

THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

The Talk And Cobden Review • Serving Union County Since 1849

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Anna, Illinois

\$1.00

Volume 175, Number 24

News Notes

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



Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day holiday weekend...and please remember why we commemorate this special day...

Fifth through 7th grade students at Lick Creek School were honored to place flags on the graves of veterans at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Union County law enforcement personnel urge everyone to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend safely.

Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team. The team has won a regional championship and advanced to sectional action early this week.

An A-J Lady Wildcats softball camp is scheduled June 5-6 at the Jonesboro School fields. Sessions are planned for those grades K-4 and 5-8.

JuneFest is planned from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, in the parking lot next to the Jonesboro Post Office.

The Anna City Pool tentatively is scheduled to open for the season on June 3.

The schedule for the Blue Dolphins swim team includes a practice meet on the evening of June 6 at the Anna City Pool, the Marion Invite meet on June 8 and a home meet against Carbondale on the evening of June 11.

University of Illinois Extension and McLane Farms outside of Jonesboro are teaming up for a summer twilight series event which is planned Monday evening, June 17. Largemouth bass and rice production will be highlighted.

Anna-Jo Garden Club has been awarded the National Garden Club Wildlife Habitat Certification.

Pollinators and wildlife will be featured at a Garden Walk event which is planned by the Anna-Jo Garden Club on the evening of June 20. The event will be at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School reports that online registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. The deadline to complete online registration is July 15.

(continued on page 2)

Memorial Day observances planned throughout area

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 27. Special events are planned throughout the area in observance of Memorial Day.

Mound City National Cemetery

An annual Memorial Day program is planned at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Mound City National Cemetery.

A free shuttle bus service is planned beginning at 9 a.m. at the former St. Mary's Church, which is located at the corner of Diamond and Walnut streets in Mound City.

The program which begins at 10 a.m. will include patriotic music and a Roll Call of Honor. The Roll Call will honor deceased veterans from all wars, beginning with the Civil War.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Betsy Brown, who is the chairperson of the board at the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro.

Volunteers Welcomed: Organizers of the service noted that members of the public are invited to help place flags on graves at the cemetery starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23.

Alto Pass

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization is planning to conduct a

Memorial Day ceremony on Saturday, May 25.

The ceremony is set for 1 p.m. at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

The ceremony will include a brief presentation and a three-volley salute.

The veterans also plan to conduct Memorial Day ceremonies with a three-volley salute on Monday, May 27.

Ceremonies are planned at 10 a.m. at the Alto Pass Cemetery and at 10:30 a.m. at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery near Alto Pass.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass veterans memorial.

The memorial honors U.S. military veterans who have passed away and were from the Alto Pass area.

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members of the organization.

St. Joseph Cemetery, Cobden

A Memorial Day service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday, May 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

Cobden Cemetery

A Memorial Day service is planned at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Cobden Cemetery.

Anna VFW Post

A Memorial Day service is planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna at 11 a.m. Monday, May 27. The community is invited to attend the solemn service.

Lunch will be provided following the service. Installation of officers is planned at 1 p.m.

The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. Upcoming events are open to the public.

Vienna Service

A Memorial Day service is planned at 11 a.m. Monday, May 27, on the lawn at the Vienna Public Library.

The service will be sponsored by the Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The featured speaker is scheduled to be Brian Questelle, who is the chairman of the board of directors of the Veterans' Honor Flight of Southern Illinois.

Patriotic music will be presented by the father/daughter duo Mason Montgomery and Marcia Wells.

Organizers said that limited seating will be available. The event will move to the library's community room in the event of rain.

Local soldier accounted for from Korean War



**U.S. Army
Pvt. 1st Class
Bryan Myers Jr.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, DPAA, on May 16 announced that U.S. Army Pvt. 1st Class Bryan Myers Jr., 21, of Cobden, Illinois, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Feb. 27, 2024.

In September of 1950, Myers was a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, during the Korean War. He was killed in action while his unit was defending the Pusan Perimeter in South Korea.

The exact circumstances of his death were unknown, and his remains were not accounted for during or after the war.

In 1950, the remains of an American soldier were recov-

ered from a foxhole on the east side of Mt. Chulmol, near Haman, South Korea, DPAA reported in a news release.

Investigators estimated the death to have occurred in early September but were unable to make a positive identification.

The remains, designated as Unknown X173 Masan, were initially interred in the United Nations Military Cemetery Masan, before ultimately being transferred to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In March 2019, scientists from the DPAA laboratory exhumed Unknown X-173 from the Punchbowl for scientific analysis.

To identify Myers' remains, scientists from DPAA used chest radiograph and other circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Pfc. Myers's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Pfc. Myers will be buried in Elwood, Illinois. Services will be Wednesday, May 29. A complete obituary can be found in this week's paper.

Cobden's Shoemate honored as Superintendent of Distinction

SPRINGFIELD — Edwin Shoemate, superintendent of Cobden Unit School District No. 17, has been named as the 2024 Superintendent of Distinction by his colleagues in the Shawnee Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators, IASA.

Shoemate was honored at an awards luncheon May 16 in Springfield. Illinois State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders was the featured speaker, where 21 IASA regional Superintendents of Distinction were recognized.

"I am honored to receive this award, but it really belongs to our students, faculty, support staff and board of education," said Shoemate, who has been an educator for 24 years and superintendent of Cobden Unit School District No. 17 for nine years. "The passion and commitment displayed by everyone in our district on a daily basis truly makes Cobden a special place."

Those who nominated Shoemate for the honor noted a number of successes during his tenure including:

- Oversaw the demolition of the 1953 gymnasium and managed the construction of a new \$6.3 million gym.

- Past president of the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools.

- Past president of the Shawnee Region.

- Cobden Elementary School received an Exemplary designation from the Illinois State Board of Education.

- Encouraged teachers to start new programs, classes and/or clubs for students, including CYCA, Ed Rising, Outdoor Club, Esports and guitar building.

- Added all new woodworking and art equipment, including the introduction of the lat-

est technology for all students.

- Member of the Illinois Beta Board.

IASA's Shawnee Region is comprised of Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

Superintendents of Distinction were selected by peers in their region based on their commitment, dedication and leadership.

"It is an honor to stand out among distinguished educators in your region and be selected for this honor," said IASA executive director Dr. Brent Clark. "I applaud Edwin for everything he's done to enhance the learning environment for students and

propel his district forward. His leadership has been a difference maker in the Cobden community."

The 10th annual luncheon was sponsored by Stifel, the country's leading underwriter of K-12 school bonds.

"The superintendents honored today exemplify the depth of leadership and personal commitment that exceptional superintendents bring to their districts to serve students and staff to be the best they can be," said Anne Noble, managing director of Stifel. "Stifel's longtime commitment to IASA culminates in honoring these amazing superintendents and thanking them for all they do for the students of Illinois."



Local school superintendent honored

The Illinois Association of School Administrators, IASA, hosted a reception May 16 in Springfield to honor 21 Superintendents of Distinction from across the state. Cobden School District No. 17 superintendent Edwin Shoemate was among those honored. From left are Illinois State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders, Edwin Shoemate and IASA executive director Dr. Brent Clark. IASA photo.



A-J softball team wins regional championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team defeated West Frankfort last Saturday in Jonesboro to win an Illinois High School Association Class 2 regional softball championship. A-J had not won a regional title since 2009. With the victory, the Lady Wildcats advanced to sectional play at Carterville with a 27-5 record. A-J was scheduled to play Johnston City Tuesday afternoon. Host Carterville and Carmi-White County were slated to play Wednesday afternoon in another sectional match up. The winners of the games played on Tuesday and Wednesday will play in the sectional championship game, which is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25.

Members of the A-J regional championship softball team include, in the first row, from left, Chesnee Marks, Mackenzie Barnhart, Kylee Campbell, Carley Pearson, Gabby Sands, Elizabeth Hill and Sadie Cross. In the second row are coach Rodney Seip, Kayleigh Wheaton, Jayci Needling, Ariana Turner, Ruby Yates, Brooke Carmack, Kansas Craig, Brooke Sheffer, Olivia Schaefer, Jayda Shepard, Emma Craig, coach Brad Hoehner and coach Erin Suggs. Photo provided.





Commencement ceremony held in Cobden
A commencement ceremony was held Friday evening, May 17, for members of the Cobden High School class of 2024. Friday's event was the first commencement ceremony to be held in the school's new gymnasium.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Mother's Day
Mother's Day was a joyous occasion. My children and grandchildren were present, either in person or via "face-time" on the computer.
The gifts were nice, but seeing them all and hearing the laughter and sharing the memories, while making more, was the best part of the day.
I miss my own mother during this holiday most especially. She's been gone 11 years, but at times the pain of her loss is like it happened that very day.
She was a Godly woman and her legacy was in making

Union County Fixin's

By Suzan Harvel
Easy Zucchini Patties
By Ann Abbott from Missouri
2 cups grated zucchini (with or without peel)
2 eggs
1/4 cup Bisquick baking mix
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup grated cheese (optional)
1 tablespoon onion, chopped small
Mix all ingredients.
Spoon onto a hot greased griddle and flatten slightly. Cook on both sides for a couple of minutes or until brown. Makes 10 to 12.

sure we all knew the Lord. My mother-in-law is thankfully still with us and she, too, continues her legacy in the same manner.
Mill Creek Baptist Church
Brother Bobby Richardson gave this past week's sermon from Proverbs 31: 28. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her."
He spoke about some Biblical mothers like King Lemeul's mother, for whom those verses were written; Jochebed, Moses' mother, who did all she could to save her son, Exodus 2:1-3. Hannah and Samuel, 1 Samuel 1, who dedicated her son to God; Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist; and Mary, the mother of Jesus, Luke 1-2.
These and many more were Godly women. Their lives were not easy, the lives of their children were often harder, but God was with them as well.
All we can do as mothers is to make sure we give them our best support and unconditional love.
Birthday Greetings
Additionally, birthday greetings were sent my way this past week and I appreciate every single one of them.
I was blessed with a luncheon feast at work and then my family took me out for dinner. No fuss...no cleanup...my kind of birthday.
The prospect of aging hits folks differently. I am of the opinion that I'm glad to still be having them and could care

less about the number that's affixed to it.
I am blessed with good health, great family and a God who sees me through everything in life. I couldn't ask for more.
Vacation Bible School
Mill Creek Baptist Church will be planning for Vacation Bible School to be held on June 10-14, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A light meal will be offered each night.
This year's theme is "SHINE." A planning meeting is scheduled after Wednesday night services on May 29 to finalize meals and assignments.
NSDAR Meeting
The Daniel Chapman Chapter, NSDAR met at the Williamson County Historical Society Museum and Genealogy Library on Monday, May 13.
At the conclusion of the meeting a tour was given. The building, constructed in 1913, in which this organization is now housed in, was at one time the local jail and sheriff's residence through 1971.

By Suzan Harvel
Today the building serves as a museum and library with over 25 rooms with exhibits. They also have resources available for purchase.
Some of my relatives were from the area and I was able to purchase a centennial map of Williamson County from 1839-1939 that gave these pioneers names and the dates they settled there. If you are ever in the Marion area, check it out.
Mill Creek Village Board
The Mill Creek Village Board planned to meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at village hall.
Congratulations, Graduates
Congratulations to all the graduates out there. Graduation ceremonies are going on everywhere for preschool aged to college students.
Play days, carnivals and other events to kick off summer are also being held. As school comes to a close this month, remember to have a wonderful and safe summer.

Wellness on Wheels visits planned in Union County

Southern 7 Health Department, S7HD, has announced Wellness on Wheels, WOW, Van Clinics are scheduled in Union County.
The schedule includes:
May 29. Sunshine Senior Center, Anna, 9 a.m. to noon. Shawnee Community College Anna Extension Center, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The health department reminds the public that it offers STD and HIV testing and free condoms on the WOW van and at each of its seven public health clinics in the area.
Free services which are available include NARCAN training, blood pressure checks, home colorectal cancer tests (FIT), medication disposal packets, COVID test kits and condoms.
Charged services which are available include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy and TB skin tests, TD/Tdap shots for adults, well water tests

and hereditary genetic cancer testing.
Charged services, excluding a well water test, require a health insurance card.
All services, both free and charged, will be offered while supplies are available on the day of service.
Flu shots will be provided to patients based on vaccine availability on the day of the clinic and while supplies last. Health insurance cards are required.
Southern 7 advised that those who want to request a COVID-19 booster should contact their local public health clinic for details.
No appointment is needed for services. Walk-ins are welcome. Clinic dates, times and available services are subject to change without notice.
More information about the WOW program are available by contacting Shawanna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 971161, or by visiting S7HD on Facebook, Instagram and X, through the Southern 7 app and at www.southern7.org.

Preregistration set for Stinson Library's summer reading program

Preregistration is scheduled to begin Friday, May 24, for this year's summer reading program at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.
Preregistration is available by visiting the library, which is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.
Preregistration also is available online. Visit StinsonLibrary.org or Facebook.com/StinsonLibrary.
A kickoff carnival is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 7, at the library. The carnival will feature games, bounce houses, popcorn and a special prize.
Weekly programs are planned from June 11 through July 25. The schedule includes:
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon. 5th through 8th grades. Crafts, games, contests, snacks and more.
Wednesdays, pre-kindergarten through 4th grade. Read a book and do a craft. Three sessions are scheduled: Session 1, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Session 2, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Session 3, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Thursdays: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Baby Storytime. Books, songs, rhymes and free play.
A summer reading finale is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the library. The finale will feature prizes and fun to end the summer.

Coalition to host event on supporting needs of people in recovery

The United Recovery Community Coalition is planning to host a free event in Anna which is aimed at educating the public about supporting the basic needs of people in recovery.
The event is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Harvest Church of Southern Illinois. The church is located at 602 E. Davie St. in Anna.
Those who attend the event will learn from guest speakers how to effectively support those in their recovery journey by addressing basic needs such as access to food, stable housing and employment opportunities.
The coalition aims to empower participants with practical strategies to navigate challenges surrounding basic necessities and to make meaningful impacts in the lives of those in recovery.
Along with the guest speakers, participants will be able

to network with local resource vendors that foster a supportive environment for individuals striving towards holistic wellness and long-term stability.
The event also will be available through Zoom. Those who may be interested in the Zoom option can obtain more information by contacting Serena Smith with Rural Health Inc. at ssmith@rural-healthinc.org.
The United Recovery Community Coalition is partnered and sponsored by Rural Health Inc. and the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program grant.
The faith-based coalition's mission is to come together, fill gaps within the region and create a safer and healthier community for all.
More information is available by contacting peer recovery specialist Serena Smith at Rural Health Inc., phone 833-4471, extension 1078.

News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 19, Perry Wright filled in for Pastor Perry Williams during the morning service.
He shared his testimony about learning that "God is a God of redemption." He used the Lord's Prayer found in the book of Matthew as a basis for his remarks.
Later, he discussed Paul's speech to the Athenians found in Acts. The speech was about "the one true God who created humanity so they would long for God and the good news that God is not far from each one of us."
The service was sent by transmitter station 87.9 for those who wanted to listen on the radio. The service was also live streamed on Facebook. 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 the pianist. Kim Benefield sang "Unclouded Day" as a solo.
Women's and men's Bible

studies were planned at 6 p.m. Monday, May 20.
On Sunday, May 26, the church's graduates will be recognized in the morning worship service. A Hospitality Sunday potluck meal will follow the service.
Birthdays: Mary "Murk" Cripps, May 20; Jodie Dial, May 24; Rob Wright, Clay York, May 25.
The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes Sunday School classes on Sundays at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.
Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.
Adult prayer meeting and Bible study are scheduled on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Look for Yard Sales in the Classified Ads

✝

"The Preaching Pen"

What is Sin?

Scriptures call for us to reflect upon Bible concepts. This reflection has a two-fold purpose: 1. It keeps us on the pathway of righteousness 2. It assists us in repelling sin.

Often, sin is defined as "missing the mark," Romans 3:23. We "miss the mark" when we commit sin, engage in actions which are contrary to God's commandments and when we neglect to perform the duties and obligations instructed by God's will. Additionally, the Bible defines sin as a transgression of God's law, 1 John 3:4. A transgression is any thought, word, deed which violates His law.

Lists of sinful activities are found in Galatians 5:18-21 and Romans 1:29-31. These are not exhaustive lists. Pride, gossiping, and murmuring are not mentioned but are considered as sins. Sin leads to guilt James 2:10, guilt leads to spiritual bondage Romans 7:22-24, and spiritual bondage leads to spiritual death Ephesians 2:1.

How do we fight sin? The Apostle Paul recorded his advice in 1 Timothy 4:13. "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. To defeat sin, we must focus our lives on studying God's word, strengthen those with like interest and faith, and teach the world about the saving power of Jesus Christ. That is the only way; the Godly Way.

✝

Ryan Thornberry,
Anna Church of Christ

✝

Your Cancer Crystal Ball!

GENETIC CANCER TESTING looks for gene mutations in your DNA to see your risk for 8 potential cancers

If You're Over 18, Schedule Your Test Today

Scan the QR Code or call 618-634-2297

- Breast
- Colorectal
- Gastric
- Melanoma

- Ovarian
- Pancreatic
- Prostate
- Uterine

Making a Difference in Your Community
SAD
One Family at a Time!
Southern 7 Health Department



Lady Wildcats’ battery at work

Anna-Jonesboro’s Ruby Yates, number 24, follows through on a pitch during last Saturday’s high school softball regional championship game in Jonesboro. Yates pitched the Lady Wildcats to a 6-0 win over West Frankfort and a regional title. Ariana Turner, who homered in the game, was catching for A-J.

A-J softball team wins regional with victory over West Frankfort

With victories last week over Vienna and West Frankfort, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team won an Illinois High School Association Class 2A regional championship.

A-J 5, Vienna 3

The Anna-Jonesboro Lady Wildcats won a game played Wednesday, May 15, in dramatic fashion, with a walk 5-3 walk off victory of Vienna Lady Eagles.

The game was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning when A-J’s Kansas Craig doubled on the first pitch. Jayci Needling homered to center field, scoring the 2 runs.

Pitcher Ruby Yates earned the win for the Wildcats. The

lefty surrendered eight hits and three runs over seven innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Chesnee Marks and Kansas Craig each collected two hits for the Lady Wildcats.

Kansas Craig was 2 for 4, Jayci Needling 1 for 4, Ruby Yates 1 for 1, Chesnee Marks 2 for 3 and Olivia Schaefer 1 for 3.

A-J 6, West Frankfort 0

A-J blanked West Frankfort 6-0 in the regional championship game. The game was played last Saturday at Jonesboro School in front of a big crowd.

A home run by Ariana Turner in the bottom of the first inning got the Lady Wildcats on the board in the championship game against the Lady

Redbirds.

Kansas Craig also homered to center field scoring two runs in the bottom of the second.

The Lady Wildcats collected 10 hits in the game. Jayci Needling, Kansas Craig and Chesnee Marks all were contributors.

Pitcher Ruby Yates earned the win. She gave up 3 hits and no runs over seven innings, striking out seven and walking none.

A-J’s Kansas Craig was 2 for 4, Jayci Needling 3 for 4, Ariana Turner 1 for 3, Ruby Yates 1 for 2, Chesnee Marks 2 for 3, Olivia Schaefer 1 for 3.

The win for the Lady Wildcats gave them a regional title for first time since 2009.



A-J player hits home run

Anna-Jonesboro’s Kansas Craig is greeted by her teammates after she hit a home run in the second inning of Saturday’s high school softball regional championship game against West Frankfort. A-J won the game and a regional title.



Soccer team takes first at three tournaments

The 3rd-4th grade Union County Boys All-Star soccer team recently won first place at three regional All-Star soccer tournaments. The team was selected from the spring Union County recreational teams.

The Marion Whirlwind Tournament was in Marion May 4-5. The boys were undefeated in every game, taking first place in their division. May 11-12, the team played in Perryville, Mo., in the Spring Classic. The boys remained undefeated throughout the tournament, winning another first-place title. The Southern Spring Shootout was played May 17-19 in Cape Girardeau. The Union County team stayed undefeated throughout the tournament, with the championship game against Jackson ending in a shootout.

Members of the Union County team are, in the front row, from left, RJ Turner, Landon Hill, Cooper Dallas, Jaden Miller and Liam Kinder. In the second row are Knox Chamness, Matthew Binversie, Henry Moberly, Jesus Vaca, Bryson Beggs and Jack Sommer. In the third row are coaches Jake Basler, Marie Dallas and Rodney Turner. Photo provided.

Coffman’s Martial Arts Academy students win 66 medals at River to River Classic



Tournament participants

ChunJiDo International participants at a recent River to River Classic martial arts tournament in Vienna are featured in the photograph. Photo provided.

Coffman’s Martial Academy in Anna had “an incredible day” at the River to River Classic martial arts tournament May 4 in Vienna.

Coffman’s Martial Arts Academy was represented by 28 students who earned a total of 66 medals.

Twenty-four students received first place medals. Twenty students earned second place medals. Twenty-two students won third place medals.

Mr. Cooper Johnson won Black Belt Grand Champion honors.

Coffman’s Martial Arts Academy shared the following results from the tournament:

Mr. Cooper Johnson: Kata first, Kata grand champion.

Jeffrey: Kata first, Chambara second. Max: Kata first, sparring third, Chambara third.

Jace: Kata third, sparring third, Chambara third. Addie: Kata second, sparring third.

Maddie: Kata first, sparring second. Eli: Kata third, sparring third, Chambara third.

Vivian: Kata first, sparring second, Chambara first. Matti: Kata second, sparring first. Allison: Kata first. Hunter: Kata first, sparring first, Chambara first. Tyj’Heri: Kata third, sparring first, Chambara second.

Claire: Kata first, Chambara first. Cindy: Kata third, Chambara third. Cathy: Kata second, Chambara third.

Riley: Kata second, sparring second, Chambara second. Tyson: Kata first, sparring first, Chambara first.

Gabbi: Kata first, sparring second. Grace: Kata first.

Brooklyn: Kata second, sparring third, Chambara first. Aiden: Kata third, sparring third, Chambara second.

Troy: Kata third, sparring second, Chambara first. Zander: Kata third, sparring second, Chambara second.

Xandure: Kata first, sparring first, Chambara second. Sabastian: Kata third, Chambara third.

Waylon: Kata second, sparring third, Chambara third. Beckham: Kata first. Gresson: Kata second, Chambara

second.

ChunJiDo International, represented by Coffman’s Martial Arts Academy and Evansville ChunJiDo Academy, took a total of 43 participants and won a total of 93 medals.

Coffman’s Martial Arts Academy thanked Wartrace Martial Arts for hosting a special day for all competitors.

Appreciation also was voiced to judges, score keepers, coaches, nurses, announcers, families and others who helped to make “such a wonderful event” that could not have taken place without them. Congratulations were extended to all of the competitors.

Nice catches...

Local angler Matt Wettig shared pictures from a successful day of fishing he had on May 15. The flathead weighed 36 1/2 pounds. Three bigger channel cats weighed over 6 pounds.



Union County Farm Bureau announces scholarship winners

The Union County Farm Bureau Foundation has announced 2024 scholarship recipients.

A total of \$4,250 was awarded this year, including two named scholarships.

The winners are four students from three local high schools. All of the scholarship recipients are pursuing studies or interests related to agriculture, have a long history and passion for agriculture or plan to make Union County a better place to live and work.

The winners each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2024 fall semester paid to the educational institution they are attending.

This year's scholarship recipients include:



Olivia Brumleve
Olivia Brumleve is the daughter of Daniel and Jeanne Brumleve of Cobden.

Olivia is a Cobden High School graduate and is attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

She is a member of the Collegiate Farm Bureau and is studying ag education.

Olivia is also the recipient of this year's \$500 Bill Flamm Memorial Scholarship.



Kylie Baker-Hale
Kylie Baker-Hale, a senior at Cobden High School, is the daughter of Zach and Brooke Hale.

Kylie plans to attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale, with the goal of pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary medicine. Her long-term goal is to become a veterinarian.



Peyton Lingle
Peyton Lingle is attending McKendree University in Lebanon. She is the daughter of Landon and Breanna Lingle and a graduate of Dongola High School.

Peyton is working on her studies with the goal of becoming an elementary education teacher.



Alayna Menees
Alayna Menees, a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, is this year's recipient of the \$750 Halford Dillow Memorial Scholarship. Alayna is the daughter of Nathan and Kim Menees.

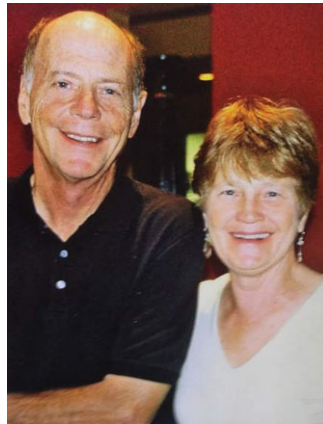
Her goal is to attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale in the fall and study animal science, with long-term aspirations to become a veterinarian.

Union County Farm Bureau noted that all of the students have shown talent in their academic careers and leadership throughout their communities in 4-H, FFA and other programs. The Farm Bureau wishes them the best of luck in the agriculture field.

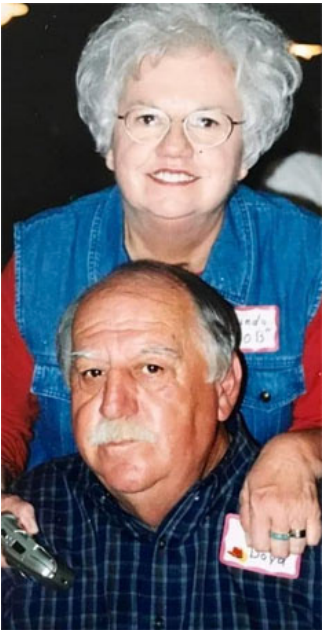
The scholarship program is administered annually and is made possible by the generous support and monetary contributions of Union County Farm Bureau members through their dues renewal, yearly fundraisers and auction activities during the Union County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Information about the 2024 program will be available at Union County Farm Bureau in the fall.

Cousin honors Bill Boyd, Tom Boyd



A favorite family photo of Thomas Carl Boyd and his sister Nancy Boyd Warren. Photo provided.



A favorite family photo of Bill R. Boyd and his sister Linda Boyd LaFoon. Photo provided.

By Cousin Barbara Boyd Bauer

Boyd family patriarch Christopher Jeremiah Boyd was 3 years old when he arrived in Union County in 1851.

With his Boyd parents and Johnson grandparents, he traveled from Tennessee by covered wagon to reach this "promised land."

It is said that they arrived in Illinois on Dec. 25, 1851. Like many other pioneers, that took determination, courage, will power.

C.J., or "Jerry," Boyd, as he was known, lost his father at an early age, so he helped his widowed mother successfully raise four siblings, James,

John, Mattie and Margaret, on the family farm east of Anna.

He married Emily Minerva Hess and became a successful farmer and community leader.

Together they raised six sons, Ernest, John, Charles, Tully Van and Homer, and one daughter, Minnie "Pete" (Hartline).

They fostered four other young people, niece Mamie Hess (Winn), Rosa Penninger (Bostain) and nephews William and Jeff Johnson.

From these early, resolute Union County citizens are descended numerous residents of this area today.

This mention of the Boyd family is an introduction to a memorial remembrance of the late Bill R. Boyd and the late Thomas Carl Boyd.

This history and remembrance are intended to be a tribute to the productive, positive lives of these Boyd men.

Bill R. Boyd, 1938-2024, was descended from parents John J. and Myrtle Rhodes Boyd. (Grandfather John Boyd.) Bill's sister is Anna resident Linda Boyd LaFoon.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High

School and the University of Illinois, and raised his family in Anna.

His long career as an engineer included work in Union County, other Southern Illinois communities and elsewhere.

His strong work ethic and care for the environment seems to have trickled down from his forefathers.

Thomas Carl Boyd, 1943-2024, was descended from parents Carl and Louise Henley Boyd. (Grandfather Homer Boyd.) Tom's sister, Nancy Boyd Warren, resides in Idaho.

Tom graduated from Anna schools and Southern Illinois University in engineering.

He become a pilot in the U.S. Navy, and later flew as an American Airlines pilot.

Tom was a "people person" with a positive attitude and warm sense of humor. These traits surely were passed down from his forebearers.

Both of these Boyd men will be missed by their families and friends. Both have left a legacy of determination and positive purpose for those who follow.

Foundation honors Bradley

The Saints Foundation of Shawnee Community College is congratulating retired instructor Craig Bradley for being named as the college's 2024 distinguished alumni of the year.

The foundation noted on social media that Bradley "has worked tirelessly at Shawnee Community College for 32 years, teaching 651 sections of astronomy and computers with a total enrollment of 7,036 and generating 19,814.5 credit hours.

"Thank you for all you've done and will continue to do for the SCC district's students, faculty, staff, and community members."

Nominations welcomed

The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2024 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame class.

Since 2002, the foundation has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois.

The foundation advises that nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame nomination form by July 15, 2024, to be considered.

For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at info@ilconservation.org or 217-785-2003. Additional information also may be found online at ilconservation.org.



Auction in Anna
Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC conducted a successful sale of nearly 700 acres of Wright family land on Saturday, May 18, in Anna. Photo provided.

Farmland, hunting land, quarry auction generates \$3,314,850

Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC reports that it held an exciting auction event on Saturday, May 18, at St. Mary's Church Parish Hall in Anna.

The auction featured 696+/- acres of farmland, hunting land and a limestone quarry owned by the Wright family since 1939.

The event drew a crowd of over 20 registered bidders, both live and online, from four states.

After an auction lasting over an hour and a half, the property sold to four different buyers for a total contract price of \$3,314,850.

"The auction team did an amazing job facilitating the sale," Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC shared in a news release.

The land was offered in six individual tracts:

- Tract 1, consisting of 67.6 acres, sold for \$367,000.
- Tracts 2 and 6, totaling

63.6 acres, sold together for \$248,850.

- Tracts 3 and 4, encompassing 422.5 acres, sold as a combined unit for \$2.1 million.
- Tract 5, measuring 142.4 acres, sold for \$598,500.

The property's limestone quarry holds historical significance, as a stone from the quarry resides at the Memorial Museum of the Battle of Normandy, representing the State of Illinois.

The stone bears a quote from Abraham Lincoln: "Our reliance is in the love of liberty in which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the Spirit which prized liberty as a heritage of all men in all lands everywhere."

"We were thrilled with the turnout and the enthusiasm from the bidders," said Alex Belcher, auctioneer for Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC. "The Wright family land offered a mix of farmland, timber, hunting, and a lime-

stone quarry with historical ties. We enjoy selling land and helping our clients achieve their goals."

Both the sellers and buyers expressed their satisfaction with the auction's outcome. The multi-parcel bidding format allowed participants to bid on their preferred tract combinations to best suit their needs.

For more information about the sale or upcoming auctions, visit www.ollisauction.com or contact Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC at 833-2227.

Joe Ollis Real Estate & Auction LLC is a full-service auction company specializing in real estate, estates, farmland and recreational properties.

With over 25 years of experience, the Ollis team prides itself on professionalism, market expertise and commitment to achieving the best possible results for clients.

Garden club meeting held in Anna

The Anna-Jo Garden Club met May 14 at the United Methodist Church in Anna. Hostesses were Sue McIntosh, Charlotte Echols and Glenda Jones.

The program speaker was Carol Hoffman, representing

the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau.

The club's recent annual spring plant sale was reported to be a success in spite of wet weather. Many perennials were sold to individuals in the community. The plants were of good quality and modest prices. All proceeds are used for local community projects.

Anna-Jo Garden Club has a generous supply of Annabelle hydrangeas on hand to sell at the upcoming Annabelle Festival on East Davie Street in downtown Anna.

The garden club will have other activities located at the Anna Arts Center. Ribbons will be given for winners of a flower show featuring Annabelle hydrangea blooms. Members of the public are invited to enter any arrangement or specimen. There is no entry

fee. Entries will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

It was reported that members gathered recently at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna to plant pots in the home's sensory garden. This is a joint effort shared by the civic committee, the garden therapy committee and VA administration.

In addition to flowers, one pot holds a "pizza garden," consisting of a tomato plant, oregano, basil, parsley and even mint for tea.

The club's next regular meeting is planned at 11:30 a.m. June 11 at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna. A picnic lunch is planned, with meat and drink provided. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the club is welcome to attend.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner
Glenna and Allen Harris came from Quinlan, Texas, to help Juanita celebrate Mother's Day. Glenna was born on Mother's Day.

They parked their motor home at Hilltop Campground, as our road isn't suitable to get in here.

Our son Danny has been on disaster relief in Georgiana, Ala., to help with clean up after a tornado.

Gary and Sue Hoskins went to Colorado to see their granddaughter Mia graduate.

The Bruce Williams family went to Kentucky to daughter Heather and Mike Walker's for Mother's Day.

The annual nominating committee for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative will be Tuesday evening. Bill Littrell is up for reelection in August representing Union County.

Basketball camp slated at Cobden

A Cobden Appleknocker basketball camp is planned Tuesday through Thursday, May 28-30.

The camp will be in the Tom Crowell Gym at Cobden High School. The camp will be directed by members of the Cobden coaching staff.

The schedule for the camp includes:

- Session 1: Grades 2-5, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Session 2: Grades 6-9, noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$35. More information is available by contacting coach Wendell Wheeler at 618-790-3045.

The Gazette-Democrat Covering the Union County Area Since 1849



Garden of the month
Anna-Jo Garden Club has presented its garden of the month award to John and Carol Messamore of 1840 Balcom Rd., Balcom. Their home has 150 years of history in Balcom. John said train tickets for the Balcom train station were sold from his home. A Fuzzy Deutzia shrub was planted when the home was first built and is still blooming today. A waterfall with seating on top was not turned at the time of the club's visit. "It's a beautiful focal point of the garden with wisteria, hostas and many perennials that are getting ready to bloom," the garden club noted. Other features in the garden include a saucer magnolia bush, banana trees, dogwood trees and a bridge across Little Creek. More pictures can be seen by visiting the Anna-Jo Garden Club on Facebook. Photo provided.

The Gazette-Democrat

Classified Section

Phone: 618-833-2158 • Fax: 618-833-5813
E-mail: news@annanews.com

CLASSIFIED RATES

Classifieds30¢ per word
\$6.00 minimum for each prepaid ad per week
\$3.00 additional if ad is charged
Bold Face 35¢ per word

AD DEADLINE IS 11:00 A.M. TUESDAY

CLASSIFIED DISPLAY RATES

Per inch\$12.50

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Sweet Potato Slips – Georgia Jets. For details call 618-967-5221

24-25g, 24p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Nice 2 bedroom apartments, low utilities, convenient location, w/dryer facility. No gas deposit. call 618-751-3025

24gp tfn

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF CHRISTIAN MICHAEL WAYNE THOMPSON, a male child
CASE NO. 2024AD2

ADOPTION PUBLICATION NOTICE

To: Michael Lee Smith: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named CHRISTIAN MICHAEL WAYNE THOMPSON:

Now, therefore, unless you Michael Lee Smith, and all whom it may concern, file your

answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, Room 1 of the Union County Courthouse Building at 309 W. MarketSt., in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before Monday, June 24, 2024 at 11:00 am, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgement entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Dated May 15, 2024

Keri E. Clark

Clerk of the Circuit Court

8221-942647

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS G. TINGLEY, Deceased, and VICHIAN TINGLEY, Defendants.
Civil No. 24-cv-1030-JPG

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to Thomas G Tingley and Vichian Tingley of the complaint for foreclosure filed in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statutes, 735 ILCS § 5/15-1503 and ILCS S. Ct. Rule 105 and 1964, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court. You, Thomas G Tingley and Vichian Tingley, are hereby notified that on April 26, 2024, an Order was entered in this cause by Judge J. Phil Gilbert, ordering that you shall appear in this case and plead to the complaint heretofore filed herein on or before July 9, 2024, and in default hereof the Court will proceed to an adjudication of this cause before the Court, in the same manner as if you had been served with process within the State of Illinois, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the plaintiff and the case number are identified above;
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above;
3. The names of the ti-

tle holders of record are: Thomas G. Tingley and Vichian Tingley.

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTIION 30, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 85°-12°-56” WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 320.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84°-58°-17” WEST A DISTANCE OF 214.46 FEET TO THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 127; THENCE NORTH 16°-49°-30” WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 482.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86°-44°-04” EAST A DISTANCE OF 296.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 2.733 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC’S RIGHT OF USE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ROAD ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT, ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO A 2 ROD WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID TRACT AND A DRAINAGE EASEMENT, BOTH AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORD 78 AT PAGE 552, AND FURTHER BEING SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS ROADWAY USED BY THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER TO THE NORTH AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO.2316, RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 29, 1999, IN RECORD BOOK 176 AT PAGE 485 IN THE RECORDER’S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
FORMERLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 320 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 635 FEET FOR A STARTING POINT; THENCE SOUTH 465 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER, 165 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE NUMBER 127; THENCE NORTH WESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OFWAY LINE 482 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE 237 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PARCEL ID # 063004958

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

29 Push Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagors: Thomas G. Tingley deceased, and Vichian Tingley

Name of mortgagee: United States of America, Small Business Administration

Date of mortgage: July 24, 2002

Date of recording: July 30, 2024

County where recorded: Union County

Recording document identification: Ex. A, Vol 215 pages 102-106, Union County, Illinois
MONICAA. STUMP, Clerk of Court
By: s/ Angela Helfrich
DEPUTY CLERK

s/ Adam E. Hanna
ADAME. HANNA
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney’s Office
Nine Executive Drive
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208-1344
Phone: (618) 628-3700
Fax: (618) 622-3810
E-mail: Adam.Hanna@usdoj.gov
8221-942003

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS G. TINGLEY, Deceased, and VICHIAN TINGLEY, Defendants.
Civil No. 24-cv-1030-JPG

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to Thomas G Tingley and Vichian Tingley of the complaint for foreclosure filed in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statutes, 735 ILCS § 5/15-1503 and ILCS S. Ct. Rule 105 and 1964, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court. You, Thomas G Tingley and Vichian Tingley, are hereby notified that on April 26, 2024, an Order was entered in this cause by Judge J. Phil Gilbert, ordering that you shall appear in this case and plead to the complaint heretofore filed herein on or before July 9, 2024, and in default hereof the Court will proceed to an adjudication of this cause before the Court, in the same manner as if you had been served with process within the State of Illinois, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the plaintiff and the case number are identified above;
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above;
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Thomas G. Tingley and Vichian Tingley.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPLE MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 85°-12°-56” WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 320.00

FEET; THENCE SOUTH 7°-05°-28” EAST A DISTANCE OF 635.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 7°-05°-28” EAST A DISTANCE OF 463.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84°-58°-17” WEST A DISTANCE OF 214.46 FEET TO THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS ROUTE 127; THENCE NORTH 16°-49°-30” WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 482.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86°-44°-04” EAST A DISTANCE OF 296.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 2.733 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC’S RIGHT OF USE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ROAD ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT, ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO A 2 ROD WIDE ROADWAY EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID TRACT AND A DRAINAGE EASEMENT, BOTH AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORD 78 AT PAGE 552, AND FURTHER BEING SUBJECT TO AN ACCESS ROADWAY USED BY THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER TO THE NORTH AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO.2316, RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 29, 1999, IN RECORD BOOK 176 AT PAGE 485 IN THE RECORDER’S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
FORMERLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 320 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION 635 FEET FOR A STARTING POINT; THENCE SOUTH 465 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER, 165 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROUTE NUMBER 127; THENCE NORTH WESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OFWAY LINE 482 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE 237 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PARCEL ID # 063004958
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
29 Push Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of mortgagors: Thomas G. Tingley deceased, and Vichian Tingley
Name of mortgagee: United States of America, Small Business Administration
Date of mortgage: July 24, 2002
Date of recording: July 30, 2024
County where recorded: Union County
Recording document identification: Ex. A, Vol 215 pages 102-106, Union County, Illinois
MONICAA. STUMP, Clerk of Court
By: s/ Angela Helfrich

DEPUTY CLERK
s/ Adam E. Hanna
ADAME. HANNA
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney’s Office
Nine Executive Drive
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208-1344
Phone: (618) 628-3700
Fax: (618) 622-3810
E-mail: Adam.Hanna@usdoj.gov
8221-942696

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District #16

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Lick Creek Community Consolidated School Board of Education of School District Number 16, in the County of Union, State of Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the District Office in this School District located at 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning Monday, May 20, 2024.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 5:15 p.m. on the 24th day of June, 2024 at Lick Creek Community Consolidated School located at 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois in this School District Number 16.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2024.

Lick Creek Community Consolidated School Board of Education of School District Number 16, in the County of Union, State of Illinois.
Jordan Suits, Principal
8221-942819

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

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church met for worship on Sunday, May 19. Sunday School was at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service.

Pastor Lupe greeted everyone in the sanctuary and those visiting by way of live stream. Announcements were read. Prayers were said for those on the prayer list.

Cissi Cuthbertson did the call to worship, which was about evangelism and was taken from the Book of Romans.

Jean Denny led hymns worship with “There is Power in the Blood” and “O How He Loves You and Me.”

The contemporary worship team led “How Great is Our God” and “New Wine.”

Pastor Lupe’s sermon was titled “Fearing the Giants.” Scripture was from Jude, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Numbers.

The sermon shared that “in the story of Exodus, the lack of faith to enter the promised land manifested as a barrier between the Israelites and their destiny.

“Despite witnessing miracles and divine guidance throughout their journey, doubt clouded their minds when faced with the daunting task of conquering Canaan.

“Fear overshadowed their faith, leading them to doubt the fulfillment of God’s promise and ultimately delaying their entry into the land flowing with milk and honey. This lack of faith serves as a cautionary tale, reminding us of the importance of trust and perseverance in fulfilling the promises

ILLINOIS
RONALD GARNER, Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF JANET CARTER, DECEASED Defendant,
No. 2024-CH-3

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of a Hearing is given to Heirs at law of Janet Carter, now deceased, Denise Garner and. Dustin Pitts, and unknown heirs, and/or its successors in interests, and unknown judgment creditors that a Petition to Remove Mobile Home and Quiet Title has been filed by Ronald Garner requesting that this Court order removal of a mobile home from his real property, vest fee simple title into Ronald Garner’s name, and the Illinois Secretary of State Department of Motor Vehicles transfer title ownership of the mobile home to Ronald Garner.

NOW UNLESS you file your answer or otherwise appear in this case on or before June 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM, in the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, the Plaintiff’s prayer for relief requested in the petition may be granted upon application to the Court therefore.

Dated: May 9, 2024
RONALD GARNER

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ATTORNEY AT LAW
205 B N. MAIN ST.
P.O. BOX 196
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
ARDC# 6345426
8221-942493

Send Classified Ads and Legal Notices to classifieds@annanews.com

set before us.”

A yard sale was held Friday and Saturday to benefit the church’s mission trip in July. The next yard sale is planned June 7-8. Donations are welcomed.

A youth program was held Wednesday evening. Snack time was followed by a time of learning about the Holy Spirit. A youth program is scheduled each Wednesday at 6 p.m.

A mother-daughter-friends brunch was held Saturday. About 50 ladies and children attended.

The church hosted a concert with Nashville Christian recording artist Marty DeRoche Saturday evening. He sang many Christian songs and shared his testimony for the Lord.

Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten through 5th grade is planned June 17-21, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day. Bus pick up is available by calling the church office.

Sunday School for all ages meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning.

The church’s worship service for children and adults starts at 10:15 a.m. Sunday.

The church has a bus which runs for all of its programs and services. Information is available by calling the church’s office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church’s services can be watched on YouTube at Anna First Live Stream.
First Baptist Church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna. The church’s phone number is 833-5416.

With deadline approaching, Illinois residents urged to obtain REAL ID

With the federal deadline exactly one year away as of May 7, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is encouraging Illinoisans to “Get Real” and obtain a REAL ID. Giannoulias announced the launch of the office’s “Get Real Illinois” campaign, which is designed to raise awareness throughout the year.

After the May 7, 2025, deadline, domestic travelers 18 and older on commercial flights must have a REAL ID-compliant driver’s license or state ID card.

Travelers will still be able to board domestic flights with a U.S. passport, which is already REAL ID-compliant.

A REAL ID will also be required to enter some federal facilities, such as courthouses and military bases.

The deadline for obtaining the REAL ID has been pushed back multiple times, most recently in 2022 when the U.S. Department of Homeland Security cited the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the state’s ability to issue licenses.

“I strongly encourage residents who intend to fly to get their REAL ID as soon as possible to avoid future headaches,” Giannoulias said in a news release.

“Our DMV facilities stand ready to help customers get their new driver’s licenses and identification cards before the federal deadline.”

Passengers can visit tsa.gov for a full list of acceptable IDs for air travel.

Currently, just over 3 million Illinois residents, or 23.5 percent, hold a REAL ID driver’s license or state ID.

The REAL ID law was passed by Congress in 2005 based on a recommendation from the 9/11 Commission Report.

The Department of Homeland Security established the standards that state-issued driver’s licenses and ID cards must meet to increase security measures for airports and federal facilities.

Illinois began offering REAL IDs in 2019. Illinois driver’s licenses and ID cards that are REAL ID-compliant include a gold circle with a white star in the top right-hand corner of the card.

Individuals applying for a REAL ID must do so in-person at an Illinois DMV and are required to present:

- Either a U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, Naturalization Certificate, Report of Birth Abroad or a Certificate of Citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, an employment authorization document, a permanent resident card or a foreign passport with an approved I-94 form is also acceptable. If you’ve changed your name, you’ll need to provide name change documents.
- Proof of a full Social Security number, SSN. Examples include a Social Security card, a W-2 or a pay stub with your full SSN.
- Two current residency documents that list your full name. Examples include a utility bill, rental agreement, deed/title or a bank statement.
- Proof of your signature. Examples include a signed credit or debit card, canceled check or current state driver’s license or state ID.

Illinois residents can go online to access an interactive checklist to make sure they have the documents they need before heading to a DMV.

Some Illinois DMVs require an appointment, so residents are encouraged to plan ahead if they need to schedule one and visit www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/appointments/.

The sponsors on this page urge you to attend the church of your choice.



618-893-2861 • 618-534-2391

Custom Processing of Beef-Pork-Goat-Sheep
Deer Processing Oct. 1st through Jan. 30th.



5565 St. Rt. 146E
Anna, IL 62906
618-833-5986

Jason Martin, Owner
Visit our website:
triplemeats.com

Duty's Auto Glass
Windshields • Door Glasses
Back Glasses • Chip Repair

*Serving All of Southern Illinois
Over 30 Years Experience*

324 Willard Ferry Rd. • Jonesboro
833-2923 or Toll Free 866-759-2923



Anna-Jonesboro National Bank
Dedicated to our customers, committed to our community

201 South Main • Anna, IL • 618-833-8506
512 E. Vienna St. • Anna, IL • 618-833-2922
1002 Public Square • Jonesboro • 618-833-4547





SOUTHERN FS Inc.
Bulk & Bag Feed
Pet & Horse Supplies
Home & Garden

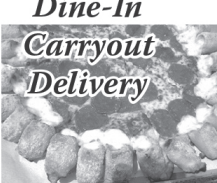
Not just for farmers anymore! Take a look around!

400 S. Main • Jonesboro, IL 62952
Phone (618) 833-2494
Fax (618) 833-3868

*Attend the
Church of
Your Choice!*



1835 E. Vienna St. • Anna, IL
(618) 833-2415
www.pizzahut.com



Cardinal Corner



409 Grand Tower Road
Grand Tower, IL
618-565-1064
Your Hometown Store

*Worship
& Praise*

MEMORIES



We never know what a day will bring...joy, tragedy, success, or failure. We must be prepared for the best or the worst that life can bring, treasuring all the moments that life holds. We must have the faith to make plans for the future while making memories in the moment. The best way to begin each day is in praise and prayer...praise for what the Lord has given us and prayer for the wisdom to make each moment contribute to the growth of our spirit. Attend your chosen place of worship each week; there you will make memories for today and plan for an eternity with God.

Daily Bible Readings						
Acts 2:1-12	Acts 2:14-28	Acts 2:29-47	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at www.AmericanBible.org						
©2024 Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com						

Community Integrated Living, Inc.
Improving the lives of the individuals we serve.

201 E. Chestnut St. • Anna, IL
618-833-2500
www.communityintegratedliving.com



FARMERS STATE BANK
55 N. Elm St. • Alto Pass, IL
(618) 893-2464
www.myfsb.com





109 Transcraft Drive
Anna, IL 62906
833-8755





You're Invited!
CrossPointe Church
409 S. Green St, Anna, IL 62906 (Corner of West Spring and S. Green St)

Sunday
Worship Service
10:30am

Wednesday
Bible Study
7pm

BASLER EXCAVATING & TRUCKING
Demolition,
Clearing,
Basements,
Track Hoe Service
833-7831





Serving the area for over 35 years
Gurley & Son Heating & Air Conditioning
YORK
INSTALL CONFIDENCE
1540 Old Hwy. 51N • Anna, IL
(618) 833-5211
"Hope to see you in church Sunday"



Schaefer Enterprises
Website: www.sewlparts.com

P.O. Box 136 • Wolf Lake, IL 62998
Email: parts@sewlparts.com
800-626-6046 • (618) 833-5498
Fax: 618-833-7765



WHITNEY ACCOUNTING
(618) 833-2145
105 Transcraft Drive - Anna, IL



THE FIRST STATE BANK OF DONGOLA
Old and Reliable, Established 1906
108 SE Front Street • Dongola, IL 62926
618-827-3451





MIDWESTERN PROPANE GAS CO.
Anna, IL • 833-6300
Mike Jones, Manager



Breakfast and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Worship service at 10:45 a.m.
Midweek service Wednesday at 7 p.m.

423 S. Front St. Cobden, IL 51-3GC

Union County Abstract Office, Inc.

Chicago Title Insurance Company
Susan T. Holderfield, President
304 West Market Street • P.O. Box AC
Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
(618) 833-6521

BASLER EXCAVATING & TRUCKING
Demolition,
Clearing,
Basements,
Track Hoe Service
833-7831





Serving the area for over 35 years
Gurley & Son Heating & Air Conditioning
YORK
INSTALL CONFIDENCE
1540 Old Hwy. 51N • Anna, IL
(618) 833-5211
"Hope to see you in church Sunday"



Schaefer Enterprises
Website: www.sewlparts.com

P.O. Box 136 • Wolf Lake, IL 62998
Email: parts@sewlparts.com
800-626-6046 • (618) 833-5498
Fax: 618-833-7765



WHITNEY ACCOUNTING
(618) 833-2145
105 Transcraft Drive - Anna, IL



BIGLER INSURANCE
HOME | LIFE | AUTO BUSINESS
618-614-7373
biglerinsurance@gmail.com

Serving the community since 1979!
DUTCH GUTTERING
CALL FOR SUMMER SPECIALS!
618-351-1881
Seamless Aluminum Guttering
Gutter Clean Outs • Leaf Guards
Roof Repairs • Home Improvement
Service and Repair • Siding & Overhang



Anna STATE BANK
100 E. Vienna Street • Anna, IL
833-2151
www.annastate.com



Union County Abstract Office, Inc.

Chicago Title Insurance Company
Susan T. Holderfield, President
304 West Market Street • P.O. Box AC
Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
(618) 833-6521

To support your community Church Page, contact Meta for more details at 1-800-293-4709.

Obituaries

Pfc. Bryan Myers Jr. ‘Buddy’

Bryan Myers Jr., an American Soldier, was killed in action on September 5, 1950, at Hoenan, Korea, while proudly serving his country.

He remained missing in action until September 2023, when he was identified by the Indo-Pacific Directorate Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Buddy was born on May 26, 1929, in Cobden, Ill., the son of the late Bryan and Lillie (nee Hinkle) Myers.

Buddy enlisted in the United States Army in August 1948.

On September 5, 1950, Buddy’s Unit was successfully holding positions along the Nam and Naktong Rivers while enemy units began withdrawing west across the Nam River.

That same day is when Pfc. Myers’s unit reported him killed in action. He served and gave his life during the Korean War.

He was as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman, assigned to Company H, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Buddy was a decorated veteran who during his service earned the Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the CIB, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal, Republic of Korea-Presidential Unit Citation and a Gold Star Lapel Button.

Buddy is survived by his brother, Bobby (Glenda) Myers of Cobden, Ill.; and his



sister, Barbara Lee (the late William H.) Cerney of Shorewood, Ill. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Donald and Harold Myers.

Visitation for Bryan Myers Jr. will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black Rd. (at Essington Road), Joliet, Ill., from 11 a.m. until the time of prayers at 12 noon.

Pfc. Myers will finally be properly laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery following almost 75 years of being missing, where full military honors will be held under the auspices of the United States Army, the National Guard and the Illinois Patriot Guard.

For more information please call 815-741-5500 or visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com, where you can share a favorite memory or leave an online condolence.



Vicki Sue Glasco Escue

Vicki Sue Escue, 69, of Makanda, died Thursday, May 16, 2024, at home.

She was born on May 13, 1955, in Anna, the daughter of Gary and Ginger Sue Ward Glasco.

She married Ernie Lee Escue on May 6, 1994, in Wolf Lake.

She was a devout Christian. She was a member of Purpose House Church in Herrin. She valued spending time with her friends.

She was an animal lover; she homed countless dogs and treated them like family. She loved caring for her houseplants with her green thumb.

She is survived by her father, Gary Glasco of Wolf Lake; her husband, Ernie Escue of Makanda; children Scott (Mickelynn) Escue of Cobden, Jamerson (Fatima) Escue of Conway, S.C., Jada Escue and significant other Sam of Makanda and Stephen (Hang) Escue of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; grandchildren Jaylyn Kelley, Ryan Kelley and Maci Escue; a brother, Kerry (Sandy) Glasco of Jonesboro; sisters-in-law Sharalyn, Kathy, Debbie and Tina; brother-in-law



Lonnie; beloved pet Nugget; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; son David Brandon Carroll; father and mother-in-law Everett and Barbara Escue; and many of her beloved dogs.

Graveside services for Vicki Sue Glasco Escue will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, today, at the Jonesboro Cemetery, with Pastor Jason McKinnies officiating.

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

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

Nancy Joyce Gearhart

Nancy Joyce Gearhart, 79, of Elco, and formerly of Alto Pass, went to be with her heavenly Father on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

She was born on July 3, 1944, in Cobden, the daughter of Charles Robert and Gladys Mae Hickam Cavaness.

She married Robert Wayne Gearhart on July 10, 1962, in Alto Pass. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 2019.

She was a compassionate and caring person. She always made sure everyone felt welcome. She never knew a stranger and could talk with anyone.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, horseback riding and playing Trivial Pursuit.

She enjoyed taking her grandchildren to the fair (yes, all of them) and was always cracking a joke.

As a skilled nurse, she spent her working life as an RN in long-term care. Taking care of the geriatric population was her calling. She understood the importance of family and caring for our elders.

She is survived by her mother, Gladys (Cavaness) Smithey of Du Quoin; daughters Vivian (John) Marks of Alto Pass, Ronnie Whiteside of Jonesboro, Tricia Gearhart of Alto Pass and Nancy (Gary) Dillow of Mazon; sons Robert Jr. (Angela) Gearhart of Cobden and Roy Gearhart of Alto Pass; 19 grandchildren: Susan Ashley, JJ, Justin, Sierra, Caitie, Caycee, Holly, Bo, Annie, Cody, Sean, Charlie, Elizabeth, Riley, Kelsey, Brandi, Autumn, Samantha Paige and Sarah; 32 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters Charlotte Browder, Janet Braun and Donna (Terry) Jen-

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES



kins; brother Robert (Carol) Cavaness; sisters-in-law Jeanne Meade of Gorham and Nancy (Curt) Conder of Murphysboro; brothers-in-law Claude Stearns of Murphysboro, Mike McGrath of Kissimmee, Fla., Lester Beisner of Anna and Mark (Beth) Gearhart of Ava; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; her husband; a son, Charles Leslie; sisters-in-law Judy Meade, Jane (Forest Ray) Meadows, Joyce Stearns, Sharon Gearhart and Millie McGrath; brothers-in-law Lindell (Evelyn) Wright, Austin (Mary) Wright, Donnie (Betty) Wright, Jack (Carolyn) Gearhart and Marvin Meade; a son-in-law, Randy Davis; and a grandson-in-law, Jeremy Hodges.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Dr. Ed Falgout officiating. Interment followed in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the family of Nancy Gearhart.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass in charge of arrangements.

Manuel Mejia Palacios

Manuel Mejia Palacios, 86, of Cobden, died Friday, May 17, 2024, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on March 10, 1938, in Mexico, the son of Andres Mejia and Eliseria Palacios. He married Maria Chairez.

He is survived by his wife, nine children, one brother, many grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

He enjoyed being outside, working in and looking over the fields. He enjoyed growing many vegetables. He also loved planting, cultivating and growing grapes and did so for many years at Von Jakob Winery.

Funeral Mass for Manuel Mejia Palacios was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES



the Cobden Cemetery.

The Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Monday, May 20, at the funeral home.

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

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

Mary Lou Ristow

Mary Lou Ristow, 72, of Wolf Lake, died Saturday, May 11, 2024 at her home.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1951, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Albert and Ruth DeRossett Harris.

She is survived by one sister, Inis Houseman; three brothers, Gary, Donald and Auggie Harris; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Nicole Lynn Ristow; and her longtime companion, Gerald Myers.

The family of Mary Lou Ristow will host a celebration of her life at a later date.

To view

Jerry Myers, 80, of Wolf Lake, died Saturday, May 11, at his home.

He was born on June 17, 1943, the son of Cyril Lymar and Freida Alice Carter Myers.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES



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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gerry Lee ‘Jerry’ Myers

pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Bill R. Boyd

The family of Bill R. Boyd of Carbondale is sad to announce that their beloved Bill passed away unexpectedly in his sleep early in the morning of Tuesday, April 30, 2024. He was 86 years old.

He is survived by his wife Jane; his sister Linda LaFoon and her husband Frank; his daughters Beth Boyd, Bridget Greene and her fiancé Jeff Westmoreland, Abby Woodward and her husband Steve and Bill’s first wife and the girls’ mother Sharon Armstrong.

Papa Bill is the proud grandfather of his grandchildren Jen Hershberger and her husband Troy, Zac Boyd, Jake Covington and his wife Tiffany, Kate Wight and her husband Bryce, Josh Woodward and his wife Katie, Megan Berry and her husband Taylor and Casey Greene.

He also adored great-grandchildren Nolan, Riley, Mazie, Poppy, Finley, Danny, Emma and Jack.

He is uncle to Amy Wilde and her husband James and Boyd LaFoon and his wife Heather and great-uncle to Kami, Max, Austin, Campbell, Naomi, Addie and Maggie.

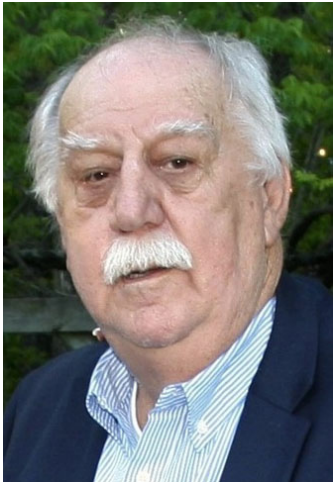
Bill loved his many friends, including and especially Phil Gilbert and family and Mike Yates.

He was preceded in death by his father John J. Boyd and his mother Myrtle (Rhodes) Boyd and very recently his wonderful cousin Kay Michels.

Bill graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in aeronautical engineering and spent the first part of his professional career in the aeronautical industry. He worked on a variety of projects at Martin Marietta & TRW including some of the rockets that went all the way to Mars and Jupiter.

The latter part of his professional career was in the field of civil engineering including Public Works Director and City Engineer for the City of Carbondale, Illinois, for eight years and the County Engineer for Union County, Illinois, for nineteen years. His specialty was working on bridges and he won awards for his work.

He had a brief stretch as an



Instructor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale which he thoroughly enjoyed.

He also worked on many engineering projects in Southern Illinois through B. R. Boyd and Associates Consulting Engineers.

He was a member of the Illinois Association of County Officials and served as its president in 2007-2008. He was a member of the Illinois Association of County Engineers and served as its president in 2003.

He continued to hold his Illinois Professional Engineer License and to be active as a retiree member in the Illinois Association of County Engineers.

Among his many honors as an engineer, Bill was awarded 2006 IACE Engineer of the Year – Zone III. He also had the honor of his IACE engineering friends naming their annual golf outing the Bill Boyd Open.

Bill will be buried in the Anna Cemetery and his family will be holding a Celebration of Life Saturday, May 25th, 2024, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Barn at StarView Vineyards Winery, 5100 Wing Hill Rd., Cobden, Ill. 62920

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School B.R. Boyd Memorial Scholarship* for college bound STEM students or your favorite charity in Bill’s memory. *A-JCHS B.R. Boyd Memorial Scholarship: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, 608 South Main Street, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Walker Funeral Home & Crematory of Southern Illinois is entrusted with arrangements.

Robert ‘Bo’ Wright

Robert “Bo” Wright, 94, of Anna, and formerly of Ava, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1930, in Ava, the son of Waldo Manning and Frieda Whistler Wright.

He married Ernestine Tompkins on Aug. 6, 1950. She preceded him in death on Dec. 22, 2008.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He co-managed the Jonesboro Rock Quarry with his brother Leslie for many years.

Mr. Wright enjoyed fishing, golf and following A-J sports, especially girls’ sports.

Survivors include his son, Bob (Jeanie) Wright; daughter Janice Wright; grandchildren Diana (Blake) LeFevre and Aaron (Sarah) Wright; great-grandchildren Hunter LeFevre, Maxwell Adams, Avery Adams, Harper LeFevre and Rowan Wright; nephew Leslie (Barbara) Wright; and niece Janie Peterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; granddaughter Amy Michelle Wright; daughter-in-law

Crain Funeral Home

Barbara J. Livesay

Barbara J. Livesay, 87, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, May 19, at Fountainbleu Lodge Skilled Nursing Facility in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman

Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

For updated service information, visit her memorial page on the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

View Obituaries Online at
annanews.com

Winifred Marcella Dillow

Winifred Marcella Dillow, 88, of Carbondale, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at The Landing in Carbondale.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1935, in Carbondale, the daughter of Mark and Winifred Cerny Dillow.

She worked at GTE and retired from SIU Housing. She was an active member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale.

Survivors include her brother, James Dillow; and long-time friend Kim Kalaher.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers Willford Dillow, Don Dillow, Louis C. Dillow, Bernard Alan Dillow and Wallace Dillow.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, at

Crain Funeral Home



in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

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

Rural Health urges public to be screened for Hepatitis C

Sunday, May 19, was National Hepatitis Testing Day. The day, a part of Hepatitis Awareness Month, aims to raise awareness about viral hepatitis and encourages screenings and vaccinations. Focusing on Hepatitis C, Rural Health Inc. is urging the public to be screened for this infection. With Hepatitis C, the virus-caused infection invades the liver, leading to inflammation. Transmission of the virus can happen through ways which include blood contact, needle sharing and unprotected sex. Most individuals living with Hepatitis C will show no symptoms. Left untreated, the virus can cause liver damage, liver failure and liver cancer. The Centers for Disease Control recommends one-time screenings for all adults 18 or older and screenings for all pregnant women during every pregnancy. Rural Health Inc. provides these recommended screenings and monitors the Hepatitis C virus with the following: antibody testing, HCV RNA testing, genotype testing, FibroScan monitoring and more. Data has shown that new treatments can actually cure Hepatitis C while being cost effective. Treatment regimens are provided through Rural Health Inc. with an eight- to 12-week-long application of direct acting antivirals, DAAs, prescribed by one of the numerous certified providers. The organization’s screening and treatment options are even covered by most insurance carriers. Individuals with hepatitis questions or who are interested in the Hepatitis C program are encouraged to speak with their health care provider or call the main office in Anna at 833-4471. Rural Health Inc., has clinics in Anna, Dongola, Vienna, Goreville and Metropolis.

Anna VFW calendar of events

Upcoming events at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna include: **Corn Hole Tournaments** A corn hole tournament is scheduled every Thursday night at the post. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. The kitchen will not be open on Thursday nights in May. **Music** Mystify Music is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 25. **Memorial Day Service** A Memorial Day service is planned at the post at 11 a.m. Monday, May 27. The community is invited to attend this solemn service. Lunch will be provided following the service. Installation of officers is planned at 1 p.m. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. Upcoming events are open to the public.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	“Sorcerer’s” (‘01)	Big City Big City	(:03) The Sympa- thizer	“Barbershop 2” (‘04)	★½ “Black Lotus” (‘23)
7 PM :30	9-1-1 “Unfin- ished”	The Price Is Right at Night	I Can See Your Voice	Law & Order (HD)	(:08) 2024 NBA Playoffs “Teams TBA” (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★½ “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Se- crets” (‘02)	Miraculous Miraculous	Jinx Life Death (HD)	“Straight Outta Compton” (‘15, Drama) Jason Mitchell.	“The Longest Yard” (‘05) Adam Sandler. (HD)
8 PM :30	Grey’s Anatomy (HD)	Elsbeth “A Fit- ting”	Don’t Forget (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Organized Crime (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Daniel Radcliffe. (HD)	Moon Girl Hailey’s	★★★½ “The Iron Claw” (‘23, Drama) Zac Efron.		The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30	Station 19 “How Am I”	Elsbeth (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)		Hailey’s			
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter with Scott (R) (HD)	“Ace Ventura: Pet Detective” Jim Carrey.	“Harry Potter and Prisoner”	Jessie	Reality	“Attack the Block” Nick Frost.	“Everything Ev- erywhere All at Once” (‘22)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)			Jessie Miraculous	(:46) Nikki Glaser (HD)		
	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Miraculous	“Predators”	“The Foot Fist Way”	

MAY 23, 2024

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1” Daniel Radcliffe.	Big City	“Mad Max: Fury Road” (‘15) Tom Hardy. (HD)	(:42) “Aliens” (‘86)	“Dead for a Dollar”
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Lingo (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	To Be Announced	2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs “Teams TBA” (Live)	★★★ “Friday” (‘95, Comedy) Ice Cube. (R)		Big City		Nicky Stoter. (NR)	
8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Lingo (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news.		(:54) “Next Friday” (‘00, Comedy) Ice Cube.	“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” Daniel Radcliffe.	Big City	We’re Here (HD)	★★ “House at End of Street” (‘12)	The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)									
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)			Big City	We’re Here (HD)	(:42) “Carrie” (‘76) Sissy Spacek.	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)						Local Programs			
	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night				Miraculous Miraculous	(:02) The Sympathizer		

MAY 24, 2024

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	College Softball "Teams TBA" (HD)	"Thor: Ragnarok" All Elite Wrestling: Collision ★★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (*17) Chris Hemsworth. (HD) "Kingsman"	★★★ "Captain America: The First Avenger" Chris Evans. (:45) "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (*14) Chris Evans. (HD) To Survive	Big City	"A Star Is Born" (*18) To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i> Miraculous Miraculous The Ghost Phineas Miraculous	"Fifty Shades" (*18) "The Manchurian Candidate" (*04, Thriller) (:10) ★★½ "Don't Let Go" (*19) Storm Reid. (HD) "Silent House" (*12)	"Forrest Gump" (*94) "The Last Voyage of the Demeter" (*23) (:23) "Talk to Me" (*23) Sophie Wilde. "The Machinist" Christian Bale.		
7 PM :30	NBA (Live) 2024 NBA Play-offs "Teams TBA" (Live)	To Be Announced		Law & Order (HD)								★★★ "Ice Age" (*02) Ray Romano.	
8 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)		Weakest Link (HD)	College Softball "Teams TBA" (HD)								
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Password (HD)				Miraculous	(:58) We're Here (HD)	(:10) ★★½ "Don't Let Go" (*19) Storm Reid. (HD)			
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	We Are Family (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (Live)			Big City	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>				
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)			Phineas					
								Miraculous					

MAY 25, 2024

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	(5:00) NASCAR Cup Series “Coca-Cola 600 (Charlotte)” (Live)	Weakest Link (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	“Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice” Amy Adams.	“Insidious: 3” (‘15)	“13 Hours: Secret Soldiers” John Krasinski.
7 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Local	“Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom” (‘18, Adventure) Chris Pratt. (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	“Ice Age: The Meltdown” (‘06)	The Sympa- thizer	“You’re Next” (‘13) Sharni Vinson.	The Chi (HD)
8 PM :30	Videos (HD)	Elsbeth (HD)				Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU x				
9 PM :30	Videos (HD)	Elsbeth “Ball Girl” (HD)			SportsCenter (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hamster	Hamster	“Other Side of the Door” (‘16)	★★★★ “Saving Private Ryan” (‘98, Drama) Tom Hanks. (R) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	★★★ “Pitch Perfect” (‘12) Anna Kendrick. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:01) The Sympa- thizer	(:11) “Freedomland” (‘06) Samuel L. Jackson.	
11 PM :30		Local Programs	Local Programs		Sports		Law & Order: SVU	Phineas Miraculous Miraculous	(:02) The Sympa- thizer		

MAY 26, 2024

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Miraculous	(5:59) Jinx Life Death	“Company You” (‘13)	“Forrest Gump” (‘94)
7 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	Neighbor. Neighbor.	MASH: The Comedy That (HD)	American Ninja Warrior “Couples” (HD)	Courtside (:40) 2024 NBA Playoffs “Teams TBA” (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	★★½ “Frozen 2” (‘19) Idina Menzel.	The Sympathizer (:05) “Barbie” (‘23, Comedy) Margot Robbie.	“Line of Duty” (‘13, Action) (HD)	Star Trek: Discovery
8 PM :30	Celebrity Jeopardy!	NCIS “A Thousand”	Local Programs Local info.	Weakest Link (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (Live)	Bang (HD)		Hailey’s Hailey’s		★★ “American Heist” Tory Kittles.	Mayor of Kingstown
9 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	NCIS: Hawai’i (HD)				Dad (HD)		Miraculous			(:35) The Chi (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Race to Survive (HD)	Miraculous Phineas	(:02) Gaga Chromatica Ball	“Vampire’s Assistant” (‘09) John C. Reilly.	“Joy Ride” (‘01) Steve Zahn. (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Race to Survive (HD)	Miraculous Miraculous			

MAY 27, 2024

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (Live)	MLB Baseball (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	★★★ "De-Lovely" ('04)	(5:20) "Laggies" ('14)	The Chi	
7 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	FBI <i>Protect America</i> .	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" (HD)	2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live)		WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Miraculous Miraculous Miraculous	Gaga Chromatica Ball	"Mean Girls 2" Meaghan Martin.	"First Blood" Sylvester Stallone.	
8 PM :30	Celebrity Jeopardy!	FBI: International	The Quiz with Balls						Moon Girl			★★½ "Rambo: First Blood II" ('85)
9 PM :30	The Pyramid (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Password (HD)			Post-Game Family	(:08) Race to Survive	Hailey's Hailey's	The Sympa-thizer	(:37) "Jersey Boys" ('14, Drama) John Lloyd Young. (HD)	(:35) "Rambo III" ('88) Sylvester Stallone. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	"The Fast and the Furious" Paul Walker.	BUNK'D	"X-Men Origins: Wolverine" Hugh Jackman.			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Family		BUNK'D				
	Nightline	Midnight		Late Night		Family		Miraculous		"Hotel" Judi Dench.	"Boogie"	

MAY 28, 2024

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	PARSHO
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(5:45) ★★½ “The Iron Claw” (‘23) Zac Efron.	“Out of League” (‘10)	“13 Hours” (‘16) (HD)
7 PM :30	Conners	The Price Is Right at Night	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	(:08) 2024 NBA Playoffs “Teams TBA” (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	“MoviePass, MovieCrash” (‘24)	★★½ “Elizabethown” (‘05) Orlando Bloom.	★★★★ “The Hateful Eight” (‘15, Western) Samuel L. Jackson. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Conners	Willie Nelson’s 90th (HD)	Ramsay’s Food Stars	Chicago Fire (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Moon Girl			
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)		Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Hailey’s	(:33) “The Rev-enant” (‘16, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. (R)	(:04) ★★½ “Room” (‘15, Drama) Brie Larson.	“The Mechanic” Jason Statham.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Family	Law & Order: SVU	Hailey’s			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Family	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home Raven Home		“House at End” (‘12)	“Triple 9”

MAY 29, 2024

THURSDAY

7:00pm PARSHO The Longest Yard ★★½ (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock. In prison for driving intoxicated, a former pro football player is approached by the warden to form a team of convicts to play the guards in a friendly match. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm HBO The Iron Claw ★★½ (2023, Drama) Zac Efron, Jeremy Allen White. A father finds himself with a successful career in professional wrestling, but problems ensue when five of his sons decide to pursue his career path. R

FRIDAY

7:00pm MAX Hellboy II: The Golden Army ★★½ (2008, Action) Ron Perlman, Selma Blair. A team of super-powered government agents must stop a rebellious prince’s plan to raise an invincible army that will battle humanity for control of the Earth. PG-13 (HD)
9:00pm CBS Blue Bloods A multi-generational family of cops in New York is put to the test when their Harvard lawyer-turned-cop son gets involved in a clandestine police investigation. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm MAX The Manchurian Candidate ★★½ (2004, Thriller) Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep. The ambush of a group of Gulf War soldiers may have been part of an elaborate political brainwashing scheme to eventually seize the White House. R
8:45pm USA Captain America: The Winter Soldier ★★ (2014, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson. Steve Rogers struggles with the changes in society and his role in the espionage agency, S.H.I.E.L.D., meanwhile, a new but dangerous threat emerges. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm NBC Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ★★ (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. Owen and Claire return to Isla Nublar to save the dinosaur species set to be extinct after the island’s previously dormant volcano becomes active. PG-13 TV14 (HD)
8:00pm CBS Elsbeth “Love Knocked Off” A socialite’s new “perfect” husband goes missing when an elite matchmaker decides to go to any lengths necessary to protect her business. (HD)

MONDAY

7:00pm FOX MASH: The Comedy That Changed Television The cast and crew of “M*A*S*H” look back at the ground-breaking show, with new interviews with original cast members alongside never-before-seen footage. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm ABC Celebrity Jeopardy! “Quarterfinal #1: Mark Duplass,Emily Hampshire and Utkarsh Ambudkar” Actors Mark Duplass, Emily Hampshire and Utkarsh Ambudkar compete for the chance to win the grand prize of \$1 million for their selected charities. (HD)

TUESDAY

8:00pm ABC Celebrity Jeopardy! “Quarterfinal #2: Brian Baumgartner, Lisa Ann Walter and Timothy Simons” Actors Brian Baumgartner, Timothy Simons and Lisa Ann Walter compete against each other for the chance to claim a spot in the semifinals. (HD)
8:37pm MAX Jersey Boys ★★ (2014, Drama) John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen. A group of four friends rises from humble beginnings in the state of New Jersey to form the iconic 1960s rock group The Four Seasons. R (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:30pm ABC The Conners “Valentine’s Day Treats and Credit Card Cheats” As Becky introduces Tyler to Beverly Rose, she worries about Tyler’s bonding technique; frivolous charges appear on Bev’s bank statement. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm CBS Willie Nelson’s 90th Birthday Celebration Musicians celebrate the career of legendary singer Willie Nelson, featuring performances from Beck, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow, Willie Nelson himself and more. (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 11

I. The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, “of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion.” What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation’s gratitude – the soldier’s and sailor’s widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of - John A. Logan, Commander in Chief
N.P. Chipman, Adjutant General

(Editor’s note: the Memorial Day Order was posted on the website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ National Cemetery Administration.)

Please read this...

Soupy air, ducks, books...and other stuff...

Once again, The Journey Through Has Life has offered a variety of special opportunities...and none of them involved getting soaked-to-the-bone wet...

That’s not to say I haven’t given the weather some thought. As we might have expected, Mother Nature didn’t give us much time to prepare for the arrival of 90-degree temperatures and unpleasant humidity which creates soupy air you can see. Such was the case last Sunday evening when I went on a brief adventure on a couple of country roads. The critters must have found someplace cool to spend the evening. I did spot a few white-tailed deer and three wood ducks.

In keeping with tradition, May once again is a time of transition for our young people and their families. And, given our experiences over the past few years with a pesky “bug,” it’s been nice to see something “normal” happening again. Of course, who is to say what is “normal” these days? I was fortunate to be able to spend a little bit of time with a member of the Class of 2024 and the graduate’s family last Friday evening.

The weekend also brought an opportunity to hear a presentation by an author who paid a visit to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The author, Roger Peach, has written a book titled “Jockey Queen...Lillian Jenkinson Holder, Horse Racing’s Fearless Lady.”

Back in the day, the story of a jockey would not have been my cup of tea. That was before Kentucky, including the horses in the Bluegrass State, became an important part of our life.

I actually had my first taste of Kentucky and its horses when I was much younger...and a student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. I joined some friends on a journey to the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. I’d like to say it was a pilgrimage to a special place. In truth, it was one long weekend of partying...

My next visit to Churchill Downs would be many, many years down the road...with The Other Half and Daughter during a visit to the University of Louisville. By that time, Kentucky had become an integral part of our Journey Through Life. Still is...even as this is being written.

I guess it’s that connection to Kentucky and the horses which are such an important part of the state’s history which spurred my interest in wanting to hear the author’s talk last Saturday at the Anna library.

And, in the “for whatever it might be worth” category, the author of “Jockey Queen” and yours truly were journalism students at SIU at the same time. We even had at least one class together.

In 1927, Lillian Jenkinson Holder, at the age of 19, was issued a jockey’s license. She became the first female to be granted such a license in her native Nebraska.

As you might imagine, Lillian, who was born in 1909 and died in 1992 at the age of 83, faced incredible, sometimes overwhelming challenges as a woman who wanted to find a place in a field dominated by men. And, as Mr. Peach writes in the acknowledgements in the book: “This is a story Lillian herself should have told long ago.” It’s also worth noting, as the author writes near the end of his book: “Lillian enjoyed a career as one of the nation’s earliest, and best, female jockeys.” The story shared by the author during his talk last Saturday

afternoon served as further encouragement to read “the rest of the story” that is found in the book. The book even has some Kentucky connections. We’ll see what that reading adventure brings...

Mr. Peach also has written a book titled “Swamper Tales... Life and Times of a Fair Circuit Cow Boy.” The book is about “life on the Southern Illinois county fair circuit as it was in the late 1960s and early 70s. If you ever attended a county fair, this will take you back to those nights with the smell of popcorn and corn dogs in the air.” On Saturday, the author also shared some memories of visits to the Union County Fair in Anna... when he was much younger, too.

We’ll wrap things up this week by mentioning that Bob and I have been spending a fair amount of time on the porch swing lately. He would spend all day on the porch swing. I suppose there could be worse ways to spend the time... By the way, we still haven’t seen or heard any sign of the untold numbers of cicadas which are supposed to make an appearance this year...

Enough for now...we have meandered way more than necessary...



While on a brief journey through the countryside last Sunday evening, I was lucky enough to spot a colorful male wood duck in a field along a road in rural Union County. I’m guessing this fellow is “married.” He had a band on his left foot. He and his sweetheart might have been enjoying an evening snack...



Do You Have a Loved One Living with Dementia?

Gain essential skills and knowledge to navigate dementia caregiving confidently including:

- Managing daily life
 - Guiding behavior
 - Managing personal wellbeing
 - Managing resources
- Free weekly two-hour training sessions covering key caregiving topics
 - Flexible options to attend in person, via zoom, or call in

Limited Seating Available,
Call now to secure your spot.

(618) 985-8322

FREE
to Attend

 **Shawnee** | Health
Shawnee Alliance