed Mix 574. Ginger L. Meyer 473. Thomas Sadowski 435. Pauline Hasty 354. Crystal D. Schroeder 327.

Write-In Vote Results

The county clerk also reported the following results for write-in candidates:

Jonesboro Community **Consolidated School Dis**trict No. 43

Heston Hase 61 total write-in votes. Hillary Meisenheimer 43 total write-in

Anna-Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 81

Michael Houseman 248 total write-in votes.

Wellness on Wheels van visit planned in Cobden

"The FDA and CDC's deresidents in need of basic Cobden. health care, the Wellness on Wheels, WOW, van may be able to help.

Through a grant funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Southern 7 Health Department continues to provide a variety of health care services through IDPH WOW

van clinics. The WOW van travels to high health risk communities in the lower seven counties of Illinois. The counties are served by Southern 7 Health Department.

A Wellness on Wheels van visit to Union County is planned from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 3 at the

For Southern Illinois Dollar General Store in

available include NAR-CAN training, blood pressure checks, colorectal cancer tests (FIT) and medication disposal packets.

Services which are available for a fee include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis). HIV, pregnancy and TB skin tests, well water tests, flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

All services will be offered while supplies are available. No appointment will be necessary for services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Charged services, including COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and flu shots, require a health insurance card.

Southern Seven advised that those who will be requesting a COVID-19 booster are asked to bring their vaccine card.

The Wellness on Wheels van is a multidisciplinary unit which is available to the Southern Seven Health Department through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services.

IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services at the Wellness on Wheels van at sites where people can come for medical services.

More information about the WOW program are available by contacting Shawnna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or by visiting S7HD on Facebook, the Southern 7 app and at www.southern7.org.

News Notes



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Jack Skellington was seen "hanging out" in downtown Cobden last Saturday morning during the River to River

The Anna City Council last week approved a usage request from the Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development for this year's farmers market.

The City of Anna continues to work on finalizing plans for an Independence Day celebration in July.

The City of Anna continues to look for lifeguards for the summer season at the city's pool.

Anna-Jo Garden Club is planning to have a spring perennial plant sale Saturday, May 13. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the garden club park in Anna.

Steve Heisner is continuing as chairperson of the Shawnee Community College Board of Trustees. Andrea Witthoft continues as vice chairperson and April Moore continues as board secretary.

Students from the Cobden and Shawnee school districts were among those who volunteered to help at recent Special Olympics competition.

Performances of this year's Cobden School District play, "Radium Girls," are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 28-29, at the Varsity Theater in downtown Carbondale.

Kaegan Craig, who earned third place in the Southern Illinois Reading Council's short story contest.

Family Reading Night is planned Thursday, today, at Lincoln Elementary School in Anna. Activities are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School was scheduled to host an American Red Cross blood drive Wednesday, April 26.

Members of the A-JCHS math team did well at the recent SEMO Math Field Day.

Students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to attend an A-J Wildcat Basketball Camp. The camp is scheduled May 31, June 1 and 2.

Congratulations to 2023 Shawnee High School prom queen Abby Davis and king Jack Taylor.

Two Cobden School District students earned state history fair finalist honors: Tess Brummer, whose project was about Superman; and Layla West, whose project was about Oscar Wilde. Cobden student Nicole Basler received special recognition for her project in the labor rights category.

The Dongola School music department has a spring concert planned at 5:30 p.m. on May 4.

Dongola High School's prom is set for Saturday, April 29.

A John Deere dealership is reported to be coming to Union County...the possible location is at the intersection of Interstate 57 and Illinois Route 146.

Construction is underway for a new farm store on the east edge of Anna near the Farmstead Market.

A new sub shop is planned in downtown Anna.

A Cinco de Mayo festival is planned from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 6 in Alto Pass.

An exhibit featuring paintings by Austin Dent of Cobden is set to open at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society's Nimmo-Walter Gallery of the Jane Brown Resource Center. The center is located at 103 N. Appleknocker in Cobden.

A Cobden High School athletic awards banquet is set for 6 p.m. on May 5. The event will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall in Cobden.

Flamm Orchards near Cobden has opened for the season.

Shawnee Hills Lavender near Cobden plans to have its farm and gift shop open June 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18.

Rise Performance 618 in Anna has announced plans for its first free youth devel-Anna School District No. opment camp. The camp is 37 is congratulating student scheduled to start June 12 and will last for six weeks. The camp is limited to 15 participants.

> A spring concert is scheduled Friday, May 5, at Shawnee Community College's main campus near Ullin. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

> Shawnee Community College planned to host its 10th Poetry Slam on Tuesday morning, April 25.

Arrowleaf director of community resources Emily Middleton has been selected as the Southern Illinois University Carbondale social work field instructor of the year for 2023.

University of Illinois Extension is congratulating the 2023 Master Gardeners graduating class.

Rumors...rumors: Stone Creek golf course in Makanda has a new owner...and there are plans to reopen...

The return of a children's fishing derby has been announced by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest. The event is planned May 2 at the Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site near Grand Tower, with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

Some reports suggest that the proposed new port project on the Mississippi River seems to be struggling.

Cairo now has a grocery store.



Work is underway to prepare the Anna City Pool for the 2023 season.

Lifeguard training is planned at the pool - perhaps during the first week of

May. An anticipated Memorial Day weekend opening is planned for the pool,

which is located at the Anna City Park. Photo provided.

State of Illinois awards tourism grant funding

throughout Illinois have been awarded \$22.5 million in grant funding through the state's Tourism Attractions and Festivals Grant program. The grant funds were announced April 7 in Chicago.

The grant awards were announced by Gov. JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, DCEO, legislators and leaders in the tourism industry

Designed to support local festivals and attractions and drive tourism across the state, Illinois increased the funding available from \$15 million to \$22.5 million in order to support additional attractions.

The additional \$7.5 million was secured during the Illinois General Assembly legislative session in early January 2023 and the program is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA.

This second round of the Tourism Attractions and Festivals Grant program provides grant funding to across the state.

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Eighty-nine projects localities, organizations, and businesses for a broad range of tourism-related improvements, events and activities.

Grant awards range from \$15,000 to \$500,000, with an average award of \$250,000 for a total of \$22.5 million.

Southern Illinois area project recipients includ-

Southern Illinois Airport Authority, Murphysboro, \$142,500, funding for the Cascade of Colors event at the Southern Illinois Airport Authority.

Greater Metropolis Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc., Metropolis, \$106,350, funding for the Metropolis Superman Celebration and the Fort Massac Encampment.

City of Carbondale, \$500,000, for improvements to the Superblock, a sports multi-complex owned by the city.

The latest grants build upon \$10 million in funding through the first round of the grant program provided to 40 localities

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Applications were selected through a competitive process, with each grantee demonstrating how the award would help businesses in the surrounding area, as well as the project's ability to attract visitors for overnight stays.

Projects also scored higher based on proximity to commercial corridors and services, including hotels/motels, restaurants, retail, and other commercial operations.

Legion **Auxiliary** plant sale set

The Villa Ridge American Legion Post No. 178 Auxiliary plans to have a plant sale Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stop 'n Shop in Mounds.

Gardeners will find a wide variety of perennial and annual flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable plants, houseplants, trees and shrubs, as well as gardening advice.

This year, the sale will support both FFA students from Egyptian High School in Tamms, who are raising some of the plants in their greenhouses, and the American Legion Auxiliary's outreach to local communities and area veterans.

Moment of silence observed

April 1 marked the third year anniversary of the first reported case of COVID-19 in the lower seven Southern Illinois counties served by Southern 7 Health Department.

Union County is one of the seven counties served by the health department.

On March 31, at 2 p.m., Southern 7 staff members wore red and observed a moment of silence in honor of lives affected and lost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, more than 4 million COVID-19 cases and 36,500 deaths have been reported in Il-



Committee meeting

An Annabelle Festival 2023 committee planning meeting was held April 18. From left around the table are Debbie McKibben, Dori Bigler, Martha Ann Webb, Gary Dahmer, Marilyn Meisenheimer, Tom Caldwell, Tracy Smith, Barbara Bauer, Susan Prestia and Lee Hackney. Committee members who could not be present for the picture included Tanya Lovelace and Crystal Housman. Photo provided.

Annabelle Festival planning committee meets at chamber office

The 2023 Annabelle Festival is set for Saturday, June 10, in Anna.

The festival's 2023 planning committee met April 18 at the Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development office to work on arrangement and management of the festival.

Chairperson Tracy Smith led members to share planned events of their committees. A wide variety of entertainment and educational interests for all ages will be proand shopping vendors, a car show and cruise, an art and flower show, an Annabelle plant sale and the Annabelle trail.

Activities also are scheduled to include a pageant for Ms. and Mr. Annabelle, a Kids' Fest, crafts and painting projects, a pet parade, a wild life presentation, a reptile show and a magic show.

The PAST organization of Union County plans to conduct bus tours of historic places, as well as a self-guided tour of

There are plans for food hosted downtown historic buildings. A free swim is planned at the Anna Pool. Lights and music also will highlight the festival.

Organizers noted that a big challenge to the festive plan is the state highway traffic that rumbles right through the middle of the festivities. For the safety of participants, there will be street closings, special parking provisions and some event site changes.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and encouraged for various activities.

More information and updates about the festival are forthcoming. For more information, or to volunteer or to sponsor events, call 833-6311.

A-J class of 1973 50th reunion set

An Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1973 50th reunion is planned.

The reunion is set for Saturday, June 3, at the Fork & Vine Restaurant near Cobden.

A social hour with appetizers will be at 5 p.m.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Organizers said there is still time to sign up. The cost

is \$40 per person. For more information. call Pam Grey Bartels at 828-442-3685 or email Drbartels@charter.net or

Gailsteck.gs@gmail.com. A picnic is planned Sunday, June 4, at the first shelter at the Trail of Tears State

The picnic will start at noon. Meat will be provided. Those who plan to attend are

asked to bring a favorite side dish and beverage. **River-to-River**

Trail Society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to sponsor a hike on May 6.

The 5-mile loop hike is planned at Max Creek in Johnson County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society advised that the leader of the hike can be contacted by phone at 618-841-4838 for more information.

Hikers are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at Taylor Methodist Church.

The hike is intended for people in good health who have done some hiking. Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and snacks. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

Information, including driving directions to the meeting area for the hike, can be found on the River-to-River Trail Society's website at www.rivertorivertrail.net.

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Applications accepted for Head Start program Southern 7 Head Start is locations. In addition to learning

accepting applications for the 2023 fall semester for income eligible families with children under age 5 who live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac,

> counties. Southern 7 offers both Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Pope, Pulaski or Union

Head Start serves children age 3 to 5, while Early Head Start serves infants and children age 6 weeks

Both programs offer fullday enrollment, with Early Head Start available year-

A Home-Based option is available for families if requested.

Head Start has dual enrollment with pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood programs in select Southern 7 app.

kindergarten readiness skills, children enrolled in the program receive health, dental and developmental screening, participate in educational activities and socialization skills. Children receive healthy meals and snacks. Families with children

in Head Start have access to mental health services, parent engagement and training tools and services to children of all needs and abilities. Parents are also able to volunteer in the

More information about Southern 7 Head Start is available by contacting Sharity Gaddis at 618-634-2297, extension 9127, or by visiting online at www. southern7.org and on the

Community Child Find screenings scheduled

Southern 7 Head Start and area pre-kindergarten programs in the lower seven counties in Illinois have scheduled their annual free Community Child Find Screening events throughout the region.

The purpose of the events is to identify children, age birth to 5, who live in the lower seven counties in Illinois, who require services and are enrolling in the programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

The events are conducted as part of the Preschool for All, PFA, program, which is funded by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Screenings for children consist of game-like activities and are conducted by Child and Family Connections. In Illinois, the Child Find

Project provides public awareness services as part of the comprehensive Child Find system.

formation include:

Union County Child Find Screening location dates and appointment in-

April 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cobden Elementary School in Cobden. Call 618-893-2311.

April 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Dongola Elementary School in Dongola. Call 618-827-4441. April 28, from 8 a.m. to

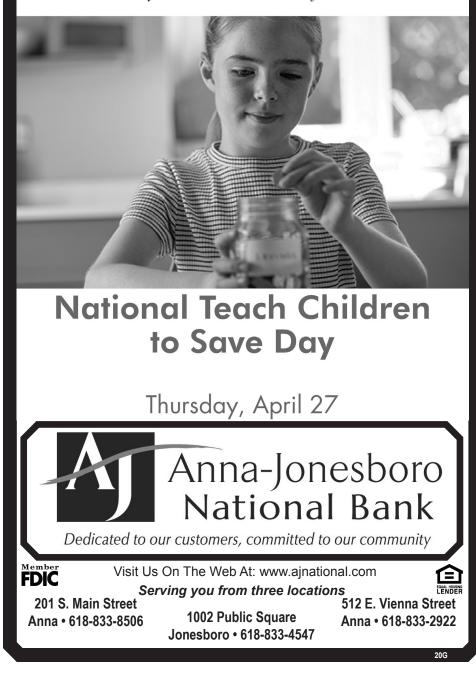
3:30 p.m., at Jonesboro Elementary School in Jonesboro. Call 618-833-5148.

May 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for Lick Creek students, at United Missionary Baptist Church, located at 125 United Missionary Baptist Ln. in Buncombe. Call 618-833-2545.

Items which are to be brought to screening appointments include:

The child's certified birth certificate. Current physical and immunization records. Proof of family income (such as one month of pay stubs or 2022 W2's, taxes, TANF, SNAP or SSI).

More information about the community Child Find Screenings are available by contacting Sharity Gaddis, Southern 7 Head Start enrollment specialist at 618-634-2297, extension 9127.



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Sports

A-J softball improves to 17-3 overall with four wins last week

Community High School softball team improved to 17-3 overall with four wins in action last week.

A-J 19, Vienna 3: Jayci Needling was 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the host Lady Wildcats to a doubleheader sweep in the final game Saturday, April 22.

Kaylee Wheaton was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Ana Turner was 2-for-3 with 2 home runs and 3 RBIs. Kansas Craig was 2-for-3 with a home run and an RBI. Jayda Shepard was 1-for-1 with a double. Avery Poole and Sadie Cross were each 1-for-1 with an RBI apiece. Shea Thorn was 1-for-3 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Olivia Schaefer was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Jenna Sadler was 1-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Hallie Plott had an RBI.

Sadler was the winning pitcher, allowing 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

A-J 3, Massac County **0:** Shepard was 2-for-3 with a double, home run and 3 RBIs to lead A-J to the win in the first game of the doubleheader played Saturday.

Shea Thorn was 1-for-2 and Avery Osman was 1-for-3.

Ruby Yates was the winning pitcher with a 3-hitter to go with no walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J 5, Du Quoin 0: Turner was 2-for-4 with a home run and an RBI to lead the

A-J/Cobden soccer 1-1 in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school girls' co-op soccer team posted a 1-1 record in action last week.

Murphysboro 3, A-J/ **Cobden 1:** Lakelyn Carter scored the lone goal in the home loss Thursday, April

Goalie Savannah Smith had 8 saves for A-J/Cobden.

A-J/Cobden 2, Harrisboth goals for the host team Tuesday, April 18. Sienna Morrison had an assist.

Smith had 10 saves in goal for A-J/Cobden.

A-J/Cobden, 6-10, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Massac County.

The Anna-Jonesboro visiting Lady Wildcats to the win Thursday, April 20.

Thorn was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Osman was 2-for-4. Needling and Plott were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Shepard and Craig were each 1-for-4.

Yates was the winning pitcher with a 6-hitter to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts.

Pinckneyville 4, A-J 1: The game was tied 1-1 until the bottom of the 7th when the host Lady Panthers scored 3 runs for the win Tuesday, April 18.

Sadler had the lone hit for the Lady Wildcats and was 1-for-4. Thorn had an RBI.

Yates pitched for A-J and gave up 6 hits to go with a walk and 9 strikeouts.

A-J 3, Carterville 1: Craig was 2-for-3 to lead the host team to the win Monday, April 17.

Turner was 1-for-3 with a home run and an RBI.

Yates was the winning pitcher with a 4-hitter to go with no walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J had a record of 6-2 in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play and is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Herrin.

Cobden baseball 1-1 last week

The Cobden High School baseball team was 1-1 in action last week.

Agape Christian Herrin 6, Cobden 0: The visiting Appleknockers were held to one hit in the game played Thursday, April 20.

Jake Tally was 1-for-2 for

Tyler Franklin, Dawson Short and Xach Roberts pitched in the loss. Franklin pitched 1 1/3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 5 walks and 4 strikeouts. Short pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts. Roberts pitched 2 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden 10, Century 0: Hunter Pitts was 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead host Cobden to the win Tuesday, April 18.

Tally was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Matthew Howell was 1-for-2. James Eagle and Mitchell Howell were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Roberts was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

Franklin and Short pitched in the win. Franklin pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts. Short pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 6-3, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Gallatin County.

A-J baseball post 2 wins

Community High School baseball team posted a 2-1 record in action last week.

Du Quoin 5, A-J 1: Taj Hodges led the visiting Wildcats at the plate by going 2-for-3 in the game played Thursday, April 20. Dylan Ahlberg was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Aaron Sheffer and Nick Hannan pitched in the loss. Sheffer pitched 5 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 4 walks and 4 strikeouts. Hannan pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and with an RBI.

a strikeout. A-J 12, Pinckneyville 1: burg 1: Payton Bruce scored Hayden Ralls was 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI to lead host A-J to the win

Tuesday, April 18. 2-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Aiden McFadden was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Dylan Harvel was 2-for-3 with a double, County.

The Anna-Jonesboro home run and 4 RBIs. Taj Hodges was 2-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs. Aaron Sheffer and Noah Chotner were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece.

Ahlberg was the winning pitcher with a 3-hitter to go with 4 walks and 3 strikeouts.

A-J 7, Carterville 5: Harvel was 2-for-2 with a double in host A-J's win Monday, April 17.

McFadden was 2-for-2. Hartline and Hodges were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Ralls was 1-for-4

Hartline was the winning pitcher with a 10-hitter to go with a walk and 8 strikeouts.

A-J, 11-6 overall, and 5-3 in Southern Illinois Drake Hartline was River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play, is scheduled to play Saturday, April 29, at Hardin

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River to River Relay run Saturday

The 2023 River to River Relay was run Saturday, April 22, in Southern Illinois. The relay started in the LaRue-Pine Hills Area near Wolf Lake and the Mississippi River in Union County and ended in Golconda along the Ohio River in Pope County. The relay course was 80 miles long.



Relay exchange points were located along the course, including in Union County. One of the exchange points was located in the heart of downtown Cobden. Relay participants were seen last Saturday morning approaching that exchange point as they ran on West Ash Street in Cobden.



A baton was passed from one River to River Relay runner to another at the exchange point in downtown Cobden.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2023TX16 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES-COLLECTIONS, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, UNION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF JONESBORO AND CITY OF ANNA, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

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2019-00130

45 HIGH ST

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952 TELEPHONE: (618) 833-5711

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952 TELEPHONE: (618) 833-5711

A-J track teams compete at Murphysboro Open

Community High School boys' and girls' track teams competed at the Murphysboro Open Thursday, April

The A-J girls competed in 6 events and finished in 3rd place with a team score of 46 at the 5-team meet. Murphysboro was 1st with 68. Benton was 2nd with 57.

First place efforts recorded by the A-J girls included: 4x800 relay of Bree Hazelrigg, Maggie Gooden, Aleah Box and Zoe Jones, 11:09.82; and Kati Sullivan, discus, 83-2.

A 2nd place finish was recorded by Eden Lee, discus, 80-7; and a 3rd place by Cassidy Janke, triple jump, 29.9.

A 4th place finish was

Grocery store reopens in Dongola

Hometown Grocery in Dongola is once again open for business.

The local supermarket resumed operations under new owners on Wednesday, April 19.

The store is located at 101 W. Cross St. in Don-

Hometown Grocery had previously shut its doors at the end of 2022, citing price increases on electric and inventory.

New owner Vicky Patel stated that new services will be coming soon, including the addition of a new deli counter, video poker machines and check cashing services.

Hometown Grocery is scheduled to be open every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

More information can be found on the business's Facebook page at facebook. com/hometowngroceryllc.

The Anna-Jonesboro recorded by 4x100 relay of Heidi Miller, Bailey Mix, Sophia Loomis and Lee, 1:00.75; and a 5th place by Heidi Miller, long jump, 13-5.5

The A-J's boys' team finished in 3rd place with a score of 30 at the 7-team meet. Carterville won 1st with 80. Murphysboro was 2nd with 58. The A-J boys competed in 7 events.

First place was recorded by Lucas Hoehner, 3200-meter, 11:23.

A 2nd place effort was recorded by 4x800 relay of Lucas Vaca Diez, Eric Chen, Nile Chotner, Yovani Carillo, 9:24.57.

Fourth place efforts were 4x100 relay of Wyatt Wright, Adriel Del Rosario and J.J. Gerardi, 50.49; and Mason Yates, discus 74.8.

Biodiversity program set at Giant City

Changes in biodiversity and bird communities across Southern Illinois will be the focus of a program which is planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The free program, "Sounds of Nature: Monitoring Biodiversity through Sound," is planned from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Dr. Brent Pease, an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University, is scheduled to present the program.

He also will discuss how members of the public can help wildlife researchers to better understand changes in biodiversity.

The program is open to the public. Registration is required. More information is available by contacting the visitors center at Giant City State Park at 618-457-

Lockard Chapel Baptist Church GOSPEL SINGING MAY 6TH AT 6 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend a free gospel singing at Lockard Chapel Baptist Church featuring the Riven Quartet. A love offering will be taken.

> 1580 Berryville Rd. Jonesboro, IL

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The Preaching Pen" Bible Question: What Will Happen When Christ Returns?

In the book of 1 Thessalonians, Paul depicts several key events. These events will occur when Jesus Christ returns at the end of time. The following chart is not meant to be a sequential series of events to follow and gauge our Lord's return. Let us remember, that Paul's discussion to the church at Thessalonica was to encourage and motivate this young group of Christians. Here are some of the events which scripture offers:

Lord Descend from Heaven with a Great Sound and Glory

1 Thessalonians 4:16

All the Holy Angels come with Christ

Matthew 25:31

The Dead in Christ will rise first

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

All the Dead Raised

John 5:28-29--Acts 24:15

Those that are alive on Earth will be changed 1 Corinthians 15:50; Philippians 3:20-21

Those alive on Earth will be called up in the air

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The Final Judgment Occurs

2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-12 Eternal Destinations are Decided

Matthew 25:32-46

The Righteous shall enter Heaven

Revelation 2:12; 2 Timothy 4:1-8

The Earth will be destroyed

II Peter 3:10-13 **Everybody will see Christ's return**

Everybody will be judged and held responsible for 🖁 ntheir own actions



Ryan Thornsberry Anna church of Christ



Arts center announces handbell choir

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center announces a new Anna-Jonesboro community handbell choir.

Children and adults are welcome to join the choir. A minimum of 11 handbell ringers are needed. Rehearsals are planned

at the Anna Arts Center at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna. Rehearsals are scheduled to last about an hour.

Those who would like to participate are asked to be able to read music. Training will be provided.

The arts center noted that the goal of the new choir is to perform handbell songs at area events or to have events for members themselves.

The arts center also noted that regular attendance at practice is a must, as there is only one ringer per

Training will be available for more than 11 ringers for rotations in and out of songs and for substitutions during practices and performances.

More information is available by contacting Liza Buckingham at 618-579-6584 or by email at classy.camarolady@yahoo.

As of 3 p.m. on April

12, local law enforcement

agencies in 19 counties had

received threats directed

towards schools, the Illinois

ed in counties throughout

reported in the Southern

Illinois area, including:

A total of 21 were report-

Six of the calls were

Carbondale and Mur-

physboro in Jackson Coun-

ty, Mount Vernon in Jef-

ferson County, Vienna in

Johnson County, Eldorado

in Saline County and Mar-

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ed in a news release that

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Garden club visits alpaca ranch

Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch near Lick Creek hosted members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club on April 11. Ranch owners Judy Hoepker and Morgan Stevenson gave a presentation about their work with alpacas and the animals' wool. The garden club is planning a visit to Plantscape in Herrin on May 9. Photo provided.

Summer Twilight Series meetings set

Extension educators plan to team up with area farmers to provide four upcoming monthly Summer Twilight Series evening meetings to highlight and demonstrate diverse farming enterprises across Southern Illinois.

The first event in this year's series is scheduled in Union County.

Through the series, participants can experience different types of production and marketing practices utilized by Southern Illinois producers.

Organizers of the Southern Illinois Summer Twilight Series said that by meeting

Statewide Terrorism and

Intelligence Center had no

information concerning

credible threats related to

law enforcement, public

safety and private sector

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Communities in Illinois,

The state police said that

school safety.

police agencies.

University of Illinois at working farms and direct marketing outlets, participants can have a "hands-on" learning experience and a chance to ask questions.

> Throughout the four twilight meetings, individuals will have a networking opportunity which is an important step in forming relationships with other local enterprises.

> This opportunity helps to increase business for both parties, grow the capacity of local foods and small farms and support a stronger, more sustainable regional economy.

The 2023 meetings are scheduled monthly on Monday evenings, from May through August.

Meetings are planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates at the locations which are listed, along with presentations which will be highlighted:

May 15: Bass Farms, Cobden, hydroponic tomato meet needs.

production and plasticulture strawberry production.

June 12: Burnt Hill Cattle Co., Dahlgren, pasture-raised livestock and poultry, local meat processing and sales.

July 17: Riverside Mercantile Store, Elizabethtown, direct market sales, value-added products from local sources.

Aug. 21: The Patch, Marion: cover crops, pumpkin production and fall agri-

The programs are free, but registration is required. To register for any or all of the meetings in the series, visit go.illinois. edu/2023twilightseries or call 618-695-2441.

Those who need a reasonable accommodation to participate are asked to contact Bronwyn Aly at baly@ illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to

Populations in counties rebounding after pandemic

After some of the nation's most populous counties experienced significant outmigration and population declines in 2021, overall patterns of population growth and decline are moving towards pre-pandemic rates for the nation's 3,144 counties, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Vintage 2022 recently released estimates of population and components of change released today.

All 10 of the top fastest-growing counties were in the South or West.

Whitman County, Washington, home to Washington State University, saw

percent between 2020 and 2021 but then grow by 10.1 percent last year - the most of any county above 20,000 in population.

Whitman County's change was just one example of the many college counties that saw a rebound in the last year after a lull during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is similar to the pattern observed by many metropolitan counties in the South and West, where many impacts experienced during the pandemic are either reverting to near pre-pandemic levels or making a full recovery.

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Shawnee Hills Arts Council hosts High Tea celebration

Shawnee Hills Arts Council/ Anna Arts Center hosted a High Tea celebration on Saturday, April 15.

The arts council shared an article and photographs from the High Tea.

The High Tea celebration featured sandwiches, scones, cakes, and of course, tea.

But not just any tea, Shawnee Hills Lavender donated raspberry lavender tea and peach lavender tea for everyone to enjoy.

The event was catered by Jamie and her staff Josh, Darlene and Earl from The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna.

Those who attended the High Tea were dressed in their chic outfits and fashionable hats. It was time to party with a purpose: a fundraiser for the arts center.

Susan Sherwin shared the Fine Art of High Tea: "Tea time, perhaps no other word conjures up images that are so English, so refined, so gra-

"The history of England is sprinkled with references to the copper-colored liquid. Alice in Wonderland, Mary Poppins, and rare is the English mystery that doesn't feature at least one scene at tea with murder suspects eyeing one another from behind delicate china cups."

She described how to make the perfect pot of English tea:

- 1. Only use freshly drawn cold water to fill an empty
- 2. Teapots should be warmed with hot water, which is then poured away.
- 3. Use one teaspoon of loose tea per cup and one teaspoon for the pot.
- 4. Water should always be freshly boiled and boiling when added to tea.
- 5. Leave to brew for 3 to 5

6. Pour a little milk into each cup before pouring the tea through a strainer if necessary, and sweeten with sugar as required. You can omit the milk and serve the tea with lemon slices if you wish.

Tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840.

The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner.

The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends

Tea time became a fashionable social event during the 1880s. The upper-class and society women would change into long gowns, gloves and hats for their afternoon tea which was usually served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock. The tea evolved to include finger sandwiches and sweets.

A new spin was featured. Susan Prestia presented a Tea Room Fashion Show of Fine Vintage Home Furnishings from the Union County region to include:

A Singer treadle sewing machine, a Kirby vacuum machine that could also sharpen knifes and spray paint, a case of Anna Dairy bottles, Louis XV French Chair adaptation, Bentwood Chair, and a dropleaf laminate for the table top and chrome legs 1950s table.

During the event a silent auction occurred and a surminutes and stir before serv- prised live auction of a hat donated by Zach Rowatt.

The Felt Fedora was worn by Hugh Panaro when he was in the Broadway musical "Phantom of the Opera" as Raoul from 1990 to 1992. He returned to the title role in 1999 and he has performed the Phantom over 1000 times.

The hat was custom made to include Velcro along the brim to secure the microphone and made larger than the actor's head to accommodate prosthetics and the mask. Inside the crown of the hat is the date the hat was retired, August

The auction was lively with competitive bidding between Harry Brockus, Macky Cohen and Susan Prestia. Harry Brockus, CEO of Union County Hospital, won the hat.

After a picture with the fedora on Harry's head, he graciously gave the hat to Susan Prestia.

Susan shared, "She would honor him by adding the Phantom's Fedora in other Anna Art

Center's Auctions."

The arts center thanked the following for making the High Tea a fun event:

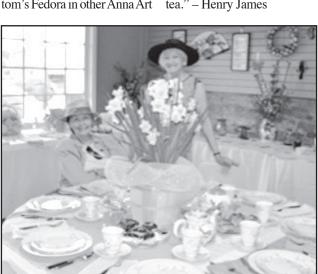
Susan Prestia, who coordinated the event, with the help of Charlotte Clover and Sherry Lance.

Julianna Johnson for her artistry and visual production in the creation of the invitation and power point slide show of Fine Vintage Home Furnishings.

Our sponsors: Union County Hospital, Shawnee Hills Lavender and The Gathering

To everyone that helped set up: Debra Davis, Nancy Kucera, Macky Cohen, Betty Caraker, Zach Rowatt, Ethan Dillman and Tom Caldwell.

The event was absolutely elegant. Hope to see you at next year's High Tea. And remember: "There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea." - Henry James



Susan Whitemountain and Susan Sherwin compared notes before the High Tea started.



Susan Prestia, the coordinator of the event, shared the history about the furniture shown at the Fashion Show of Fine Vintage Home Furnishings from the Union Country region at the High Tea at the Anna Arts Center.



Victor Cardenaz wanted to make the High Tea a

The hat worn by Raoul, title role, in the Broadway

musical Phantom of the Opera was auctioned off

during the High Tea. The auction was lively with

competitive bidding and Harry Brockus, CEO of

Union County Hospital, won the hat. From left are

Harry Brockus with the fedora on his head, Susan

Prestia, Zach Rowatt (who donated the hat) and

Macky Cohen. Susan shared, "She would honor

him by adding the Phantom's Fedora in other Anna

Arts Center's Auctions."

special gift to his wife Michelle. The Shawnee Hills

Arts Council/Anna Arts Center was honored he

chose this event.

Rosemary Tuthill took a break at the High Tea while everyone was checking out the items in the silent auction.



Cherry Connolly shared, "I have been looking forward to coming to the High Tea. All the tables are beautiful with their china and decorations. "



Billie Porter and Carole Larson enjoyed a chat



These ladies enjoyed comparing their hats when they attended the High Tea at the Anna Arts Center on April 15: from left are Jane Bauer, Chandra Clover, Deloris Landreth, Emily Kensington, Charlotte Clover, Linda Pickett and Evelyn Bailey.



Those who attended the High Tea at the arts center enjoyed the Fashion Show of Fine Vintage Home Furnishings from the Union County region.

Native plant symposium set this weekend at SIU

A symposium about na- um at Morris Library. tive plant life and issues affecting it is set for Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The theme for this year's Illinois Indigenous Plants Symposium is "Illinois Plants in a Changing Climate."

The event which is o to the public, is sponsored by the Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society. Registration is required.

Billed as an excellent opportunity for everyone from emerging scientists, nature enthusiasts, native gardeners, land managers and academics, the event begins Saturday, with speakers, researcher posters and presentations at the John C. Guyon Auditori-

Research talks are scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day, with a student poster session set for 3 p.m. in the first-floor rotunda.

At 4 p.m., Justin Schoof, director of the SIU School of Earth Systems and Sustainability, is scheduled to give a keynote address titled "Climate Change in Illinois: Updated Historical Trends and Projections of Future Change.'

On Sunday, organizes plan to host a guided botanical field trip to the Wildcat Bluff area at 1159 Wildcat Bluff Road near Vienna.

More information is available by contacting Ingrid Felsl at southernillinoisplants@ gmail.com.

News from

First Baptist Church, **Jonesboro**

During morning worship on Sunday, April 23, Pastor Perry's message was based on scripture from Luke.

The message addressed "the fact that we have no idea when death might knock on our door, so repentance is urgent."

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

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

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was pianist. Jayson Rose sang the song "Save My Life" as a special.

Women's and men's Bible study were planned at 7 p.m.

Communion will be observed at the morning worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday,

April 30. A fifth Sunday Singing is planned at Grand Tower Baptist Church on Sunday, April 30. The evening service at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro will be canceled so everyone can attend the singing.

Birthdays: Nina Wright, April 28; Janie Walter, Connie Wilkins, April 29.

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

The Dig-In Children's program for children ages 4 through 6th grade is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Youth are scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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





Amber Sisler, Ethan Dillman, Cathy Thompson and Christie Dillman had fun decorating their table for the High Tea and later enjoyed the activities.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

vice was held in the church and on Zoom at 10:35 a.m. on April 23. Announcements were given by Jessica El-

Special recognition was given to the church's Children's Bible Quizzers, who attended the Illinois District Children's Bible Quiz Finals in Springfield on April 15, along with 10 other spectators from Anna.

There were 25 Red Level Quizzers and 10 Blue Level

The morning worship ser- Quizzers who participated in the District Quiz.

Anna had four Red Level Quizzers, Peacelyn Benefield, Camryn Mull, Cooper Mull and Kaylee Smith, who answered 30 questions from 1 and 2 Samuel.

Peacelyn Benefield had a score of 15 out of 30. Camryn had a score of 20 out of 30. Cooper Mull had a score of 26 out of 30. Kaylee Smith had a score of 26 out

The World Quiz is sched-

uled June 10 in Indianapolis, Ind. Cooper Mull and Kaylee Smith qualified to participate in the World Quiz.

The local quiz director for Anna is Vonda Hill and her assistant Lisa Mull. The new quiz year is scheduled to begin Sept. 6 with the quizzers studying the Book of Matthew.

Singing was led by Pastor Wright and the worship

Sunday morning's message, titled "Alive in Christ," was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Ephesians, Romans, Mat-

thew and Philippians. The sermon can be lis-

tened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

At the evening worship service on April 23, Pastor Wright led the song service. Special music was provided by Paul and Tammy Hagler.

The evening message was titled "Church is the House of the Living God." The message was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Ephesians.

Birthdays: Christopher Sunday, April 30.

Hill, Liberty Cook, Brookie Benefield, April 25; Nina Shepard, April 29.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 30.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April

Morning worship is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, April 30. The guest speaker is scheduled to be Illinois District superintendent Dr. Terry Armstrong.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

An evening worship service is planned at 6 p.m.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. May 3 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Youth group and children's Bible quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

A work day is planned from 7 a.m. to noon May 6 at the church.

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

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Daily Bible Readings

1 Peter 1 Peter 1 Peter 1 Peter 1 Peter 2 Peter 2 Peter 2:1-25 3:1-22 4:1-19 5:1-14 1:1-25 1:1-21 2:1-22

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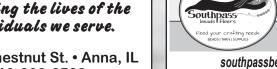
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Obituaries

Walter Ray Russell

Walter Ray Russell was 94 when he passed away on June 25, 2022, at the Washington Veterans Home in Port Orchard, Wash.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1927, in Jonesboro. His parents were Ray Russell and Verda Keller Russell. He had four sisters, Mary, Cornelia Joy, Virginia Rose, and Afton.

Mr. Russell served in the U.S. Army near the end of the second World War and was stationed in the Philippines.

Upon his return from military service, he met Ruth Forby Ayers and her three sons, William, Donald and Steve. Walt and Ruth married, and in 1949 their son Dannie Ray was born.



In 1955, Mr. Russell and his family moved to Kankakee, and in 1956 their son David was born.

He was employed as a truck driver for John Panozzo Produce and Florist from 1955 to 1976. He also worked part time at Gould Battery in Kankakee. He hauled grain, plowed fields and did farm work as well. He enjoyed camping, country music, horseshoes and pinochle.

In the late 1970s, Walt and Ruth returned to Southern Illinois, eventually settling down again in Jonesboro. They gardened, watched grandkids grow, traveled and worshipped. Later in his life he worked for the park services doing landscape maintenance.

Ruth, his wife of more than 50 years passed away in 2000. Walter married Helen Bishop and became stepfather to her daughter Diane. Walt and Helen were regulars at Fox's Flea Market near McClure.

After Helen's passing in 2011, he moved to Port Ludlow in Washington State. While in Washington he became an active member of the Peace Lutheran Fellowship and a regular for dominos and cards at the Tri-Area Community Center.

In 2016 he was selected as Senior Royalty for the Rhododendron Festival and was honored in the annual parade in Port Townsend. Walter became a resident at the Washington Veterans Home in 2017 where he remained until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, his wives Ruth and Helen, sons Dannie and Donald, and his granddaughters Roxanne and Josette.

He will return to Dutch Ridge Cemetery in Alto Pass, where he will be laid to rest beside his wife, Ruth.

A graveside remembrance for Walter is planned for 1 p.m. Friday, April 28.

p.m. Friday, April 28. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is

in charge of arrangements.

He had a great work ethic and a keen sense of humor, always kindly telling diner wait staff, when presented with the check, "We didn't order that."

He is survived by his loving family members, and the many friends he made along the way. Rest in peace, Walter Ray Russell.

Ray Russell.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condo-

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

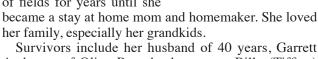
Chiquita 'Lee' Anderson

Chiquita "Lee" Anderson, 75, of Olive Branch, died peacefully at her home on April 23, 2023.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Ralph and Carmen Williams King.

She married Garrett Thomas Anderson on Aug. 5, 1983. She worked in a variety

She worked in a variety of fields for years until she



Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Garrett Anderson of Olive Branch; three sons, Billy (Tiffiny) Smith of Olive Branch, Cary (Cora) Anderson of Oceanside, Calif., and Garrett (Sami) Anderson of Champaign; nine grandkids, two great-grandkids; one sister, Phyllis (Ronnie) Smith of Jackson, Mo.; two sisters-in-law, Helen Poe and Ruthie Miller, both of Pocahontas, Ark.; one brother-in-law, Eddie Anderson of Tamms; and several other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Billy Edward Smith Sr.; a sister, Clara Jean; a sister-in-law, Shirley; three brothers-in-law, Bob, Daryl and Danny; and two nephews.

Funeral services were at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Tim Parker officiating. Burial followed at 1 p.m. at Mound City National Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.



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

Linda Eve Semler

Linda Eve Semler, 76, of Hendersonville, Tenn., and formerly of Brentwood, Tenn., died Monday, April 24, at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin, Tenn.

Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Casper Cemetery near Anna. Interment will immediately follow.

Those attending are asked to go directly to the cemetery. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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William 'Bill' Toler

William "Bill" Toler, 81, of Anna, died Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1942, the son of Oley Mae and Opal Pearline Hileman Toler.

He married Janice June Rutherford on Sept. 25, 1971, in Royalton. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2021.

him in death on April 6, 2021.

Mr. Toler is survived by his sons, Ronald (Janet) Gooden and Randy (Lori) Gooden; six grandchildren, Kenneth Gooden, Robert (Aimee) Gooden, Dustin (Samantha) Gooden, Matt Gooden,

Morgan (Ross) Dailey and Alyssa (Hunter) Patzelt-Hicks; three great-grandchildren, Rhea and Addison Gooden and Beckham Daily; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: his wife. Janice

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janice June Toler; and a sister, Wanda Lee Toler.

Mr. Toler retired from Ensign Bickford after working 30 years in maintenance. He loved to tinker and work on his inventions.

In his earlier years he was a member of several bands, The Spring Pond Band, The Union and Country Swang, playing bass and vocals. He enjoyed fishing and most of all spending time with his grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, April 21, at

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Billy Carter officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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

Michael Gene 'Mike' Chase

Michael Gene Chase, 83, of Evansville, Ind., and formerly of Union County, died on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

Mr. Chase was born on June 18, 1939, in Anna, the son of John Gibbs Chase and "Bessie" Jones Chase.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He proudly owned his own printing company in Scottsdale, Ariz., before moving

back to Illinois, where he worked with his brother, Don, at Tempo Graphics.

He loved life and spending time with his family and friends, whom he adored. He was an entertainer, who catered to everyone. He enjoyed

golfing and traveling.

Mike is survived by his wife of 24 years, Judi (Mathison) Chase; daughter Tracy Lynn (Chase) Johnson (Jim Rasmussen); son David Michael Chase (Adikus); grandsons Ryan Michael Johnson (Stephanie) and Kyle David Johnson (Thea); one great-grandson, Zachary Ryan Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; late wife Peg (Christy) Chase; sisters Mary Ellen, Susan, and Peg; and brother Don.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 2300 Washington Ave. in Evansville, where Mike and Judi are members. Pastor Don Gray will officiate. Burial will be private at a later date in Wheaton Cemetery in Wheaton.

Memorials can be made to the Tri-State Multiple Sclerosis Association, 971 S. Kenmore Dr. C, Evansville, Ind. 47714; or to the American Cancer Society, 318 Main St., Evansville, Ind. 47708.

Boone Funeral Home East Chapel – A Family Tradition Funeral Home, 5330 Washington Ave., Evansville, Ind., is in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be made to the family online at boonefuneralhome.net.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Julie and Tessa Burtin of St. Charles, Mo., visited with Shirley Miller of Mc-Clure on Monday, April 17.

Vivian Bennett of Mc-Clure visited with Shirley Miller on Tuesday, April 18.

Shirley Miller visited with Ermadell Elkins at the Union County Nursing Home on Wednesday, April 19.

boro visited Sunday, April 23, with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City. Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro

Lori Pender of Jones-

visited with Fred and Maxine Pender. Saturday visitors of Sue

and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau. Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro visited with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Congratulations to Ryan and Amber Wachter of Jonesboro on the birth of a daughter, Ava Jane, on Tuesday, April 18, at 4:41 a.m. at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. Ava weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Ava is their first child and the ninth great-grand-child for Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

You are invited to attend

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

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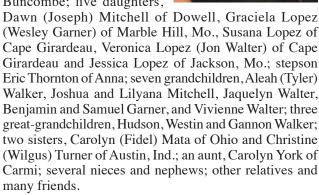


Sheila P. Lopez Thornton, 72, of Buncombe, died Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Jackson Manor in Jackson, Mo.

She was born on May 6, 1950, the daughter of Silver Star recipient Edward Sr. and Ermadene York Hosick.

She married James Thornton on Oct. 9, 2004, at New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, James Thornton of Buncombe; five daughters,



She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward "Pete" Jr. (Cathy) Hosick; a great-grandson, Mackson Walker; and a nephew, Francisco Mata.

She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church for many years. She was a social butterfly and had a passion for life. She always wanted to learn new things, was adventurous and loved to travel, especially to Florida with her daughters. She enjoyed fishing with her husband James, dancing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Thornton worked as a medical transcriptionist for several hospitals, including Union County Hospital, Southeast Hospital and Rural Health.

The family thanked Jackson Manor Staff for their care and love and to all the residents for being her friend and everyone at Crown Hospice for their compassion, care and comfort.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at New Hope Baptist Church, 2050 New Hope Rd., Buncombe, with Pastor Mike Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Friends may visit after 11 a.m. and until the service at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at New Hope Baptist.

Memorials can be made to Baptist Children's Home and Family Services in Carmi. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences

for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Stuart 'Stewie' Huffman

Stuart "Stewie" Huffman, 69, of Thebes, died Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on July 31, 1953, in Oak Hill, W. Va., the son of Kenneth Ray and Maxine Oberts Huffman.

He retired from Gilster-Mary Lee and was currently working at Kirby Sawmill. He enjoyed watching westerns.

Survivors include his

daughter, Rebecca Wells; two grandchildren; brothers Kenneth N. Huffman and Dennis Lee Huffman; nieces, nephews and cousins; and Kirby cousins Kathryn, Bobby, Robin, Diane, Gayla, Tony and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by an infant sister.

Funeral services were at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Bob Kirby officiating.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.



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

E. Jeaneen Buie

E. Jeaneen Buie, 81, of Carbondale, died Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. She was born on Dec. 10, 1941, in Union County, the

daughter of John F. and Delsie Viola Smoot Buie. She had worked as the executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. She graduated from Dongola High School and Southern Illinois University. She loved

spending time with her cats and dogs. Survivors include her niece, JoAnne Kautsky; and nephews Wally Johnson and John Barthel.

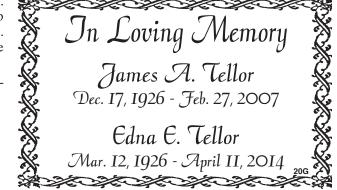
She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Rosalie Reed and Mary Edith Berutti; significant other William B. Gile; and numerous fur babies.

Entombment will be at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum in Murphysboro.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.



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



Public Record

From the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office

in Jonesboro: Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cheri Smith, Robert I. Smith. Grantee: Christine Boyce. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Pam Casper, Sandra Williams. Grantee: Lisa Hicks. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rowdy G. Burris. Grantee: Corlis A. Burris, Rowdy G. Burris, Zachary G. Burris. Tract Section 36 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: New Chicago Investment LLC. Grantee: Mohamed Amin Badawy, Brittany Ann Harper. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 8. Lot 1.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cook Investment Enterprises LP. Grantee: Greg Cook Revocable Trust UTA Februry 9, 2000. Tract Section 6 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kelly Curlee-Horn. Grantee: Garnett Leo Cochran Jr., Kelly Curlee Horn. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W. Subdivision Name: Village of Alto Pass. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ronnie Barnhart, Trenton Barnhart. Grantee: Michelle Barnhart, Ronnie Barnhart. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Patricia Frakes, William Frakes. Grantee: Edmund Claussen. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edmund Claussen, Grantee: Evan Treat. Tract Section 3

Township 13S Range 1W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Matthew A. Corzine. Grantee: Jessica S. Corzine, Matthew

A. Corzine. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Tammy Stamp. Grantee: Corey Stamp. Tract Section 1

Township 12S Range 1E. Quit Claim Deed, Grantor: Mark Willman. Grantee: Louis Denny Farms LLC. Tract Section

20 Township 12S Range 1E. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joshua Ingold. Grantee: Jackie Rios, Miguel Rios. Subdivision Name: Abernathys Add. of Alto Pass. Block E. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4,

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry Joe Keller. Theresa Melody Keller. Grantee: Joan A. Ferris. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lots 308, 309.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage Association. Grantee: Martin Flores. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jan Gough Ford. Grantee: John Eric Paul Goff. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charla V. Edmonds. Grantee: Bigler Holdings LLC. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jeffery L. Starr, Linda D. Starr. Grantee: Brandon Starr. Subdivision Name: Daniel Siffords Heirs Add. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kelli R. Ellis, Matthew T. Ellis. Grantee: Amy N. Sadler, Bradley T. Sadler. Tract Section 5 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Bryan A. Merriman, Jared A. Merriman, Joshua A. Merriman, Josie R. Merriman, Rebecca R. Merriman. Grantee: Bryan A. Merriman, Rebecca R. Merriman. Tract Section 35

Township 11S Range 2W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dorothy P. Fleener. Grantee: North County Development Inc. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gabriela Diaz, Israel Morales. Grantee: Israel Morales, Hortensia Zamora-Martinez.

Subdivision Name: Village of Cobden. Lot 9. Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Bobbie Lipe, Colby Lipe. Grantee: Harley Schnaare. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Warranty Deed. Grantor:

David G. Wild, Lori A. Wild. Grantee: Hannah C. Cochran, Heinrich D. Farin III. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range

David Dewaine Prater, Kimberly

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor:

Dawn Prater. Grantee: PM Land Development LLC. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert Eugene Davis. Grantee: Eric Steven Eller. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carolyn V. Schafermeyer Revocable Trust, Carolyn V. Schafer. Grantee: Sue Ellen Guyot, Schafermeyer Family Farm Trust, Jeffrey Lawrence Schafermeyer. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 11W. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mariah Lynn Kerley, Mariah Lynn Webster. Grantee: Vera Lynn Casper. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed, Grantor: Vera Lynn Casper. Grantee: Kimberly D. Cheek. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda L. Gates, Douglas L. Gates. Grantee: Cache Farms LLC. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1E. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Shannon Perry, Grantee: Debra Perry. Subdivision Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub. Block 1. Lots 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union County Trustee. Grantee: Carrie L. Hess, Kevin C. Hess. Subdivision Name: McElhanevs 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 27.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union County Trustee. Grantee: GLP. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 14. Lot 4. Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Union County Trustee. Grantee: Pistol City Properties. Common Address: 245 West St., Wolf

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union County Trustee. Grantee: Blake Thilsted. Subdivision Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola. Lots 32, 33.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jerry Penrod, Gloria Penrod. Grantee: Jerry Penrod. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sharon K. Osman, Terry B. Osman, Grantee: Eric J. Osman, Shane P. Osman. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Magen B. Livesay, Rebecca E. Livesay, Magen B. Watkins. Grantee: Margaret Alice Stone. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 25.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Larry Eugene Rendleman, Mary Carolyn Rendleman. Grantee: Larry and MC Rendleman Irrevocable Trust. Tract Section 34 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ruth I. Weaver. Grantee: Cache River Farm N Garden LLC Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Blake Thilsted. Grantee: Judith Hite, Moneque Hite. Subdivision Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st

Add. of Dongola. Lots 32, 33. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cheap Dreams LLC. Grantee: Grantland Crane. Tract Section

15 Township 11S Range 2W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Curis Walker. Grantee: William C. Forrest. Tract Section 17

Township 12S Range 2W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Delores Charlene Adams. Grantee: Austin Robert Adams, Daniel Dean Adams, Delores Charlene Adams. Tract Section

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Helen R. Head. Grantee: Jamie Kelley. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 1. Lot 30.

19 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David E. Livesay. Grantee: Andrew Livesay. Tract Section 4 Township 12S Range 3W. Subdivision Name: Rendleman Railroad. Lot 7.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amy Abernathy, Billy J. Abernathy. Grantee: Marilyn Bonita Garrett, Mitchell R. Garrett. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1E. Subdivision Name: Shannon Lake Estates. Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 7, 8, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sandy L. Adams. Grantee: Nora Inman. Tract Section 17 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Youngs Add. Lot 13.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Barbara Randolph, James D. Randolph. Grantee: Barry Miller. Subdivision Name: A.J. Menees Addition. Lot 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Collier Cattle LLC. Grantee: Amanda L. Smith, Logan D. Smith, Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rhonda Bittle, Terry W. Bittle. Grantee: Trisha Cobb, Tasha Faire, Tanya Loveless, Tara Rowen. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna, Lot 132.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Patricia R. Panici. Grantee: Erin Taylor, Jose Sebastian Godinez. Subdivision Name: Leavenworth Add. of Dongola. Lot 88

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Judy Cohin. Grantee: Michelle Suzanne Rosekrans. Subdivision Name: Kraatz Subdivision. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Centerstone of Illinois Inc. Grantee: Joseph Vitek. Subdivision Name: D.W. Goodmans Add. of Anna. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: El Jalapeno Inc. Grantee: Jimmy L. Watkins, Nancy K. Watkins. Subdivision Name: James and Daniel Cravers Add. Jonesboro. Lots 53, 54.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Christopher DeWitt. Grantee: Christina DeWitt. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 49.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: William Rhymer. Grantee: Kimberly A. Trexler. Subdivision Name: Thomas J. Greens Sub. of Anna. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Beverly A. Baker. Grantee: Aimee Nicole Newberry, Hayden Chase Newberry. Tract Section 32 Township 12 Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dawn Latham, Tim Latham. Grantee: 1 Om Namah Shivay LLC. Subdivision Name: Original Plan of Dongola. Lots 38, 39, 40.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Maureen Jones. Grantee: Clinton R. Collins, Kimberly A. Collins. Subdivision Name: Ben L. Wileys Add. Lots 4, 6, 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Heather Michelle Coffman. Grantee: Devvn Guthrie. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 10. Warrant Deed. Grantor:

Cynthia J. Cain. Grantee: Chad Alan Heatherly, Reagan Marie Heatherly. Subdivision Name: Lewis 4th Addition of Anna.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jeffery Scott Runion. Grantee: Jeffery Scott Runion, Lori Ann Runion. Tract Section 36 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Zahoor A. Makhdoom. Grantee: Southern Oasis LLC Farmland. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Danny Amos Sr. Grantee: Zebulon K. Molter. Subdivision Name: John B. Jones Add. of Anna. Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: JP Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Grantee: Daulton G. Mezo. Subdivision Name: RM Rendleman 2nd Add. Lot 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Margaret Alice Stone. Grantee: Margaret A. Stone Revocable Trust, Margaret A. Stone Trustee. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 25.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ralph E. Livesay. Grantee: Kelly Miller. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 310.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union County Trustee. Grantee: Gary Rhodes, Martha Rhodes. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

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

Garet Ray Cook, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Kerry A. Arnold-Greenough, Jonesboro, driving 1-10 mph above limit. \$257.

Amanda L. Maborn, De Soto, expiration of registration, \$164. Jeffrey M. Dillon, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit,

Larry J. Davis, Makanda, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Jonathan P. Caraker, Carbondale, disregard stop sign, \$257.

Tyler C. Sadler, Dongola, expiration of registration, \$257. Donald P. Sims, Du Quoin, registration expiration, \$257.

Rosetta J. Toler, McClure, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Barbara Caudle, Olmsted, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164 James R. Levins, Tamms,

driving 15-20 mph above limit,

\$257. Joshua A. Johnson, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Nicholas A. Karnes, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Brandon C. Edwards, Harrisburg, driving

21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Rosie J. Lopez, Cove, Ark., disregard traffic control device, \$164. Keith J. Johnson,

Jonesboro, improper turn signal, \$164.

Robert R. Knouff, Anna, improper turn signal, \$257. Carsten R. Christy, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Cheyenne D. Rhodes, Cape Girardeau, head/tail/ sidelight, \$257. William C. Word, Murphysboro, expiration of registration, \$257.

Marina L. Newberry Cobden, registration expiration, \$164. Alan E. Tash, Tamms, mufflers, \$164.

Andrew J. Hunter, Marble Hill, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Kyle J. Reed, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

William B. Davis, Metropolis, no valid registration, \$164. Adam E. Gohn, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit,

Fuyan Lu, Centralia, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jerald S. Reynolds, Anna, transport/carry alcohol liquor,

Brenda Sue Chilman, St. Louis, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Wuilmer Florentino Bautista, Marion, obstructed front windshield, \$257.

Shawnna K. McIntire, Marion, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Bisola Mary Ann Saliu, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Hayden D. Cotzajay, Murphysboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Jefferey L. Driscoll, Anna, registration expiration, \$257.

Aaron R. Barker. Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Aaron C. Ketner, Makanda, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Madison L. Wright, Anna, improper traffic lane usage, \$164. Donald Lee Williams, Anna, fail to reduce speed,

Heath P. Kinder, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733. Rocky L. Morse, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733.

Ivan Makoviychuk, Brooklyn, N.Y., stop/stand/park/nonbus district, \$257. Robert W. Winters, Elizabethtown, operate motor vehicle/registration/ suspended, \$257.

Jeremy L. Travis, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Mathew T. Crain, Carterville, expiration of registration, \$164.

Dwight Maurice Williams, Hawthorne, Fla., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Nikolas Givanni Scarpaci, Jackson, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. James E. Nimmo,

Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Nathan J. Armstrong, Parma, Mich., no valid registration, 4257. Miesha T. Gleghorn, Mounds, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Hector R. Romero Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Evan P. Sturgeon, Makanda, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Stephen Warren McFall, Paragould, Ark., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Robert R. Knouff, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$257.

Kayleigh L. Tipton, Tamms, seat belt required/passenger, \$257. Kourtni Edinbyrd, Haughton, La., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Chelsea M. Fletcher, Jackson, Mo., registration expiration, \$164. William G. Chancey, Ava., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Aerial Jenae Calais, Breaux Bridge, La., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Helmuth Suarez-Gonzalez, Chicago, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Monique S. Cunningham, Anna, seat belt required/ passenger, \$164.

Crystal R. Hensley, Paducah, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Randy H. Cain, Tamms, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Dekota R. Strodick, Murphysboro, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Howard R. Weaver, Dongola, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Samuel Bain Ingold,

Makanda, fail to obey yield sign, \$164. Brittany D. McKinney, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Roman Lopez-Guerrero,

Chicago Heights, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Lyric L. Blake, Mound City, expiration of registration, \$257. Donovan J. Latham, Tamms, registration expiration, \$257.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

Joshua Riley Bourland of Springfield and Kendra Rene Martin of Springfield. Daniel P. Ingold of Marion

and Kelsey R. Spencer of Marion. Brittany Nicole Medlin of

Carterville and Evan Michael Williams of Marion. Logan C. Niedbalski of Jackson, Mo., and Breanna M.

Plott of Thebes. Jordan L. Johnson of Jonesboro and Amanda N.

Lawton of Jonesboro. Aaron John Lambdin of Wolf Lake and Kendall Elizabeth Carter of Anna.



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FOR SALE REAL ESTATE

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

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

DALE A. KNIGHT; UNKNOWN OWN-ERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

Case No. 2022 CH 4

Hon. Judge Tyler Edmonds

Property Address: 20 Shephard Lane Anna, Illinois 62906

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2023, the Sheriff of Union County will at 9:00 AM on May 24, 2023, at the Union County Courthouse, Front Door Entrance in the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, JONESBORO, IL, 62952, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 20 Shephard Lane Anna, Illinois 62906. Property Index No.: 05-10-03-120-B

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$93,058.48. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that 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 representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. 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). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORT-GAGOR (HOMEOWNER). YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-SIONFOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN AC-CORDANCE WITH SEC-TION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Joseph G. Kremar, Edwards Maxson Mago & Macaulay, LLP, 77 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 4500, Chicago , IL, 60601, (312) 803-0378.E-Mail: jkrcmar@ em3law.com

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Looking for full and part-time Custodians for Shawnee Community College in Ullin. Apply at Main Campus front desk. Phone 618-634-3200, ext. 3436

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HELP WANTED: Anna CCSD #37 has the following

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Successful applicants will be responsible for overseeing maintenance projects, scheduling substitute custodians, maintaining an inventory of tools and cleaning supplies, examining buildings for repair and cleaning needs, and other duties for the District. Bus Driver's license, HVAC certification, and Asbestos certification or willingness to earn these certifications preferred. The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than May 4, 2023. Phone: 618-833-6812.

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YARD SALE

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: Saturday, April 29, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 5165 Old Cape Road, 195 Fair City Road, 680 Fair City Road, 740 Fair City Road, 745 Fair City Road, 805 Fair City Road, 1025 Fair City Road, 1115 Fair City Road, 275 Fair City Lane. All in Jonesboro. All locations will be marked with a sign. JOIN US!

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PLANT SALE: Friday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 680 Wing Hill Road, Cobden. Mainly perennials, some annuals.

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CARPORT SALE: 1160 Lingle Creek Road, Jonesboro. Saturday, April 29, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Newborn to 9 months boy's clothing, bouncer, prop-up seat, baby bed & 2- Boppy pillows. Home decor, galvanized wash tubs, old barn door, dresser/ night stands. Priced to sell. 19p-20gc

YARD SALE: Saturday, April 29,8a.m. to 3 p.m. 250 New Saratoga Road, Anna. Lots of estate knick-knacks, furniture, kitchen tables & chairs, coffee tables, household items, kitchen stuff, some children's toys & clothing. Too much to list. Multi-Family and 3 Generations of Treasures and Junk that MUST GO! *(Rainout will reschedule to Saturday, May 6).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

JORDAN AVERY RHYMER AND ALEXIS RAEANNA RHYMER, Petitioners,

vs. CHRISTIAN WOLLARD, KENNETH THORNTON AND KENNETH MATTHEW THORNTON, A Minor. Respondents. NO. 23-AD-1

PUBLICATION-ADOPTION NOTICE

TO: CHRISTIAN WOLLARD KENNETH THORNTON

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the adoption of the minor child, Kenneth Matthew Thornton. Now, therefore, unless you, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, City of Jonesboro, State of Illinois, on or before the May 26, 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

> Circuit Clerk of Union County 18-20g

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

> 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

DALE A. KNIGHT; UNKNOWN OWN-ERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Case No. 2022 CH 4

Hon. Judge Tyler Edmonds

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A part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) West of the Third 3rd Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point where the North line of said Quarter Quarter intersects the Anna-Saratoga Road, thence West 660 feet along the North line of said Quarter Quarter to a post; thence South 355 feet to a stone; thence East 285 feet to the main Anna-Saratoga Road; thence along said road 450 feet to the point of beginning; and the above described tract includes land deeded by A.J. Musgrave to Frank N. Hubbs on December 23,1895, said land now being used as a roadway, excluding therefrom the following parcel of land in said Quarter Quarter; start at a point where the North line of said Quarter Quarter intersects the Anna-Saratoga Road; thence West 660 feet along the North line of said Quarter Quarter to a post for the point of beginning; thence South 75 feet to a stake; thence East 170 feet to a stake; thence North 75 feet to a stake; thence West 170 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING THERE-FROM THE FOLLOWING: General Description: Sit-

General Description: Situated in and a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.

Detail Description: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian; thence North 89 degrees-55'-30" East along the North line of the said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) a distance of 1981.51 feet; thence South 15 degrees-29'-37" East a distance of 78.48 feet to the point of beginning: thence North 89 degrees-55'-30" East a distance of 142.67 feet: thence South 27 degrees-51'-48" East a distance of 381.13 feet; thence North 74 degrees-06'-43" West a distance of 256.74 feet; thence North 15 degrees-29'-37" West a distance of 276.52 feet to the point of beginning; the tract containing 1.248 acres more

or less.

Easement Description: A Twenty (20) feet wide Roadway Easement, the Center line of which is described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian; thence North 89 degrees-55'-30" East along the North line of the said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) a distance of 1981.51 feet; thence South 15 degrees-29'-37" East a distance of 78.48 feet; thence North 89 degrees-55'-30" East distance of 132.67 feet; thence South 27 degrees-51'-48" East a distance of 328.54 feet to the Center line of an existing gravel roadway and the point of beginning; thence South 82 degrees-20'- 31" East along the said Center line a distance of 22.00 feet; thence along the said Center line on a curve to the right of radius 60 feet a distance along the arc of 42.91 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of the Old Anna-Saratoga Public Road, the long chord of said curve bearing South 61 degrees-51'-17" East and being 42.00 feet long.

EXCEPTTHE FOLLOW-ING: A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the third principal meridian. Said

erty described and recorded in book 93, page 72, in the Union County Court house in the Name of Gary L. Roach and Emily e Dawn Roach, dated June 11, 1992. Said parcel is also a part of property described and recorded in book 135, page 364, in the Union County Court house in the Name of Donald E. Duty and Sara Lea Duty dated June 3, 1980. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of the said southwest quarter, being marked by an iron rod found; thence N 89 degrees-55'-30' E 2498.12 feet along the north line of the said southwest quarter to an iron rod set at the northwest corner of the said Duty Property; thence N 89 degrees-55'-30" E 169.30 feet continuing along the north line the said southwest quarter to an iron rod set in the west right-of-way line of the Anna/Saratoga road; thence S 43 degrees-11'-14" W 139.73 feet along the said west right-of-way line to an iron rod set in the west line of the said Duty property; thence N 35 degrees-57'-48' W 125.60 feet along the west line of the said Duty property to the point of beginning. Said parcel to contain 0.198 acres, more or less, per survey of Mitchell R. Garrett, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3085, Dated 9/10/1996. Said parcel subject to all rights-of-way and casements, recorded or otherwise.

parcel is also a part of prop-

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the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. 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). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORT-GAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN AC-CORDANCE WITH SEC-TION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: Joseph G.Krcmar, Edwards Maxson Mago & Macaulay, LLP, 77 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 4500, Chicago, IL, 60601, (312) 803-0378. E-Mail: jkrcmar@ em3law.com

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

> In the Matter of the Estate of BARBARA ANN LIVESAY, Deceased No. 2023-PR-9

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Barbara Ann Livesay of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 12,2023, to David E. Livesay, 4805 Muddy Levee Road, Wolf Lake, IL 62998, whose attorney is Mark S. Johnson, Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 309 Division Street, P. O. Box 826, Cairo, IL 62914.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, by October 20, 2023, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a personal claim notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KERI E. CLARK Union County Circuit Clerk 19-21g

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

> VILLAGE OF DONGOLA

DONGOLA TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROJECT REDEVELOPMENT AREA #2, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

The Village of Dongola will conduct a public hearing on May 1, 2023, to receive written or oral comments on the creation of tax increment financing. The meeting will be conducted at 6:30 PM (CDT) at the Dongola Municipal Building located at 136 NE Front Street W.

Main Street,

Dongola, Illinois 62926. Specific topics will include findings of eligibility to create a Project Redevelopment Area and contents of the draft Dongola Redevelopment Plan and Project. The Village Board of Trustees has placed all tax increment redevelopment documents on public display and will receive public comments pursuant to said documents. Upon request, interested parties may receive a copy of all documents related to the creation of tax increment financing through the Village of Dongola at the above stated address.

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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS

County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 21st day of April, 2023, under the Assumed Name of Swink's Lawn Care with the place of business located at 1715 Old Highway 51 N., Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

> Kenny Ray Swink III 1715 Old Hwy. 51 N. Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 20-22gc

STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT **UNION COUNTY**

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

> **REQUEST OF: SAMANTHA STEPHENSON** TO CHANGE THE NAME OF MINOR CHILDREN 2023-MR-5

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice.

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Children) for these children:

Current Name of Minor Children:

> MADELYN RAE STEPHENSON & PAISLEY ANN **STEPHENSON**

Proposed New Name of Minor Children:

MADELYN RAE LIPE PAISLEY ANN LIPE

The court date will be held on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, in Courtroom 1.

> **SAMANTHA** STEPHENSON

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY** GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Anna will hold a Public Hearing to consider the item listed below on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Chambers of the City Council at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, and beginning at 4:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. The Public Hearing pertains to property adjacent to and north of 517 North Main Street, legally described as: A PARCEL OF LAND

UNNAMEDALLEYLYING ADJACENT KOHLERS 3RD AND 4TH **ADDITIONS TO THE CITY** OF ANNA, ALL BEING A PART OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL ME-

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ILLINOIS. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on an application submitted by Union County Hospital to vacate the public alleyway adjacent to and north of 517 North Main Street. All of said alley is located within Kohlers 3rd & 4th Additions to Anna, Illinois. Persons wishing to speak on this issue are invited to attend and be heard at this scheduled public hearing. Formal written comments will also be accepted prior to the meeting dates. Please forward all written comments and/or inquiries to the City

Clerk of the City of Anna. Dated this 27th day of April 2023.

REQUEST FOR BID

JONESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT **CCSD #43** Parking lot build

Information packets can be picked up at the Jonesboro Elementary School Starting Thursday April 27, 2023

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Friday, May 11, 2023 at the following location:

Jonesboro Elementary School **Business Office** 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 For inquiries please contact:

Kevin Westall Superintendent 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 (618) 833-6651 or (618) 354-1480 Email: kwestall@ jonesboro43.com 20g



Church welcomes relay participants

The First Baptist Church of Cobden continued a long-standing tradition by offering a hospitality area for participants in the River to River Relay. The church was set up to offer refreshments at a pavilion in the park in downtown Cobden. The hospitality area was located near a relay exchange point, also in downtown Cobden.

County Line News (Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Emotional Time I nearly didn't write this

column on this week...it's been an emotional one.

You see, another old enemy has returned. I fought a losing battle against the first enemy, dementia, when it attacked my mother. She was too young, too talented, too beautiful, it just couldn't be...but it was. You can't win there, was what I learned.

Then, the other enemy struck, cancer. It had assaulted my family and friends before; but it really didn't affect me to the core until it attacked my sister, and then my father. It's sly. It can be fought off, for a while, with constant vigilance. A blessed few get a miracle.

I had my own scare this past year. Too many nights I'd wake up, wondering... what do I do? A friend of my sister bought her a doll. It was called a "dammit doll." When the pain got bad, the emotions too much, she could slam it against the wall and scream "dammit" until she felt calm again.

Cancer took her so fast I don't know that she ever had the chance to throw it across the room. Daddy survived the surgery, but a stroke two months later took him from us, and only 18 days after Lisa.

Where was my "dammit doll"? I wanted to rip it limb from limb. The rage and grief I felt pour out of me was the scariest thing I'd ever felt.

Now, I have a cousin who was diagnosed days ago; a friend in Alabama starting treatments soon; another friend in Georgia dealing with the treatments hideous side effects; my pastor who is still struggling from the complications of surgery when they removed his; and sweet friend that is leaving us soon.

I still don't have that doll, but I have my God. He is enough. He is with each one of these and million of others when they call on Him. Cry out to Him in faith and His Holy Spirit will guide you through whatever comes next. I think of

the song "It Is Well With My Soul"; and the group, Hillsong's, version, I especially like. The message in those lyrics is better than I can ever express. If you get the chance, look up the history behind the song, it's amazing.

Safe Travels

In other news, my sonin-law, Erik, arrived from Canada safe and sound. He's held up after running the gauntlet of relatives to meet for the first time, too.

He had some new experiences in food along the way. Apparently, biscuits and gravy is not something they serve up there, and he wasn't overly impressed. Shocking, isn't it?

He'd never really experienced iced sweet tea or porcupine meatballs with tomato gravy, either, but those were winners. I might try to sneak some kraut dumplings in on him and see how that goes over. He's still a keeper, whether he likes biscuits and gravy or not, and even if he's taking my daughter so far away. It's an excuse to travel...that's how I'll look at it.

Junior and Lula Belle Tripp made a trip to the far edges of Missouri. They visited at the home of one of their daughters, Cookie Goodwin and her family to celebrate Junior's birthday. Happy birthday Junior.

Prayer List

Those to add to your prayer list: Brother Bobby Richardson for strength and healing; Debbie Newberry and family with their needs; the family of Harold James, in their loss; Cathy Gibson, Jeff Starr, Lena Geringer and Jerry and Mary Richardson with their health concerns; the family of Garrett Auer as he is deployed; Reba Short who is still in the hospital; and Anita Sneed for personal reasons. Prayer works.

Old Man Winter...

I'm hoping this cold snap is the last of old man winter until the end of the year. I've had to cover over and haul stuff back inside this week.

I'm ready for it to stay warm for a bit. Not hot... that can hold off. I'd just like the seasons to hold for a bit. Three months of each isn't too much to ask, is it?



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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Church, Anna

The third Sunday after Easter was Native American Ministries Sunday.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Having Trouble Seeing with scripture from Luke. Special music I am Your Salvation by the choir.

Anna First Baptist Church

9 a.m. Sunday school lesson taught by Cissi Cuthbertson was The Temptation to Rely on Myself Instead of God.

Congratulations to Laura Sadler on the birth of her grandson. Proud great-grandparents are Dale and Jean Denny.

Worship service 10:15 a.m. Rev. Lupe Lopez's sermon was Get Up, Cry Out with scripture from Jonah. Prayers were said for all those sick and who have lost loved ones.

Special music Graves Into Gardens and Amazing Grace led by the worship team. Call to worship was by Carol Baker. Grace and Assurance, My Sheep Hear My Voice and I Know Them. Leading also Psalm

United Methodist 100. Liliah Williams ended the service in prayer.

Sandy Bush appreciates all the cards, visits, phone calls and letters supporting her at the funeral of her son, Todd Bush.

There will be a Mother, Daughter and Friends Brunch on May 13 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Tickets will be available Sunday, April 30, through May 7.

In Concert at Anna **First Baptist Church**

Saturday, April 29, at 6 p.m. David Isom and Dewayne Sims in concert. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Child Find

Parents interested in applying for pre-k for the 2023-2024 school year, registration is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for lunch) at Lincoln Elementary School. Applicants should bring child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income (two most recent consecutive pay stubs, W2, taxes or proof of benefits/ assistance received).



In 1932, the United States celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Locally, the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club conducted educational and historical programs having to do with the country's 200 years of progress. The club placed the commemorative native-stone marker in what was then referred to as the "Y" park. In 1999, the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club restored and rededicated the marker in Hindman Park, to the preservation of history. It is maintained now in what is known as the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club/Hindman Park.



Martha Ann Webb presented checks to public works manager Gary Dahmer and city employee David Frank for the City of Anna from the American Legion for the beautiful flowers at the veterans memorial by the 4-way stop. Also a check to the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club for flowers. A special thanks for helping to make our city a beautiful place to visit and live.



Dorothy Mitchell's son-in-law Mike Ayers came by to load a box of books for the arts center that Dorothy donated. Mike gave a hug to Barb Bauer as they recalled how the Ayers boys and Bauer kids were friends in the Balcom community and schoolmates at A-J in the 1970s.

Home Town Hero

Special thanks to the Girl Scouts leaders and the community for giving the city employees Girl Scout cookies for all their help making our city and community beautiful. The cookies were from donations people made to the scouts and didn't take the cookies. So much love in our city and community.

The scouts planted trees at our business park Saturday for Earth Day and an early Arbor Day planting for Anna Tree City USA.

Ricky and Celeste Borders said scouts are to pick a hometown hero. The community donates the cookies. The scouts get to pick the organization so with all the families that enjoy the park with sports like baseball and swimming, especially fair week. Christmas candy cane lane and pumpkin town. Those city workers that work year-round need a little love from the community for all their hard work.

A special thanks to the Girl Scouts and their leaders for all they do. They are hard little workers. A special thanks to them also for helping with Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Rhymer News

This week the Rhymers have spent the week in Branson attending The Jubilee Conference, featuring guest speakers and gospel groups, such as the Gaither Vocal Band, The Hoppers, Lynda Randal and Michael Combs.

April 28, they will be remembering the 2002 tornado that swept through Dongola and destroyed their home and killed their mom Janie Chamness.

Terrie Rhymer is working with a planning committee on the Cobden High School class of 1973 on their 50th class reunion being held Memorial Day weekend. They are planning a full weekend of get togethers.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

April birthday: 28th Tom White.

April 16 attendance: 8 a.m. worship, 91. 10:30 a.m. worship, 115. Small group Bible study, 186. 6:00 p.m. worship 51.

Sunday, April 30, is youth fund raiser a Mexican fiesta. Serving after 10:30 Sunday school and after 10:30 worship donation only.

Ladies banquet is Saturday, May 6, at 10:30 for all ladies of all ages. Cost is \$5 per person.

Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. This month's project is a bird house.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Jesus at the Center, a study through Colossians. This week: The Mission of a Changed Life.

Cache River District

Marie Samuel from Carterville, Shirley West and

Carbondale.



A special thanks to Union County Girl Scouts and their leaders. Saturday they helped Tom Caldwell and Martha Ann Webb plant trees in our Anna City Business Park for Earth Day and an early Arbor Day planting for Tree City USA. Ricky and Celeste Borders said scouts are to pick a hometown hero. They picked as this year's Home Town Hero Anna city employees. The cookies are donated by the community. The scouts get to pick the organization so with all the families that enjoy the park with sports like baseball and swimming, especially fair week. Christmas candy cane lane and pumpkin town. Those city workers that work year round need a little love from the community for all their hard work. They were given Girl Scout cookies and a big thanks of appreciation.



The City of Anna and Union County Girls Scouts gathered at the city business park for an Arbor Day ceremony. City commissioner Martha Ann Webb and arborist Tom Caldwell aided the scouts in planting a red maple and three Hawthorn trees near the Brian Romines Memorial while Caldwell spoke about the importance of planting trees and the history of Arbor Day. Pink cookies were served and brochures about the trees of Illinois were distributed. The brochures were provided by the Anna University Extension office and Susan Prestia donated the Hawthorn trees. The Girl Scouts expressed their gratitude by leaving enough of their trademark cookies for everyone in public works and at city hall to enjoy a snack.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Pizza Hut in Anna.



Dorothy Mitchell donated quilting supplies to Mt. Moriah Hands of Faith Quilters and craft items to the Shawnee Arts Council/Anna Arts Center. Martha Ann Webb coordinated the effort. Dorothy and Barbara Bauer enjoyed reminiscing about how their families used to work together on the Boyd farm, about 1950, in the peach harvest. Dorothy was happy to report she could "out-pick" her brother.



Hands of Faith quilters work to finish a project to provide comfort quilts to every resident of the Illinois Veterans Home at Anna. Quilters Deb Rossberg, Sarah Hensch, Mary Jane Edmonds (hidden), Nancy Caldwell, Liz Carson, Kathy Stegle, Patty Simpson and Mary Cunningham use donated supplies to make quilts. The Hands of Faith group provides quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for local adult and child social services, as well as Bethany Village and the Women's Center in



Guest of Lisa Lowe was her friend Peggy Schulze from Murphysboro. Lisa took Peggy shopping in beautiful downtown Anna.



Tim and Jean Schmidt of Van Horne, Iowa, celebrated their 41st anniversary with Roger and Joyce Plott over the weekend. They had dinner at the Flame in Carbondale on Friday night. Saturday they enjoyed wine tour and strawberries at Flamms. The evening ended with some delicious food at **Great Boars.**



Marie Samuel, Jane Bauer and Shirley West attended Cache River District of United Methodist



Willie and Terrie Rhymer's granddaughter Ruby Yates, who is the pitcher for the Lady Wildcats softball team, pitched her 100th strikeout in their away game in Du Quoin on Thursday, April 20, with a 5-1 win over Du Quoin.

Jane Bauer of Anna, attended Cache River District of United Methodist Women spring meeting Saturday at Harrisburg First United Methodist Church.

The meeting emphasized Earth Day and held business meeting. The special speaker was Drew Blair who bike rides through the Shawnee National Forest.

Guests

Of Wayne and Nancy Skoglund were Wayne's brother Steve Skoglund of Dallas and Wayne's sister Melissa Marston from Hampton, N.H.

SEMO Iris Society Flower Show

Any iris lover is welcome to participate or attend to view entry. Show theme: "Music of Spring" May 6, from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. May 7, from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. West Park Mall, Cape Girardeau, JC Penney Court. Attendance and participation are free.

Anyone is welcome to participate in this flower show sponsored by the SEMO Iris Society, which is an affiliate of the American Iris Society. Multiple species of iris will be available to view, as well as educational exhibits and artistic arrangements.

A-JCHS Class of 1973 **50th Reunion**

Dinner at Fork and Vine US 51 North Cobden. 5 p.m. June 3, \$40 per per- unless sold out before.



Frances Cochran volunteers at Bald **Knob Cross of Peace.** Blessing of the Jeeps will be June 3.

Sunday is a picnic at State Forest, no charge. Just bring favorite side dish and your drink. Question? gailsteck.gs@gmail.com or A-J class of '73, 207 Lincoln Street, Anna, Ill. 62906.

60th A-JCHS Class Reunion

Class of 1963 homecoming weekend, Friday, Sept. 22. Parade 1 p.m. tailgate at homecoming football game 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 23, Davie School Inn, St., Anna.

1-618-833-2377. Social Hour 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Price per person \$35. Cash

Rooms available at Davie School Inn or visit Union County.biz at Chamber of Commerce listing. Reply to AJ.C.H.S. Class Reunion, 104 Holly Terrace, Anna, Ill. 62906. Reply by Aug. 1. If you can't attend please send a letter or card telling about yourself and your family.

Boy Scouts Flower Sale

April 29, Saturday, come support the Boy Scouts in the parking lot at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church flower sale.

Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Monday, May 1, at 1:30 p.m. at Shawnee Community College Anna Ex. Marie Samuel will be guest speaker on arts.

Flower, Craft Sale

Just in time for Mother's Day United Methodist Church Anna will have their annual flower and craft sale Saturday, May 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To Place Your Ad In The Gazette-Democrat Call (618) 833-2158

Stinson joins celebration of National Library Week

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is joining in the celebration of National Library Week. National Library Week is April 23-29. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

Visitors can guess how many items can be found at the library which are unique to Stinson for a chance to win a prize.

The unique items include a collection of Moon Mullins comics. Moon Mullins

Willard of Anna.

Prizes which are being offered represent a few of the many things, besides books, which libraries offer to communities they serve.

The prizes which are offered at Stinson include:

A vinyl record of Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison.

The Super Mario Bros. Movie Monopoly board

A 1980s classics "binge

Horrors," "Beverly Hills Cop 1 and 2," "Beetlejuice" and "E.T."

A 1,000-piece jigsaw puz-

A Nordic Ware Bundt cake pan.

To enter the prize giveaway, visitors can go to the front desk at the library and take a guess as to how many unique-to-Stinson items can be found in the library's collection, present your guess,

was created by Frank H. box" with "Little Shop of along with your name and phone number.

The top five closest to the total will get to pick from one of the prizes, in the order of who is the closest.

One guess per person will be allowed. The contest is set to close at the end of the day on April 29. Winners will be announced next week.

Amnesty Week also is being observed. Overdue items can be returned and late fees will be waived.

Corn hole, Derby Day, other events set at Anna VFW post

Corn hole tournaments, outside food or drinks are a Derby Day event, music and more are planned at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near

Corn Hole Tournaments

Corn hole tournaments are scheduled on Thursday, today, and Thursday, May 3.

Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Food will be available. No allowed. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

Whiskey River Band The Whiskey River Band is scheduled to be at the

post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, April 28. There will be a \$5 cover charge.

Fish Fry

A monthly fish fry is planned at the post on Friday, May 5. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include two pieces of fish, potato salad and baked beans. The pub-

lic is welcome.

Star Karaoke will play from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on May 5.

Auxiliary Offers Pork Butts

The VFW Auxiliary plans to smoke pork butts on Saturday, May 6. The cost is \$45 each. To reserve an order, call Auxiliary president Phillip Wright at 618-967-1374 or stop by the VFW post.

Derby Day

Derby Day is planned Saturday, May 6. Mystify

Music will play from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Derby Day will include a viewing party and contest for best men's hat and ensemble, best ladies hat and ensemble, best homemade/upcycled hat and best horse-themed hat. The contest starts at 5 p.m. and goes through until Kentucky Derby race time at

5:45 p.m. Appetizers will be available starting at 6 p.m. Diamond Dog is scheduled to play from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Television Listings

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Opinion and **Commentary**

Need for organ donors ongoing...

April is coming to an end, but an observance underway this month highlights a continuing need...

Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is highlighting the need for organ and tissue donations during April's National Donate Life Month with a new ad campaign. The Secretary of State joined recipients and donor families to encourage more sign ups.

"We launched a public awareness campaign focusing on the critical need for organ donors and to encourage people to register, especially in communities of color where the need for some organs is the greatest but registration rates are the lowest," Giannoulias said.

"We've found that the more people know about organ donation, its benefits and the impact that it has on lives, the more likely they will become donors. A single donor can save or improve the lives of up to 25 people."

Currently, more than 7.5 million Illinois residents are registered with the Illinois' Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, with more than 2,000 transplants taking place each year. Yet, approximately 4,000 people remain on the transplant waiting list, and about 300 die waiting for a transplant every year.

As part of the awareness campaign, Illinois residents Rocio Huerta, a kidney recipient from Chicago, Katie McKay Phillips, the sister of an organ donor from McHenry, Kim Gossell, a three-time kidney recipient from Palatine, as well as other Illinois residents spoke about the impact of organ donation.

During National Donate Life Month, the Illinois Secretary of State's office has been running a statewide public service announcement, or PSA. The announcement urges people to enroll in the Secretary of State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry while also showcasing Illinoisans who have received organs and donor families.

"Cubs fans can even save Sox fans and Card fans...It doesn't matter who you are," say those included in the spot. The PSA features the song, "Join Together" by The Who.

To learn how to become a donor, Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry by visiting LifeGoesOn.com, calling 800-210-2106 or signing up at the Illinois Secretary of State driver services.

Playground equipment installed

equipment at the ballpark in Vienna to honor the memory of a Goreville teenager who lost his life in a car accident in 2020.

Brayden King, 17, played Goreville High School.

After his death, a me-

Anna police chief issues monthly report

The chief of the Anna Police Department has issued activity reports for the month of March.

The report was given at an April 18 regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins shared the following highlights:

442 total calls. 189 officer initiated calls. 127 warnings. 101 arrests: 71 traffic. 25 criminal. Three ordinance arrests. Two warrant arrests.

Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 81 degrees to a low of 32 during the period of April 18-24 in Union County.

The low temperature was recorded April 24. Frost was seen that morning.

Precipitation for the period included .81 of an inch of rain on April 20, .92 of an inch of rain on April 21 and .01 of an inch of rain on April 22.

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

Jonesboro:	
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Tuesday, April 18	78 39
Wednesday, April 19	80 50
Thursday, April 20	81 60
Friday, April 21	64 46
Saturday, April 22	59 37
Sunday, April 23	57 36
Monday, April 24	61 32

There is new playground in Brayden's honor. New playground equipment was purchased, but help was

needed with the installation. That's where students in the Shawnee Community College Highway Construcbaseball and basketball at tion Careers Training Program came in to help.

Last week, the students morial fund was created and their instructors installed the new equipment near the ball fields where Brayden played baseball. The equipment includes slides, a climbing wall and other features.

Shawnee Community College works with John A. Logan College and the Illinois Department of Transportation to train men and women in the community to become job ready through the highway construction and careers training pro-

The spring semester marks the second class of students participating in the program.

Other projects have included work on the parking lot at Cairo City Hall and the soon-to-open Rise Community Market in Cairo.

Students agree that giving back to the community has been an enriching experience.

Performance set at Anna Arts Center

Back Porch Company is scheduled to perform April 30 at the Anna Arts Center.

The performance is set for 3 p.m. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Members of Back Porch Company are Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard John-

Refreshments will be served. Donations will be welcomed.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



A Canada goose and a bunch o' turtles were hanging out together in the spring sunshine early last Friday afternoon at a local pond.

Missing a royal invitation...and other stuff...

Ugh...Monday morning...went out to the car...had to scrape frost off the windshield of the car...on the 24th day of April. Guess we might as well look forward to snow flurries on July 4th...

Meanwhile...

I asked The Other Half Monday night if we had received our invitation to the coronation of King Charles III. She said that we had not received our invitation...and suggested that it probably has been lost in the mail.

Over the years, I've been fortunate enough to cover presidents...presidential wannabes...senators (both the U.S. and Illinois state varieties)...representatives (ditto for the U.S. and Illinois state varieties)...various celebrities (folks who actually were celebrities and some who just thought they were)...and other "important" travelers on the Journey Through Life.

As I may have noted in the past, covering U.S. presidents and folks who want to be U.S. presidents generally involves waiting. Sometimes lots of waiting... And it doesn't help that candidates often are notoriously late.

Back in the day, I had the opportunity to do some waiting for a presidential candidate...and his spouse...who made a campaign visit to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

I dutifully arrived way, way early at the student center on the SIU campus, where the campaign event took place. The event, if I remember correctly (and there is no guarantee about that) was in the ballrooms in the student center).

I joined some other media representatives who had staked out a place on a platform which had been set aside in the student center for members of the Fourth Estate. And I waited. And waited...

At about the time the candidate was set to make his appearance in the ballrooms, somebody came up from behind and nudged a fellow media representative and me. The interloper confidently informed us that he was from what we'll just call a major television network. He let us know that we would have to move so this particular network's representatives could occupy the space which we had occupied for quite some time.

No thank you, we said. We were staying put.

Well, our response apparently did not sit very well with the representative of the major television network, who went and tattled on us. Moments later, a representative of the presidential's candidate's campaign joined us on the platform...and suggested that we would indeed be leaving.

At this point, the situation could have been one of those unfortunate events which leave a bitter taste in one's mouth.

This little story actually had a happy ending. The two of us were moved to a new location, which, as it would turn out, left us about an arm's length or two away from both the candidate and his spouse.

I'm guessing that such a thing would not happen if yours truly were fortunate to have received an invitation to the coronation of the new king of the United Kingdom, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 6. I am going to assume that the invitation got lost in the mail.

You would probably guess that I have never been to the



A squirrel and a pair of mockingbirds (just one is in the photo) were having a bit of an encounter late Monday morning near our humble abode. The mockingbirds ended up chasing the squirrel away...it was last seen heading east on a utility wire.

coronation of a king, or queen, of the United Kingdom. You would be right. I have, however, been to the crowning of the queens of the Cobden Peach Festival and the Union County Fair.

Sadly, the coronation is scheduled on May 6. That's the same day as the Kentucky Derby. Since we didn't get our invitation to the big "to do" in London, I'll just stay home and watch the Derby. Oh, by the way, I did get to the Kentucky Derby...long...long ago...

Meanwhile..

...about the birds and other critters you see this week... the images were captured by yours truly during various travels on the Journey Through Life during the past week



A pair of egrets had found a nice place in a local farm pond to watch the world around them on a sunny spring afternoon.

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