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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A bird found a nice place to perch on a sign near the Anna City Hall. \*\*\*

Happy Independence Day to all of our readers. \*\*\*

In observance of Independence Day on July 4, local financial institutions will be closed. \*\*\*

Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. Tuesday through Saturday driver services facilities will be closed Saturday, July 2. \*\*\*

As we repeat, often, please do not drink and drive when you celebrate the holiday. \*\*\*

Plans are underway to begin a Boy Scout Explorer post in Union County. More on this to come. \*\*\*

Anna city officials are grateful for a donation of flowers from Bill Bass Farms. The flowers are being used in planters in the city. \*\*\*



A buzzing bug...on a big blossom... (continued on page 2)

## State budget impasse continued early this week

# County's schools plan to open on schedule

Administrators at each of Union County's seven public school districts have indicated that they are planning to open as scheduled in August for the start of the 2016-2017 academic year.

As of early this week, a great deal of uncertainty surrounded the start of the new school year due to the lack of a state budget.

A legislative session was scheduled Wednesday in Springfield. A Southern Illinois legislator said Monday that the purpose of the session was to address a stop-gap state budget.

Illinois has been without a budget for the current fiscal year, which began on July 1, 2015. A new fiscal year starts on July 1.

Reports have been circulating that some school districts may not even be able to open their doors to start the 2016-2017 academic year due to the ongoing budget impasse.

Union County public school officials have indicated that they are hoping for the best in a very uncertain, very fluid situation.

Dr. Keith Reinhardt said that Union County school district superintendents have, as a group, agreed that the academic year will open on schedule in August. Reinhardt is superintendent of Jonesboro School District No. 43.

Union County's public school districts include Lick Creek School District No. 16, Cobden School District No. 17, Anna School District No. 37, Jonesboro School District No. 43, Dongola School District No. 66, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District 81 and Shawnee School District No. 84.

"We will open school," Reinhardt said during a telephone interview on Monday.

"We're preparing for the worst – and hoping for the best," he said.

"We are definitely going to open on schedule in August," Lick Creek School District superintendent Brent Boren said.

"Our plans are to start school," Anna School District 37 superintendent Chuck Goforth said.

Dongola School District superintendent Dr. Paige Maginel and Shawnee School District superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill both answered with an emphatic yes when asked if school will open on schedule in August.

"Yes – we will open on time," Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District superintendent Rob Wright said.

Cobden School District superintendent Edwin



## Preparing for 2016-2017 school year

Student registration dates are posted on a sign in front of the Anna Junior High/Davie School in Anna.

L. Shoemate outlined the situation in a letter to the district's parents and guardians.

"Without state appropriations for K-12 education in the fiscal year 2017, many school districts will face dire circumstances," Shoemate wrote.

"For Cobden, state funding comprises 67 percent of revenue, or \$3.6 million. The district has resources that will allow the opening of school and should

sustain the district for the time being.

"The top priority of our elected officials must be to enact a budget that includes adequate funds for public schools for the upcoming school year. This will ensure that schools across the state open on time and are adequately funded for the full year.

"As taxpayers and as citizens who are concerned about the health and future of our state, now is the time

to be engaged. Contact your elected officials to let them know your feelings about the current 'state of our state' and the funding of education.

"Your School Board and administration have been actively engaged with our elected officials to make sure they understand what the impact of not receiving state school funding will have on our students and community.

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# Budget impasse could impact local road projects

The story is a familiar one for the Union County Highway Department.

Uncertainty surrounding the State of Illinois' budget and its impact on the highway department were discussed at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, June 24, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

As of early this week, the state still did not have a budget for Fiscal Year

2015-2016. The fiscal year began on July 1, 2015, and ends Thursday, today.

The state also did not have a budget in place for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

In light of the budget impasse, Union County Highway Department engineer and superintendent Kevin Grammer said Friday that the Illinois Department of Transportation has informed industry officials about a possible shutdown of state road projects starting June 30.

The shutdown could have an immediate impact on two Union County projects, Grammer said.

A Sadler Road bridge project would be impacted by a shutdown.

A major improvement project along Skyline Drive between Cobden and Alto Pass also would be impacted by the situation surrounding the state budget impasse.

E.T. Simonds Construction Co. submitted the only bid for the Skyline Drive

project. The bid was for \$1,423,018.49.

The project would be the second phase of major improvement work on the Union County road.

The first phase involved work from old U.S. Route 51 to the Jamestown Road area. In the second phase, work would be done from the Jamestown Road area, through Alto Pass and to Illinois Route 127.

The work is scheduled to take two construction seasons to complete. Plans had called for the work to begin this year.

Grammer said that the highway department also could face the loss of monthly allocations of state motor fuel tax funding.

The county receives about \$65,000 to \$70,000 each month in motor fuel tax funds from the state.

The loss of motor fuel tax funds would be a repeat of a situation which unfolded during the past year.

Without the motor fuel tax funds, maintenance and repair work on county roads would be put on hold.

## County fair scheduled in August

Summer has arrived, and that means the Union County Fair is coming, too.

County fair activities are scheduled from Friday, Aug. 19, through Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The county fair schedule opens on Friday, Aug. 19, with open show registration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The carnival opens at 5 p.m. A ranch rodeo is set for 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Other highlights on the fair schedule include:

Saturday, Aug. 20: Children's Day. Gaited and western horse show at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21: Community worship service, 5 p.m. Union County Fair queen pageant, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22: Steve Hornbeak and the Main Street Players, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 23: Antique tractor pull, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 24: Tractor pull, 7:30 p.m.

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## Golf scramble

Campers and coaches watch to see if the ball will roll into the hole. The golfers were competing in a golf scramble on June 20, the final day of a junior golf program at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Photo and story by Amber Skelton.

## Junior golf clinic held in Anna

By Amber Skelton

The Union County Country Club in Anna hosted a junior golf clinic June 14-20.

The clinic finished with a golf scramble on Monday, June 20.

The young golfers were instructed in golf etiquette, course management and the rules of the game.

Professional Golfers' Association professional Brandon Bierstedt was the main instructor for the clinic.

He had a team of other instructors made up of golfers who had taught at the annual program for more than five years, and some who had actually been through the program as kids.

The program was free for Union County young people between the ages of 7 and 16.

Clinic participants received a free youth golf membership at the country club for the remainder of this year.





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## News Notes

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Union County officials are finalizing a draft document which will be used for hotel/motel tax funding requests to boost local tourism efforts.

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Work also continues on a planned merging of 911 systems in Union and Alexander counties.

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Fees for lunch and

breakfast are going up 10 cents at Lick Creek School.

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A note to readers: due to the upcoming Independence Day holiday, the paper will appreciate having news items for the July 7 edition submitted by Thursday (today) or Friday. Thank you for your consideration and help.

## County fair highlights

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Thursday, Aug. 25: Children's Day. Veteran's Day. Championship rodeo, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26: Demolition derby, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27: Demolition derby, 7 p.m.

A complete schedule of activities can be found on the Union County Fair's website at [www.union-countyfair.net](http://www.union-countyfair.net).

## National Homeownership Month commemorated by USDA Rural Development



### Home owner

Keven Loveless closed on his home on June 20 using USDA Rural Development's 502 Direct Home Purchase Program. Photo provided.

June is National Homeownership Month, which is seen as a great time to highlight the important role housing plays in creating jobs, maintaining viable rural communities and contributing to the economy, USDA Rural Development says.

Realizing the dream of homeownership has a positive impact on individuals, families, and the quality of life in rural communities.

Saving enough money to qualify for a mortgage is one of, if not the biggest barriers to buying a home, especially in today's market.

Providing programs that can help families achieve their dream of homeownership is one way USDA Rural Development remains committed to rural communities.

Guaranteed home loans, made by banks or mortgage companies and backed by USDA, allow 100 percent financing (no down payment) for qualified low to moderate income individuals and families.

Direct loans are available for qualified low- and very low-income individuals and families.

These loans allow 100

percent financing (no down payment), can reduce the interest rate to as low as one percent, and are available for up to a 38-year term.

Maximum loan and income limits apply for direct loans and vary by county.

Home repair loans (and grants for 62 years and older) help rural homeowners make critical improvements or repairs.

For example, the loan can be used to make the home accessible for people with disabilities or to remove health and safety hazards such as poor wiring or plumbing.

The benefits of housing development go far beyond the individuals and families who live in the homes.

Home sales and new construction generates suppliers for real estate agents, title companies, furniture sales, lumber yards, landscaping, mortgage brokers and construction jobs.

To learn whether the USDA Rural Development Housing programs are right for you or someone you know, or to find information on all of Rural Development's programs, call the Rural Development Office in Marion at 618-993-5396 extension 4.



## Ribbon cutting ceremony

The Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony June 17 to celebrate the grand opening of Southern Environmental Services and the five-year anniversary of Stegle Plumbing. Southern Environmental Services is located at 2165 Boyd Rd. in Anna. Stegle Plumbing is located at 3095 Highway 51 South, also in Anna. Photo by Amber Skelton.

## Schools plan to open on schedule

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"We will continue to monitor this situation closely. We will also continue to develop contingency plans to respond to the prospect of an ongoing budget impasse into the fall. We are committed to continuing the outstanding educational services that your child deserves and to serving our school community without interruption."

While the local school districts are planning to open as scheduled, there is uncertainty as to how long they will be able to operate.

In one district, the academic year could last until the third quarter. Two other districts could operate until December.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation, some of the administrators did not want to offer a prediction as to how long the school year could last. Several said that their district could end up dipping into reserve funds to operate.

While the state may not have a budget in place, the school districts could receive some financial assistance in the form of revenue generated by local property tax bills, which could be in the mail sometime during the summer.

In the meantime, school districts watch and wait to see what happens in Springfield.

Administrators did voice frustration over the entire situation. One school superintendent suggested that "politicians are using education as a pawn."

### "Second Class Citizens"

State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, said Monday, June 27, that he would "continue to fight for Southern Illinois students against a plan backed by the governor that would divert much needed resources from the region's classrooms."

"As I talk to residents throughout Southern Illinois, one of the biggest concerns is making sure that our students and young people have the resources they need to succeed," Phelps said in a news release.

"I'm not going to sit on the sidelines while Chicago governors try to divert money from our classrooms and treat Southern Illinois students like second class citizens."

As legislators geared up to return to Springfield to address a stopgap state budget, Phelps said that Gov. Bruce Rauner recently stated that he would not support a compromise unless the Illinois General Assembly approves his education-funding bill.

Critics of the governor's proposal argue the measure falls far short of providing the funding-levels needed for the required basic resources for Southern Illinois classrooms, Phelps said.

Phelps is backing a measure that would prioritize Southern Illinois students by protecting against siphoning money away from

the region's classrooms and ensuring schools have the needed resources.

Under Phelps' measure, Southern Illinois students in the 118th District would receive a little over \$65 million for K-12 education. Part of Union County is in the 118th District.

Phelps said that the governor's plan allocates less than \$62 million, a reduction of about \$3.3 million that would be withheld from Southern Illinois schools.

Advocates for the Phelps-backed measure state it's the only reasonable proposal based on the needs of Southern Illinois.

"Our governor has consistently carried out his Chicago agenda since taking office, starting with closing Southern Illinois facilities like the Hardin County Work Camp," Phelps said.

"We've heard this song before, because now he's taking aim at our students just like he has targeted our state workers."

The 118th District includes all or portions of Alexander, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Union counties.

### "Big Winners"

Southern Illinois schools would be big winners under a clean school funding plan being finalized that State Sen. Gary Forby, D-Benton, said he would support at the Capitol on Wednesday.

Local schools would see their state support increase by nearly \$10 million over what they received this past year.

In fact, Forby said in a June 28 news release, no school would lose funding if the plan manages to become law, which would require approval in the Senate, Illinois House and the governor's signature.

"No more games. People need to put politics aside to ensure our schools open on time," Forby said.

"This plan fully funds our schools. Springfield will stop shortchanging us and cheating our schools, our students, our teachers and our taxpayers out of the money they were promised."

As proposed, for the first time in years the state would fully fund its commitment to local schools, and put an end to several years' worth of the state knowingly cutting back payments to them.

This practice was especially unfair to Southern Illinois schools while wealthy suburban Chicago districts were able to cope more easily with the cuts, Forby said.

Forby said the deal is too good for Southern Illinois to pass up.

"Every school in the region will see an increase in funding. That's a plan I can support," Forby said.

"We all know Southern Illinois schools have been shortchanged for years. That ends now. It's time we got our fair share."

The Senate planned to take up the proposal on Wednesday.

### Governor's Statement

Gov. Bruce Rauner issued the following statement about the budget situation on June 28:

"Democrat leaders who control the General Assembly made it clear they will not take any major action on balancing our budget or passing real reforms until after the General Election in November.

"That is wrong and that is why, despite their refusal, I am advocating for two bills: a stopgap funding measure to ensure our most critical government services continue being funded and a school funding bill that puts more money into education, holds all schools harmless and ensures they open on time in the fall.

"This morning Republicans will introduce an updated stopgap measure to add funding for higher education, MAP grants, and human services.

"We are three days away from the end of the fiscal year. While we have essentially reached agreement on a six-month stopgap budget, the super majority is focused on passing a school funding bill that forces suburban and downstate taxpayers to pay for a massive bailout of the severely mismanaged Chicago Public Schools system.

"I have said it before, and I say it again today: we must not bail out a broken system that refuses to change the way it does business.

"Forcing Illinois to raise its income tax to bail out CPS is fundamentally unfair to our school children, parents, homeowners, and

small business owners across the state.

"The real tragedy is that we have proposed legislation which would let Chicago fix every one of CPS' problems, allowing city leaders to protect their students and taxpayers while eliminating the need for any bailout – but Speaker Madigan has refused to call the bills for a vote.

"Granting local control of collective bargaining would allow CPS to remove teachers' pensions pickup from contract negotiations, saving taxpayers from the single biggest threat to CPS' financial health. The Mayor requested the state do this last year.

"Applying President Cullerton's pension reform proposal to CPS teachers' pensions would save Chicago taxpayers billions in the long run and give them the resources to hire more teachers.

"Allowing CPS to declare bankruptcy if the Mayor or city council deemed it necessary to reorganize school contracts and debts could protect teachers' jobs and prevent the need for massive tax hikes on homeowners in Chicago. And even if the Mayor chose never to exercise the option, it would fundamentally alter the balance in teacher union contract negotiations, making tax hikes no longer the only inevitable option.

"If Mayor Emanuel would join with his friend, President Cullerton, and lead in the effort for reforms along with Republican legislators, then together we could protect students, teachers, and taxpayers in the city and the state, creating a better future for everyone."

## State's attorney special prosecutor in Alexander County drug case

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, acting as special prosecutor in Alexander County, reported June 24 that Brian K. Tucker, 50, of Cairo, has been sentenced in Alexander County Circuit Court to 66 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Tucker was sentenced on one count of unlawful delivery of controlled substance on residential

property owned by a public housing agency. The charge is a Class 1 felony.

Tucker will also serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

Tucker was charged following an investigation by Illinois State Police which showed he delivered cocaine in August 2013 at the Elmwood Place Public Housing Complex in Cairo.

## Warm weather dried soils

Warm weather in June led to warmer and drier soils in Illinois, according to Jennie Atkins, Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring, WARM, Program manager at the Illinois State Water Survey.

The survey is located at the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Soil temperatures rose 6 to 9 degrees, on average, across the state the first half of June.

Temperatures at 2 inches under bare soil had a state average of 84.4 degrees on June 15, 5.8 degrees above the 2015 average.

Several locations had daily maximums of 100 degrees or higher in mid-June.

Central Illinois had the highest regional average with 85.9 degrees on June 15.

Southern and Northern Illinois averaged 84.7 and 80.7 degrees, respectively.

Temperatures were slightly lower at depths of 4 inches with an average of 82.8 degrees on June 15 or 9.2 degrees above the long-term average.

Under soil, temperatures averaged 73.0 at 4 inches and 71.9 at 8 inches, 5.9 degrees and 5.0 degrees, respectively, above the state's long-term average.

The higher soil temperatures and drier weather caused soil moisture levels to decrease.

# Independence Day events set

The nation's birthday will be celebrated Independence Day, which is Monday, July 4.

A variety of special events are planned in the area in observance of the holiday. The schedule includes:

**Anna**  
An Independence Day fireworks display is planned on July 4 at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk. The event is sponsored by the Anna Fire Department with support from the community.

In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks will be moved to July 5.

**Goreville**  
Goreville plans to host a Freedom Fest community celebration on July 4.

Freedom Run 2016 is set for 7:30 a.m. and will feature a 5K run/walk and kids fun run.

An FFA car and tractor show is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Johnson County Cloggers will perform at 2:15 p.m. at the intersection

of Collins and Broadway.

A gospel music concert begins at 3 p.m. The concert can be viewed on Broadway Street (Route 37).

A parade is set for 4 p.m. The parade will line up starting at 3 p.m. along Ferne Clyffe Road on the west side of the school.

Jackson Junction is scheduled to perform in concert starting at 6 p.m.

A fireworks display will follow the concert.

**Tamms**  
Independence Day will be celebrated on July 4 at the Tamms Park, which is located at Front and Cleveland in Tamms.

The Tamms Fire Department plans to present a variety of activities, including fireworks. Proceeds will benefit the department.

Food will be served by Tom's Place. Donnie Blaney will serve barbecue.

Kids' games and face painting are planned.

Live music will be presented by Steve Hornbeak. Door prizes will be awarded.

The fire department plans to sponsor its third annual car, truck and bike show. All vehicles are wel-

come to be a part of the open entry event.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. The show entry fee is \$20.

Judging begins at 3 p.m. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

Prizes (overall) include \$100 and a trophy for first place, \$50 and a trophy for second place and \$25 and a ribbon for third place.

For more information, call 618-306-0869.

**Carbondale**  
A fireworks display is planned in Carbondale at 9 p.m. on July 4. The display will be at the Carbondale Superblock.

**Metropolis**  
Harrah's Metropolis is once again hosting a Hometown Celebration on Saturday, July 2.

The event will feature music, a Kid's Zone and food and drinks available to purchase.

The Kid's Zone will feature obstacle courses, bounce houses and more from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Live music will be provided by Revelry from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. as well.

A large display of fireworks is planned at approximately 9:15 p.m. provided by Melrose Pyrotechnics.

A one-time \$5 entry fee is required for anyone 2 years and older.

The Hometown Celebration will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. It will be located in the Harrah's Metropolis Casino parking lot between Ferry Street and Metropolis Street. Cash is required for all purchases.

Another display of fireworks is planned Monday, July 4, at Washington Park at dusk.

**Cape Girardeau**  
Independence Day activities are planned on July 4 in Cape Girardeau.

Programming is scheduled to start on the Common Pleas Courthouse steps and will end with a fireworks display on the Mississippi River front.

The schedule of events includes:

6:45 p.m., patriotic music performed by the Cape Girardeau Municipal Band.

7:15 p.m., U.S. naturalization ceremony.

8 p.m., Southeast Missouri newspaper Spirit of America award ceremony.

9:15 p.m., fireworks on the river front. In the event of inclement weather, fireworks will be moved to 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 5.



## Dongola hosts homecoming on Saturday

People braved the heat on Saturday, June 25, to celebrate the Dongola Homecoming at the ball park. Vendors sold hot dogs, Italian ice, and raffle tickets and the Dongola Fire Department displayed its vehicles. Photos by Amber Skelton.

## Flooding situation in Anna addressed by city council

Anna city officials continue to focus attention on flooding which occurs during heavy rainfall in the Union County community.

The matter, however, is a situation which needs to be addressed by the Illinois

Department of Transportation, IDOT, city officials said.

The issue was discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was Tuesday, June 21, at Anna City Hall.

Flooding particularly has been a concern at three locations in Anna - in the 500 block of East Vienna Street, in the 300 block of South Main Street and in the 100 block of West Vienna Street.

City officials noted that all three of the locations are situated along state highways.

The city and its engineering firm have worked to address the matter, and letters have been drafted and sent to those impacted by the flooding.

Representatives of the city said they have had numerous discussions with IDOT regarding the matter.

The city may contact state legislators to seek assistance in resolving the issue.

## Weather

High of 97 degrees; .50 of an inch of rain

Union County had more hot and humid summer weather during the period of June 21-27.

The high temperature peaked at 97 degrees.

Precipitation during the period included .49 of an inch of rain June 25 and .01 of an inch June 26.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, June 21	91	74
Wednesday, June 22	95	72
Thursday, June 23	96	79
Friday, June 24	92	72
Saturday, June 25	97	71
Sunday, June 26	95	71
Monday, June 27	91	69

## Senior food program receives funds

The Union County Board of Commissioners acted last week to support a food program which benefits local senior citizens.

The action came at a regular meeting of the county board which was held Friday morning, June 24. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The county commissioners approved an allocation of \$5,000 for a food program operated by

the Shawnee Development Council's, SDC, office in Anna. A request for the funds was made by Paula Stairs of the local SDC office.

The county has approved similar allocation of funds in the past.

The funds that were allocated by the commissioners are generated by a local tax which is levied to support services for senior citizens in Union County.

Stairs said that the funds

will provide a major boost for a program which provides food to Union County senior citizens. She said the program is hoping to be able to serve 200 seniors a month.

Stairs noted that the food which is provided to seniors is acquired locally.

The SDC food pantry welcomes donations of produce. For more information about making a donation, contact the SDC office at 833-7431.

## Concerns voiced about sex offenders

Concerns about housing facilities for sex offenders were addressed by a local business person at a regular meeting of the Anna City Council which was held last week.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, June 21, at Anna City Hall.

The concerns about sex offenders were raised by Steve Landreth, who has a real estate business office in Anna.

Landreth said that based on concerns which have been voiced by the community regarding sex offenders, he would like the city council to take action on the matter.

The city's legal representative, attorney John Foley of Anna, said that such action could be a precedent-setting move - one that might involve Constitutional issues and possible legal action.

Landreth read a prepared statement at the meeting which addressed his thoughts on the matter.

He also had drafted and sent a letter which was addressed to the mayor of Anna and the four city council members.

The subject for the letter was identified as sex

offender protection for city residents.

In the prepared statement which he read at the June 21 council meeting, Landreth said that he was sharing "a proposal for the safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Anna.

"The primary reason that government exists is to provide for the safety and security of its residents. Government does this in various forms. A police department, and fire department with firetrucks and equipment, a road crew fixing pot holes, an ambulance department, a rescue squad, and on and on.

"Another method is by passing ordinances that do the same: provide for the safety and welfare of people living in a community.

"I am here to suggest the protection ability that a municipality has been used to address another safety and welfare concern. This concern is about the concentration of sex offenders in multiple locations in this city.

"I am here to ask the city to strongly consider restricting the number of sex offenders who can occupy a single building and/or address.

"We currently have about 29 with Anna ad-

dresses. People do search for this info prior to buying a home. I have it all a click away on my website. If action is not taken in this matter, we could see this number double or triple in the near future.

"I talked with an attorney for the attorney generals office whose number is shown on the Illinois State Police website.

"I asked her if she thought a municipal government had the right to regulate sex offenders and she said she believed many had passed ordinances specifically dealing with this matter. She named Springfield as one where she lived.

"Again, sex offenders are not a protected class. Group homes may have six to eight men in one home with a 19 year old woman being paid minimum wage to watch over them. I do not understand how such housing is totally unregulated.

"I ask you to do something to prevent a potential tragedy and maintain local property values for all who choose Anna as their home."

After Landreth read his prepared statement, Mayor Steve Hartline said that he would not mind if the city looked into the matter.

In reference to regulations in other Illinois municipalities governing such matters, the mayor noted that those may be home rule communities. Home rule communities have more flexibility in terms of local governing options. Anna is not a home rule community.

City attorney Foley suggested that if the council were to act in connection with housing regulations, such a move could lead to legal action by such an entity as the American Civil Liberties Union.

Foley said if the council were to proceed with action on the matter, a "clearly stated public safety argument" is needed. Without such a foundation, he said, legal action would be likely.

Concerns about enforcing such regulations also were addressed.

Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter noted during discussion about the matter that his department does conduct periodic checks related to sex offenders. Hunter said that sex offenders must register at the Union County Sheriff's Office. If offenders move, they must notify authorities, the police chief said.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# America

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank  
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a safe and happy 4th of July.  
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display with family and friends.



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## Southern Illinois Fellowship of Christian Athletes 2016 Power Camp

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July 6th - 8th

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**Registration forms for the Power Camps are distributed through area schools, by mail to previous campers, and through Power Camp sponsors throughout Southern Illinois. You may also register online at [sifca.org](http://sifca.org)**

# 96 young athletes register for sports speed development camp

Coach Ron's 2016 Sports Speed Development camp was held at Jonesboro Grade School on June 20-23.

Ninety-six campers registered for the four-day camp with an average attendance of 86.

The campers ages ranged from incoming 2nd graders to outgoing 8th graders.

The camp was divided into three sessions: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each session had enrollments of 25 to 30 campers. Each session was then divided into groups of two. Willie Smith, who is in his 23rd year of working speed camps with Coach Ron, took one group for 45 minutes while Coach Ron took the other group.

Upon completion of the 45 minutes, the groups would switch. Each coach would work speed and quickness using various acceleration drills, reaction and quickness drills.

The activities improved reactions, quicker movement, effective directional changes and refined mechanics. The little details of athletic motion were learned.

The agenda of activities included the following:

Frisbees, z-balls, ladder drills, resister harnesses, hurdles, accelerator ladders, get-ups with z-balls, handballs, hand weights, scarfs for accelerator drills, plus an assortment of other drills.

## Those Who Attended

Those who attended the camp included:

Blake Abernathy, Logan Abernathy, Bryce Bowers, Campbell Belcher, Nate Belcher, Reece Belcher, Parker Benefield, Landon Boyd, Landen Brown, Stuart Busby, Olivia Capel, Ethan Carver, Caden Cerney, Pierce Chapman, Brinley Corbit, Nati Corbit.

Landon Hoyle, Mia Dettartpart, Matthew Duncan, Blake Dillow, Brooklyn Eastman, Trevor Fox, Jady Gerardi, J.J. Gerardi, Aniyah Graham, Evan Hall, Drake Hartline, Dylan Harvel, Zach Henry, Henry Hoehner.

Camden Hodges, Taj Hodges, Drew Holshouser, Jace Holshouser, Matti Housman, Landon Hoye, Nathan Hubbs, Jake Hubbs, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Zoe Jones, Emily Kacinski, Caleb Kaufman, Alexandria Keller.

John Michael Ligon, Nick Lingle, Grant Lingle, Amelia Marshall, Jonathan Mattheis, Aidan McFadden, Jake Manees, Kenzie

Miller, Maddox Miller, Mason Miller, Jayden Moore, Shaylee Moore, Levi Moutria, Gunnar Myers, Kylee Myers.

Erin Overstreet, Zach Overstreet, Drew Page, Kacey Pearl, Gage Roach, Savana Rambeau, Aaron Sheffer, Brooke Sheffer, Mikayla Skelton, Sophie Smiley, Brett Smith, Dylan Smith.

Clayton Smith, Jack Smith, Jude Smith, Marlee Smith, Beckett Thorp, Kaylee Stover, Kenzie Stover, Kaitlyn Sullivan, John Turner, Marissa Turner, Maya Simouski, Luke Vaughn, Cole Whitacre.

Tess Wilkins, Brandon Wright, Bryan Wright, Chris Wright, John Robert Wright, Kiersten Wright, Megan Wright, Meranda Wright.

## Appreciation Voiced

A thank you to the following coaches for their assistance during the four-day camp:

Patti McGinnis, Joyce Kilmer, Zach Overstreet, Jennifer Stokes, Nick Harris.

Coach Ron voiced a special thank you to the Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43, Mr. Tom Stark and the Board of Education. Thanks go to Berry Miller and Diane Kratz for assisting with tables and making sure the gym was opened each day.

## Mission Statement

Besides learning the fundamental aspects of athletics, the program encourages involvement in community and extracurricular activities to benefit child development in sports.

The program of speed, agility, and quickness builds lifelong relationships with adults through mentoring and other activities with emphasis on one-on-one interactions. Students in camp came from schools in Union, Johnson and Williamson counties.

Students had the opportunity to build relationships and camaraderie with other students outside their own schools.

"Thank you to all parents and grandparents for helping to make the camp a very successful one," Coach Ron stated.

## Supporters

Coach Ron said thanks to the following for their financial support and assistance with the Speed Camp: Bob Fombelle/Blue Boar Restaurant, Bob Lyerla, Jon & Joyce Lotz, Sam O'Neal, Save-A-Lot, Edward M. Smith, President, Union Labor Life Insurance Company, Dr. Larry Peterson, and Carl Rendleman. Paula Fulenwider provided meals each day for the coaches. Bob Carter was the photographer that provided group and individual pictures for the campers.



Session One, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 2nd and 3rd grades. Photo provided.



Session Two, 10:30 a.m. to noon, 4th and 5th grades. Photo provided.



Session Three, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Photo provided.



Coach Ron prepared to divide up the young athletes Monday morning. The two groups got the chance to train each day with both Coach Ron, a staple in Southern Illinois sports, and Willie Smith, a world-champion sprinter. Photo by Amber Skelton.



Sixth, 7th and 8th grade campers prepared for a resistance drill Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Amber Skelton.

## Cobden Junior Legion team splits in recent play

The Cobden Junior American Legion baseball team split in recent action.

**Cobden 14, Christopher 4:** Bryce Reynolds was 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs to lead host Cobden to the win Sunday, June 26.

John Russell was 2-for-3 for Cobden. Cody Wieseman was 2-for-4. Trevor Middleton was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Chandler Edwards and Zane Nance were each 1-for-2 with an RBI apiece. Austin Lewey was 1-for-2 with a double. Dylan Duty was 1-for-2.

Chandler West, Middleton and Russell pitched in the win and combined for a one-hitter. The trio logged 7 walks and 8 strikeouts.

**Benton 14, Cobden 12:** Visiting Cobden jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the opening inning and couldn't hold the lead in the loss Friday, June 24.

Russell was 3-for-5 with 2 RBIs to lead Cobden at the plate. Brayden Clark was 2-for-4 with 4 RBIs.

Lewey was 1-for-1. Duty was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Zane Nance and Cody Wieseman were each 1-for-2. Middleton was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Clayton Flamm was 1-for-

5. Chandler Edwards and Bayden Ditterline had an RBI apiece.

**Wieseman, West, Middleton and Ditterline** pitched in the loss, combining on 12 hits to go with 9 walks and 8 strikeouts.

**Herrin 9, Cobden 8:** Visiting Cobden couldn't hold a four run lead in the final inning and stranded 9 in the loss Wednesday, June 22.

Russell was 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs to lead Cobden at the plate. Middleton was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Ditterline was 1-for-2 with a double. Lewey was 1-for-2. Josh Burgess was 1-for-3. Nance was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Duty was 1-for-4.

Russell was the losing pitcher, allowing 7 hits to go with a walk and 6 strikeouts.

**Cobden 9, Crab Orchard 3:** Ditterline was 3-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead host Cobden to the win Monday, June 20.

Reynolds was 2-for-4 with a double. Duty was 2-for-4 with an RBI. West, Lewey and Russell were each 1-for-2 with an RBI apiece. Middleton and Wieseman were both 1-for-2 with a double each.

Ditterline and Russell pitched in the win. Ditterline pitched 6 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Russell pitched an inning and had 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 5-5, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Metropolis. Cobden is scheduled to play again next Tuesday at home against Carterville.

## Scrambles set

The Union County Country Club golf course in Anna plans to host a two-man senior scramble Thursday, today. A shotgun start is scheduled at 10 a.m.

The VFW district scramble is set for Saturday, July 9. A shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m.

## Brian S. Tucker Golf Scholarships awarded to local high school graduates

Dale Prater and Sydney Ray, recent graduates of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and members of the A-J golf team, are recipients of the Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Dale Prater is the son of Jim Prater and Missy Teska of Anna. Sydney Ray is the daughter of Jeff and Courtney Ray of Anna.

The Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund was established to support students who have demonstrated a commitment to completing their

education and is intended to help reach their education goals by helping with education related costs.

Dale Prater plans to attend the Golf Academy of America in Apopka, Fla., and Sydney Ray plans to attend Shawnee Community College.

A golf tournament benefiting the Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund is scheduled Saturday, July 23, at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

For more information about the tournament, contact Brandon Bierstedt at

the Union County Country Club at 833-7912.

Flyers regarding the tournament can be picked up at the Union County Country Club at any time.

The Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholar-

ship Fund has been made possible by donations and contributions from various individuals and entities.

For more information regarding the scholarship fund, contact Cindy Tucker at 833-5757.

Results from the scramble follow:

First: Tom Huffman, John Mowery, Rick Williams, Dan Smith.

Second: Earl Hampton, Jim Harris, Kyle McDaniel, George Warren.

Third/tie: Ryan Dodd, Steve Hoffman, Rick Tweedy, Blake Wiggs.

Third/tie: Thomas Bailey, Joe Mason, Jason Stegle, Joe Wendling.



Willie Smith instructed kids in a ladder drill on Monday. Photo by Amber Skelton.



Kids waited for Coach Ron's signal to begin the basketball dribbling relay on Tuesday. Photo by Amber Skelton.

## Kaitlin McWhorter among top rodeo competitors in nation

Kaitlin McWhorter of Cobden is ranked number eight in the nation out of 543 girls in the senior division who are participating in the National Little Britches Rodeo Association, NLBRA.

The 18 year old is headed to the 2016 NLBRA finals at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Okla., in July. The Lazy E Arena is the largest indoor arena in the country.

The NLBRA finals are scheduled July 5-10 and are expected to feature more than 900 rodeo athletes who will be working to win a world championship and a portion of the more than \$280,000 in prize packages.

Contestants compete for prizes such as saddles, buckles, gift certificates, and college scholarships.

McWhorter has already been notified that she was one of four students to receive the Rainwater Family Memorial Scholarship for 2016 when she attends Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

During the past year, McWhorter has competed in Searcy, Ark., at the Central Arkansas Little Britches Rodeo, CALBRA and ALBRA in Somerville, Ala.

In order to qualify for the nationals, competitors needed to rank five times in the top seven of their events.

McWhorter has qualified in all of the six events in which she participated: breakaway roping, goat tying, barrel racing, pole bending, trail course, and ribbon roping.

McWhorter is nationally ranked 9th in goat tying, 13th in pole bending, 13th in trail course, 33rd in barrel racing and 32nd in breakaway.

At the CALBRA finals in June, McWhorter won an All-Around Championship saddle for the year and All-Around Championship saddle for the

finals and was awarded 10 championship buckles for season and finals.

She also received an

All-Around Championship saddle for the Alabama Little Britches Rodeo Association this month.



### Top rodeo competitor

Kaitlin McWhorter of Cobden is one of the top rodeo competitors in the nation in her division. Photo provided.

## Locals hit in all-star game

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Blake Klett and Cobden High School's Logan Spalt each recorded hits in the 20th annual Southern Illinois Baseball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Baseball Classic at Du Quoin Saturday, June 25.

Spalt was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Klett was 1-for-2 with a double. Both played on the West All-Star team, which posted a 9-2 win over the East All-Star team.

Cobden's J.T. Moore and A-J's Isaac Pender and Collin Prather were also on the West team.

Cobden's Dylan Duty and John Russell each played in the West Junior All-Star game prior to the Senior game. The West team won.

Cobden's Craig Partridge, who resigned recently as the Appleknockers' head baseball coach, was a member of the West All-Star team coaching staff. The game was his final game coaching at the high school level.

Partridge concluded a 14 year coaching career and four as the head Cobden baseball coach. His teams won 122 games, three regional titles and the Class 1A state title in 2015.

## Union County Fair horse show to feature champions

The Union County Fair horse show at the fairgrounds in Anna (the Anna City Park) is planned for Saturday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m.

There will be a total of 21 classes. Blankets will be presented in each class to the winner by the sponsors of the class.

Horse judge Joshua Burchfield of Cordova, Tenn., announcer Steve Eli, and organist Charles Richie, of Memphis, Tenn., will be in attendance.

Also present will be Spring Celebration Specialty Action Men's Amateur Champion, Missouri State Specialty Action and Stake Champion "The Comeback Kid" and "Pumped Up Kicks."

The horses are owned

and trained by the Meisenheimer family of Jonesboro. Both are undefeated in the arena and have been shown all across the country winning state championships.

They are currently in the running to qualify for the World Championships in September in Decatur, Ala.

The Union County Fair Board of Directors invites and welcomes all participants and spectators to this year's horse show.

For inquiries about the horse show, contact Mike Meisenheimer at home at 833-8259, on his cell at 618-697-2311 or at the office at 833-2123. Glenn Heisner is also available at 833-5360. Questions can be emailed to unioncofair@frontier.com.



### Champion horse

This is one of the undefeated champion horses owned by the Meisenheimer family of Jonesboro.

## Former Anna-Jonesboro softball player's season highlighted at Shawnee

Shawnee Community College softball player Kendall Carter had a .257 batting average this past season.

Carter, a former Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball play-

er, finished the season with 18 RBIs, seven doubles, a triple, and five home runs.

She had a slugging percentage of .495 and an on base percentage of .306. She also added six stolen bases.

Shawnee finished the season with a 9-22 overall mark.

Carter, who will be a sophomore for the SCC Lady Saints this coming season, played second base.

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The team cost is \$300.00 for a four-person team (\$75.00 per person)  
Entry fee includes: cart, green fee, range, skins, mulligans, lunch and fish fry at 6:00.  
Registration one hour before tee off. Shotgun start 8:30 and 1:30  
Entry deadline July 20th  
Limited to first 20 paid teams (A.M. or P.M.). Flighted based on number of teams.  
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\$300 entry fee must accompany entry form to assure your tee time of choice.

Name	Address	Phone #
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Please circle your preferred tee time: **8:30** or **1:30**  
Make check payable to: **Anna Elks Lodge**

Send entry form to: **Union County Country Club**  
**430 E. Jefferson St., Anna, IL 62906**

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For more information regarding the scholarship fund,  
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HELP WANTED: Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

• Individual Student Aide Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at [www.aj81.net](http://www.aj81.net) and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Brett Detering, Principal, 608 S. Main Street, Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Principal's Office at (618)-833-8502 for more information. The deadline for applying is July 13, 2016.

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HELP WANTED: Independent Living Services, Inc. has an opening for someone who is dependable and has the skills to be a House Manager at one of its CILAs. High school diploma and DSP Certification required. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 170 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL.

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High School Drivers Education, Physical Education, and Health Teacher. The successful candidate will teach drivers education, as well as physical education and health in the junior high and high school setting. Please send letter of interest, resume, and three references to: Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent, Dongola Unit #66, P.O. Box 190, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Deadline for application submission is July 18, 2016.

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• Assistant Cook

Specifics of the position are:

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- Work schedule is 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Benefits include sick, personal and bereavement leave

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,**

**VS. MICHAEL A THETFORD A/K/A**

**MICHAEL THETFORD; HALIE L THETFORD A/K/A**

**HALIE LEA PEARL, A/K/A**

**HALIE THETFORD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CITY OF ANNA, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 5**

**506 SOUTH STREET ANNA, IL 62906**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, Michael A Thetford a/k/a Michael Thetford Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants,

that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

TRACT 1: THE EAST HALF OF LOT 38 AND ALL OF LOT 39 IN WINSTEAD DAVIE'S ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW THE CITY, OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2: LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, ALSO A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) AFORESAID; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE-FOURTH DEGREES EAST (S 35 1/4 DEGREES), TWO AND THIRTY-ONE (2.31) CHAINS; THENCE SOUTH ELEVEN AND THREE FOURTHS DEGREES WEST (S 11 3/4 DEGREES W), ONE AND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.35) CHAINS; THENCE NORTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE FOURTH DEGREES WEST (N 35 1/4 DEGREES W); THREE AND TWENTY HUNDREDTHS (3.20) CHAINS; THENCE FIFTY-THREE AND THREE FOURTH DEGREES EAST (53 3/4 DEGREES E), ONE AND ONE HUNDREDTH AND ONE-FOURTH (1.01 1/4) CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (27/100) ACRES, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4 SE 1/4 ) OF SECTION NINETEEN (19), IN TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD (3RD) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 506 South Street Anna, IL 62906

and which said Mortgage was made by,

Michael A Thetford a/k/a Michael Thetford

Mortgagor(s), to M.E.R.S., Inc. as nominee for Cherry Creek Mortgage Co., Inc.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois, as Document No.

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2008R0520; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,

Lorraine Moreland  
309 W. Market 101  
Jonesboro, IL 62952  
on or before July 18, 2016, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Pierce & Associates, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1 N. Dearborn St.  
Suite 1300  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Ph. (312) 346-9088  
File No. 254291-22836  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ADAM SCHROEDER, et al., Defendants.**  
**Case No. 2016-CH-10**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING**

NOTICE is hereby given to the UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 2-207, 2-413 and 15-1502, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is JULY 25, 2016.

The plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on April 25, 2016:

1. Plaintiff is Citizens Community Bank, and the case number is 2016-CH-10.

2. The action was brought in the First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois.

3. The title holder of record is: Adam Schroeder.

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

Parcel 1, Tract 1:

A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Quarter-Quarter Section; thence N 00°-57'-32" E, 672.42 feet along the West line of said Quarter-Quarter Section to an iron rod found; thence S 88°-56'-19" E, 410.41 feet to an iron rod set, this being the point of beginning; thence along new lines the following two (2) calls: thence N 01°-15'-16" E, 345.84 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 88°-55'-47" E, 251.92 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 01°-15'-16" W, 345.80 feet to an iron rod found; thence N 88°-56'-19" W, 251.92 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel to contain 2.00 acres, more or less. Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. Per plat of survey prepared by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 3536, recorded June 9, 2006, in Record Book 277 at Page 118 in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

Parcel 1, Tract 2:

A perpetual, non-exclusive easement for roadway and all utilities for the benefit of Tract 1 above described, being a part of the North-

west Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, all in Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said easement being 10 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence N 52°-48'-49" W, 81.21 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Brown Section Road and the centerline of an existing drive, this being the Southern terminus of said easement and the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said existing drive the following six (6) calls: Thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 19°-11'-12" E 106.31 feet, a radius of 130.00 feet, and an arc length of 109.52 feet to a point; thence N 03°-36'-04" W, 96.08 feet to a point; thence N 13°-27'-19" E, 199.77 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right with chord bearing N 39°-42'-37" E 172.28 feet, a radius of 230.00 feet, an arc length of 176.59 feet to a point; thence N 61°-18'-33" E, 195.47 feet to a point; thence N 51°-43'-04" E, 1.70 feet to a point in the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, this being the Northern terminus of said easement. Said easement to contain 0.35 acres, more or less. Said easement being subject to the existing right-of-way of Brown Section Road and all other rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. All situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

Parcel 1, Tract 3:

A perpetual, non-exclusive easement for roadway and all utilities, for the benefit of Tract 1 above described, being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said easement being 10 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence N 52°-48'-49" W, 81.21 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Brown Section Road and the centerline of an existing drive, this being the Southern terminus of said easement and the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said existing drive the following six (6) calls: Thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 19°-11'-12" E 106.31 feet, a radius of 130.00 feet, and an arc length of 109.52 feet to a point; thence N 03°-36'-04" W, 96.08 feet to a point; thence N 13°-27'-19" E, 199.77 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right with chord bearing N 39°-42'-37" E 172.28 feet, a radius of 230.00 feet, and an arc length of 176.59 feet to a point; thence N 61°-18'-33" E, 195.47 feet to a point; thence N 51°-43'-04" E, 1.70 feet to a point in the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Quarter-Quarter Section, this being the Southern terminus of said easement and the point of beginning; thence continuing along said centerline the following three (3) calls: Thence N 51°-43'-04" E, 79.46 feet to a point; thence N 44°-03'-32" E, 79.01 feet to a point; thence N 55°-56'-30" E, 16.01 feet to a point in the West line of a 2.000 acre parcel, this being the Northern terminus of said easement. Said easement to contain 0.08 acres, more or less. Said easement being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or

otherwise. All situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

(Legal descriptions for Tract 2 and Tract 3 easements prepared by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 3536, of Shawnee Survey & Consulting, Inc., Vienna, IL.)

Parcel 2, Tract 1:

A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence North 86°-07'-52" West along the North line of said Section 27 a distance of 665.80 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 4°-03'-11" West a distance of 672.31 feet; thence North 86°-08'-24" West a distance of 662.33 feet to the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the said Northwest Quarter; thence North 3°-45'-27" East along the said West line a distance of 672.42 feet to the Northwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 86°-07'-52" East along the North line of said Section 27 a distance of 665.80 feet to the point of beginning; the tract containing 10.25 acres, more or less, situated in Union County, Illinois. Per survey by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, dated April 20, 1982. Excepting however half of all oil and mineral rights, and being subject to a 20 feet wide easement across the Southeast corner of the herein described tract.

Parcel 2, Tract 2:

A perpetual, non-exclusive easement for roadway and all utilities, for the benefit of Tract 1 above described, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, all in Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said easement being 10 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence N 52°-48'-49" W, 81.21 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Brown Section Road and the centerline of an existing drive, this being the Southern terminus of said easement and the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said existing drive the following six (6) calls: Thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 19°-11'-12" E 106.31 feet, a radius of 130.00 feet, and an arc length of 109.52 feet to a point; thence N 03°-36'-04" W, 96.08 feet to a point; thence N 13°-27'-19" E, 199.77 feet to a point; thence N 00°-50'-17" W, 77.39 feet to a point; thence N 07°-07'-54" E, 39.44 feet to a point; thence N 15°-44'-53" E, 119.99 feet to a point in the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, this being the Northern terminus of said easement. Said easement to contain 0.29 acres, more or less. Said easement being subject to the existing right-of-way of Brown Section Road and all other rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. All situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

Parcel 2, Tract 3:

A perpetual, non-exclusive easement for roadway and all utilities, for the benefit of Tract 1 above described, being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, all in Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said easement being 10 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest

Quarter; thence N 52°-48'-49" W, 81.21 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Brown Section Road and the centerline of an existing drive, this being the Southern terminus of said easement and the point of beginning; thence along the centerline of said existing drive the following six (6) calls: Thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 19°-11'-12" E 106.31 feet, a radius of 130.00 feet, and an arc length of 109.52 feet to a point; thence N 03°-36'-04" W, 96.08 feet to a point; thence N 13°-27'-19" E, 199.77 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the right with chord bearing N 39°-42'-37" E 172.28 feet, a radius of 230.00 feet, and an arc length of 176.59 feet to a point; thence N 61°-18'-33" E, 195.47 feet to a point; thence N 51°-43'-04" E, 1.70 feet to a point in the South line of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, this being the Northern terminus of said easement. Said Easement to contain 0.35 acres, more or less. Said easement being subject to the existing right-of-way of Brown Section Road and all other rights-of-way and easements recorded or otherwise. All situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

(Legal descriptions for Tract 2 and Tract 3 easements prepared by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 3536, of Shawnee Survey & Consulting, Inc., Vienna, IL.)

Excepting therefrom the following described tract:

A parcel of land being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a stone found at the Southwest corner of said Quarter-Quarter section; thence N 00°-57'-32" E, 672.42 feet along the West line of said Quarter-Quarter section to an iron rod found; thence S 88°-56'-19" E, 410.41 feet to an iron rod set, this being the point of beginning; thence along new lines the following two (2) calls: Thence N 01°-15'-16" E, 345.84 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 88°-55'-47" E, 251.92 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 01°-15'-16" W, 345.80 feet to an iron rod found; thence N 88°-56'-19" W, 251.92 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel to contain 2.00 acres, more or less. Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. Per plat of survey prepared by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 3536, recorded June 9, 2006, in Record Book 277 at Page 118 in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

The parcel numbers are: 07-27-05-591-B and 07-27-05-591-B1.

The common address is: 940 Brown Section Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920.

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

Name of mortgagor: Adam Schroeder.

Name and address of mortgagee: Citizens Community Bank, 9 East Main Street, P.O. Box 157, Mascoutah, Illinois 62258.

Date of mortgage: November 14, 2008.

Date of recording: November 14, 2008.

County where recorded: Union County, Illinois.

Recording document identification: Book 310, Page 253, Document Number 2008R2968.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Union County, Illinois

Deborah J. Volmert,  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF UNION - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**WESLEY E. MISAMORE; SHERI A. VEGA AKA SHERI ANN VEGA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,**  
**14 CH 20**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Lobby of the Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Tract 1: All that part of Lots numbered 129 and 132 in Grammer's Addition to the Town (now City) of Jonesboro, Illinois, lying East of the East right of way line of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad (now abandoned). Situated in Union County, Illinois. Tract 2: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, City of Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 30; thence Northerly along the East line of the said Quarter a distance of 1,078.99 feet; thence South 87 degrees 30 minutes West a distance of 2,215.12 feet to the former Easterly right of way line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad; thence Northerly along the said former right of way line on a curve to the left of radius 2,581.48 feet a distance along the arc of 121.96 feet; thence along the said former right of way line on a curve to the left of radius 3,854.72 feet a distance along the arc of 179.24 feet to the South line of Lot 132 of Grammer's Addition to the City of Jonesboro and the point of beginning; thence continuing along the said former right of way line on a curve to the left of radius 3,854.72 feet a distance along the arc of 148.36 feet to the Southerly right of way line of Walnut Street; thence Westerly along the said Southerly right of way line a distance of 35.91 feet to the former center line of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad; thence Southwesterly along the said former center line on a curve to the right of radius 3,819.72 feet a distance along the arc of 148.44 feet to the Westerly extension of the South line of Lot 132; thence Easterly along the said extension and along the South line of said Lot 132 a distance of 36.25 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Union County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 301 South Pecan Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952. P.I.N. 14-00-07-433 & 05-30-04-072-A.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 15-032743 NOS I696514

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

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL MORGAN, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2016-P-28**

**NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of William Paul Morgan of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 21, 2016, to Paula Morgan, P.O. Box 581, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, 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, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before December 23, 2016, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor 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: June 21, 2016.

PAULA MORGAN  
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR  
INDEPENDENT  
EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN DONGOLA AND NEARBY AREAS**

**TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:**

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Dongola, Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

Sincerely,  
Ameren Illinois Forestry Department  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice pursuant to the Illinois Department of Labor certified a copy of the current prevailing wage rates for the County of Union effective July 1, 2015 are appropriately on file at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District #81 Superintendent's Office at 608 S. Main Street, Anna, IL 62906.

Anna-Jonesboro C.H.S.D.  
#81  
Board of Education  
June 20, 2016  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ANNA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Anna Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the 18th day of July, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois to consider the request of Rave, Inc. for a variation, or special use, or an amendment to the existing zoning regulations pertaining to the real estate located at 418-420 West Davie Street, Anna, Illinois, legally described as:

LOT 18 AND THE EASTERLY 18 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OFF OF LOT 20 IN B.L. WILEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF B.L. WILEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 OF SAID ADDITION; THENCE NORTH WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST DAVIE STREET A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WEST DAVIE STREET A DISTANCE OF 68.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 94 DEGREES 32 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 176.36 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 68.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 90 DEGREES 19 MINUTES A DISTANCE OF 171.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PER PLAT OF SURVEY FILED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 39, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Situated in the County of Union in the State of Illinois.

Rave, Inc. owns the subject property, and seeks to construct a home at that location which would be occupied by up to four (4) adults with developmental disabilities living in a family-like environment as a single housekeeping unit. The said property is currently subject to the provisions of the City of Anna's Ordinance Number 81-2, Section 8, R-2, providing for one and two family residences.

Rave, Inc.'s request/petition, in its entirety, is available for inspection and copying at the Anna City

Hall. All persons interested in such petition should attend and 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  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
103 Market Street  
Anna, Illinois 62906  
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### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Dongola Public Library District, pursuant to "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works", approved June 26, 1941, as amended, has determined on and effective from June 9, 2016, that the general prevailing rate of wages in this locality of laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in the construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Library District is the same as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois for Union County as of June 9, 2016. A copy of the full resolution and the Department of Labor determination is available for inspection by any interested party in the Library on North East Front Street, Dongola, Illinois, and to any employer or association of employers and any persons or association of employees who have filed or file their names and addresses, requesting copies of the same.

DONGOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By: Amy Ulrich  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Shawnee CUSD #84 Board of Education adopted a Resolution at the June 21, 2016 regular meeting establishing the prevailing wage rates for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. A copy of said resolution and the wage rates are available for public inspection at the District Office located at Shawnee Junior-Senior High school, 3365 State Route 3 North, Wolf Lake, IL.

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## Presbyterian Church celebrating 150 years of history in Anna



### Digging deep

Larry Haley and his crew of Jim Harris, Joe Parlow, Jon Lutz, Bruce Bible, Larry Miles, Gary Meyer and Dick Nance had to dig down four feet to find the time capsule that was buried in 1966. Photo provided.



### Opening time capsule

Larry Haley and Bo Utley used power tools to get the copper-clad wooden box open, while some members from 1966 watched. Shown are Donald Burnett, Jane Rader, Kim Choate Hughey, Barbara Walton Diefenbach Throgmorton, and Anne McCarty Rendleman Moore. Other long-time members present were Joe "Doc" and Pat Meller, George Chenoweth, Becky Davis Livesay Ralls and Jon Lutz. Not present, but members today who were also part of the church in 1966 are Bob and Carol Treece Shepard, Jerry Reppert, Loel Verble, Lisa Wells, Mark Mattheis and Debbie Mattheis. Photo provided.

An "Old-Fashioned Day" was recently held to commemorate the 150th year of the Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The church was founded in 1866 by a group of 17 who met at the Methodist Church in Anna.

They met in a store building until they built a wooden frame church in 1868 on the corner of Jefferson and South streets, where the church is still located today.

The present building was finished in 1898. The congregation was often in the news in the 1980s, when the vote of 98-28 (and two abstentions) passed to change the articles of incorporation for the organization to be "First Presbyterian Church" and to be separate and independent from and of any denomination.

Due to legal action with the United Presbyterians,

the members had to leave the building and met for a few years in the former racquetball center in Anna.

In 1981, the church became a charter member of the newly formed Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

In 1990, groundbreaking was held for the new education wing and in 2012 the church purchased the Main Street Center for its fellowship hall and youth activities. The Main Street Center is located in the former Sunshine Inn building.

The church invites all former members and friends to attend a "Homecoming" dinner and celebration at the Main Street Center on Sept. 24.

Those who plan to attend are asked to call 833-5225 or email office@firststepc.org, or if you have old pictures or other memorabilia.

## Wax resistant watercolor workshop set at arts center

The Anna Arts Center plans to host a two-day workshop on how to do wax resistant watercolor.

This is a batik-like process where wax is used as a resistant on watercolor paper instead of fabric. There are at least five steps and the participants will do them over three sessions in two days.

On Friday, July 8, sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A session on Saturday, July 9, will start at 9 a.m.

Janet Bixler of the Little Egypt Art Association will facilitate the workshop. She is a lifelong resident of Southern Illinois. She paints in watercolor, acrylic and oils.

She has won awards at Herrifesta, Historical Structures of Southern Il-

linois, Du Quoin State Fair and Saline, Gallatin, Williamson and Union County Fairs in Southern Illinois.

The workshop will be \$45 per person. Some materials will be provided, including: rice paper, wax, wax paper, freezer paper, some vessels in which to melt the wax, irons, one hair dryer and images.

Students need to bring watercolors, old brushes that can be discarded, watercolor brushes, a water-proof ink pen, a smooth board larger than the rice paper, an image to trace that measures 12 by 16 or 16 by 20. Larger images are easier to do.

For more information, call Nancy Young 618-614-4080 or email fancyns2@hotmail.com.



### Heritage House summer hours noted

The Heritage House Museum at 102 S. Main St., just off the square in Jonesboro, is scheduled to be open for visitors during the summer months on Sunday afternoons. Open house times on Sundays are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In July, exhibits will include the newly redecorated Lincoln-Douglas Room, patriotic quilt displays and historic exhibits throughout the house.

The Heritage House Museum is owned and operated by PAST of Union County, Promoting Appreciation of Structural Treasures and the history of the people who inhabited them. For more information, or to arrange special tours, call 833-3228 or 618-697-1870. Photo provided.

## Sunday Afternoon at Library planned July 10 at Stinson

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to host the third Sunday Afternoon at the Library program of the 2016 series on Sunday, July 10.

"The Importance of Putting" is scheduled to be presented by Brandon Bierstadt, Union County Country Club PGA professional.

The program is set for 2 p.m. in the auditorium at Stinson Memorial Library, which is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

The program will be a tutorial on putting and will benefit the young inexperienced golfer, as well as the seasoned golfer.

### Cleveland, Flamekeeper concert slated

Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper are scheduled to perform at The Old Feed Store in Cobden on Friday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Burgers, fish tacos, pulled pork and more will be available.

Tickets are available at www.theoldfeedstore.com/event/july-1-friday-michael-cleveland-and-flamekeeper/.

Michael Cleveland has 10 International Bluegrass Music Association fiddle player of the year awards under his belt.

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enced golfer, as well as the seasoned golfer.

Bierstedt plans to share tips on how golfers can improve their score by improving their putting skills.

Other Sunday Afternoon at the Library programs planned for 2016 are:

"Where We Walk," Sunday, Sept. 11: This program will be a reunion of the Union County Hiking Club. Members will lead a discussion on places in Union County where they have hiked. Other presenters will include representatives of the Shawnee National Forest/U.S. Forest Service, the River-To-River Hiking Society and the Sierra Club.

A Nov. 13 program on baking is in the planning stages.

All Sunday Afternoon at the Library programs are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the downstairs library auditorium.

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## In Memory of Lonnie Harvel

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God saw you getting tired, when a cure was not to be.

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God's garden must be beautiful, he only takes the best.

When we saw you sleeping, so peaceful and free from pain,

We could not wish you back to suffer that again.

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Sadly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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# Obituaries

## Lonnie Smith

Lonnie Smith, 80, died on June 25, 2016. He was born on Dec. 22, 1935, the son of Alonzo and Edna Blake Smith in Sand Ridge. He married his "banana-curl beauty" Joan (Lambdin) Smith (Joanie) on June 7, 1960.

God blessed their marriage with four children: son, Kerry David Smith; daughter, Angela Joan Smith; daughter, Amanda Renee (Smith) Cox; and daughter, Melissa Joy (Smith) Pulis.

He was a gifted teacher and he spent his entire life, both personally and professionally, teaching others. When he began college at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1952, he chose to pursue a degree in chemistry. He often recounted how God used an event that, on the surface, seemed to be a personal hardship, to change the course of his life and launch him on a path that was his true calling from God.

When he became ill with rheumatic fever, he was forced to drop out of college for a year. When he returned, a guidance counselor convinced him that he had fallen too far behind to return to the chemistry program, so he chose elementary education instead. He never looked back, graduating in the late 1950s with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

He began working as a fifth grade teacher at Belle Valley School District shortly thereafter. He had an ability to paint word pictures that made it easy for his students to grasp abstract concepts he wanted them to learn and remember. He was patient and wise, stern when he needed to be, but always fair. He gained a reputation in the school district as a teacher much loved by the students and respected by his peers.

After nearly 10 years as an exemplary teacher, and spending his summers earning his master's degree in education by 1962, he was promoted to school principal and remained in this job until he retired in 1992.

Many family members and friends, including his three daughters and his wife, also have had the sheer joy of sitting under his teaching in the many years he spent as a Sunday School teacher. He was an exceptional teacher because he loved to learn. He never stopped reading, studying, and exploring new ideas. He spent his life delving deeper and deeper into the Bible and sharing what he learned with others. He impacted his students with vivid work pictures and metaphors that would help them always remember the life-giving Biblical principles he presented in his classes.

These lessons were further enhanced by his personal example as he lived what he believed in his daily life. His daughters can tell you he never left the house for work in the morning until he had kissed them all and told them he loved them. The kids at school would tell you Mister Smith was always in the cafeteria to help them get that stubborn lid off their Thermos bottles. And more than one of them can recount how impressively far Mister Smith could hit the baseball on the playground.

In these past days as family and friends have spoken of Lonnie and his impact on their lives, these words are heard over and over: gentle, kind, wise, a man of integrity. He will be greatly missed, but we have learned well, and we will see him again soon.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; children Angie Smith; Mandy Cox and her husband, Dane; Melissa Pulis and her husband, Steve; grandchildren Grace Cox, Sarah Cox, Nathan Pulis and Colin Pulis; his sister, Ona; his brother, Mervan; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings Ralph Kenneth, Della, Virginia, Harold, Wilma Jean, Linda; and son Kerry.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m., June 28, at Billings Assembly of God in Billings, Mo., with the Rev. Rick Morrison officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

## Mary E. Grimes

Mary E. Grimes, 82, of rural Olmstead, and formerly of Anna, died at 10:37 p.m. Monday, June 27, at home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Lorene V. Jones

Lorene V. Jones, 91, of Anna, died at 8:15 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2016, at the Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in the Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Bobby Joe Murray

Bobby Joe Murray, 68, of Anna, died with his family at his side at 5:37 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Oct. 7, 1947, in Cobden, the son of William and Bertie Geraldine Bennett Murray.

He married Edwina Landers on Jan. 28, 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Edwina Murray of Anna; a son, Tommy (Angie) Smith of Jonesboro; two daughters, Cindy (Tim) Chamness of Anna and Eileen (Wes) Wilkins of Cobden; seven grandchildren, Jonathan Wilkins, Taylor (Bill) Miller, Josie Chamness, Katelynn Chamness, Jenna Chamness, Meghan Smith and Marlee Smith; one great-grandchild, Jalynn Chamness-Moss; three brothers, Billy (Nadine) Murray of Alto Pass, Donnie (Linda) Murray of Anna and Frankie (Janice) Murray of Anna; three sisters, Bertie Green of Alabama, Dorothy Burgess and Betty Stegle, both of Anna; three sisters-in-law, Carolyn Murray, Marion Murray and Patsy Murray; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Laverne Highland; four brothers, Robert Murray, Melvin Murray, Jimmy Murray and Charlie Murray; and one sister-in-law, Sue Murray.

He was a member of the Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden. He was a truck driver for 34 years, an avid Cub's Baseball Fan, and enjoyed spending time mowing the lawn.

Funeral services for Mr. Murray were at 1 p.m. Monday, June 27, at Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden, with the Rev. Carl Dillow officiating. Interment will be in the Alto Pass Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the church.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

## Steven M. Wright

Steven M. Wright, 35, died at 9:14 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2016, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1980, in Murphysboro, the son of Carl M. and Imogene Teller Wright.

He is survived by his parents, Carl and Imogene Wright of Anna; one sister, Kimberly (Emmanuel) Garcia of Anna; one nephew, Isaac Garcia and one niece, Mackenzie Garcia, both of Anna; maternal grandmother Marcella Teller of Anna; uncles and aunts Allen "Hot Dog" (Reva) Wright, Jim (Gladys) Johnson and family, Sharon Mansfield, Louie Teller and family, Lisa Casey and family, Mary Ann Case and family and Mitchell Teller and family; many cousins; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Carl R. and Betty J. Wright.

He was a 1999 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, the same year he was involved in an automobile accident. He has struggled over the years with medical issues, now he is at peace.

Funeral services for Mr. Wright were at 2 p.m. Monday, June 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Recent visitors of Wilburn Gibbs of River to River Residential in Anna were Pat and David Johnson, Debbie and Ronnie Mays, Jason and Sandy Partridge, Ira and Andrea Brown and sons, Shirley Miller and Sue and Steve Eudy.

Guests of Sue and Steve Eudy for a country breakfast Sunday morning were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau and Brian and Megan Eudy of Jackson, Mo.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited at the home of Roger and Cari Yates and family in Herrin on Saturday.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited Friday with Shirley Miller of McClure. Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure visited her on Monday.

Shirley Miller visited Tuesday with Steve and Sue Eudy and Ermadell Elkins of Anna.

Shirley Miller and Alma Linson of Jonesboro enjoyed lunch in Cape Girardeau on Saturday.

Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau visited Monday



## Roger Turner

Roger Turner, 59, of Cobden, died at 11:55 p.m. Sunday, June 26, 2016, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1956, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of James H. and Lenora L. Coleman Turner.

He married Debbie Davis on Sept. 14, 1985, in Union County.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Turner of Cobden; one son, Roger Jr. (Elizabeth) Turner of Jonesboro; two daughters, Kimberly Gilles and Nicole Gabbert, both of Peoria; five grandchildren; one brother, David Coleman of Fort Scott, Kan.; three sisters, Leona (Jimmy) Richardson of McClure, Judy (Mike) Ogden of Sikeston and Deborah (Carl) Elliott of East Cape Girardeau; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services for Mr. Turner were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Enloe Clemons and the Rev. Bobby Richardson officiating. Interment was in the Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Mary V. Reames

Mary V. Reames, nee Cerny, 91, of Caseyville, was born on Sept. 28, 1924, in Anna, and died on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Rosewood Care Center in Swansea.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Caseyville and was a past member of the LIFT Group in Belleville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney C. Reames; a daughter, Joyce Ann Reames; her parents, Edward and Blanche, nee Keller, Cerny; and a brother, Paul Cerny.

She is survived by her son, Billy D. (Thelma Ann) Reames of Fairview Heights; her sister, Emma Lou Feller of Litchfield; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donations can be made in the form of Masses to St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Caseyville or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be expressed to the family online at [www.kasslyfuneral.com](http://www.kasslyfuneral.com).

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Kassly Mortuary, 9900 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 1, at Kassly Mortuary in Fairview Heights, with Father Ray Schultz officiating. Interment will follow at Valhalla Gardens of Memory in Belleville.

## Ruth Aldridge

Ruth Aldridge, 95, of Johnston City, and formerly of Cobden, died at 9:07 a.m. Monday, June 27, at her home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

## Dannie Chapman

Dannie Chapman, 62, of Jonesboro, died Monday, June 27, at 10 p.m. at his home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

## "The Preaching Pen" One Bright Spot in a Darkening World

Having taught in the public school system in one capacity or another for 20 years, I've been around scores of children and one of the emerging trends I've noticed is an increased degree of laziness among our youth. Whatever happened to teaching children the value of work? What about teaching them that if they want money for toys, games, etc., they should work for it? I worked on the farm as a child and once, in youthful ignorance, when I asked about getting paid, Dad was quick to tell me that I was paid—I had a roof over my head, clothes to wear, and three good meals every day. Spending-money came from mowing grass, odd jobs, and birthday cards from relatives. Has that gone by the wayside?

There is some good news. Last week on the farm, I had most of my wheat straw baled into square bales. It was heartening to me that my 2 high-schoolers knew enough classmates willing to work that we were able to stack and haul 1300+ bales on wagons and then unload and stack them in the barn. To the parents of those boys, and you know who you are, you are to be commended for teaching your children how to work. For what it's worth, I've been fortunate enough to find help the last few years.

If you'll permit me a bit of fatherly pride, my 3 children helped in the effort. My young son kept everyone's water jug filled, my youngest daughter made sure the kitchen was clean and a meal set out at dinner time, and my oldest daughter worked just as hard in the field as the rest of the crew, and no, she wasn't driving the wagon.

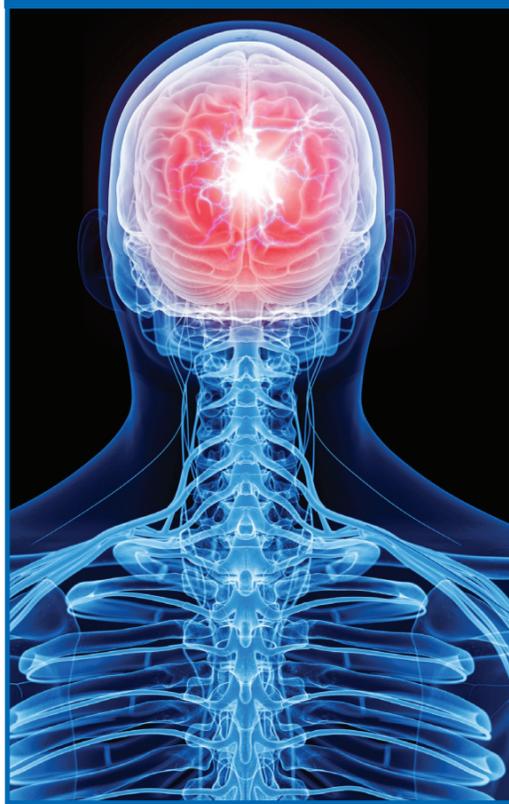
I believe the most important thing parents can teach their children is the need to be faithful in the Lord's service; faithful members in His church. Secondly, our children need to be taught responsibility and work ethic (II Thess. 3:10), for working for one's pay teaches the value of a dollar, discourages laziness, encourages productivity, and provides finances through which the Lord's work may continue.

Parents: if you still have children at home, one of the best things you can do regarding their earthly futures is to teach them early on how to work. Reward them for work well done. Let them see you working hard daily and show them that it pays to work hard and do a thorough job. Doing so is pleasing to the Lord and beneficial to society. We hope to see you this Sunday at 104 Nile St. Have a great day!

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

# HEALTHPAGE

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## Treating a Traumatic Brain Injury

A traumatic brain injury occurs when you experience an injury to the head because of an outside force. This could be due to a blow to the head or an object penetrating the skull such as a bullet.

If you or your child experience such an injury and notice any behavioral changes, you should see a doctor right away. Even with a mild injury, it is important that you receive a medical professional's opinion so you do not miss symptoms indicating a bigger problem.

Signs of mild brain injuries include difficulty concentrating, headaches and sensitivity to overstimulation. The Saint Francis Healthcare System Concussion Clinic can assess and treat mild to moderate concussion injuries.

Moderate to severe injuries, however, necessitate emergency treatment. "One of our biggest concerns is making sure your brain has sufficient oxygen and bloodflow," says **Richard H. Roettger, MD, FACS**, trauma surgeon, Saint Francis Medical Partner. "We also want to minimize swelling in the brain." In more severe cases, surgery

is sometimes necessary to remove blood clots or to elevate skull fractures.

"With severe brain injuries, the patient may require a medically induced coma," says Roettger. "When a person is in a coma, the brain needs less oxygen to function, which gives the brain more time to heal after the injury."

After the initial treatment, people who have had moderate or severe brain injuries may need physical, occupational or speech therapy. Depending on the extent of the injury, they may have to relearn how to perform daily tasks. At Saint Francis, rehabilitation typically begins in the Medical Center's state-of-the-art inpatient rehabilitation facility, where patients receive all their therapies in one location.

Once the patient leaves the hospital, he or she begins outpatient rehabilitation, which can take place at the Medical Center or in the patient's home, depending on individual needs.

For more information, visit [www.sfmc.net](http://www.sfmc.net) or call 573-331-3996.



**Richard H. Roettger, MD, FACS**

Trauma Surgeon  
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## Treat Acid Reflux

More than 60 million Americans experience acid reflux once a month, and 15 million experience it daily, according to the American College of Gastroenterology.

Acid reflux happens when the naturally occurring acid, which is already in our stomachs, moves back into the esophagus. It causes an uncomfortable heartburn sensation in the middle of our chests.

Lifestyle and dietary changes can make a big difference. Avoid foods that can trigger acid reflux, such as chocolate, peppermint, coffee and alcoholic drinks.

"Eat several small meals throughout the day, rather than a few big meals," says **Ramiro Icaza, MD**, family practice physician, Saint Francis Medical Partner.



**Ramiro Icaza, MD**

"Over-the-counter antacids are usually the first line of treatment for acid reflux because they neutralize the stomach acid," continues Icaza. "If problems persist, your doctor may recommend prescription medication to relieve the uncomfortable symptoms."

For more information on treating acid reflux, call 573-331-3996.



## New Bariatric Surgeon Joins Weight Loss Solutions

Saint Francis Medical Center now has two surgeons available to perform weight-loss surgery. **Carson C. Cunningham, MD**,



**Carson C. Cunningham, MD**

bariatric and general surgeon, Saint Francis Medical Partner, has joined fellow bariatric and general surgeon Ryan A. LeGrand, MD, at Weight Loss Solutions.

Cunningham earned his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in

Shreveport, La., and later completed his residency and laparoscopic fellowship there. He comes to Saint Francis with extensive bariatric and general surgery experience in private practice.

"I chose bariatric surgery because it is a real opportunity to dramatically improve a person's health and quality of life with one operation," he says. "Bariatric surgery is metabolic surgery. It helps obese patients control their hunger, lose weight and improve medical conditions directly related to obesity such as diabetes, hypertension, sleep apnea and joint disease. There is no diet or medication that can make such a big difference in a person's health."

To make an appointment with Cunningham, call 573-331-3996.

## Upcoming Events

- JUL 6** **Heart and Health Screening**  
7-10 am  
Saint Martha Conference Room
- JUL 6** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Healthy Weigh Clinic
- JUL 9** **Preparation for Childbirth Class**  
9 am-noon  
Saint Padre Pio Conference Room
- JUL 11** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 11:30 am-12:30 pm  
Healthy Weigh Clinic
- JUL 12** **Stepping Stones Bereavement Support**, 6-7 pm  
Hospice Services Lobby
- JUL 13** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Healthy Weigh Clinic
- JUL 18** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 11:30 am-12:30 pm  
Healthy Weigh Clinic
- JUL 20** **Heart and Health Screening**  
7-10 am  
Saint Martha Conference Room
- JUL 20** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Healthy Weigh Clinic

For more information or to register, visit [www.sfmc.net](http://www.sfmc.net) or call 573-331-3996.



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**Saturday, July 16, at 10 am • Call 573-331-3996 to register.**

## Anna church hosts cyclists who are helping to support cancer patients

**By Amber Skelton**  
On Tuesday, June 21, Team San Diego of the 4K for Cancer organization pulled into Harvest Church in Anna for the day.

Team San Diego is a group of 22 college-aged bicyclists riding from Baltimore, Md., to San Diego, Calif.

They each have been touched by cancer and the experience has inspired them to take action to help raise money and support for young adults aged 15-39 who are fighting cancer.

Christina Schroeder, a member of the team who graduated from college in South Dakota, said that it's important that the fundraising efforts are focused on young adults.

"Most other cancer programs focus on pediatrics, which is great, and geriatrics, which is also great,

but then there's not a lot of focus on that huge range group," Schroeder said.

"We're going through these life changing stages during this time, so when people in that age get cancer, it robs them of so many opportunities."

Schroeder was impacted by the diagnosis of her best friend's 7-year-old cousin.

In response, Schroeder created a fundraiser and donated 26 inches of hair alongside other volunteers.

Sonja Wagner, another rider on the team, graduated from college in Florida.

She has been diagnosed with, and survived, cancer five times since 2009.

This is Sonja's second ride with 4K for Cancer.

They were on day 17 of 70 on the day they reached Anna.

The team is riding more than 4,000 miles across the

country to raise money for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, an organization that provides resources and support to young adults fighting cancer.

Every rider on Team San Diego went through a thorough application and training process to ensure they understood the mission of the journey and that they were physically and mentally prepared for the trip.

The riders each raised a minimum of \$4,500 to join the ride.

Three other teams of riders and two teams of runners are participating this summer with 4K for Cancer.

The organization's fundraising goal is \$1 million for the year. They are currently past three-quarters of their goal.

To learn more about 4K for Cancer and the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, go online to [4kforcancer.org](http://4kforcancer.org) or [ulmancancerfund.org](http://ulmancancerfund.org).

To follow Christina Schroeder and Team San Diego's journey as they complete the 70 day ride, go to [onesmallbike.wordpress.com](http://onesmallbike.wordpress.com), or follow Sonja Wagner at [myepicjourney.net](http://myepicjourney.net).



## A-J football team helps veterans

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team held a car wash with some help from volunteers and staff at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna on Friday, June 17. The players earned community service hours and gave back to the residents who are living at the veterans home. All proceeds were donated to the member's benefit fund, which is used to purchase items of amusement and special comfort for the residents. Photo by Amber Skelton.

## Arts Center welcomes entries for contest

The Anna Arts Center's Strictly Digital 8 by 10 Black-n-White or Color Photography Contest and Exhibit is scheduled July 9 through Aug. 7.

The exhibit will be on display at the arts center, which is located 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The open, juried photography competition is for amateur, advanced and professional photographers. All entries will be exhibited.

Only digital photography will be accepted into the exhibit.

All images must be 8 inches by 10 inches and can be either black and white or color. All subject matter is eligible. Manipulated photographs and experimental methods are allowed.

Work must be suitably framed and prepared for hanging. Glazing other than

glass is strongly recommended. Only single ply glass is allowed.

Simple narrow black frames are preferred. No wide or ornate frames should be used. Mats should be either white or off-white.

The appropriate entry tag must be applied to the upper left corner at the back of the photograph. All entries must be the original creation of the entrant.

A \$20 entry fee entitles the entrant to submit three entries. A \$25 entry fee will admit four entries. Checks are to be made to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council.

Entries must be hand delivered to the Anna Arts Center. One person may deliver several people's work to the arts center. Delivery of work is July 5-6, 10 a.m. to noon or 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; or July 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The following prizes will be awarded: Black and white: first, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$30. Color: first, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$30.

Additional merit award ribbons may be assigned at the discretion of the juror. Awards will be presented during a reception scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Sales will be encouraged. The Shawnee Hills Arts Council will retain a 20 percent commission on any works sold during the exhibition. Prices stated by the entrant must include this commission. Works can be picked up Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. or Aug. 8-11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact Nancy Young at 618-614-4080 or email [fancynsy2@hotmail.com](mailto:fancynsy2@hotmail.com).



Team San Diego of the 4K for Cancer organization. Photo provided.

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# A variety of activities, including fireworks displays, are planned in the area in celebration of Independence Day on Monday, July 4th.

## Cape Girardeau Celebration

An Independence Day celebration is planned Monday, July 4, in Cape Girardeau.

Patriotic music will be presented by the Cape Girardeau Municipal Band at 6:45 p.m.

A U.S. naturalization ceremony is planned at 7:15 p.m. A Southeast Missourian newspaper Spirit of America Award ceremony and patriotic program are planned at 8 p.m.

The music, naturalization ceremony and Spirit of America programs will take place on Spanish Street near the Common Pleas Courthouse steps.

Fireworks on the Mississippi River front are planned at 9:15 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the fireworks will be moved to 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 5.

## Anna Celebration

A traditional Independence Day fireworks display is planned on July 4 at the Anna City Park in Anna. The rain date for the display is Tuesday, July 5.

The fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk. The event is sponsored by the Anna Fire Department with support from the community.

## Tamms Celebration

The annual Tamms 4th of July celebration is planned at the Tamms City Park on Monday, July 4.

Food will be served by Tom's Place. Donnie Blaney will serve barbeque.

Kids' games and face painting are planned.

Live music will be presented by Steve Hornbeak. Door prizes will be awarded.

The fire department plans to sponsor its third annual car, truck and bike show. All vehicles are welcome to be a part of the open entry event.



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## Goreville Celebration

Goreville plans to host a Freedom Fest community celebration on July 4.

Freedom Run 2016 is set for 7:30 a.m. and will feature a 5K run/walk and kids fun run.

An FFA car and tractor show is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Johnson County Cloggers will perform at 2:15 p.m. and a gospel music concert will begin at 3 p.m.

A parade is set for 4 p.m. Jackson Junction will perform beginning at 6 p.m. A fireworks display will follow the concert.

## Carbondale Celebration

A fireworks display is planned in Carbondale at 9 p.m. on July 4. The display will be at the Carbondale Superblock.

## Metropolis Celebration

Harrah's Metropolis is hosting a Hometown Celebration on Saturday, July 2.

The celebration is planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the parking lot at Harrah's Metropolis Casino, which is located between Ferry Street and Metropolis Street.

The event will feature music, a Kid's Zone and food and drinks available to purchase. A fireworks display is planned at about 9:15 p.m.

A one-time \$5 entry fee is required for anyone 2 years and older, which will benefit the Harrah's Metropolis School Supply Giveaway, which is held in July.

Another display of fireworks is planned Monday, July 4, at Washington Park. The display is hosted by the Farmer family in memory of the late Steven Farmer.

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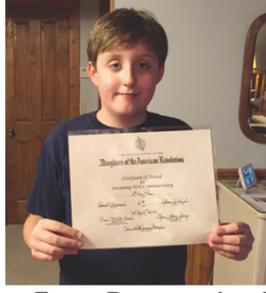
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



**Evan Ray received the DAR award for outstanding history student. His teacher said he had taught her new things. Evan will be in the 6th grade at Anna Junior High School.**



**Carlena and Loyd Thompson received word from their granddaughter, Airman First Class Faith Odom stationed at Vance Air Force Base, of her latest award. She received the Air Force Achievement medal and a certificate for outstanding achievement. It was presented in recognition for outstanding achievement in her six-month tour of duty in Kuwait.**



**Bradley Casper donated 10 inches of curly hair to Pantene for wigs for cancer patients. Sarah Sullens cut his hair and mailed it for them.**

## 4th of July

May everyone have a blessed 4th of July.

## Trip

For one of Elijah Glen Ellis 14th birthday presents his parents Curt and Bessie Mae took him to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for a week.

They enjoyed the Dollywood Amusement Park, the sky lift, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Hillbilly Golf, go carts and shopping.

They ate at the Old Mill established in 1830. They drove through Cades Cove, a farming community from the 1800s.

They visited the Primitive Baptist Church organized on June 16, 1827, the John Oliver Place and many other structures along the 11 mile loop.

They enjoyed driving through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park to Cherokee, N.C. They ended their trip by shopping at the Smokie Mountain Knife Works store.

## 6th Birthday

Kenleigh Wheaton celebrated her 6th birthday on June 22. There were two parties held with family and friends to help her celebrate.

She is the granddaughter of Randy and Kathy Wheaton and Michelle and Steve Mayes of Jonesboro. Kenleigh is here on vacation from Oklahoma.

## 10th Birthday

Emily Belcher celebrated her birthday with a party Sunday afternoon.

## Motorcycle Trip

Fred Nekola and James Thorn enjoyed riding their motorcycles on the Dragons Tail throughout the Great Smoky Mountains.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

There will be a clothes give away Thursday, today, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, July 1, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be clothes, shoes, etc. Donations are also welcome.

## Luminaries

A special thanks to Janis Shannon, Janet Mears and Kay McRaven for luminaries in memory of their mother, Magdalene E. Whiteside, who passed away at a young age, for the Union County Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society.

## Connect Point Church

For the first time Connect Point Church gave 50 families a gallon of milk, a loaf of bread and a bag full of food in one day.

For the last several weeks they have been feeding 40 families per week but with this weeks contribution from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Ladies Ministry along with Connect Point's weekly budget they accomplished this miracle.

Several Christian brothers and sisters in Union County from other churches have donated to this ministry but in the four and a half years of Connect Point's existence this was the first time another church openly joined with them.

They are so very grateful because at the end of the day all are on the same team.

There are many wonderful organizations and people out there fighting poverty that do it and don't tell anyone.

The family members of Connect Point Church's only goal in announcing what they do each week is to bring awareness to the poverty problem in our county and surrounding counties. Together in unity so much more can be accomplished.

## Guest

Guest of Melba and Bethany Nork and family was Melba's sister Carol Kleespies from Sioux City, Iowa.

## Anna Eastern Star

Anna Star Chapter's, Scholarship dinner was June 16.

They celebrated with Dalen Trent, a high school graduate and honor student of Dongola, and Taylor Tomazzoli, an honor student and graduate of Cobden High School.

They served a fried chicken dinner and had a wonderful time visiting with the Trent and Tomazzoli families.

The students will receive a \$500 scholarship

to help them as they begin their college education.

## Logan Village Tours

Marie Samuel is working at Logan College Historical Village Tuesday at 10 a.m. helping give tours of a one room school, log cabin, etc.

## Anniversaries

June 20 Tim and Amy Casper 18 years, Moury and Nancy Bass 35 years, 22 Jonathan and Jessica Carter,

## Birthdays

June 20 Teresa Goddard, Lisa Hicks, Linda Lutz, Shannon Archey, June 24 Mandy Butler, Cathy McHughes, Tim Bowen, 26 Chris Foster, Elijah Glen Ellis, Gail Steck, Jody Boner, Keith Cotton, Johthan Barnhart, Mike Gee, Mike Wilson, Drew Holshouser 10th birthday, 27 Teresa Poole, Karen Robinson, Mark Roath, Jacqueline Meirndorf, Hillary Hines, Charlotte Reagan, Angela Landes, 28 Rick Allen, Kevin MacDonald, Stuart James, 29 Diane St. Arbor, Avery Page, Lane Patterson, Matt Wettig, 30 Janet Lawrence, Kristen Cameron, July 1 Angie Stoner, Martha Garrett, Emily Waynick, 2 Irene Marshall, Sonja Underwood, Bob Yana.

## Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at Bandanas in Carbondale for their July meeting. The meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m.

## Missionary Work

Forty members of Cobden, First Baptist Church, along with roughly 300 others from across the country, traveled to Savannah, Tenn., to help the Baptist Church Builders of Texas build a church for Riverview Baptist Church last week. Shelly Pender was among those helping.

## Get Well List

Jim Courtright, Doris Womick, Monica Russell, Angie Bryant, Doris Sims, Carrie Gibson, Nancy Ragain, Jim Byassee, Elizabeth Corbit, Rich Elliot, Eunice Chambers, Robert Andrews, Sara Russell Mann, Jonathan Pengress, Kendra Edwards, Kenny Powers, Tracey Craig, Jim Saylor, Jim Mueller, Larry Bentley, Nancy Lyerla, Lois Clutts, Roger Crews.

I have had many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep them in your prayers.

## VFW

Thursday, today, barbeque and chips will be served from noon until 8 p.m. for a \$4 donation.

Saturday, July 2, is the annual fish fry. Serving will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. A donation of \$5 per adult is requested. Children 12 and under eat free.

The Auxiliary to the VFW will be taking dues from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The new pins are really nice this year and will be sold also. They also have a wreath made by Melody Meadows that will be raffled off that day.

Peggy will be here with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Men's Auxiliary will be smoking pork butts on July 16. The cost is only \$35.

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**Reagan Morrison left Monday to serve the country in the U.S. Navy. She was honored with a going away party. Please keep her in your prayers.**

Freddy Morse will be leaving for the Army. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Military Prayer List

New military list: please send me a name if you want them in the military list please. If you have a loved one in the service e-mail, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

Reagan Morrison left Monday to serve our country in the Navy, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Sean Stadelbacher, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitmountain.



**Rev. Dr. Ray Long was honored with a cake and going away party after church Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Anna. He has been a blessing to the church family and will be missed.**



**The Carter family had a fun day Saturday. They all got out and looked at the Ohio River while crossing over to Kentucky. Myan, Thomas, Karynna, Pa, Pa Jim, Wesley, Jonathan, Lakelyn and Caroline. Grammy Sandy was taking picture. The tug boat's name was Loni Jo, in the port of Cave In Rock, Ill. It took them over to Marion, Ky., where they spent the day, ate at a neat restaurant named Main Street Italian Grill and went to the Amish store on the way back. Once back across the family explored the Cave in the Park.**



**Members and friends of Connect Point Church delivered food to 50 families in Anna Saturday.**



**Curt, Elijah and Bessie Ellis enjoyed a trip to Tennessee and North Carolina for Elijah's 14th birthday June 26.**

## Girl Scout Swim Party Saturday, July 9 6-8 p.m. Anna City Pool

The pool party is open to all registered Girl Scouts and their families. If you would like to bring food or drinks to share, please contact David Waun. There will be a registration table set up for new members.

For registration information, please contact Ashley at 697-8627.



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# Jonesboro School Junior Beta Club completes recycling service project

The Jonesboro School Junior Beta Club sponsored and completed a community wide recycling project. During 2014-2015, plastic lids were collected. Several churches and businesses helped the school collect the lids.

At the end of the project, Jonesboro School had collected thousands of plastic lids and caps, totaling over 800 pounds, to make two benches.

Beta students had to clean, sort and weigh all

of the lids. The plastic lids were then taken to Green Tree Recycling in Evansville, Ind.

There is a \$200 fee to make each bench. The Jonesboro School PTO paid for one of the benches in memory of former teacher Amy Blaise.

The Class of 2015 paid for the other bench as a class gift to the school.

The benches were placed on two of the school's playgrounds this spring.



## Students of the quarter

Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored students of the fourth quarter. The students were honored at a June 21 meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education. They were selected for academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. They received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. From left are Trenton Flannell, 7th grade; board president LaRae Verble-Whitaker; and Kelci Baber, 3rd grade. Students Rayah Huffman, Kirsten Pitts, Autumn McMahan and Chapman Hill could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

## Alligator snapping turtle program set at Cache River

The Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress plans to host a program about the alligator snapping turtle on Saturday, July 2, at 10 a.m. The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources natural heritage biologist Scott Ballard is leading a long-term conservation effort to return

the state threatened alligator snapper, the world's largest freshwater turtle, to its documented historical range.

The program will feature more information about Ballard's project, the natural history of the species and a close-up view of one of the creatures.

For more information, contact the wetlands center at 618-657-2064.

# Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

Lowell and Vermel Huckleberry hosted the Common Bond Sunday school class for the June 16 fellowship at their Jonesboro home. It was so hot we had to eat inside. But food was delicious and games were enjoyed.

Marty Shadowns from Benton sang June 21 for Young at Heart at Anna Heights.

Joey McMahon is retiring from teaching in Georgia and will start at the new Marion High School this fall. He teaches Spanish.

Bon and Jean Kohler had an anniversary June 18.

We celebrated our 55th anniversary eating and shopping on June 24.

Jim Goddard had a birthday June 20 and Eugene Kohler June 21. Fred Schlenker will have a birthday July 4.

I thank Joe McMahon for the renewal of his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## Farmers market, trade day planned

On July 2, a farmers market and trade day are planned on Front Street in downtown Olmsted from 8 a.m. to noon.

There is no cost to vendors. The day will feature yard sale and flea market items, vegetables, baked goods, food and more.

For more information, contact Olmsted City Hall at 618-742-6487.

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## Beta members

Beta members Mikayla Bundren and Luca Mays show the lids that were collected for the recycling service project. Photo provided.



## Enjoying one of benches

Breanna Smith, Shanna Tripp and Riley Benns sat and talked on one of the benches during recess. Photo provided.

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7 PM	BattleBots (HD)	Big Bang (31) Pieces	Bones (HD)	Trials "Swimming Trials"	BattleFrog College (T)	2 Broke	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	Real Sports - Stuck Mid.	★★★ "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" (15) (HD)	Outcast (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)	7:30	Greatest Hits	Big Brother (HD)	Home Free (HD)	Spartan: Team Challenge	O.J.: Made in America "Part 4" Murder trial. (HD)	Big Bang	Queen of the South (HD)	Stuck Mid.	VICE (HD)	★★★ "American Sniper" (15) Deadliest sniper (HD)	Gigolos
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6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Free Agency (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	"Movie"	"Titans"	(-05) Game of Thrones	Roadies (HD)	6:30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Free Agency (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	"Movie"	"Titans"	(-05) Game of Thrones	Roadies (HD)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Rosewood (HD)	Trials "Swimming Trials"	BattleFrog College (T)	Big Bang	Mod Family	"Movie"	(-05) Game of Thrones	Outcast Possession case.	Roadies (HD)	7:30	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 "Kuleana"	MasterChef (HD)	Trials (Live) (HD)	O.J.: Made in America "Part 5" Not guilty. (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Mod Family	Mod Family	VICE (HD)	★★★ "Michael Jackson's Journey" (16)
8 PM	20/20 Investigative news.	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Walk Prank	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	(-35) Outcast (HD)	Roadies (HD)	8:30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Mod Family	VICE (HD)	★★★ "Michael Jackson's Journey" (16)	
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6 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Countdown NASCAR Sprint Cup "Coke Zero 400" from Daytona Int. Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. (Live) (HD)	NBA Free Agency (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	NCIS "Hereafter" (HD)	Undercover Liv Maddie	★★★ "Jem & Holograms" (15)	(4:00) ★★ "The Godfather Epic" (16, Crime) Martin Brando, Al Pacino. The men of the Corleone family run an organized crime syndicate. (HD)	Roadies "Life Is a Carnival"	6:30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	NBA Free Agency (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	NCIS "Hereafter" (HD)	Undercover Liv Maddie	★★★ "Jem & Holograms" (15)	(4:00) ★★ "The Godfather Epic" (16, Crime) Martin Brando, Al Pacino. The men of the Corleone family run an organized crime syndicate. (HD)	Roadies "Life Is a Carnival"
7 PM	People's List (HD)	Angel Hell	Angel Hell	48 Hours	48 Hours	Big Bang	NCIS "Detour" (HD)	Bizaardvark	"Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(-15) "The Last Witch Hunter" (15, Action)	Ray Donovan (HD)	7:30	20/20: In an Instant "In an Instant: Desert Dog Rescue"	48 Hours	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Big Bang	NCIS "Prime Suspect" (HD)	Undercover	★★★ "Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(-15) "The Last Witch Hunter" (15, Action)	Roadies "Life Is a Carnival"	
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6 PM	Funniest Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Bob's Brgr	Trials "Track & Field Trials"	Baseball (Live) (HD)	★★★ "Talladega Night" (06)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Movie"	"Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(5:35) ★★ "Polaris" (15)	Ray Donovan (HD)	6:30	Local Programs Local info.	Baseball (Live) (HD)	★★★ "Talladega Night" (06)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Movie"	"Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(5:35) ★★ "Polaris" (15)	Ray Donovan (HD)			
7 PM	Celebrity Family Feud (HD)	(01) Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons Brooklyn	Trials "Swimming Trials"	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins vs Atlanta Braves from Fort Bragg, N.C. (Live) (HD)	★★★ "Step Brothers" (08, Comedy) Sibling rivalry. (R)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Movie"	"Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(5:35) ★★ "Polaris" (15)	Ray Donovan (HD)	7:30	The \$100,000 Pyramid (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Family Guy Last Man	American Ninja Warrior "Oklahoma City Qualifier" (HD)	Local	★★★ "Step Brothers" (08, Comedy) Sibling rivalry. (R)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Movie"	"Suffragette" (15) Suffragettes work to fight for equality.	(5:35) ★★ "Polaris" (15)	Ray Donovan (HD)
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MONDAY												JULY 4, 2016											
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6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians from Progressive Field (Live)	A. Tribeca	NCIS "An Eye for an Eye"	Austin (HD)	★★★ "San Andreas" (15)	"Joe Versus Volcano"	HomeLand Time runs out.	6:30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians from Progressive Field (Live)	A. Tribeca	NCIS "An Eye for an Eye"	Austin (HD)	★★★ "San Andreas" (15)	"Joe Versus Volcano"	HomeLand Time runs out.
7 PM	The Bachelorette (HD)	Mom (HD)	Think You Can Dance	Macy's 4th Fireworks America's birthday. (HD)	Local	Wrecked	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	"Adventures in Babysitting" (16, Family) (NR)	"Independence Day" (96) Alien spacecrafts destroy entire cities.	(-10) "Horrible Bosses 2" (14) Kidnapping plot. (HD)	Roadies (HD)	7:30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Wrecked	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	"Adventures in Babysitting" (16, Family) (NR)	"Independence Day" (96) Alien spacecrafts destroy entire cities.	(-10) "Horrible Bosses 2" (14) Kidnapping plot. (HD)	Roadies (HD)	
8 PM	(01) Mistresses "Lean In"	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Macy's 4th Fireworks	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Wrecked	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	"Adventures in Babysitting" (16, Family) (NR)	"Independence Day" (96) Alien spacecrafts destroy entire cities.	(-10) "Horrible Bosses 2" (14) Kidnapping plot. (HD)	Roadies (HD)	8:30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Wrecked	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	"Adventures in Babysitting" (16, Family) (NR)	"Independence Day" (96) Alien spacecrafts destroy entire cities.	(-10) "Horrible Bosses 2" (14) Kidnapping plot. (HD)	Roadies (HD)	
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# Opinion and Commentary



## 'When in the Course of human events...'

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

Those words from the Declaration of Independence are so familiar – and they should be.

"The Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty," the National Archives declares on its website.

Our most cherished symbol of liberty was drafted by Thomas Jefferson in June of 1776. The document was adopted on July 4, 1776.

The National Archives has noted that the "exalted and unforgettable phrases" crafted by Thomas Jefferson "expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people."

The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers.

What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

For many of us, July 4 will be a holiday, a welcomed day off. Perhaps, as we pause to celebrate our nation's birthday, we can heed the advice of the National Archives and take the time to read the Declaration of Independence. At the least, we might consider the opening paragraph of the document, and its closing words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

## Independence Day events set at 'Liberty Bell of West'

The first capital of Illinois plans to celebrate two big anniversaries on July 4: the signing of the Declaration of Independence and Kaskaskia's capture from British forces during the American Revolution.

The free events will take place at the Kaskaskia Bell State Memorial, home of the "Liberty Bell of the West," which is now 275 years old.

Activities are scheduled to include remarks by the mayor of Waterloo, the tolling of church bells, music,

appearances by historic interpreters and more.

On July 4, 1778, George Rogers Clark and his men reached Kaskaskia, seizing it from the British and bringing the colonies' battle for independence to the western edge of British territory in North America.

Villagers celebrated by ringing a bell that is known today as "the Liberty Bell of the West."

Made in 1741, the bell is actually older than Philadelphia's Liberty Bell, and

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### This week, a time travel adventure...

This week, we're going on a bit of a time travel adventure.

By its very nature, the newspaper business allows one to experience time travel. You see, we're pretty much in the business of the past. We rely on what has already happened, especially in the weekly newspaper business. I suppose "news" really isn't "new," since by the time we know that something is news, it's already old.

That's why I find it quite fascinating to watch today's electronic media, with their seemingly constant message of live, up to the second "news," whatever that might be. I keep waiting for somebody to let us know that their next story will be about something that is about to happen, but hasn't yet.

Yes, as you can tell, I have spent way, way too much time wandering around in the Southern Illinois summer heat and humidity...

...which brings us back to our time travel adventure. We're going to travel all the way back to the third Saturday in June.

On Saturday evening, June the eighteenth, in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, yours truly went on one of his daily meanderings.

I try to go for a walk every day. Hopefully, such exercise will help to keep yours truly at least somewhat vaguely healthy. We shall see.

I may have mentioned this before, but when I sent out on a walk, I really do not know which route I will be taking. Sometimes, I head to the west. Sometimes, to the east. Going south would take me into the neighbors' garage, which probably would not be so smart. Going north would take me into our backyard.

So, I head east or west, and go where I go.

On the particular aforementioned Saturday in June, I basically headed in the direction of the downtown area in the little village where we call home. I was hoping to catch sight of a little lost dog which had been the focus of a lot of attention. I didn't see the dog, but that story did have a happy ending. The dog found its way back home, which was a very good thing.

Anyway, while I was wandering through the heat and humidity of a June evening, I happened to hear fiddle music. A fiddle, as you may know, is a down-home violin. As such, a fiddle is much more fun to listen to.

Along with the sound of fiddle music, there was singing. A female voice, to be more specific. The singing sounded like old-timey music, which I happen to like.

This was quite a pleasant surprise. I don't often hear music while I'm on a walk. My curiosity was piqued. I decided to find the source of the music, which I did. A young lady named Beth, from Carbondale, was playing the fiddle. She was being accompanied by Dakota, a local musician, on guitar. They were getting ready to perform at the Yellow Moon in downtown Cobden. (The Yellow Moon has new awnings, by the way.) They were quite good. I sat. I listened. They said it was OK to take some pictures. So, I did.

At about the same time, I learned that a special birthday party was being celebrated in the Yellow Moon.

Betty Renzaglia of Carbondale was celebrating her



A 95th birthday celebration was being held for Betty Renzaglia of Carbondale. Her special birthday was June 22.



Beth was "warming up" in the summer heat prior to performing at the Yellow Moon.

95th birthday. Wow. 95. Her daughter, Karen Renzaglia, also of Carbondale, asked if I could take a picture. Sure. That's what I do.

Joining Betty for her celebration were Mike (a nephew) and Jan Guidinger, who came all the way from Alberta, Canada; and Wayne, Miguel and Andres Womack, all from Makanda, which is not in Canada. As far as I know.

I hope I got the names right for the birthday celebration. The information was written on a card which I found at the Yellow Moon. I also had to borrow a pair of reading glasses. I use a 250. These were a 300. They worked.

After shooting some pics, it was time to resume my walk. The party, and the music, continued.

So, there you have it. Now, let's get back to Thursday, or whatever day it might be.

## Page from the Past From the files of The Gazette-Democrat 50 Years Ago, June 30, 1966

Once again, the Anna City Police have promised a huge fireworks display at the Anna City Park for the Fourth of July. They have never failed to entertain both young and old and each year the fireworks get "bigger and brighter."

Many church bells in Union County will ring Monday, July 4, at 1:00 p.m. for two minutes. Governor Otto Kerner has asked Illinois cities and villages to participate in the third annual "Let Freedom Ring" celebration on the Fourth of July.

Construction work is about 30 percent complete on the eight building public housing complex being built in Jonesboro.

The Peoples Fruit and Vegetable Market, Cobden, reported that some light shipping is being done. However, due to the late spring, tomatoes are just now coming in and are from ten days to two weeks late.

Lodi apple harvest is in full swing in the southern third of Illinois this week.

Buncombe's new post office will be dedicated at 1:00 Tuesday, July 5, at the school gymnasium.

Dr. Time's Office presented by the M.C.M.L. and the 4 Leaf 4-H was the winning act at the annual Union County 4-H Share-The-Fun Festival at the Jonesboro school, Thursday evening.

Plans are being completed for patients at the Anna State Hospital to attend the Fourth of July program at the Anna City Park.

From the Western Saratoga news: Don't forget the Annual Homecoming at the Saratoga Park, Saturday night, July 9.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of World War I held their regular monthly meeting Sunday, June 26, at 2 p.m., at the American Legion Home.

it is no longer rung for fear of damaging it.

Activities at the state memorial are scheduled to begin at 12:30, Monday, July 4.

Plate lunches and other refreshments will be available. Some chairs will be available, but visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

The event is sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which operates the memorial; the Chester Veterans of Foreign

Wars and American Legion posts; the City of Chester; and the Kaskaskia Church Foundation.

Kaskaskia Bell State Memorial is located on an island in the Mississippi River, about 60 miles southeast of St. Louis.

Kaskaskia is reachable only from Missouri. Travelers must go to St. Mary, Mo., take Highway 61 to the Old Channel Bridge, turn right and then follow Kaskaskia Bell markers for 5 miles.

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