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News Notes

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

July is rapidly coming to an end... August's arrival brings with it the Cobden Peach Festival, the Union County Fair, the start of a new school year...and much, much more.

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An American Red Cross community blood drive is planned from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

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The City of Anna is considering moving up the time for this fall's ColorFest activities.

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The ColorFest biathlon event is scheduled to be held in October under the auspices of the City of Anna.

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Anna School District No. 37, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 and the City of Anna are continuing talks related to the future of a school resource officer position.

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Outdoor burning guidelines are under review by the Anna City Council.

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The Anna City Council also is considering a proposal to create no parking areas along parts of Lewis, West Spring, Casey and South Green streets. Safety and traffic flow are key considerations.

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Union County State's Attorney Tyler E. Tripp said this week that he will seek reelection in 2024. Tripp, a Republican, will be on the ballot in next March's primary election.

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Happy 100th birthday wishes to Gladys M. Hickam Cavaness Smithey on July 29. An open house in her honor is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at The Voyage River to River supervised living complex on Denny Lane in east Anna.

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Torrential rain last week; heat, humidity return

After last week's torrential rainfall, extreme heat and humidity were expected once again in the region.

Hot, Humid Forecast

The National Weather Service office in Paducah is calling for high temperatures in the mid to upper 90s through Sunday in the Union County area.

Heat index readings are expected to be in the range of 100 to 105 degrees in all or parts of the region each afternoon.

As the paper was going to press Tuesday, the weather service reported that the temperature near Carbondale early in the afternoon was 91 degrees – and the heat index was 100.

Historic Flash Flooding

The weather service reported that an historic flash flooding event unfolded during the overnight and into the morning hours on July 19 across far western Kentucky into portions of Southern Illinois.

Widespread rainfall totals ranging from 6 to 12 inches occurred from Cape Girardeau to Paducah, Mayfield, Ky., and Murray, Ky.

The majority of the rain fell within a 10-hour window between midnight and 10 a.m.

Among the hardest hit counties was Graves County, Ky., which had not completely recovered from a catastrophic tornado in December of 2021.

Widespread flash flooding of roads made travel difficult or impossible for several hours during the peak of the heaviest rainfall in the morning.

The city of Mayfield, which bore the brunt of the December 2021 tornado, experienced catastrophic flooding that inundated many homes, businesses, schools and various other institutions.

The weather service office in Paducah issued five flash flood emergencies during the event, including all or portions of Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Graves,

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Water once again was seen rushing through a creek near Kornthal Church south of Jonesboro on Wednesday, July 19, when heavy rain fell on the region. Such an image is common during times of heavy rain.



A similar sight was created July 19 at a creek at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County.

Sheriff's office plans school supply drive during county fair

The Union County Sheriff's Office is planning to have a school supply drive.

The drive to benefit the community's schools is planned during the upcoming Union County Fair in Anna. The fair is scheduled in late August.

Union County Sheriff David Wilkins said in a message on social media that donations of school supplies will be accepted every night during fair week. Supplies will be collected through Aug. 28.

Donations can be made at the Union County Sheriff's Office booth at the fair.

School supplies which are needed include:

Pencils, pens, paper, folders, binders, backpacks, highlighters, crayons, markers, glue, tape, calculators, notebooks, erasers, rulers, Sharpies, composition books, scissors and more.

Supplies also can be dropped off at the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office is located at the Union County Courthouse at 309 W. Market St. in Jonesboro.

A big turnout for school supply donations will be welcomed.

"The high cost of school supplies poses a challenge to parents and impacts students during the back-to-school season and beyond," the sheriff stated.

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Anna Arts Center hosting drama camp

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is hosting a two-week drama camp which began on July 17. The camp is being taught by Brad Stamp. Elementary campers are meeting in the morning. Junior high and high school campers are meeting in the afternoon. On July 17, Stamp taught the elementary school campers how to fly on stage. A drama camp showcase is planned at 6 p.m. Friday, July 28, at the arts center. The showcase is free; family, friends and the community are invited to attend. The drama camp is partially funded by Artspace304, the Southern Arts Fund, the Illinois Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts. Photograph by Hannah Prendergast of the elementary school campers.

Blacksmithing, woodworking, stained glass...

Local man works to keep old technologies alive

By Benjamin Marxer

For over 50 years, Tony Calabrese of Union County has been collecting and restoring the tools and machines of industry from ages past.

Hundreds of his past and present projects are on display at the Shawnee Hill Barn, an interactive museum of sorts, located on the same property as the Shawnee Hills Bed & Breakfast north of Anna and near Cobden.

After decades of mastering both the use and restoration of the tools of trade technologies, Calabrese wants to share his skills and knowledge with a new generation.

Calabrese is a retired educator, and feels that the decline in the availability of trade classes in school has limited the options of some students.

"One quarter of all learning styles are individuals that work with their hands and not books. And we have almost eliminated that in education," said Calabrese.

"We are dropping the manual arts programs. We've dropped the auto shops, we've dropped welding, woodworking," said Calabrese. "So I just want to bring it back, because for some individuals, this is the way they learn."

Calabrese aims to take his restoration museum to the next level with his History Restorers project. He seeks people of all skill levels interested in learning how to restore museum-quality tools from blacksmithing, woodworking, stained glass and other tools of the trade technologies from 1860 to 1940.

"Our motto is 'giving meaning to the present by restoring and explaining the past,'" said Calabrese.

Calabrese is planning to have an open house and grand opening celebration for anyone interested in learning more about this new phase of his working museum.

"I want people to come to see if they have any interest in seeing a working museum, and if they'd like to get into any restoration," said Calabrese. "I'm looking for people who want to take this to the next step."

The grand opening is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Shawnee Hill Barn, which is located at 290 Water Valley Rd. east of Cobden. Free hot dogs and hamburgers will be served for lunch.

Calabrese says people of all skill levels are welcome to the project. He also aims to recruit people who want to learn, but also people skilled in the trade who might want to help teach as well.

"I know there are people who are retired who used to do this, and still like it, but don't want to do it everyday," said Calabrese."

"They may be willing to teach someone from a generation who is interested to learn how things like this work, but there's no place in school to learn it."

(Directions to Shawnee Hill Barn, coming from Anna: Take new U.S. Route 51 North approximately 6 miles to Water Valley Road. Turn right on Water Valley Road and go 200 yards. The Craftsman's Guild and Shawnee Hills Bed & Breakfast have the same address. Turn right at the sign, go to the top of the hill. For more information, call 618-697-0384.)



Restoring the past

A fully restored and operational hand-cranked blacksmith forge is one of tool restoration enthusiast Tony Calabrese's projects. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Downpours, heat, humidity

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and McCracken counties in Kentucky and Pulaski County in Illinois.

Impacts included numerous water rescues, many homes and businesses inundated by flood waters with some people trapped in their homes, washed out roads, and dozens of roads impassable due to flood waters.

At one point a section of I-57 in Pulaski County Illinois and I-69 in Graves County Kentucky were closed due to high water flowing over them.

Crop damage was expected to run into the millions of dollars. At one farm alone in southern Graves County, Ky., crop damage was estimated around $40,000.

Flood watches, flash flood warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings also were issued for the region.

Flooding

Numerous creeks and smaller rivers experienced significant rises in a very short amount of time.

The Ohio River even experienced a notable rise in river levels in a short period of time.

The gauge at Cairo jumped over 5 feet in 24 hours, which is something very rarely observed on larger rivers.

Rain Reports

A corridor of 6 to 12 inches of rain occurred from Cape Girardeau and Carbondale southeast to Mayfield, Ky., and Murray, Ky.

The swath of 6-plus inch amounts was roughly 25 miles wide and 90 miles long.

A Kentucky mesonet site 6 miles southwest of Mayfield received 11.28 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. This broke the previous Kentucky state record for 24-hour rainfall. The old record was 10.48 inches in Louisville, Ky., back on March 1, 1997.

The highest observed amount that the weather service office in Paducah received was 12.76 inches from a personal weather station near Fancy Farm, Ky., in Graves County.

Paducah registered 2.32 inches of rain between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on July 19. This was the third largest one-hour rainfall total on record, just shy of the all-time record of 2.42 inches established between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on June 29, 2007.

Rainfall rates were generally 2 to 3 inches per hour across the hardest hit areas. However, some areas received 1 inch in as little as 10 to 15 minutes.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 3.43 inches of rain on July 19 near Jonesboro.

Other rainfall amounts reported by the weather service office included:

Alexander County, near Cairo, 7.83 inches over two days.

Johnson County, near Goreville, 6.99 inches of rain on one day.

Pulaski County, near Ullin, 9.35 inches of rain over three days.

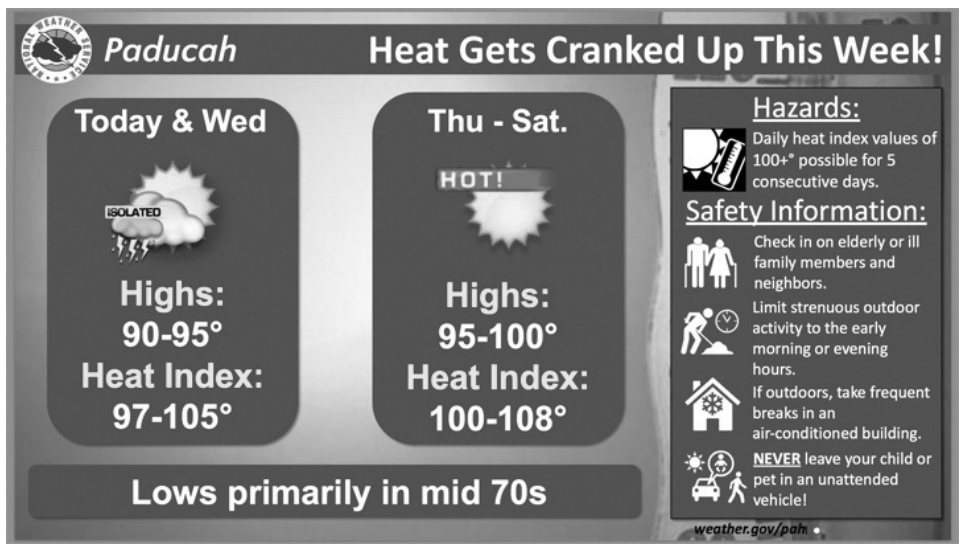
Near Cobden, 5.04 inches on July 20, two-day total.

Near Cobden, 5.30 inches, July 19, rainfall total since midnight.

Severe Weather Monday Afternoon

Another round of severe weather happened Monday afternoon in the area.

A severe thunderstorm warning was issued at about 2 p.m. Monday for parts of Pulaski and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois, western Ballard County in Western Kentucky and northeastern Mississippi County and east central Scott County in Southeast Missouri.



Heat gets cranked up...
The National Weather Service office in Paducah shared this information about coping with high temperatures and humidity which are expected this week in the region.

News Notes

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The recent Independence Day fireworks display at the Anna City Park was praised at last week's Anna City Council meeting.

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Entries are being accepted for the 2023 Cobden Peach Festival parade. The parade is set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

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The Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro was a busy place last Thursday afternoon. The first installment of property tax bills was due on July 20. The second installment is due Sept. 20.

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Good luck to the Anna Blue Dolphins at the Southern Illinois Swim League championship meet, which is scheduled Saturday, July 29, in Du Quoin.

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The Cobden Women's Club has been lining up volunteers to bring cobblers to the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

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Cobden High School is represented in the upcoming Aug. 3-6 production of the musical "Footloose" which is scheduled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's McLeod Theater.

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Danny Gibbons has resumed the position of administrator at the Anna Moose Lodge.

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Southern 7 Health Department announces that August Wellness on Wheels visits scheduled in its service area include Aug. 23 stops at the Dollar General Store in Anna and the Dollar General Store in Cobden.

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Southern 7 Health Department continues to look for a building to house the Cairo Head Start center.

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State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, State Rep. Dave Severin and State Rep. Paul Jacobs hosted a "Night at the Ballpark" event last week for their summer reading club program.

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Arrowleaf planned to host a planting ceremony Tuesday morning, July 23, for its community garden in Vienna.

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"A Gazetteer of Johnson County, Illinois" is the title of a new book published by Johnson County Genealogical & Historical Society members M.D. Hutchison and Joe Ashby.

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An "Absolutely No Negativity in Anna Tie-Dye Workshop" is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Anna Arts Center.

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Members of Jeep-'n'Shawnee, in partnership with Tread Lightly and U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest employees participated in a clean up day Saturday, July 15, at Teal Pond.

School supplies

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"Teachers are spending hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets and we would like to take a bit of that burden off of them and the parents that are worried that their children will not have school supplies available," he added.

For every sack or bag of supplies which are donated, the donor will be entered into a raffle for a gift basket.

Donations also are being accepted for the gift basket. Donations can be dropped off at the sheriff's office at the courthouse.

More information about the school supply drive is available by contacting Deputy Jessica Bridges or Heidi Robinson at the sheriff's office, phone 833-5500.

Anna fire chief gives monthly report

Anna Fire Chief Mike Dammerman gave an activity report for the month of June at a July 18 regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

Dammerman shared the following highlights for Anna Fire Department activities:

One carbon monoxide report. Four structure fires. Three auto alarms. One hay bale fire. One vehicle fire. One mulch fire. Two weather related reports. Four hours of training.

County fair less than month away

July is coming to an end...and August is right around the corner...which means that it's almost time for the 2023 Union County Fair in Anna.

The fair once again will take place at the Anna City Park.

County fair activities are set to begin on Friday, Aug. 18, and continue through Sunday, Aug. 27.

A schedule for this year's fair has been posted on the fair's website.

Some of the many highlights of fair week include:

A ranch rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18.

Harness racing at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

A gaited and western horse show at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

A pet parade at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

A community worship service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

The fair queen pageant at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

A truck, semi and farm stock tractor pull at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21.

Carnival opens, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Tractor pull, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Carnival open, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Championship rodeo, night one, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Thursday, Aug. 24, is Veterans Appreciation Day at the fair.

Junior livestock auction, 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24.

Carnival open, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24.

Championship rodeo, night two, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24.

Carnival open, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

Demolition derby, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

Carnival open, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

Demolition derby, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

State senator plans office hours in area

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, scheduled a series of traveling office hours events this week throughout the 59th Senate District in Southern Illinois. Union County is in the district.

District office staff members are scheduled to be available to help individuals and businesses with questions about state services, as well as to gather input about state activities and legislation.

"With a main office location in Harrisburg, we realized that not all people have the means to travel across the district to have their constituent matters handled," Fowler said in a news release.

Fowler said his staff would be hitting the road this week "for four days in four different counties to better serve the people we represent and help them with any state government related matter they may have."

One of the office hour sessions was scheduled Wednesday, July 26, at Jonesboro City Hall.

Other visits on the schedule include:

Thursday, today, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Brookport City Hall, 7704 S. U.S. Route 45 Rd., Brookport.

Friday, July 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grand Tower City Hall, 107 Market St., Grand Tower.

Agritourism to be highlighted

The Patch in Marion is teaming up with University of Illinois Extension to share information about cover crops, pumpkin production and fall agritourism at a program which is set for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21. The Patch is located at 14656 Pittsburg Rd.

Extension educators have partnered with area farmers over the past nine summers to provide monthly evening "twilight meetings" to highlight and demonstrate diverse farming enterprises across Southern Illinois.

Samantha and Adam Dahmer, owners of The Patch, plan to discuss their management of a 10-acre pumpkin field.

Extension noted that the Dahmers are passionate about soil health and being resilient during adverse growing conditions.

Adam grew-up on a farm that has been 100 percent no-till since the early 1980s. He has incorporated those practices into growing pumpkins no-till with cover crops.

Along with the main season, Samantha also offers pop-up vendor fairs throughout the year at The Patch, including mum day and fern day.

Throughout the evening, management techniques and marketing will be discussed, along with an opportunity to learn more about The Patch.

There is no cost to attend the in-person program, but organizers said that pre-registration is appreciated. Registration is available by calling 618-695-2441 or by visiting go.illinois.edu/2023TwilightSeries.

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

National Night Out set in Anna

The Arrowleaf human service agency's Recovery Oriented System of Care, ROSC, program is planning to host a National Night Out event in Anna.

The event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Anna City Pool. The pool is located at the Anna City Park.

National Night Out will feature free swimming, food and resources.

Residents of Union, Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski, Hardin and Pope counties are invited to attend the event.

Organizers noted that a parent/guardian must be present during the event.

ROSC is a coordinated network of community-based services. The program is person centered and works to build on the strengths and resiliences of individuals, families and communities to achieve recovery and improved health, wellness and quality of life for those with, or at risk of, substance use disorders.

Weather

4.79 inches of rain

Rainfall totalling 4.79 inches was recorded during the period of July 18-24 in the Jonesboro area.

Precipitation included .64 of an inch of rain on July 18, 3.43 inches of rain on July 19, .75 of an inch of rain on July 20 and .01 of an inch of rain on July 24.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 91 degrees to a low of 61.

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

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Tuesday, July 18	82	63
Wednesday, July 19	82	70
Thursday, July 20	88	72
Friday, July 21	82	65
Saturday, July 22	84	61
Sunday, July 23	88	60
Monday, July 24	91	70

Drought update

Union County remained in a severe drought as of Thursday, July 20.

The update from the U.S. Drought Monitor came as the region was experiencing torrential, record-setting rainfall.

As of July 20, Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac and most of Johnson counties were experiencing severe drought conditions.

Moderate drought conditions were reported in Jackson and Williamson counties.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held on July 23.

Announcements were given by Jessica Elkins.

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

A message titled "Fellowship and Relationships" was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Acts and the Psalms.

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

Nazarene Missions International Night was held Sunday evening in the fellowship hall.

All six world regions, including Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, the United States/Canada, MesoAmerica and South America were represented with food.

Local missions president Jessica Elkins shared statistics from the Eurasia region, along with other information she received at last week's Illinois district assembly.

Birthdays: Verna Fuller, July 27; Kathy Modglin, Kathy Cook, July 29.

Anniversary: Stanley and Marilyn Elkins, July 28.

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

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

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, July 30.

An evening worship service with Communion is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 2 in the sanctuary. A youth group meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

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Illinois ends fiscal year with record $50.7 billion in base revenue, sparking small surplus

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State revenues once again reached a record high in the fiscal year that ended June 30, creating what Gov. JB Pritzker called a "one-time" budget surplus of over $700 million.

The $50.7 billion in base general revenues that the state collected in fiscal year 2023 – which exclude one-time pandemic-related federal funds – topped last year's previous record by $373 million.

That's $726 million beyond what was projected by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in its most recent estimate adopted in May during negotiations for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

"It's always good to have a surplus, and that's something that we've done consistently now for four years," Pritzker said at an unrelated Friday, July 7, news conference. "I would add that much of the surplus that we saw that came in at the end of the year is one-time dollars."

In recent years, the state has dedicated surpluses to paying down long- and short-term debt, making pension payments beyond the amounts required in law and providing one-time temporary tax relief.

Pritzker indicated he'd continue to be cautious when considering spending priorities for one-time revenues, echoing his budget office, which noted that revenues have fluctuated wildly from month to month in recent years.

"This is a kind of an unexpected additional amount of money," Pritzker said. "We're going to try to apply it to things like paying down debt, the things that we've been doing."

A Cushion for 2024

The surplus creates some breathing room one week into a $50.4 billion state spending plan for fiscal year 2024 that anticipates a slimmer surplus of $183 million.

"The overperformance in FY 2023 revenues essentially translated into a lower than projected June 30 bills on hold at the (comptroller's office) and higher than expected cash balances going into the new fiscal year," Carol Knowles, a spokesperson for GOMB, said in a statement prior to the governor's comments. "We will continue to monitor the revenue performance in FY 2024 as the national economy continues to have mixed economic projections."

Comptroller Susana Mendoza's office noted the state entered the year with over $1 billion in its general revenue fund and an accounts payable balance of just over $500 million, meaning bills are paid within a week of being sent to Mendoza's office. The balance of the state's "rainy day" fund sits at nearly $2 billion.

It's a drastic departure from 2017, when a state budget impasse between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats in the General Assembly drove the state's backlog of unpaid bills to nearly $17 billion and depleted the rainy day fund to less than $60,000.

"All this good fiscal news did not happen by accident," Mendoza said in a statement. "This takes strong strategic planning throughout the year and daily attention to cash management; knowing which bills to pay first to maximize federal matching funds so we can end the fiscal year on such a high note."

Pritzker said July 7 that getting bills out the door within three to five days might be "too fast" a turnaround, since they are being paid days to weeks before late-payment interest begins accruing.

"We could be earning interest on the money and wouldn't be paying interest on that if you just extended it for a few more days," he said. "But meanwhile, I think we should all celebrate the fact that Illinois is in such good fiscal shape."

The General Assembly's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability – a bipartisan body staffed by nonpartisan economic analysts – noted in its June report that state coffers accumulated $407 million in interest in FY 2023. That's up from just $30 million in interest in FY 2022, a result of several interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

FY 2023's revenues were also bolstered by a $1.2 billion transfer into the general revenue fund from the state's income tax refund fund. The amount of that annual statutory transfer was driven upward by strong income tax receipts from the prior fiscal year and is unlikely to be replicated in FY 2024.

Despite setting a new base revenue record, FY 2023 saw a $1.3 billion drop-off in personal income tax receipts compared to the previous fiscal year. Corporate income tax and sales tax revenues, however, spiked by a combined $1.1 billion.

The COGFA report noted that the personal income tax decline "is believed to be more reflective of exceptional tax performance in FY 2022… rather than a weakening of Illinois' tax base."

Conservative Estimates Exceeded

FY 2023 marked the second consecutive year in which state revenues exceeded initial estimates by billions of dollars. FY 2022's base revenues of $50.3 billion – again, a number that excludes federal pandemic aid – topped that year's initial estimate by nearly $8 billion.

Despite the record revenue performance of FY 2022, lawmakers ultimately approved a $46.4 billion budget plan that anticipated an 8 percent decline in base revenues in FY 2023.

That was, in part, a response to ongoing concerns of a recession, which COGFA noted lingered throughout FY 2023 but did not materialize.

Instead, revenues grew by a little less than 1 percent, driven by a continued strong performance in the first eight months of the fiscal year. Through February, each month of FY 2023 exceeded revenues of the prior year.

That led lawmakers to pass multiple supplemental spending plans throughout the fiscal year, dedicating about $2.7 billion to retiring long-term debt while supplementing the state's Medicaid program, bolstering pension payments and creating a "closing fund" to lure businesses to the state among other measures.

The fiscal picture got murkier in April, however, as revenues plummeted by $1.8 billion from the year prior, leading GOMB to estimate just less than $50 billion in end-of-year revenues as lawmakers finalized a budget plan.

May revenues rebounded, however, in part because the month had an extra weekday to process tax payments compared to the year prior, while April had one fewer.

June came in slightly behind the same month in FY 2022, but COGFA noted that, too, was "mainly the result of the timing of receipts…rather than a declining trend in taxable income."

Employment and wage levels in June, the report added, "continue to show year-over-year improvement."

Still, COGFA's report noted that "many economic forecasters still have a recession in the short-term as a distinct possibility." It also noted the investment bank Goldman Sachs reduced its projected odds of the U.S. economy entering a recession in the next 12 months to 25 percent from 35 percent.

The governor's office has noted its FY 2024 budget, which plans for $50.6 billion in revenue, anticipates a "mild recession."

Federal Stimulus

The FY 2023 revenue figures jump to $53.1 billion when including federal dollars.

That's due in part to an accounting measure that switched the funding source of about $1.7 billion in one-time pandemic-driven programs – such as infrastructure and grant programs – from federal stimulus funds to general revenue funds.

Federal stimulus funds that had been earmarked for those projects will instead be redirected to other qualifying state expenditures, freeing up the general funds.

The move – which has no net effect on available state finances – was proposed by the governor and approved by lawmakers to ensure the state "fully expends" its COVID-19 recovery funds "within the allowed timeframe set by the federal government," according to GOMB.

The governor's office said the move ensures all commitments of pandemic stimulus funds are honored while providing a cleaner reporting process to the federal government, particularly for projects that have multi-year timelines for completion.

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Deadheading flowers helps plants form new blossoms

Deadheading flowers can help gardeners get more bang for the buck, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist Tamra Reall.

Removing faded and dead blooms costs nothing but time and encourages plants to put their energies into forming new blossoms instead of producing seed, says Reall. Additionally, deadheading gives the plant a tidier, more vibrant appearance.

For many annuals, the process allows plants to bloom the entire season.

Deadheading may cause some plants to become bushier and more compact. This includes pink evening primrose, gaillardias, salvias, scabiosa, coneflowers, tall phlox, asters, veronicas and coreopsis, according to the Missouri Botanical Garden.

In some cases, including coreopsis "Moonbeam" and pink evening primrose, shearing back the entire plant by one-third to one-half will encourage rebloom and compact growth.

Deadheading is easy, says Reall. Simply cut or pinch off the flower of annuals or perennials just above the first set of leaves. Avoid removing any emerging flower buds.

She recommends deadheading blooms as soon as they begin to fade. Begin this process in June and continue through the growing season. In autumn, you may want to leave the spent blooms and let them go to seed.

Some shrubs also benefit from deadheading.

There are some exceptions, such as baptisia, lunaria, blackberry lily and plants that bear decorative berries, seedheads or pods later in the season that wildlife can enjoy as food throughout the winter.



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Sports

2023 varsity football home games

A-J Athletic Department offers reserved parking/tailgating spaces

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Athletic Department has announced that it will once again be offering reserved parking/tailgating spaces for all home varsity games.

The procedure will be similar to last year; each individual will only be able to purchase two parking spots.

Individuals who want to have reserved spots next to each other will have to put in separate bids with a maximum of two reserved spots per person.

Fans will be able to submit sealed bids, with payment included, for the 56 available reserved spots up to and on the night of Meet the Team on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m.

The minimum cost will be $70 per spot and will reserve the spot for all regular season games as well as any and all home playoff games.

Those wanting to submit bids prior to the Meet the Team night may do so in the principal's office at the high school.

The person who submits the highest sealed bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest from the 56 spots.

The second highest bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest and that still remains available, and so on until all those who have bid above $70 have been assigned spots.

In the event two or more bids are of the same amount, those who have submitted the equal bids will be randomly chosen and then have their spots assigned according to the spot that they ranked the highest and that still remains available.

Once all those who have bid above $70 have chosen their spots, the people who have bid the minimum of $70 will then also be assigned their spots by random drawing.

A map of the field and parking spaces will be available from the athletic department at the school.

The maps will allow fans to preview each spot, as each spot will be marked either on the pavement or on the guard rail.

Fans will be asked to indicate the order of their choice when submitting their bids and will be given the highest ranked spot still remaining when their opportunity to choose comes.

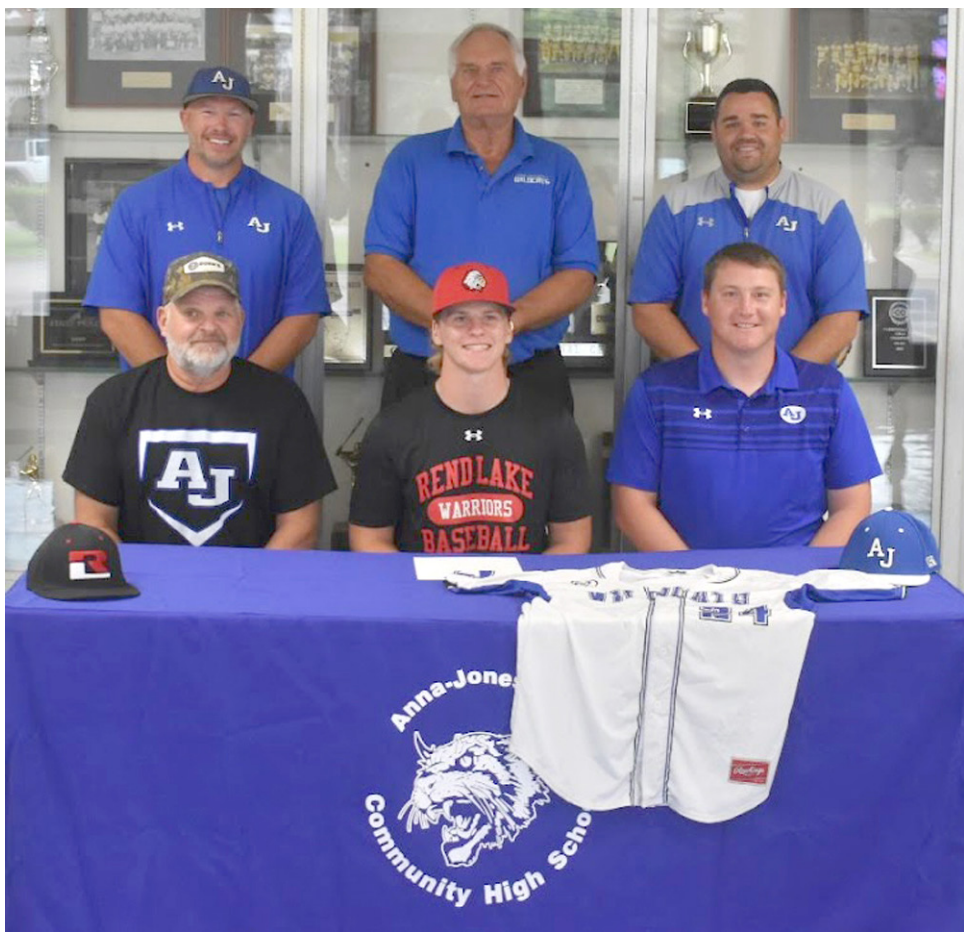
Fans who only want to have a reserved spot and who are not concerned about where it is, may simply place a minimum bid and have their spots chosen randomly.

Those who receive reserved spots will be notified by phone by Friday, Aug. 25.

The 2023 Anna-Jonesboro Wildcat varsity football team's first home game is scheduled against Murphysboro High School on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m.

The money which is raised goes to the maintenance of the field and the area surrounding the stadium.

Anyone with questions can contact A-J athletic director Rick Livesay at 833-8502.



A-J's Hayden Ralls signs with Rend Lake College

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball standout Hayden Ralls has signed a letter of intent to play for the Warriors of Rend Lake College at Ina for the upcoming academic year. Ralls was joined by family, coaches and friends for a signing ceremony on Thursday, July 20, at A-JCHS. In the first row are, from left, Steve Ralls (father), Hayden Ralls and A-J coach Aaron Roberts. In the second row are coach Justin Richardson, Darrell Ralls (grandfather) and coach Nathan Guined.

A-J baseball, softball players earn recognition

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball and softball players have earned All-South honors.

Players who earned the postseason honors were named by Southern Illinois coaches.

Baseball had no class breakdowns for All-South recognition.

Softball was divided into three classes: 1A, 2A and 3A.

In baseball, A-J players Hayden Ralls, a senior, and Dylan Harvel, a junior, were named All-South.

In Class 2A softball, A-J's Avery Osman, a senior, and Ruby Yates, a sophomore, were named All-South.

All-State Players

A-J softball players also received All-State honors.

In the All-State team recently announced by the Illinois High School Association, no area high school baseball players were selected.

Three A-J players were selected for Class 2A All-State softball honors: Osman on the first team, Yates on the second team and Ariana Turner, a junior, on the third team.

Anna VFW calendar

A corn hole tournament and music are planned at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

A corn hole tournament is planned each Thursday during the month at the post.

Food will be available from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

Holly Benton is scheduled to play at the post from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

Ralls brothers playing this summer for Prospect League's new Marion team

Brothers Hunter Ralls and Hayden Ralls both are playing this summer for the Prospect League's new Thrillville Thrillbillies baseball team in Marion.

Hunter and Hayden both are Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduates.

Thrillbillies manager Ralph Santana said both players "are doing a great job" for the team.

Hunter Ralls is on the Thrillbillies' pitching staff. Through action early this week, he had a 3-1 record and a 2.10 earned run average.

Hayden Ralls is a catcher who had a .333 batting average.

Hunter is a 2018 A-J graduate. He played the last two summers for the Cape Catfish, a Prospect League team in Cape Girardeau.

He played baseball at John A. Logan College in Carterville and Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Hayden is a 2023 A-J graduate. He earned All-South and all-conference honors this past season. He plans to continue his baseball playing career at Rend Lake College near Ina.

Ethan Ames, another 2023 A-J player, was on the team but has been out with an injury, Santana said.

Thrillbillies' home games are played at Mountain Dew Park in Marion, which was formerly called Rent One Park.

As of Monday, the Thrillbillies had posted a 25-19 record. The team was second in the Prospect League's Prairie Land Division. The Cape Catfish were in first place with a 33-15 record.

The Thrillbillies' next home games at Marion are scheduled Aug. 4-5 against the Jackson, Tenn., Rockabillys.

Recent program offered more than 5,000 healthcare procedures to area residents

Shawnee Development Council Inc. partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense again this year to offer Operation Healthy Delta Innovative Readiness Training.

The event was held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School during June.

No cost health and medical services were offered to participants which included basic medical wellness and school physicals, dental exams and extractions, vision screenings and prescription glasses, as well as emotional stability and exercise performance and motion management.

Organizers reported that 5,202 procedures were performed for a fair market value total of $508,703.58.

Shawnee Development Council Inc. has been partnering with Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation, DAEOC, in Sikeston, Mo., since 2018 to bring these types of services to Southern Illinois.

Grants are submitted for service provision every other year. Previous locations have included Cairo and Metropolis in Illinois.

Shawnee Development Council executive director Denna Williams said: "It takes community to make a mission such as this a reality. A huge thank you goes out to the Anna-Jonesboro merchants and residents for their support of this community action event."

Shawnee Development Council Inc. is the Community Action Agency serving Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties with a variety of programs and services aimed toward reducing poverty.

Daniel Chapman DAR chapter meets at Rawlings Reservation

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Wednesday morning, June 14, at Rawlings Reservation, also known as the Moses Rawlings House, in Mound City.

Chapter regent Suzan Harvel welcomed members and guests.

A program was presented by Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission president Tom Mueller, vice president Morrisa Clauchan and treasurer Becky Mueller, who also served as tour guides.

The structure was brought down the Ohio River on flatboats and re-constructed at the Mound City site on Fourth Street.

There have been additions and improvements in the following decades.

The downstairs flooring is actually the dance floor from an early steamboat. The building has served as not only a home, but also as a post office, military barracks and for other civic purposes.

A luncheon was served by the Rawlings Reservation hosts.

The business meeting followed the program. The President-General's Message was read by Julia Mowery. The National Defense Report was given by Doda Starkey for Bonnie Hogue.

Those attending the Betty Ford tree dedication at McKendree University in Lebanon were Lynn McCreery, Marilyn Meisenheimer and Julia Mowery. Outgoing state historian Doda Starkey conducted the dedication.

Regent Harvel attended the District VII meeting, where the Children of the American Revolution, CAR, project was explained by president Bailey Callahan, on the endeavor of understanding the Underground Railroad of Illinois. Seven chapter members attended the District VII meeting.

Committee reports were given. Sandy Boaz presented the American Indian report.

Marilyn Meisenheimer requested these members to report on their patriots: Sandy Boaz on Jacob Hileman, Rita Hull on Andrew Blunk, Melodie Penrod on Richard Veach and Cara Webb on James Howell.

Doda Starkey gave a Service to America report.

In new business, the installation of officers for 2023-2025 was held. The installation was conducted by chaplain Carol Palmer.

The new officers are regent Doda Starkey, vice regent Julia Mowery, chaplain Carol Palmer, recording secretary Rita Hull, corresponding secretary Melodie Penrod, treasurer Carolyn Tripp and registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer.

Incoming officers who could not attend the meeting include historian Lee Hackney and librarian Debora Simmons.

With June 14 being Flag Day, the Flag of the United States of America co-chair Carol Palmer presented a program honoring the flag, with Marilyn Meisenheimer, Julia Mowery, Carolyn Tripp and Rita Hull participating.

A memorial service was held to honor the memory of chapter members Mary Pritchard Obourn and Judy Sanders Nutty.

Before the meeting adjourned, Doda Starkey thanked Suzan Harvel for her service as regent for 2022-2023 and presented her with a past chapter regent pin.

Those present at the meeting included Sandy Boaz, Carolyn Tripp of Anna. Suzan Harvel of Tamms. Rita Hull, Cara Webb of Tunnel Hill. Marilyn Meisenheimer, Carol Palmer of Jonesboro. Julia Mowery of Buncombe. Doda Starkey, Virginia Street of Vienna. Dixie Terry of Marion. Becky Mueller of Olmsted. Melodie Penrod of Carterville.

Shawnee College athletes earn academic honors

The Shawnee Community College softball team and more than a dozen student-athletes are being recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association, NJCAA, for their performance in the classroom.

The NJCAA has released all-academic teams for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Saints softball team received honors, with a team grade point average, GPA, of 3.32.

The following individual athletes were also recognized.

First Team, 4.0 GPA

Daisha Carthell, volleyball. Kyler D. Reeves, volleyball.

Second Team, 3.80 to 3.99 GPA

Elizabeth Gilbert, softball. Gwendolyn Munsell. softball.

Agustus "Gus" Garner, baseball. Eric Steward, baseball.

Israel "Izzy" Momodu, men's basketball.

Third Team, 3.60 to 3.79 GPA

Sydney Schenk, softball. Payton Seip, softball. Jayden Welch, softball.

Derek "Konk" Konkell, baseball. Chris Maxwell, baseball. Kanon Webb, baseball.

Elijah "Eli" Edwards, men's basketball.

"We are proud of our student-athletes for this remarkable achievement," Shawnee Community College vice president of student affairs Dr. Lisa Price said in a news release.

"They have proven themselves by putting in the time and effort necessary to be successful in their respective sport and the classroom."

Children's art, swamp featured at Giant City

An art program with a moth theme for children and the flora of Grantsburg Swamp will be featured at upcoming events scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The programs are free. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call 618-457-4836.

Art with Moth Theme: An art program with a moth theme is planned for children from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29. The program is geared toward children 7 to 10 years of age.

Local artist Jennifer Rollinson will present the program. Children will be able to create a moth shape and wing pattern to put together a few moth puppet designs.

Grantsburg Swamp: The flora of Grantsburg Swamp will be featured at a program scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

Grantsburg Swamp Ecological Area in Johnson County is a natural area managed by the Shawnee National Forest. The area is home to a rich assemblage of plants and animals.

Botanist Chris Benda will highlight some of the diversity found in the swamp.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Lost on the Backroads

This past weekend I was privileged to get lost again on the great Illinois backroads.

It never fails. Every time I head up north, I get lost either going or coming back. This time it was on the return.

Let me tell you the road construction in Southern Illinois rivals that of the Metro Atlanta area, where roads have been under construction since the 1960s.

There's a difference I've found though. Detours in Atlanta will always lead you to a "Peachtree" destination somewhere within the city area.

In Southern Illinois, however, the detours always lead me to a corn and/or soybean field in the middle of nowhere. IDOT, GPS, AT&T are all in cahoots together. It's an initial thing, I'm sure.

IDOT gets me off road, GPS leads me astray, and AT&T hide their signal so I can't call for help.

Road Names

Call me paranoid, but I know what I know. This latest adventure of mine has led me to wonder just who names the roads, especially out in the middle of a corn field.

Seriously, there was road sign that said 17th Street. It appeared to be a very long road and no, I did not explore it.

Now Horseradish Street and Oil Field Road I could kind of understand, I mean there could have been horseradish and oil fields out there somewhere.

Maybe farmer XYZ had 17 "streets" of corn…the world may never know.

What made the whole affair even more dramatic were the folks from Iowa in front of me. They were apparently tricked the same as me. I didn't feel quite so alone journeying into the great unknown.

However, just 20 miles into our adventure we passed through a slightly scary burned out, boarded up and semi-abandoned town.

They made a very impressive U-turn and were soon speeding their way back toward the interstate that had kicked us off. I hope they found their way out.

I however, decided to press on. After endless miles of field after field, my gas gauge informed me it was ready to quit even if I wasn't.

Thank God for answered prayers…a town finally appeared ahead with a gas station and golden arches. I was positively ecstatic.

Even more importantly, it had a road sign that proclaimed a town whose name I actually recognized was only 36 miles away. I finally arrived home…hours later than I intended, but hey, I made it home.

Sunday Message

Brother Greg Bittle's sermon title "Life Sometimes Seems a Cruel Joke" led us on another type of journey.

Do we trust God and His purpose for our lives? Trust is critical. 1 Kings 17: 17-24 tells us that the widow gave up hope when her son died, even after she had provided for Elijah.

The abundance of provision came too late for her son. Elijah called out to the Lord for help, fearing that perhaps his sin was being revisited upon her.

God doesn't manipulate like that. We have free will that gets us into plenty of trouble all on our own.

However, God uses our sin to redirect us onto another path, but we must trust first. Elijah prayed and put his faith into action. It's what we all should do…pray immediately, then act upon it.

God's purpose for our lives can seem a mystery. God's plan for Elijah's life at that moment was to have the widow witness God's power and grace by reviving her son.

God always has a backup plan. We can end up in that corn maze of life, but He has a plan to guide us out, if we only seek Him and trust His purpose.

Prayers, Birthdays

Those added for prayer are Butch Poole for surgery and Alan Bates for surgery.

Special Happy Birthday greetings go to Lula Belle Tripp and we pray she has many more.

My own extra Happy Birthday goes out to my nephew, Skyler Lott.

Finally, my prayer for all of you is that your week is blessed.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, July 23, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both services. In the morning message, he talked about the importance of considering our ways based on the Old Testament book of Haggai.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on our lower parking lot while tuned into their radios, station 87.9 FM. It was also live streamed on Facebook.

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

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Connor Benbrook presented the song "How Great Thou Art."

Men's and women's Bible studies were planned Monday evening, July 24.

The newsletter folding team plans to meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

Next Sunday at 4 p.m., members of the church plan to attend the 5th Sunday Singing at Lockard Chapel. A potluck fellowship is planned after the singing. The regular Sunday evening service scheduled at Jonesboro First Baptist will be cancelled so members can attend the singing.

The Stellar Vacation Bible School was a great success. Fifty-eight children registered for Vacation Bible School. Four salvations were reported. Thanks go to everyone who gave their efforts to minister to the children.

Birthdays: Karmyn Wallenmeyer, July 24; Bill Dillow, July 25; Leon Rendleman, Jose Tehandon, July 26; Perry Williams, Terry Elzey, July 28.

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. Wednesdays.

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

Forest Service issues alert about road remaining closed

The U.S. Forest Service/ Shawnee National Forest early this week issued an alert to those participating in the 9-Day Trail Ride and other visitors to the One Horse Gap Lake area in Pope County.

The Forest Service advised on Monday, July 24, that Dutton Chapel Road just east of Lusk Road was still closed due to a damaged low water crossing structure through a stream.

"Do not take vehicles, let alone horse trailers, down this section of road," the Forest Service stated in a news release. "There is a high risk of damage to vehicle and trailer or of getting stuck at the crossing."

The Forest Service advised that visitors to the 9-Day Trail Ride site "should access the site via Lusk Road from Highway 146. Alternatively, the area can be accessed by taking Raum Road to the west end of Dutton Chapel Road and then turning north onto Lusk Road."

"We apologize for this inconvenience," the Forest Service stated. "Repair of the low water crossing is scheduled to begin in early August, but it will not be completed before the end of the 9-Day" Trail Ride.

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"The Preaching Pen"

Take Time to Be Holy: 1 Peter 1:15-16

One popular church hymn urges us to "take time to be holy." Inside this admonition there are some very valuable lessons. Christians must remember that holiness is earned and not given after years of service. Being holy is an ongoing process!

In 1 Peter 1:15, the apostle gives us the impression that we must be serious about our calling. "He which hath called you," is a phrase which speaks of how God's grace calls sinners. That grace comes through His word 2 Thessalonians 2:14, not through emotion, direct contact, or through laying on of hand by men. In 2 Timothy 1:9 we read that God tries to reach man; shouldn't we try to contact Him? Grace allows for the "opportunity" to be called but only those who respond to that "available opportunity" are truly called. Taking time to be holy means taking seriously the one who offers us the calling. "He is holy" Isaiah 30:15.

We must also be serious about our conduct; the verse continues, "so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." From the beginning, holiness was and is the basis of true religion. Holiness must be pursued; holiness must be observed then worked toward, Philippians 1:27. Our holiness must be an imitation of God. However, many wish to imitate a god of their choosing; not God that chose them. To take our conduct seriously means to obey God's commands and to choose otherwise makes our religious service vain and unacceptable to God.

If we look at the song again, we can see some great benefits of taking time to be holy. Benefits include being blessed with peace and happiness, being renewed, and strengthened each day, and being more Christ-like in the eyes of God. Have you taken the time to be holy? Why not begin this morning?

Ryan Thornsberry
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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

For the past several Sundays, Bro. Bradley Easton has been bringing a series of messages on "The Full Armor of God" from Ephesians chapter 6.

Sunday's sermon was titled "Take Up the Shield of Faith." Previous sermons have been on "the belt of truth," "the breastplate of righteousness" and "shod with the gospel of peace."

The message shared that "God has given us 'top of the line' armor and it is perfectly fitted to us: God knows and provides all that we need.

"But having armor is useless unless we put it on to protect us. We have to be intentional about being prepared every day.

"The best way to put on the armor of God is to immerse ourselves in the Word of God and ask for revelation so that we understand and believe His promises. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Aldie and Vodra Gerard received the tithes and offerings. Camp Ground Church's lead elder for July is Rodney Miller.

During the morning announcement time, Jadyn Thorton, who attended Covenant Presbyterial Junior Camp last week, thanked the congregation for the financial support, and shared what an awesome experience it was, as well as how she is already looking forward to attending in 2024.

Those celebrating birthdays since the last column have been Vickie Brown June 26, and in July: Wally Warren July 4, Donnie Jones and Ashley Roach July 9, Tony Gerard July 20, Tanner Roach July 21, Donna Williams and Rachel Bonner July 22 and Wayne Miller July 24.

Those having anniversaries have been Jim and Karen Vaughn June 28 and Dwight and Sandy Boaz July 8.

Twenty-nine members of the family of Wayne Miller enjoyed Saturday at the Miller home at Lake of Egypt, where they celebrated Wayne's and great-grandson Tanner Roach's birthdays.

Julie Mowery hosted her mother Donna Williams, and sisters Betty Jo Bennet, Rachel Bonner and Nancy Pind and their families for a meal Sunday to celebrate the birthdays of Donna Williams, Rachel Bonner and niece Cali Pind.

Over the past three weeks, Matthew, Andrew and Sophia Boaz of Morris took turns spending a week with their grandparents, Dwight and Sandra Boaz. Chad and Amanda Batts of Martin, Tenn., spent each of the weekends at the Boaz home to visit with her nephews and niece.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church.

Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts is available at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

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

Pulaski County Fair set to open with parade

The Pulaski County Fair is scheduled to begin Sunday, July 30. The fair continues through Saturday, Aug. 5.

The fair will be at the fairgrounds in Pulaski. Admission prices are $5 per car load and $2 per person for walk-ins.

Here's a look at highlights on the schedule for fair week:

Sunday, July 30: 5 p.m., parade, downtown Pulaski, where the fair began. 7 p.m., gospel singing and community worship service. All welcome.

Monday, July 31: 7 p.m., IHFSPA and natural asperated tractor pull stock tractor pulls. Adults $10, children $5.

Tuesday, Aug. 1: 7 p.m., stock 6,000 ITPA tractor and truck pull. Premiums plus trophies. Adults $10, children $5.

Wednesday, Aug. 2: 7 p.m., garden tractor pull.

Thursday, Aug. 3: 6 p.m., Family Night, featuring Heartland Idol, games, a pig scramble and a pedal tractor pull. Free grandstand.

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4-5: 7 p.m. Demolition derby. Late model and compact. Prize money plus trophies. Adults $10, children $5. Also free entertainment in the pavilion.

Saturday, Aug. 5: 10 a.m., antique tractor show/swap meet.

More information about the fair can be found online at www.pulaskicofair.net.

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Obituaries

Beverly Garris-Rehberger



Beverly Garris-Rehberger, 89, of Marion, died Friday, July 21, 2023, at Herrin Hospital.

She was born on Oct. 25, 1933, in East St. Louis, the daughter of Preston R. and Virginia H. Anderson Bequeret.

In December 1955, she married Herbert L. Garris Sr. She and Herb met while roller skating and often proudly remarked that they could waltz on skates. He preceded her in death on July 30, 1998. She later married Dr. Amos Rehberger. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2014.

She is survived by her children, Herbert L. (Debbie) Garris Jr. and Kathy (Richard) Morales; grandchildren Misty, Herbert "Lee" III, Jack Evan, Scott, Sara, Angela, Jennifer and Rachel; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Payne; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands and a daughter, Rebecca Witt.

She was an animal lover and a well-organized and dignified lady who was always well put together and refined. She retired after 20-plus years at the previous Charter Bank in Anna.

After her retirement, she lived for many years in Brownsville, Texas. There she made many friends while participating in a local card club.

Funeral services for Beverly Garris-Rehberger were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment followed in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

Dale Boatright

Dale Boatright, 70, died Monday, July 24, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m.

Interment will follow at North America Cemetery in Harco.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

Brad Lee Rendleman



It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Brad Lee Rendleman, 70, of Jonesboro, who died on Sunday, July 16, 2023, at his home.

Brad was born to Lee Roy "Leepy" and Roberta Forrest "Bertie" Rendleman on May 29, 1953.

He was raised and grew up in Wolf Lake, where his love of farming and hunting began as a youngster.

Brad is survived by his beloved wife of 32 years, Susan (Schuster) Rendleman of Jonesboro. They met while attending Shawnee College and instantly became best friends and soul mates. They married on Aug. 3, 1991, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

Other survivors include his sister, Sandra Schuster of Marion; nephews Zack (Katie) Rendleman of Anna and Tyler (Bridget) Rendleman of Jackson, Mo.; nieces Lacey Rendleman of Cape Girardeau and Lex Vargas of Lexington, Ky.; great-niece Reece Rendleman; a host of close cousins; extended family members Denise (Steve) Carpenter, Rhonda Chamness and Karen Sweitzer; all of his Wolf Lake families; many dear friends, especially Linda McCloud, Bob Holley, Janine (Jeff) Kelley and most importantly his fur babies, Sydney and Annie Rose.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and brother, Marc Dee Rendleman.

Brad was a graduate of Shawnee High School and just celebrated his 50th year class reunion. He graduated from Shawnee College and later from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Agriculture Science.

Brad's life was a plethora of careers in many different areas and activities.

At a young age, a love of hunting and farming was developed with his father while running a hunting club. The club was widely known for ducks and geese with a focus on waterfowl protection, establishing a chapter of Ducks Unlimited in Union County.

Likewise, they were widely known for their farming and agriculture business, and always believing in helping others.

He and Leepy established the Wolf Lake Fire Department, where he served as Chief for 20 years. Brad also served on the Union County Rescue Squad.

Brad was no stranger to hard work. He was a commercial fisherman, mail carrier, but his real life's passion was established when he became the Health Inspector for Union County Southern 7 Health Department.

This led to his position as the Environmental Health Director for 25 years, serving the seven most Southern Counties in Illinois.

He was one of the first Licensed Environmental Health professionals in our area. He won Environmental Health Director for the State of Illinois twice, as well as other numerous awards.

Brad was known as a stickler for the rules and regulations but was always fair.

Whether he was playing Santa Claus for local schools or being a Shriner clown, he was always serving others in our community. Currently he was serving as the Chairman of the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission.

Brad was fearless with his love and concern for protecting others which was instilled in him at a young age attending the Wolf Lake Methodist Church and later the Anna First Baptist Church with his wife Susan.

He was also a member of Anna Masonic Lodge No. 520, where he served as Worshipful Master, and the Ainad Shrine Club.

His words of wisdom as to how he lived his life come from Albert Einstein, "I have reached an age where if someone tells me to wear socks, I don't have to."

Whether you knew him as Brad, a man of faith, Uncle Bah, cousin, friend, Mr. Safety or Goombah, he will be sorely missed!!

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Anna First Baptist Church, with Pastors Lupe Lopez and Bill Littrell officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Masonic rites were conducted at the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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

William Brent Vines





William Brent Vines, 74, formerly of Mound City, passed away on June 25, 2023.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1948, in Cairo, the son of Elmer William Vines and Lela Alene Vines.

He spent his entire career serving the military: retired from and proudly serving in the U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense. Residing for over 40 years in the outskirts of Cambridge, England, he never gave up his American citizenship. He raised his sons there while staying rooted to his family back home in the states.

He graduated from Meridian High School in Mounds in 1966, where he played basketball. He enjoyed sports and being outdoors, particularly fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister Clara Vines (Seaton) and his wife Pat Vines.

Survivors include his daughters, Deborah Vines and Heather Vines; his sons, William Vines and Andreas Vines; his brother, Norman Wayne Bradley (Sue) of Kansas; three sisters, Phyllis Grief (Ronnie) of LaCenter, Ky., Paula Zimmer (Dick) of Pablo, Mont., and Christal Vines of Sterling; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held in England at 11:30 a.m. on July 25 at the Cambridge Crematorian in East Chapel.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Those enjoying Sunday dinner at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure on July 16 were Cheryl Golliher, Shirley Miller and Kacie, Derek and Milo Golliher.

Visiting with Shirley Miller on Monday, July 17, were Penny and Kerry Hill, Charles Webb of McClure, Kyle Eudy and Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau.

On Tuesday, Joe Schneider and Matt Zellar visited Shirley Miller and cleaned up a large tree branch in her barnyard.

Penny Hill visited with Shirley Miller on Friday.

Happy belated birthday wishes to our grandson, Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro, whose birthday was Monday, July 17.

Welcome to the family: Oliver Lloyd Bohnert of Cape Girardeau was born at St. Francis Medical Center on Sunday, July 23, at 5:22 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and 20 inches long. Parents are Emma and Jonathan. Maternal grandparents are Jennifer and Kevin Eudy of Cape Girardeau. Maternal great-grandparents are Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

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

Jonesboro School District sets student registration

Jonesboro School District No. 43 plans to have school registration for kindergarten and new students on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Registration for returning students is scheduled on Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will be in the school's cafeteria. All new students, kindergarten and returning students must attend registration, the school noted.

Kindergarten and new students must submit a birth certificate if one is already not on file.

A consumable fee of $35 may be required for students who are registering.

The school also noted that all students must register and present proof of residency within the district by providing the required number of documents from both of the following categories.

Category 1: Must have one: most recent property tax bill, mortgage papers for homeowners, signed and dated lease and proof of last month's payment for renters, a letter from manager and proof of last month's payment for mobile home park residents, or a letter of residence from a landlord in lieu of lease.

Category 2: Must have one: Vehicle registration, most recent gas, electric, and/or water bill, current homeowners/renters insurance policy, driver's license, or voter registration card.

The above information can be sent by mail, by email to npind@jonesboro43.com, spoole@jonesboro43.com, or by fax at 833-3410.

The school added that if this schedule does not work for you, bring information into the school office after Aug. 2.

Anna Moose Back to School Bingo Bash set

The Anna Moose Lodge is planning to host a Back to School Bingo Bash event on Monday, July 31.

The evening begins with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. Bingo is set to start at 6 p.m. The Moose Lodge is located along South Main Street in downtown Anna.

Bingo players will have a chance to win a backpack full of school supplies.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PREVAILING WAGES (ANNA, ILLINOIS)

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et al), the City of Anna, by the action of the City Council at its public meeting held on July 18, 2023, has determined, adopted and declared a prevailing wage for May 2023, for any and all laborers, workers or mechanics employed on any public works project as defined by the Act.

A copy of Resolution 2023-14, adopting said prevailing wage, shall be posted for public inspection and/or viewing in the Anna City Hall, located at 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ANNA

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Anna will hold a Public Hearing on the 15th day of August, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, to consider rezoning the following described real estate:

50' OFF W PT LOT 1 A A CROWELL'S 1ST ADD.

LOT 1 & W 1/2 LOT 2 DANIEL W BROWN 4TH ADDITION

Permanent Index Number(s): 14-00-09-147 & 14-00-08-784-A

Common street address of 146 W. Chestnut Street, Anna, IL 62906

The City of Anna will be considering, and voting upon, it's proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Anna, Illinois, rezoning the hereinabove described real estate from the R-2 to B-2, in order to conform to current usage. All persons interested in the proposed amendment should attend the August 15th, 2023 Public Hearing and they will be given an opportunity to be heard. The Public Hearing may be continued from time to time without further public notice.

City of Anna
103 Market Street
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CITY OF ANNA, GENERAL CLERK

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a General Clerk. Applicants must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. The position will be 40 hours a week, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates must have a positive attitude, be able to multi-task and work well with the public and employees. Duties include but are not limited to: greeting customers, answering multi-line phone system, collecting and posting payments, entering data and creating customer bills. Must be able to operate basic office equipment, proficient computer skills (including Window Office), and basic accounting knowledge. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return resume and employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to mmcreynolds@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE BANK OF MISSOURI,
Plaintiff
v.
BILLY G. GRAVES, II, TAMARA S. GRAVES, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, And Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants,
Defendants.
COMMERCIAL
Case No. 22-CH-5

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause, the real estate hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder:

A. For information regarding the real estate, contact Deanna L. Litzenburg, Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd., 23 Public Square, Suite 300, Belleville, IL 62220, Telephone number (618) 234-9800.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is 337 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906.

C. The legal description of the mortgaged real estate is:

The West Sixteen feet of Lot NO. 77 in the Original Plat of the Town (now City) of Anna. Situated in Union County Illinois. EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas, and other minerals.

Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-08-046

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

Commercial property.

E. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale upon making reasonable arrangements with the person identified herein.

F. The time and place of the sale will be Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

G. The real estate will be sold to the highest bidder with cash or cashier's check in hand.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all delinquent real estate taxes (if any) and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessment, if any, easements and restrictions of record. All property is being sold "as is".

Dated this 17th day of July, 2023.

Deanna L. Litzenburg – #06270172
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF KENDALL LEE RHINE IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-13

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Kendall Lee Rhine, of 611 Baronet Lane, Holmes Beach, in Manatee County, FL. Letters of Office were issued on July 13, 2023, to Janice Gail Rhine, of 611 Baronet Lane, Holmes Beach, Florida 34217, and Kendall Tison Rhine, 815 Commons Park, Statham, GA 30666, as Independent Co-Personal Representatives, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before January 20 , 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Co-Executors is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 11, 2023.

JANICE GAIL RHINE,
Co-Personal Representative

KENDALL TISON RHINE,
Co-Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 43, UNION AND ALEXANDER COUNTIES, ILLINOIS TO SELL $1,025,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Consolidated School District Number 43, Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 17th day of August, 2023, at 6:15 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Science Room of Jonesboro Elementary School, 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of $1,025,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 43, Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois.

DATED the 20th day of July, 2023.

Josh Kelley
Secretary, Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 43,
Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois
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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 43, UNION AND ALEXANDER COUNTIES, ILLINOIS TO ISSUE $1,025,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of July, 2023, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Community Consolidated School District Number 43, Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of $1,025,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 254 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 19th day of March, 2024. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A 1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 43, Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2023.

Josh Kelley
Secretary,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 43,
Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois

Daryl Barnhart
President,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated School District Number 43,
Union and Alexander Counties, Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JANICE ADAMICK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
TRENT TOLLISON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendant.
Case No. 2022FC22

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the Lien Foreclosure for real property located on 212 S. E. Front St., Dongola, Union County, Illinois, the real estate being further described, to-wit:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 222.26 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 41°-14'-31" A DISTANCE OF 712.53 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 90°-00" PARALLEL WITH FRONT STREET A DISTANCE OF 190.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG A PROLONGATION OF THE PRECEDING COURSE A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRONT STREET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.321 ACRES MORE OR LESS;

PER "TRACT 2" ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER ON JULY 2, 1979, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 134.

NOW, THEREFORE, a judgment for foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the foreclosure and whereby a default judgment may be entered on or after 17th day of August 2023.

Keri E. Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Union County, Illinois

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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal property which is stored at the self storage facility known as AGK Storage, 301 Willard's Ferry Road, Jonesboro, IL.

1. Name of occupant: Cecilia Dupre
2. Property to be disposed of: Misc. personal property
3. Time and date of disposition: July 30, 2023, AGK Storage, 301 Willard's Ferry Road, Jonesboro, IL. Phone 618-697-0314.

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BID NOTICE

The Village of Mill Creek is needing a bid to raise our AC unit off the ground. We need it to be put on a platform or attach it to the building. Call 618-697-3884.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Mill Creek is needing a Engineer to come look at our park. We need an estimate for new play toys, rubber mulch, walking path and a pavilion . We need this estimate done before August 9, 2023. Call 618-697-3884.
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NOTICE

NEED A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT?
The Anna VFW has a beautiful hall.
Call 618-559-4347 or 618-833-7737 for information.
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Wedding

Willie and Terrie Rhymer, along with Violet and Miles Yates, traveled to Osage Beach, Mo., over the weekend for the wedding of the Rhymers' son William Andrew Rhymer (Andy) to Melissa Schrader.

While there they stayed at the Margaretiville Resort, went swimming and boating and even saw Jimmy Buffett there several times. Found out later he owned the resort.

The resort had everything you needed and they never had to leave to go out to eat, or shop.

The wedding was an outside wedding next to the lake and the reception was at the resort.

Families were there from Missouri, Colorado, Arizona, Kentucky and Illinois.

Melissa and Andy will be making their home in Colorado, adding her three daughters also to the family.

Andy has two sons and a daughter who live in Kansas.

The Rhymers are thrilled with the four new additions to their family.

Painting

An entry for the Regional Landmarks and Architecture Show at the Ella E. Hise Museum at Southeastern Illinois College near Harrisburg is a watercolor by Marie Samuel of Karbers' Ridge Studio.

The former River Rose Inn in Elizabethtown was painted for a former series of watercolors featuring historic buildings in Southern Illinois.

Another accepted watercolor entry in the juried show that runs Aug. 6 to Sept. 23 is the historic Thebes Courthouse painted on site by plein air artist Marie Samuel, who is a member of Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club and Little Egypt Red Hats. The exhibit is free and open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

Considerations for the "Regional Landmarks and Architecture" exhibit was open to all mediums and subject matters that are related to landmarks and architecture in our region.

The region is the 40 counties in the general four-state area where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers converge, with the Wabash River also being a significant area for Southern Illinois.

These counties share similar heritage in "Little Egypt," as well as a rural culture similar to the one around Saline County.

Birthday Celebrations

Barbara Adams recently had visitors from Lafayette, La. Her cousins, David and Jysele Jones, came to celebrate her 91st birthday and David's 70th.

Several days of golf were enjoyed with Bev Bolanowski and Mark Willmann. An afternoon at Blue Sky was also included. David and Jysele also prepared a true "Cajun" dinner at the home of Matt and Mandy Endrizzi.

Those attending the celebration were Barbara, David, Jysele, Matt, Mandy, Bev, Mark and Betty Carter, Lois and Matt Benson, Bob Kraatz, Mark, Ginger and Flora Endrizzi and Gary and Debbie McKibben.

Guests

On Saturday, July 15, David and Lori Ray's godson Corrie and Brooke Ray and their three adorable children Drake, Tatum and Blake came from Lawrenceville for Drake's basketball tournament in Cape Girardeau at the SportsPlex. David and Lori also attended and enjoyed watching Drake play.

After Sunday's game the team was asked to be in one more tournament in August at Evansville. Blake's team is called the Black Hawks.

Corrie and his family visited David and Lori Ray. They had a wonderful visit. They also enjoyed going out for supper together.

Guest

Kelly Tripp Wallace of Homestead, Iowa, visited with Carlene Tripp on Thursday. They had a delicious lunch at the Iron Whisk in Cobden.

After lunch they went to the Jonesboro Cemetery, drove around Jonesboro and Anna. Ended up at Davis Bakery so Kelly could buy some famous pink iced cookies and other delicious pastries. Enjoyed a great day sightseeing, eating and reminiscing.

Anna First Baptist Church

Sympathy to Susan Rendleman and her family on the passing of Brad. His funeral was at the church Saturday.

Congratulations to Jacob Lopez, who will start college at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Also for serving our country in the Army Guard for his first year.

Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. there will be a church service with the Rev. Lupe Lopez and Yadi leading in contemporary music.

Red Hat Meeting

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Anna Pizza Hut with six members. Martha Schwegman hosted the dinner meeting. Others present were Martha Ann Webb, Brenda Lovelace, Shirley Page, Lillian Milam and Cathy Milam.

Martha brought several lovely door prizes won by Brenda Lovelace, Lillian Milam and Lillah Williams.

Martha also brought everyone an American flag to celebrate the birth of our country and passed out candy for treats.

Everyone enjoyed exchanging gifts and a delicious meal. Lillah Williams made everyone necklaces with a cross and a prayer on it.

Plans were made to go to Jonesboro Health Care at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, to celebrate an early birthday for their Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards. Joan will be 94 on Sept. 3.

There are six signed up to eat dinner with Joan. If you would like to join us and eat please send $3 to Martha Ann Webb.

The GFWC Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club is asking to join them. Joan has been a member of the women's club for over 50 years.

Joan started the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies. You can also come join them even if you don't choose to eat.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sympathy to the family of Marchetta Dewitt. Marchetta was a longtime member of the church. She always sent cards to everyone and will be missed.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was God's Heir, with scripture from Romans. Special music was People Need the Lord by David Pedigo.

94th Birthday

Becky Loomis messaged me that her dad, Dr. Carroll Loomis, is in Marion VA Community Living Center on hospice. He is in Room 151 and will turn 94 on Aug. 16. If you have a chance send him a card or go visit.

A-J Class Reunion

The A-JCHS Class of 1961 2023 reunion and 80th birthdays celebration will be Oct. 14 at St. Mary's social hall. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette. RSVP to Carol Lee Williams on Facebook by Sept. 15.

Volunteer Needed

Sunshine Inn is looking for a volunteer to call bingo after dinner on Tuesdays.

Union County Alliance Fair Service

Will be Sunday, Aug. 20, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Anna City Park grandstand. Theme: A Shelter in the Time of Storm.

A community choir will be directed by Dee Rose. Anyone wanting to participate can contact Judy Neal 618-967-7133 for details and practice times. We are looking forward to another great service.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

July birthdays: 26th Pat Rhodes, 27th Allison Leek, 28th Lisa Skelton, 29th Matteo Vaca Diez, 30th Brenda Schlenker, 31st Greg Holshouser.

Anniversaries: 27th Keith and Melissa Ellis, 28th Marion and Pam Stevens, 31st Greg and Sondra Holshouser.

July 16 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 69. 10:30 a.m. 134. Small group Bible study 187.

Saturday, July 29, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. AHBC rummage event in the Family Life Center.

An average of 89 workers and students attended VBS at AHBC last week.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Jesus at the Center. This week Putting on Godliness.



Congratulations to Macayla Lara and Abe Godinez on the birth of their son Elias Abraham, who was born Monday, July 17, at 9:49 p.m. weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Elias has one brother at home, Zeke.



Lillah Williams, Lillian Milam, Brenda Lovelace, Martha Schwegman, Martha Ann Webb, Shirley Page and Cathy Milam met at Anna Pizza Hut for their Little Egypt Red Hat dinner meeting.



Shown here with a fabric collage work from her Wild Horses traveling series is Marie Samuel. Cultural enrichment items brought by members were shared at the July 19 annual meeting of the Jackson County Home & Community Education group, HCE. Several quilts were displayed, as well as a barn painting and other items.



Cathy Ziegler and Marie Samuel attended the 84th birthday party of their friend Janice Jaroski in Du Quoin on Sunday, July 16.



Geloria Jerrell of Buncombe and Gene Brimm of Springfield announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on Aug. 26 in Destin, Fla.



William Andrew Rhymer (Andy) and Melissa Schrader were married in Osage Beach, Mo.



A watercolor of the former River Rose Inn in Elizabethtown by Marie Samuel is one of the entries in the Regional Landmarks and Architecture Show at the Ella E. Hise Museum at Southeastern Illinois College near Harrisburg.

Tai' chi gung classes planned at arts center

Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host tai' chi gung classes from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. starting Aug. 4. The arts center is located at 123 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Classes will be taught by Maribeth Smith. Smith is a a Southern Illinois native who has been practicing in her home area for over 40 years.

Smith believes that "everything" is energy. She is a student and teacher of "possibilities" for body, mind and spiritual expression.

She found Master Lama Rasaji and tai' chi gung over two years ago, did her first 45-day challenge and never stopped.

"Tai chi gung exercises created a deep peace in my soul as never before. As a teacher of this ancient art, I hope to share the 'power of peace' with others," she said.

Tai' chi gung is an ancient system that rejuvenates body, mind and spirit.

The system offers gentle, slow, easy exercises for all ages and health conditions.

Smith said that benefits of tai' chi gung include:

Increased vitality and flow of chi in the body. Reduces stress, clears and focuses the mind. Feelings of inner peace and better sleep.

Classes are scheduled twice a week on Mondays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning Aug. 4 at the arts center.

Costs for Anna Arts Center members are $40 a month for unlimited classes weekly. Costs for non-members are one class per week for $50 a month or two classes per week for $60 a month. Walk-ins are welcome for $10 per class.

More information is available by contacting Smith by phone at 618-697-0495 or by email at mis103@hotmail.com.

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Opinion and Commentary

Protecting our children...

Southern 7 Health Department encourages blood lead screening

The buildup of lead in the body is known as lead poisoning. Southern 7 Health Department reports that approximately 100,000 Illinois children age 6 years and younger have blood lead levels that are too high.

Even the smallest amount of lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys and stomach, as well as slow development and cause learning and behavior problems.

Southern 7 Health Department is encouraging families to ask their child's healthcare provider about testing for blood lead during wellness visits and get screening if needed.

"While lead poisoning in concerning, it is treatable," Southern 7 Health Department community outreach coordinator Shawnna Rhine said in a news release. "All children at risk of lead poisoning, especially those who live in or regularly visit a home that has paint original to 1978 or prior, should be tested."

Women who are planning to have a baby should also be tested for lead, the health department advises. Lead in a mother's body can cause a baby to be born too small and too early.

Southern Seven Health Department says the best way to prevent lead poisoning is to get the lead out. Steps to take include:

Wash your child's hands before they eat.

Foods high in Vitamin C, iron and calcium, such as meat, eggs, raisins, greens, milk, cheese, fruits and potatoes, help to get the lead out of a child's system.

Wash your child's toys often and throw away lead-painted toys.

Do not store food in open cans or pottery.

If you work with lead, shower and change clothes before coming home. Wash your work clothes separately.

Run cold water for a few minutes before using it for cooking and drinking. Do not use water from the hot water tap for cooking, drinking or making formula.

Wear protective clothing, including gloves and a face-mask to clean up chipping and peeling paint inside and outside your home. Wash all clothing separately.

Testing for blood lead is available through Southern 7 Health Department on both the IDPH Wellness on Wheels, WOW, Van and at all public health clinics.

To schedule a blood lead screening for a child, or for more information about testing, call Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297.

For more information on getting the lead out of a home safely, call the Illinois Department of Public Health's Illinois Lead Program at 866-909-3572.

New program offers free mental health care services to farmers, their families

URBANA – Farming is stressful, and the Illinois agriculture community faces unique challenges every day that take a toll on mental health.

A new program from University of Illinois Extension gives farmers and their families access to professional mental health care for free.

The Illinois Agricultural Mental Health Voucher Program broadens access to care by connecting producers with local mental health professionals.

Agricultural producers, workers, and their family members can request vouchers that can be redeemed for three behavioral health sessions, either in person or online.

Research shows agriculture workers have higher rates of depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation and deaths by suicide compared to the general population.

Josie Rudolphi, an agriculture and biological engineering assistant professor and University of Illinois Extension specialist, says Illinois farmers also face many barriers to getting mental health care such as cost, insurance coverage and access.

"Many people are unsure whether their insurance covers mental health care, as well as availability; many are not sure where or how to find a therapist," Rudolphi says. "The voucher program works to reduce some of the barriers that preclude agricultural producers, workers and their family members from accessing help."

Kacie Hulshof, Illinois Agricultural Mental Health Voucher program coordinator, says the program is unique because it has established a network of participating Illinois mental health providers.

"Producers who may otherwise not have access can seek help free of charge from established, certified professionals without the need for medical insurance," Hulshof says.

The voucher request form and more information can be found at go.illinois.edu/FarmStressVoucher. Independent providers and agencies who are interested in enrolling can email farm-stress@illinois.edu to see if they are eligible.

The program was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Department of Agriculture through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Through the grant, Illinois Extension offers several programs to help people who work in agriculture to learn more about stress and stress management, as well as programs for agricultural community members and mental health providers to learn more about mental health and how to help someone who is struggling or in crisis.

More information about the program is available online at publish.illinois.edu/FarmStress.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



A fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life was kind enough to share this photo of a windmill turbine being transported on a train which went through Cobden on a recent Sunday afternoon.

Cat needs to learn how to answer phone...

PLEASE READ THIS VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE...

No. You are not reading the "back page." The "back page" has to be another page this week. Gotta pay the bills...

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Just never know what a walk, or maybe an unplanned journey along a country road, might bring...

Before we get to the topics at hand, I wanted to mention, first of all, that this column was not created by using Artificial Intelligence. It was created with the use of no intelligence whatsoever.

As I sat down to create this masterpiece, I got to wondering: does anybody out there know if a cat can learn how to answer a telephone and take a message? Cats seem to be pretty smart. Our cats certainly act like they are much smarter than at least one of the two people who inhabit our household. I'm pretty sure they just put up with me.

At this point in my life, it would really be nice if Bob could answer our old-school landline. Yes, we still have a landline at our humble abode. Seems like I might have read someplace on the internet that landlines are about to undergo the same fate as the dinosaurs. Of course, I suppose the folks who run the internet world would not shed any tears with the demise of landlines.

I suppose the same fate befell rotary telephones. If you are of a certain age, as in old and over the hill, you no doubt remember rotary telephones.

Anyway, it sure would be nice if Bob could answer the phone, and take a message or two. With that in mind, I decided to do a Google search for two topics: "cat answers phone" and "cat takes messages on phone."

Now, you may be saying to yourself, I bet he didn't find much of anything. Or, you may be saying to yourself: maybe he should find something else to do with his time.

Well, it turned out there were 91,400,000 results for "cat answers phone." After going through approximately half of the results, I tried the other search. There were only 777,000,000 results for "cat takes messages on phone."

So, maybe it is actually possible to teach a cat how to answer the phone. It sure would be fun to listen to Bob have a discussion with a telemarketer. While we're at it, I need to see if we can teach the cats how to clean their own litter boxes...

Meanwhile...

One evening last week, I was nearing the end of my daily walkabout. I was in a bit of a hurry to get back home. The sudden arrival of dark clouds and strong wind suggested that a storm was imminent. Nothing came of it, though.

As I got close to home, a vehicle pulled up beside me... and stopped. After some initial greetings, the driver shared that he taken some photographs of something that might be worth sharing with others.

The photos featured windmill turbines which were being transported on railroad flatbeds through Cobden on a recent Sunday afternoon. I had never seen such a thing. I am grateful that the photographer was willing to share the images. Thank you...

Unplanned journeys along a couple of country roads in Union County last week also led to unexpected photo opportunities. One involved a pair of deer, including a fawn, still with its spots; the other involved three wild turkeys.

The encounters with the deer and the turkeys happened because I just kind of decided on a whim to see what might show up on a trip through the country. I'm looking forward to my next big trip...



This was one of three turkeys which were spotted in a field along another country road in our little corner of the world.



Posing for a picture? A doe (well, I'm assuming it was a doe) and a fawn were kind enough to allow the photographer to take a couple of photographs before they headed into the woods near a country road in Union County.

'Three Frenchmen and a Goat'

Presentation about DeMoulin Bros. and Co. planned at Stinson Memorial Public Library

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna is planning to host an upcoming presentation about the DeMoulin brothers and the history of their company, DeMoulin Bros. and Co. of Greenville.

The presentation, "Three Frenchmen and a Goat: The DeMoulin Bros. Story," is set for 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the library. Stinson Memorial Public Library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna. The presentation is scheduled to last for about an hour. The event is free and open to all ages, and will take place in the downstairs auditorium at the library.

Presenter John Goldsmith plans to tell the story of the DeMoulin brothers and their company, and to show off some of their products and inventions from his private collection at the DeMoulin Museum in Greenville.

The event at the Anna library will be co-produced by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

The bureau invites Illinois authors, artists and educators to share their expertise and enthusiasm with people throughout the state, enabling local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

John Goldsmith is considered the foremost expert on DeMoulin history. In 2004, he self-published "Three Frenchmen and a Goat: The DeMoulin Bros. Story," a history of the company.

In 2010, he founded the DeMoulin Museum, which annually is listed among the quirkiest travel destinations in the United States.

More information can be found by visiting the Stinson Library Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/StinsonLibrary.

Information also is available by contacting the library by email at contactus@stinsonlibrary.org or by phone at 833-2521.

2023 Union County Fair Queen pageant welcomes participants

Contestants are invited to participate in the 2023 Union County Fair pageant.

The following information is about the pageant:

Miss Division

The Union County Fair Queen pageant is in search of contestants for the 2023 pageant which will be Sunday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds (the Anna City Park).

The Miss Division will be open to Union County, Alexander, Pulaski, Jackson, Johnson and Massac County residents this year.

The additional added counties do not have a county fair queen pageant. If any of the additional counties add a fair queen pageant to their county fair, those residents will no longer be eligible to compete in the Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant.

If you are interested in competing, please contact Janice Osman for information.

Contestants must be 16 years of age by Aug. 20, 2023, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2024.

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

Contestants must be a resident of Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Jackson, Johnson or Massac County and not competing in or have competed in another county fair queen pageant in 2023 or have been a former queen of a county fair.

An information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at www.unioncountyfair.net.

You will need to go to the EVENTS tab and then click on Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant, and then click on the link to download the information packet with required forms and the application.

You can also contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 to request an information packet and application or with any questions you may have.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the application. Locations are TBD and will be posted at a later date on the Union County Fair website under the Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant option.

The deadline to enter the pageant is July 30, 2023. No late entries will be accepted after July 30, 2023, unless the deadline is extended.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 7 p.m. for MISS contestants at the Union County Fair Board office located at Anna City Park.

All signed forms, applications and entry/sponsor fees can be turned in at the meeting. Contestants will need to come "picture ready" please. We will be taking a group photo for the local papers and individual photos for the pageant program and judge's books.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Little Miss, Junior Miss Contestants

The Union County Fair Queen pageant is in search of Little Miss and Junior Miss Contestants for the 2023 pageant that will be held on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

If you are interested in competing, please contact Janice Osman for information.

Little Miss Contestants must be 8-11 years of age, and Junior Miss Contestants must be 12-15 years of age by Aug. 20, 2023.

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

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

An information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at www.unioncountyfair.net.

You will need to go to the EVENTS tab and then click on Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageant, and that will take you to a link for a printable information packet and application.

You can also contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 to request an information packet and application or with any questions you may have.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the pageant information packet. Locations are TBD and will be posted at a later date on the Union County Fair website under the Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageant option.

The deadline to enter the pageant is July 30, 2023. No late entries will be accepted after the deadline unless the deadline is extended.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for Little Miss and 6:15 p.m. for Junior Miss contestants at the Union County Fair Board office located at the Anna City Park. All signed forms and entry fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Contestants will need to come "picture ready" please. We will be taking a group photo for the local papers, and individual photos will be taken for the pageant program book.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Princesses Program

The Union County Fair Queen pageant is in search of Princesses for their Princess Program class for the 2023 pageant that will be held Sunday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

All Princess participants will receive a tiara and sash. No judging will take place in the Princess Program. It's a fun opportunity for the younger girls to participate in a pageant setting without the judging portion.

Princess participants must be between the ages of 5 to 7 years old by Aug. 20, 2023, and need to be a Union County resident.

There will be a $25 entry fee. We will be accepting the first 20 entries and will take entries until Aug. 14, 2023, unless the 20 spaces are filled before that date.

The Aug. 14 deadline is for Princess Program participants only, all other age groups entry deadline is July 30, 2023.

If your Princess is interested in participating and cannot attend the informational meeting, please contact Janice Osman for information.

There will be a required attendance meeting and practice on Aug. 17, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Locations are TBD and will be posted on the Union County Fair website under the Princess Program tab at a later date. More details and an application can be found on the Union County Fair website at www.unioncountyfair.net.

If you have any questions or would like an application you can also call or text Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Television Listings

THURSDAY JULY 27, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	30 for 30 *"The '85 Bears"* (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Real Sports (HD)	(4:40) **"Warrior"** ('11)	**"Ida Red"**
:30			Local			Young		Moon Girl			(:25) **"You're Killing Me"** ('23)
7 PM	Generation Gap (HD)	Ghosts (HD)	Alert (HD)	Password (HD)		Bang (HD)	★★★ **"The Proposal"** ('09, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (HD)	**"The Slumber Party"** ('23) (NR)	**"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"** Shia LaBeouf.	**"From Dusk Till Dawn"** ('96) (HD)	
:30						Bang (HD)					★★★★ **"The Shining"** ('80, Horror) Jack Nicholson. (R) (HD)
8 PM	The Chase (HD)	The Price Is Right at	Stars on Mars (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Superstar Racing Experience (Live)	Bang (HD)		BUNK'D		(:48) ★ **"From Dusk Till 2"** ('99) (R)	
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
9 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	So Help Me Todd	Local Programs *Local info.*	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Bang (HD)		Hamster	Righteous		
:30						Bang (HD)	(:29) **"The Proposal"** ('09, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (HD)	Moon Girl	(:15) The Golden Boy *"Part 1"*	★★ **"From Dusk Till Dawn 3"** Marco Leonardi.	Goliath (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Tacoma FD		Saturdays			
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		**"Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising"**		Bluey			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)			Bluey			**"Panama"**
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night					Golden Boy		

FRIDAY JULY 28, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Little League Softball *"Regionals"* (Live)	Young	9-1-1 *"Fallout"* (HD)	Miraculous	**"I Love You, Man"** Paul Rudd. (R)	**"Balls of Fury"** ('07)	(5:45) ★★★ **"Pain & Gain"** ('13) Mark Wahlberg.
:30						Young		Miraculous			
7 PM	Will Trent *"Unable to"*	Tough as Nails (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	Hot Wheels: Ultimate		★★½ **"Fist Fight"** ('17, Comedy) Ice Cube. (HD)	9-1-1 *"Christmas"* (HD)	Villains		**"Road Trip"** ('00) Breckin Meyer.	
:30								Pretty	Righteous		★★★½ **"Gangs of New York"** ('02, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. (R) (HD)
8 PM	(:01) 20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Fire Country (HD)		Dateline NBC	Little League Softball *"Regionals"* (Live)		9-1-1 *"Seize the Day"*	Pretty	(:10) **"Draft Day"** ('14, Drama) Kevin Costner.		
:30								Saturdays		**"Road Trip: Beer Pong"** ('09) (R)	
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*			(:52) **"Central Intelligence"** ('16) Kevin Hart.	9-1-1 *"Fools"* (HD)	The Ghost			
:30								Kiff			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)		9-1-1 *"Pinned"* (HD)	Miraculous	How To	(:11) ★★½ **"Life of Crime"** ('14) Jennifer Aniston.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)				Miraculous	Last Call (HD)		
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	(:56) ★½ **"Norbit"** ('07)	9-1-1 *"The Taking of"*	Bluey			ALL ACCESS
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Bluey	How To		ALL ACCESS

SATURDAY JULY 29, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball *"Regional Coverage-Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	ESPN Films (HD)	Dad (HD)	**"Hitman's"**	Raven Home	**"Shakespeare Love"**	**"Horrible Bosses 2"**	Billions *"Lamster"* (HD)
:30						Dad (HD)	★★½ **"Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard"** ('21) (HD)	Raven Home			
7 PM	UFC Live *"Poirier vs. Gaethje 2"* (Live)	NCIS *"Guardian"* (HD)		Baking It (HD)	UFC Prelims *"UFC 291: Poirier vs. Gaethje 2"*	Dad (HD)		**"Movie"**	**"Good Will Hunting"** ('98) Robin Williams. (R)	**"Neighbors"** ('14) Seth Rogen. (R)	Billions *Big decision.*
:30		48 Hours (HD)		America's Got Talent *"Auditions 4"* (HD)		Burgers					★★★ **"X"** ('22, Horror) Jenna Ortega. (R) (HD)
8 PM						Burgers	**"The Hitman's Bodyguard"** ('17) Ryan Reynolds. (R) (HD)	Saturdays		(:37) **"Blended"** ('14, Comedy) Adam Sandler.	
:30						Burgers		Saturdays	How To		
9 PM	The Prank Panel (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*		SportsCenter (Live)	Burgers		Moon Girl	(:40) ★★★ **"Evil Dead Rise"** ('23)		
:30						Burgers		Kiff			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Miracle		The Ghost		**"Edward Scissorhands"** ('90)	Bellator MMA (Live) (HD)
:30			FIFA (HD)	Saturday Night Live (HD)		Tacoma FD		Bluey	**"Magic Mike's"** ('23)		
11 PM	Local Programs		2023 FIFA *"Group H"*		SportsCenter (Live)	**"The Hangover"** ('09)	**"Bodyguard"** ('21) (R)	Bluey			
:30											

SUNDAY JULY 30, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Ramsay's Food Stars	Ninja Warrior (HD)	MLB Baseball *New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles* (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	**"Good Will Hunting"** ('98) Robin Williams. (R)	**"White Chicks"** ('04)	The Chi *"Love Jones"*
:30						Bang (HD)		Big City			
7 PM	Family Feud (HD)	Tough as Nails (HD)	Simpsons	Ninja Warrior (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home		★★½ **"Bringing Down the House"**	The Chi (HD)
:30			Family Guy			Bang (HD)		BUNK'D			
8 PM	The Pyramid (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	HouseBrok.	America's Got Talent *"Simon's Most"* (HD)		The Cube (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	Last Call (HD)		The Chi (HD)
:30			HouseBrok.					Kiff		★½ **"Big Momma's House"** Martin Lawrence.	
9 PM	Pyramid (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	The Cube (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	Righteous		Goliath (HD)
:30								Kiff	Righteous		
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)	★★★ **"My Cousin Vinny"** ('92) Joe Pesci. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(:15) Last Call (HD)	★★ **"Big Momma's House 2"** ('06)	**"Everything Everywhere All at Once"** ('22)
:30								Big City			
11 PM		Local Programs	Local Programs				Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	Righteous		
:30					Sports			Bluey	Righteous		

MONDAY JULY 31, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	World of X Games (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Miraculous	**"Serendip."**	(4:59) **"Hellboy"** ('19)	(:15) Goliath (HD)
:30			Local			Bang (HD)		Moon Girl	(:45) ★★★★ **"Parasite"** ('19, Drama) Song Kang-ho. (R) (HD)		
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	Neighbor.	Stars on Mars (HD)	Ninja (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	**"Night at the Museum:"** ('22)		**"Empire State"** Liam Hemsworth.	**"Confess, Fletch"** ('22) Marcia Gay Harden.
:30		Bob Hearts				Bang (HD)					
8 PM		NCIS *"Big Rig"* (HD)	Crime Scene Kitchen	The Wall (HD)	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)		**"The Slumber Party"** ('23) (NR)		**"Undisputed"** Wesley Snipes. (R)	
:30						Bang (HD)					
9 PM	Claim To Fame (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Weakest Link (HD)		Miracle			Righteous		Why Women Kill (HD)
:30						Miracle			Righteous		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	Temptation Island	Moon Girl	(:15) Last Call (HD)	(:09) **"Kin"** ('18, Science Fiction) Myles Truitt.	★★½ **"Bandit"** ('22, Crime) Josh Duhamel. (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)		Saturdays			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	The Big D (HD)	Bluey	(:15) **"Wild"** ('14) (HD)		
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Dad (HD)		Bluey			

TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	WNBA Basketball *Minnesota vs Connecticut*	MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	**"Edge of Tomorrow"**	★★★ **"The Grey"** ('12)	(5:00) **"Burning"** ('21)
:30								Kiff			
7 PM	Celebrity Wheel of	FBI *"Into the Fire"*	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent *Talent search.* (HD)			WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	**"Movie"**	**"Body of Lies"** ('08) Leonardo DiCaprio. (HD)	**"Throw Momma From Train"**	★★½ **"The Forger"** ('22) Louis Hofmann. (HD)
:30								Big City			
8 PM	Jeopardy! Masters	FBI: International	Don't (HD)		The Ultimate Fighter			Miraculous			
:30								Miraculous		**"The Mod Squad"** Claire Danes.	
9 PM	The Chase (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs *Local info.*	Hot Wheels: Ultimate	The Ultimate Fighter	Post-Game	★★★ **"Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure"** ('89)	Moon Girl	(:10) Last Call (HD)		**"1917"** ('20, Drama) George MacKay. (R) (HD)
:30						Young		Moon Girl			
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	Soccer (Live) (HD)	Young		Villains	**"Leaving Las Vegas"** ('96) Nicolas Cage. (R)	**"Barely Lethal"** Hailee Steinfeld.	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Young		Villains			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Young	**"Bogus Journey"**	Bluey			**"The Grifters"** ('91)
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Bluey		**"Jennifer"**	

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2, 2023

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	The Basketball Tournament *"Semifinals"* (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff	**"I, Tonya"**	**"The Hunted"** ('03)	**"Cuckoo's"** ('75) (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Kiff	How To		
7 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	LA Fire & Rescue		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	**"Movie"**	★★ **"Freedomland"** ('06) Samuel L. Jackson.	**"The Card Counter"** ('21) Oscar Isaac. (HD)	**"Fatal Attraction"** ('87) Michael Douglas. (HD)
:30								Big City			
8 PM	The Wonder		Ramsay's Food Stars	Chicago Fire (HD)	The Basketball Tournament *"Semifinals"*		Temptation Island	Miraculous			
:30	Elementary	Young						Miraculous			
9 PM	Videos *Reel comedy.*	CSI: Vegas (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Young	(:01) The Big D (HD)	Moon Girl	Righteous	(:52) **"A Most Violent Year"** ('14) Oscar Isaac.	**"Basic Instinct"** ('92) Michael Douglas. (HD)
:30						Young		Moon Girl	Righteous		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home	(:10) **"Out of Time"** ('03) Denzel Washington.		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Young		Raven Home			
11 PM			Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Temptation Island	Bluey		(:58) **"Lucy"** ('14) (HD)	**"Fatal Instinct"** ('93)
:30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Bluey			

THURSDAY

7:00pm

FOX Alert: Missing Persons Unit A police officer joins the Philadelphia Police Department's Missing Persons Unit after her own son goes missing, helping others to find their lost loved ones. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

ABC The Chase Three contestants compete against the Chaser, a trivia genius tasked with preventing the contestants from winning big cash prizes. (HD)

FRIDAY

7:00pm

ABC Will Trent "Unable to Locate" The GBI works hard to protect innocent people when they discover that a neo-Nazi organization has planned an attack; Angie investigates a sneaker release.

8:00pm

CBS Fire Country "Get Some, Be Safe" A vegetation fire spooks a horse inside its barn, complicating the evacuation effort; Vince's brother, the Cal Fire communications director, visits. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm

CBS NCIS "Guardian" After a frightening home break-in threatens Director Vance, Agent Parker stands in to become a protector; the team anticipates progress with Jessica and Jimmy. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

NBC America's Got Talent "Auditions 4" Contestants showcase their skills in the next round of auditions; the golden buzzer sends one act directly to the live shows to compete for America's vote. TVPG (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm

NBC American Ninja Warrior "Qualifiers 6" The qualifying rounds continue with competitors as young as 15 facing veterans as they vie for the chance to take on the Mega Warped Wall. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

ABC The $100,000 Pyramid "Mark Duplass vs Yvette Nicole Brown and Larry Wilmore vs Tisha Campbell" Actors Mark Duplass and Yvette Nicole Brown compete against each other before comic Larry Wilmore takes on actress Tisha Campbell. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

7:00pm

FOX Stars on Mars A dozen celebrities take on a simulated mission to Mars, participating in challenges and contests in order to see which of them is the ultimate astronaut. TV14 (HD)

7:30pm

CBS Bob Hearts Abishola "Every Character is the Villain" Bob tries to mediate Goodwin and Kofo's feud but only makes things worse; Abishola realizes how bad a friend she's been to Kemi and puts it all on the line. TVPG (HD)

TUESDAY

7:00pm

CBS FBI "Into the Fire" A deadly truck heist leaves the perpetrators with an ample supply of ammonium nitrate, enough to create a massive bomb. TV14

8:00pm

ABC Jeopardy! Masters "Games 5 & 6" As the best-of-the-best tournament continues, the highest-ranked "Jeopardy!" contestants continue to compete against each other to claim the grand prize. (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm

FOX MasterChef Forty of the top home chefs in the nation are selected to participate in a cooking competition judged by three critically-acclaimed culinary experts. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm

NBC Chicago Fire Firefighters, rescue squad members and paramedics in Chicago Firehouse 51 brave dangers to save lives, despite personal goings-on and differences. TV14 (HD)



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