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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

A high-speed chase last Saturday on I-57 which involved a motorcycle briefly came through Union County. The incident also involved Pulaski and Johnson counties.

A sure sign that a new school year is approaching: several Union County schools are announcing tryouts for sports teams.

St. John's Lutheran Church near Dongola is planning to commemorate its 200th anniversary in September.

Country Financial plans to host a community appreciation day event with food, music, games and more from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Anna City Park in Anna.

WIBH radio is planning to host a community appreciation pool party from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Anna Pool.

Rural Health Inc. in Anna is planning to celebrate National Health Center Week on Aug. 10-11.

Union County will be a part of the first River to River yard sale, which is planned Aug. 4-6.

The Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Board are planning to present an Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Award. Information about nominations can be found on the Illinois Farm Bureau's website.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health have announced a plan to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne diseases in the state.

Water used during the training was pumped out of the pond at the Anna City Park. The water then was sprayed back into the pond.



Firefighter training held at Anna Park

Firefighters from throughout Union County gathered last week for a training exercise in Anna. The training event was held Thursday evening, July 14, at the Anna City Park.

Anna Fire Department Chief Gary Rider organized the event. Nearly 30 firefighters from the Anna, Alto Pass, Cobden, Dongola and Ware-Wolf Lake fire departments were able to be on hand.

The training focused on utilizing water sources which would be available in areas where there are no fire hydrants. For last week's training, the water came from a pond at the Anna City Park.

Water was pumped out of the pond into tanker trucks and then transported to portable tanks which had been set up for the training. The water was pumped from the trucks into the portable tanks, and then pumped into the Anna Fire Department's new ladder truck. The water then was pumped back into the pond.

Rider said that the goal of the training was to give firefighters from throughout the county an opportunity to work together. Further sessions are planned.



Water was pumped out of the pond at the park into portable tanks which were being used for the training.

Sheriff's office deputies equipped with body cameras

Union County Sheriff's Office deputies are now equipped with body worn cameras.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said that deputies who are assigned to the department's patrol division have been issued and equipped with the body worn cameras since July 1.

Harvel said in a news release that sheriff's deputies will be required to wear the recording devices at all times while on duty.

The cameras will be activated during any interaction with the public.

"The decision to equip

sheriff's deputies with body worn cameras is a measure to promote professionalism, accountability and transparency during interactions with the public," the sheriff stated.

"Body worn cameras will record an unbiased account of the citizen contact and accurately document their encounter with law enforcement."

The sheriff said the cameras "will be an aid in the collection of potential evidence and a great tool to evaluate the performance of sheriff's deputies during public interactions."

"Body worn cameras may also have a profound effect that could potentially deescalate a hostile encounter with a citizen when the citizen is aware that they are being recorded."

The sheriff's office acquired a total of 11 of the cameras. Eight are in use at this time.

The cameras cost a total of about \$4,500. The cameras were purchased with a matching grant received from the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, which is Union County's insurance carrier, and funds available through the sheriff's anti-crime fund.

Sheriff issues report

The Union County Sheriff's Office made more than 100 arrests during June. The arrest totals were shared in a monthly activity report for June which was issued by Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel.

The report included the following statistics: Felony arrests, nine. Misdemeanor arrests, 19. Traffic arrests, 74. Warrant arrests, five. Total arrests, 107.

Cases opened, 43. Drug investigations, nine. Crash reports, 22. 911 calls received, 1,976. Miles patrolled, 12,822.

Cases for June

June 6, controlled substance, prescription pills, Jonesboro. June 7, methamphetamine lab, Jonesboro.

June 13, controlled substance investigation, Anna. June 21, methamphetamine lab dump site, Lick Creek.

June 21, heroin/methamphetamine investigation, Anna. June 22, methamphetamine investigation, Jonesboro.

June 26, cannabis investigation, Anna. June 27, methamphetamine investigation, Dongola. June 27, methamphetamine investigation, Jonesboro.

Union County 911 Calls Summary
Landline, 262. VOIP, 26. Wireless, 1,688. Total, 1,976.

Pokestops, gyms: Pokemon GO comes to Union County

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

The nationwide phenomenon, Pokemon GO, has been downloaded on millions of mobile devices, including many in Union County.

Pokemon GO is a free game that is downloadable on iPhone and Android devices.

The app uses gps tracking and Google Maps to help the user hunt pokemon, get items and battle other pokemon with friends and competitors.

When the user opens the app, a map appears. They either see just the map itself with their character on it, a wild pokemon, a pokestop or a gym, depending on where the user is.

The pokemon show up on the map at random. The user clicks on it and has to catch it with a pokeball.

Once it is captured, the user can power it up, transfer it for candy or evolve it. The pokemon is then used to battle competitors to gain a gym or to leave at their teams' gym.

A gym is where the users battle each other. Usually, either Team Mystic (blue), Team Valor (red) or Team Instinct (yellow) has control of the gym.

The higher the level, the more pokemon from the same team can be left at the gym to protect it from another team.

If the users team does not control the gym, they battle with pokemon to gain control.

Gyms are typically located at post offices, fire departments and other buildings.

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Pokemon GO players

Staff members at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna were using their smartphones one day last week to play Pokemon GO.



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Storm clouds over Anna
Storm clouds once again were seen in the sky over Anna on Wednesday evening, July 13. The picture was taken shortly after 5 p.m. Some areas received heavy rain at the time.

State's attorney reports sentencing of six persons

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported the sentencing of six persons to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Alex E. Pulliam, 21, of Tunnel Hill has been sentenced to three years after pleading guilty to aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony.

Pulliam struck a Union County Sheriff's Office deputy while in the holding area at the sheriff's office in March.

Ashley M. Wilson, 33, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years after pleading guilty to aggravated driving while under the influence of drugs, a Class 2 felony.

Wilson was arrested in December 2014 following a traffic stop by the Cobden Police Department.

Kyle D. Weatherington, 31, of Harrisburg, has been sentenced to three years after pleading guilty to burglary, a Class 2 felony.

Weatherington was arrested in May 2015 following an investigation by the Anna Police Department.

The investigation showed he entered an Anna retailer in February 2015 with the intent to commit a forgery.

The sentence will run consecutively to a six year sentence for residential burglary which was imposed in Saline County.

James Garrett, 47, of Cobden, has been sentenced to three years after pleading guilty to knowingly giving false information, a Class 3 felony.

Garrett was arrested in May 2015 after giving false information by failing to report an internet protocol address in his sex offender registration as required by the Sex Offender Registration Act.

Joshua A. Parker, 26, of Cobden, has been sentenced to 18 after pleading guilty to one count of harassment by telephone, a Class 4 felony.

Parker repeatedly made calls to his estranged wife in October 2015 with the intent to harass.

Parker was arrested in December 2015 following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office. The charge was elevated to a felony based upon a prior conviction.

Joshua L. Burton, 20, of Tamms, has been sentenced to three years with a recommendation of impact incarceration after admitting a petition to revoke probation for the original offense of methamphetamine manufacturing materials, a Class 2 felony.

Burton was arrested in March 2014 following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office/ Union County Drug Task Force.

Southern Illinois man fatally injured in traffic accident

A Southern Illinois man sustained fatal injuries in a July 15 rollover crash which happened in Johnson County.

Illinois State Police at Ullin identified the victim as Johnathan Travis Lee, 29, of Mounds.

The accident happened at approximately 6 a.m. on U.S. Route 45 and Ozark Road in Johnson County.

State police reported that Lee was driving a 1991 Buick which was traveling west on Ozark Road and approaching Route 45.

The vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign at Ozark Road and Route 45 and continued through the intersection.

The vehicle went down an embankment, rolled over and came to a rest on its roof.

State police reported that the driver, who was the sole occupant of the car, was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was not wearing a seat belt. An investigation into the crash continues.

Pokemon

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A pokemon master also needs supplies, which is where pokestops come into play.

Pokestops are usually churches, landmarks and other buildings where the user travels to collect more pokeballs, potions, eggs and more.

There are a number of gyms and pokestops in Union County. Following is a list of some of the locations:

Anna Gyms
Anna Fire Department, American Legion Memorial, Mount Moriah Lutheran Church, Stinson Memorial Library, Post Office, United Methodist Church and Anna War Memorial.

Anna Pokestops
El Jalepeno, Hindman Park, Troy Sitter Memorial, Gospel Assembly Church, Harvest Church of Southern Illinois, Union County Fir Exhibit Building, Anna City Park, St. Mary's Church, First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, The Lighthouse Church, Church of the Nazarene and Anna VFW.

Jonesboro Gym
Jonesboro Fire Department.

Jonesboro Pokestops
Post Office, Jonesboro Roundabout, Jonesboro Salem Lutheran Church, Lincoln Memorial (the app gave historical information about this site), and Jonesboro Public Library.

Cobden Gym
Cobden Presbyterian Church.

Cobden Pokestops
Cobden Branch Library, Cobden Railroad Mural, First Baptist Church of Cobden, Union County Museum, Apostolic Lighthouse United Pentecostal Church and Immanuel Praise and Worship Center.

Players of All Ages
People of all ages are playing the game.

Demi Glasco, 17, Amy Glasco, 17, and Kimberly Hancock, 14, were walking around Anna trying to catch 'em all last week and they said they think people will stay on board with the game once the hype dies down.

"It feels more like an adventure," Demi said.

Amy, a member of Team

Valor, said, "I grew up with pokemon."

All the girls said they knew people from ages 14 to 27 who play the game.

The circulation coordinator at Stinson Memorial Library, Alexander Linton, said four staff members play and try to keep the gym, located at the library, in Team Mystic's control.

Linton said they've seen more people outside the library, but not much more traffic has come inside. However, those who have come inside like to talk about the game.

"This is a hub because we are a gym and Anna First Baptist Church behind us is a pokestop," Linton said.

The library offers free water and air conditioning for those who want to play.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union-Jackson Farmer Housing Association. Grantee: Dianne Cheak, Erin Cheak. Tract Section 13 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Shaun Aden, Shea Aden, Jessica Hoffman, Shea Koone. Grantee: Maegan Keller, Timothy Keller. Name: Sharon Subdivision, Lots 7, 8, 9, 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kimberly JC Howell. Grantee: Gordon L. Cheniae, Patricia J. Cheniae. Name: Union Ridge Subdivision, Lot 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Charlotte Solmon, Charlotte Solmon-Maring. Grantee: Raymond M. Maring. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Hanson Family Trust, Emily Schmitt. Grantee: Marilyn Uehle, Lawrence Uehle. Name: Original Plan of Dongola, Lot 52.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Seth T. Plott. Grantee: Gladys Earlene Highfield. Name: S.A. Walton's 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Fidel S. Bartolo, Maria C. Bartolo. Grantee: Margarita Bartolo. Name: Hartlines Addition, Portion 7, 12.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Raymond Odle. Grantee: Phillip R. Odle. Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub., Block 1, Lot 82.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sabre Group LLC. Grantee: Brenda Lee Rains. Name: McElhaney's 2nd Add. of Jonesboro, Lot 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Juana Hernandez. Grantee: Juana Hernandez, Domingo Tomas Sanchez. Name: Crowell Heights Subdivision, Block D, Lot 21.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gary H. Lott, Gary Skyler Lott. Grantee: Allison Michelle Harvel. Tract Section 31 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: STL Equities LLC. Grantee: FT Holdings LLC. Name: Ben L. Wileys Add., Block H, Lot 1, 2.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dale Sadler. Grantee: Dale Sadler, Tina S. Sadler. Tract Section 31 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gerald Cain. Grantee: Susan Ferry, Nelson Ferry Sr. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dennis Garner, Helen L. Garner. Grantee: Ashley N. Garner, Dennis R. Garner. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations
The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Jessica Michelle Shipley, Cobden. Delon Z. Williams, Milwaukee, Wis. Spencer A. Wright, Indianapolis, Ind. Wesley L. Foshee, Cape Girardeau. Kala Dawn Morales, Carbondale.

Kristen Deanne Daggett, West Frankfort. Chelsea R. Garrett, Carbondale. Tammy J. Hill, Milwaukee, Wis. Laurie Mae Bates, Cobden. Rikki J. Stone, Jonesboro. Eddie Leon Jenkins, Pearl, Miss.

Jose A. Carrillo, Houston, Texas. Paris N. Gumbs, Chicago. Elemi S. Hazlett, Greenwood, Ind. Mark D. Miller, Fairfield, Ohio. Gary E. Browning, Mulkeytown. Cheryl Elaine Ervin, Collierville, Tenn. Cody A. Hosfeldt, Vienna. Jesse R. Awbrey, Anna.

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

Correna L. Mann, Tamms, child restraint violation, \$75. Carolyn R. DeMarco, West Frankfort, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Karen L. Gentry, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Brent Allen Battles, Marion, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Corlis A. Burris, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Jordan W. Schott, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Jamal L. Jackson, Chicago, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Michael S. Hancock, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120.

Alisha R. Ozuna, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Jerald S. Reynolds, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Carrol G. Turner, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Kassandra K. Beasley,

Tamms, electronic communication device, \$120.

Alexander J. McRaven, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Charlie D. Wallace, Cairo, not driving on right side of road, \$120. Clayton Paul Pearl, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Derek Scott Goolsby, De Soto, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/driver, \$120. Jeffery R. Charleston, Chicago Heights, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; improper traffic lane usage, \$120; carry/display license/permit, \$120; violation drivers license restriction, \$120; no valid registration, \$120.

Kelsey A. Pribble, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Robert D. Rajcok II, Cobden, unlicensed, \$120.

Jessica S. Joslin, Murphysboro, seat belt required/driver, \$65. Michelle S. Rosekrans, Dongola, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Molly Ann Bell, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Amanda Ann Albers, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120.

Stephanie L. Buchanan, Grand Rivers, Ky., electronic communications device, \$120. Christian T. Cox, Newton, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

David L. Franklin, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Daniel Gene Bennett, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Marriage Licenses
The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Aaron Michael DeRossett, 37, of Springfield, and Mariah Marie Hileman, 25, of Springfield.

Nicholas Elliott James, 29, of Harrisburg, and Kara Lynn Crayne, 28, of Junction.

Austin H. Brandenburg, 25, of Milmine, and Michelle K. Patzelt, 23, of Chicago Heights.

Jeremy James Zack, 37, of Cary, and Brigit Louise Schultz, 36, of Cary.

Jamie Lee Wren, 41, of Dongola, and Cheryl Ann Dodd, 44, of Dongola.

Edward J. Cook Jr., 69, of Carbondale, and Nancy R. Trude, 53, of Carbondale.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Stinson Public Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 22, 2016, at the hour of 5:00 P.M. at the Stinson Public Library District, 409 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Stinson Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Stinson Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Lisa Livesay, Librarian
Stinson Public Library District
409 S. Main Street
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Dated: July 21, 2016

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Heat index reaches 120.6 in Jonesboro

Extreme heat and humidity are likely in the Union County area as the week comes to an end – and possibly into the weekend.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued a heat advisory which was in effect through 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The advisory included Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

High temperatures were running into the mid-90s early this week. Those temperatures, combined with oppressive humidity, produced heat index values which were near 105 degrees.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that the heat index in Jonesboro peaked at 120.6 degrees at 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 18. The high temperature on Monday reached 99.

At 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Jonesboro, the temperature already was 86 degrees. The humidity level was at 80 percent.

The weather service explained on its website that "a heat index of 105 degrees or higher is considered the level at which the body becomes more susceptible to heat exhaustion and heat stroke."

Academy enrollment underway

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is underway for Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna.

Shawnee Hills Christian Academy is located at 110 Florsheim Dr.

The K-12 grade school maintains a small, multi-age, allergy-free classroom environment that makes individualized instruction possible.

Shawnee Hills operates with non-denominational Christian values and the award-winning Alpha Omega curriculum. Instruction in music, art and foreign language is also offered.

For more information, contact the school at 833-1870 or the principal, Bonnie Vines, at 618-534-5386.

Precautionary and preparedness actions recommended by the weather service to cope with the heat and humidity included:

Drink plenty of liquids. Stay in an air-conditioned room. Stay out of the sun. Check on relatives and neighbors. Make sure outdoor pets have plenty of fresh water.

Those who work or spend time outside are to reschedule strenuous activities, if possible, to early morning or evening; to wear light weight and loose fitting clothing, when possible; and to drink plenty of water.

The heat is expected to continue as the week comes to a close.

The weather service forecast calls for a high temperature near 96 Thursday, today, 97 on Friday and 96 on Saturday.

Temperatures could moderate by Sunday and Monday.

High temperatures during the period of July 12-18 in Jonesboro were in the 90s.

Precipitation during the period included .47 of an inch July 12, .07 of an inch July 13, .01 of an inch July 14 and .02 of an inch July 15.

Following are temperatures for July 5-11 as recorded by weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, July 12	91	73
Wednesday, July 13	94	73
Thursday, July 14	92	72
Friday, July 15	94	70
Saturday, July 16	91	67
Sunday, July 17	95	68
Monday, July 18	99	74

June warmest on record

The average June temperature for the Lower 48 states was 71.8 degrees F, making it the warmest June on record, according to scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information.

Above-average temperatures spanned the nation from coast to coast, and 17 states across the West, Great Plains and parts of the Southeast experienced temperatures much above average.



Ribbon cutting

The Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting for Hedman's Vineyard and Peach Barn Cafe on July 14. Thursday marked the grand opening of the vineyard's new tasting room/event facility. Hedman's Vineyard and Peach Barn Cafe is located at 560 Chestnut St. in Alto Pass. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Contestants being sought for 2016 Union County Fair queen pageant

The Union County Fair Queen pageant is in search of contestants for this year's pageant.

The pageant is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at the fairgrounds (the Anna City Park in Anna).

A queen contestant must be 16 years of age by the date of the pageant and not have reached her 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2017. She must have never been married, had a child and cannot be an adoptive parent.

Contestants must be residents of Union County or attended or graduated from a Union County school and not competing in another county fair queen pageant in 2016 or have been a former queen of the Union County fair.

Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges. They will appear in casual attire, one-piece swimsuits, evening gowns and will each give a one minute speech and will answer an on-stage question.

Applications can be picked up from superintendent Mike Meisenheimer at his office at Country Financial Insurance in Jonesboro.

They can also be obtained by calling or texting Janice Osman at 833-7777 and requesting an application, or going to www.unioncountyfair.net and go to the Queen Pageant

and you can download the application from there.

A schedule of practice times and locations are available with the application.

Each contestant will require a sponsor, and the deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 8. No late entries will be accepted after the deadline. There will be a meeting on Monday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Union County Fair Board office at the park in Anna. Applications and entry/sponsor

fees can be turned in at the meeting.

A group photo will be taken for the local papers. Tiffany Dillow Photography will also be taking head shots of any contestant who wants one. There will be a \$15 fee, payable to Tiffany Dillow, that day. Contestants getting a head shot will receive a digital copy of their photograph.

For more information about the pageant, contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

Registration scheduled for Aug. 1-4 at A-JCHS

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School plans to have registration for the 2016-2017 school year Aug. 1-4, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Students who signed up for classes in the spring are advised that they should receive information packets in the mail.

Senior registration is planned for Monday, Aug. 1; juniors on Tuesday, Aug.

Ohio River's fish to be featured

A program about fish which are found in the Ohio River is planned Saturday, July 23, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the visitors center at the park.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist Chris Bickers is scheduled to give the program.

2; sophomores on Wednesday, Aug. 3; and freshman on Thursday, Aug. 4.

On registration day, the schools notes that students will need to bring full payment for all fees or a completed free/reduced lunch form.

The form contains guidelines set by the federal government for eligibility for free and reduced meals. Only one application per household is necessary for all children who attend the high school.

All incoming freshman and new district enrollees must present proof of a physical exam, a current immunization record, and proof of residency before they can be registered.

New district enrollees are advised to contact the principal's office as soon as possible to begin the registration process.

For more information, contact Rebecca in the principal's office at 833-8502.

150 years Dongola First Baptist Church to celebrate

A Union County church is planning to celebrate its 150th anniversary this weekend.

The First Baptist Church in Dongola will commemorate the event with a special service which is planned Sunday, July 24. The service is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Tim Sadler will be bringing the message. A potluck lunch is planned following the morning service.

The Victory Boys Quartet is scheduled to perform southern gospel music at 1:30 p.m.

All past and present members of the church are invited to be a part of the celebration.

The church is located at 203 E. Cross St. in Dongola.

Magical reading event set

Chris Egleston, the "Reading Magician," is scheduled to present his "Readers Are Winners Show" at the Jonesboro Public Library on July 26 at 2 p.m.

Egleston uses magic, comedy and audience participation to teach about the fun and importance of reading. He encourages his audience to read – both to learn and have fun.

During the program, Egelston tells children and parents to read about anything that interests them: science, pets, sports, magic, whatever, because the more you read the better you will be at it.

He also relates how he learned most of his magic from the 600 magic books he owns.

Egelston regularly performs for all types of organizations and their events including schools, corporate events, churches and more. He can be reached toll-free at 1-800-341-6954 or on his website at www.MotivationalFun.com.

'Dealmakers' featured in new book

"The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois, Paul Powell, Clyde L. Choate, John H. Stelle" is the title of Robert Hartley's most recent book about Illinois politics published by the Southern Illinois University Press.

Hartley details the lives and contributions of these three influential Southern Illinois politicians during a time when downstate lawmakers dominated the Illinois political arena.

He describes in a straightforward manner how these men were able to work with both Democrats and Republicans throughout the state to bring jobs and facilities to their region and expand Southern Illinois University.

Hartley is a retired journalist and the author or co-author of nine books. He worked for the Lindsay-Schaub Newspaper group which included the Southern Illinoisan from 1962 to 1979.

The book is available for sale at a discounted price at the Union County Museum in Cobden.

The author is donating a portion of the proceeds to the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. For more information call 893-2865 or 893-2567.

"COOL" KIDS ENJOYING A DAY AT THE POOL



What better way to stay cool on a hot July afternoon than by going for a swim? Anna-Jonesboro National Bank recently sponsored "A DAY AT THE POOL." Admission to the Anna City Pool that day was courtesy of the bank. As you can see from these smiling faces, it was a fun filled afternoon.



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Business celebrates first anniversary

Sudzy Bath & Biscuits in Anna celebrated its first year of business Friday afternoon, July 15. The anniversary celebration included face painting, a 50/50 raffle, coloring contests and photo opportunities with store mascot Bentley. Union County Animal Control was on hand with many cats and dogs which were available for adoption. Sudzy Bath & Biscuits is located along South Main Street in downtown Anna. Photo by Amber Skelton

Coffman's Martial Arts students promoted to rank of black belt

A group of six students are the first at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna to be promoted to black belts.

Those earning the special achievement include Cooper Johnson, Wes Johnson, Andrew Inman, Dillon Greer, Jacob Cross and Heather Coffman. Coffman is the owner and operator of the academy.

"This group of students trained for almost a year to receive their rank," Coffman explained.

She said the training

involved knowing and executing nine forms and 40 self-defense combinations.

During nightly training, they performed 300 push-ups, 500 sit-ups, splits and straddles among other tasks.

During promotion, the students broke 1-inch boards with each hand and by using multiple speed kicks.

They also had to memorize and perform a 25 move speed/power combination that they had never seen before.

"From beginning to now, these students have worked for five years, earning the right to wear their black belt," Coffman said.

"A black belt is someone who wears their belt around their heart and not their waist," Coffman explained.

"They have integrity, honor and perseverance. A black belt is someone who helps others achieve their goals. They are among the 1 percent who start the training, that have the drive and will to be able to call themselves 'black belts'."



Special achievement

Coffman's Martial Arts Academy students who have been promoted to black belts include Cooper Johnson, Wes Johnson, Heather Coffman, Andrew Inman, Dillon Greer and Jacob Cross. Photo provided.

Cobden American Legion Junior team's season ends at tourney

Cobden let a 4-2 lead slip away in a 5-4 loss to host Goreville in the American Legion 25th District Junior Baseball Tournament Saturday, July 16.

Cobden out-hit Goreville 9-7 in the loss.

Clayton Flamm, Dylan Duty, Bayden Ditterline and Cody Wieseman were each 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Cobden. Josh Burgess was 1-for-3.

Burgess and John Russell pitched in the loss. Burgess pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with 4

walks and 3 strikeouts. Russell pitched 2/3 of an inning.

Cobden 7, Marion 6: Zane Nance was 2-for-3 to lead Cobden in the tournament win at Goreville in the win Friday, July 15.

Russell was 2-for-4. Flamm was 1-for-2. Trevor Middleton was 1-for-3.

Ditterline, Middleton and Russell pitched in the win. Ditterline pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 6 walks and 8 strikeouts. Middleton pitched 3 1/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 5 walks and 4 strikeouts. Russell pitched 2/3 of an inning.

Metropolis 3, Cobden 1: Host Cobden stranded 8 and had 3 errors in the first round home loss Thursday, July 14.

Bryce Reynolds and Burgess were 1-for-2 to lead the hitting. Ditterline and Wieseman were each 1-for-3. Russell was 1-for-4.

Russell was the losing pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Anna softball tryouts slated

Tryouts for the Anna Junior High School softball team are scheduled at the Anna City Park at 8 a.m. Monday, July 25.

Anyone who is interested in trying out should have proof of insurance and a medical physical.

For more information, call the school at 833-6415.

Cobden finished its season at 9-8 overall.

"We learned a lot as a team and grew up a lot this summer," Cobden coach Dana Pearson said.

The team's players will be off a couple of weeks before the high school season begins.

Golf tourney supports scholarship

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.

Shotgun starts are slated at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the tournament, contact Brandon Bierstedt at the Union County Country Club at 833-7912.

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.

The Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship 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 618-833-5757.

Dongola baseball tryouts scheduled

Tryouts for the Dongola Junior High School baseball team are set for 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 1-2.

For more information about the tryouts, call 697-4451.

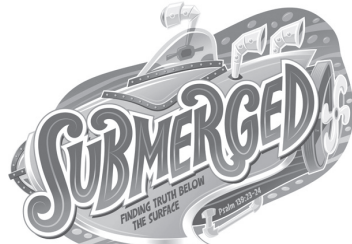
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Dozers win first

The Dozers softball team of Anna won first place in a tournament which was played July 9-10 in Murphysboro. In the first row are, from left, Sadie Cross, Olivia Schaefer and Dixie Kaufman. In the second row are Macie Hoehner, Hallie Plott, coach Lyle Plott, Elle Penrod, Breanna Hileman and Emma Craig. In the third row are Arianna Turner, Chesnee Marks, Kansas Craig, Sierra Beggs, Kinley Metzger and Mackenzie Jackson. In the fourth row are coach Marcus Schaefer and coach Mitch Alsip. Photo provided.



Summer baseball player

John Michael Ligon of Anna played catcher this summer for the Athletics, a Marion team. Ligon completed a full season without being struck out at bat. He was selected from his team to play in an all-star game on Thursday, July 14. The game ended in a tie. Each team scored 9 runs, with Ligon contributing an RBI. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Reach named 2016 scholar athlete of year

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Hannah Reach has been named the girls' 2016 scholar athlete of the year by the Southern Illinoisan newspaper.

Reach became the first A-J female athlete since the award began in 1994 to receive the honor.

She set the school and Southern Illinois River-

to-River Conference Mississippi Division record with a 10-6 pole vault. She finished in 10th place in that event with a 10-foot effort this year in the Class 1A state tournament.

In a class of 132 at A-J, Reach was ranked first with a 4.727 grade point average.

Reach also competed on A-J's volleyball team.

She will continue her education at Clemson University in South Carolina. She will not be competing in track. She plans to major in Spanish.

IHSA officials conference scheduled

The Illinois High School Association, IHSA, plans to have its 17th annual officials conference on Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, in East Peoria.

The event will be at the East Peoria Embassy Suites and East Peoria Community High School.

The theme of this year's conference is "Excellence Has No Offseason."

The IHSA officials conference is expected to draw over 500 officials to the Peoria area, where they will collaborate with other officials by participating in general and sport-specific officiating workshop sessions.

They also will share firsthand experiences to better prepare fellow officials, while also enjoying a variety of networking activities.

Men's golf scramble results

A men's golf scramble was played July 13 at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Results from the scramble follow:

First: Doug Halterman, Jim Harris, Dan Smith, Mark Willmann.

Second: Darrin Inman, J.P. Morgan, Johnny Schneider, Bronson Shadowens.

Third: Brent Goforth, Steve Hoffman, Joe Wendling, Bob Wright.

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Illinois Bicentennial Bits

Following the History Trail July 18-24

This week "Civilization" came to Southern Illinois in 1673 when Father Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit priest, and Louis Jolliet, along with five other Frenchmen, arrived in the area to become known as "The Great American Bottom" in what was to become Randolph County, to spend several weeks exploring the area.

We know those explorations included the area of Grand Tower from the description of the Great tree topped Boulder that juts out into the Great River on the western shore (Tower Rock) and the towering palisade of Rocky bluffs that can be seen from the eastern shore (La Rue Pine Hills.)

This is also the first record we have of the use of the name Illinois: "arrived in the land of the Illinois, wandering bands of savages who live on the banks of a mighty river to the west."

So begins the story of "Modern" Illinois.

Of equal interest the earliest record of baptizing of children also comes from this same period when Rev. August Reyling O.F.M (Order of Friars Minor) asserts in his booklet Historical Kaskaskia that "it was Father Claude Allouez, S.J (Society of Jesus) who first visited Kaskaskia in June of 1673."

He based his claim on a report filed by Father Allouez in 1674 stating: "I have already visited the Kaskaskias and have baptized many of their children." It appears that with the arrival of "Civilization" came contention. An off repeated theme in these parts. Source: "Where Illinois Began A Pictorial History of Randolph County" by Carol Pirtle.

(Illinois Bicentennial Celebration 2018-2020 Bits, submitted by R.L. Pete Housman of Union County.)

Elks offer orthopedic assessment

The South District Elks Lodges in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation plan to sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Friday, Aug. 19.

The clinic is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is by appointment only.

To make an appointment call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

The Elks will hold the clinic at the Marshall Browning Hospital at 900 N. Washington Street in Du Quoin.

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Blueberry planting, propagation workshop set at Dixon Springs

University of Illinois Extension is planning to host a blueberry planting and propagation event at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center in Simpson on Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Organizers of the workshop noted that blueberries continue to be a favorite backyard crop but getting them established can be a challenge.

The key to a successful

blueberry planting is to create a site that meets all of the plant's specific needs.

During the workshop, Extension educators Bronwyn Aly and Elizabeth Wahle will be leading a hands-on workshop covering site selection, preparation, establishment, and care of blueberries.

Blueberry propagation will also be covered during the workshop, and participants will have the opportunity to practice taking softwood cuttings from the blueberry planting at DSAC.

Since this will be an outdoor, hands-on program, participants will be walking and working in the blueberry patch in rain or shine or hot temperatures, and are advised to dress accordingly.

Everyone who plans to attend is encouraged to bring small hand pruners so they can practice what they learn.

The Dixon Springs Agricultural Center is located at 354 State Highway 145 North in Simpson. Those who attend are to meet and park at the greenhouse on the west side of Highway 145.

The fee for the clinic is \$5 per person. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, Aug. 10, at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw/> or by calling 618-252-8391.

Senior Day set at Du Quoin Fair

Wednesday, Aug. 31, is scheduled to be Senior Day at the Du Quoin State Fair.

All seniors, aged 60 and older, will receive free admission to the Du Quoin State Fair.

The sounds of the 1960s will be featured when Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform on the grandstand stage.

Dates for the 2016 Du Quoin State Fair are Aug. 26 through Sept. 5.



Reading performance planned

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to present a reading performance of Conor Macpherson's play "The Weir," a tale of Irish spirits, ghosts, fairies and mysterious happenings. From left are cast members Kim Curlee, Sarah Dubach, R L Pete Housman and Steve Falcone.

The performance, directed by Christian H. Moe, is planned Sunday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Tickets, which are \$10, will be available at the door and also can be obtained in advance by contacting Nancy at fancynsy2@hotmail.com or by calling 618-614-4080.

Enrollment Blitz planned for fall semester registration at Shawnee Community College

Shawnee Community College is planning to have an Enrollment Blitz in conjunction with registration for the upcoming fall semester. Classes are scheduled to begin on Aug. 17.

Classes are available at the SCC main campus near Ullin and at the SCC extension centers in Anna, Cairo and Metropolis.

The Enrollment Blitz is planned next at the college's main campus and each extension center.

The schedule follows: Anna Extension Center on July 25, Metropolis Extension Center on July 26, main campus near Ullin on July 27 and Cairo Extension Center on July 28.

Each event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on each assigned day. Advisors and financial aid assistance will be available at each event. Free popcorn and giveaways are planned.

The college's schedule of classes for the fall semester is available at the main campus and at each of the extension centers.

Schedules are also available online at www.shawneecc.edu, click "current students" then "course enrollment" and then "course

schedules" for the schedule of fall classes.

Evening registrations are scheduled for Aug. 11, 15, 16 and 17 at the main campus and each extension center to help students sign up for classes from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A Saturday registration will be held at the main campus on Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information about fall registration, call 618-634-3397.

Jonesboro schedules tryouts

Tryouts for the Jonesboro School junior high softball team are scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Jonesboro School ball diamond. The tryouts are concluding after three days.

Tryouts for the Jonesboro baseball team are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1-3.

Anyone interested in trying out for either team should have a physical examination and proof of insurance. For more information, call 833-5148.

Auxiliary celebrates 65th anniversary

The Union County Hospital Auxiliary met Wednesday, July 13, to celebrate its 65th anniversary. The auxiliary met at the United Methodist Church in Anna. The auxiliary celebrated its anniversary, honored several members and presented a scholarship. Photos by Amber Skelton.



Jeanette Cook, left, presented Johanna Fox with a check. Fox is this year's recipient of the auxiliary's scholarship.



The auxiliary thanked Mona Diefenbach, left, for her 25 years of service as manager of the gift shop at Union County Hospital in Anna. The auxiliary also welcomed Linda Jackson, right, as the new gift shop manager.



From left are Elaine Crain, Pat Williams and Mary Sue Treece: each woman volunteered more than 1,000 hours of service at the Union County Hospital gift shop during the last year and was honored at the celebration.

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First Baptist Church of Dongola is celebrating 150 years with a special service on Sunday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

Tim Sadler will be bringing the message. A potluck lunch has been planned to follow the morning service. The Victory Boys Quartet will be performing Southern Gospel music at 1:30 p.m. All past and present members are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome to come and fellowship together and help celebrate 150 years!

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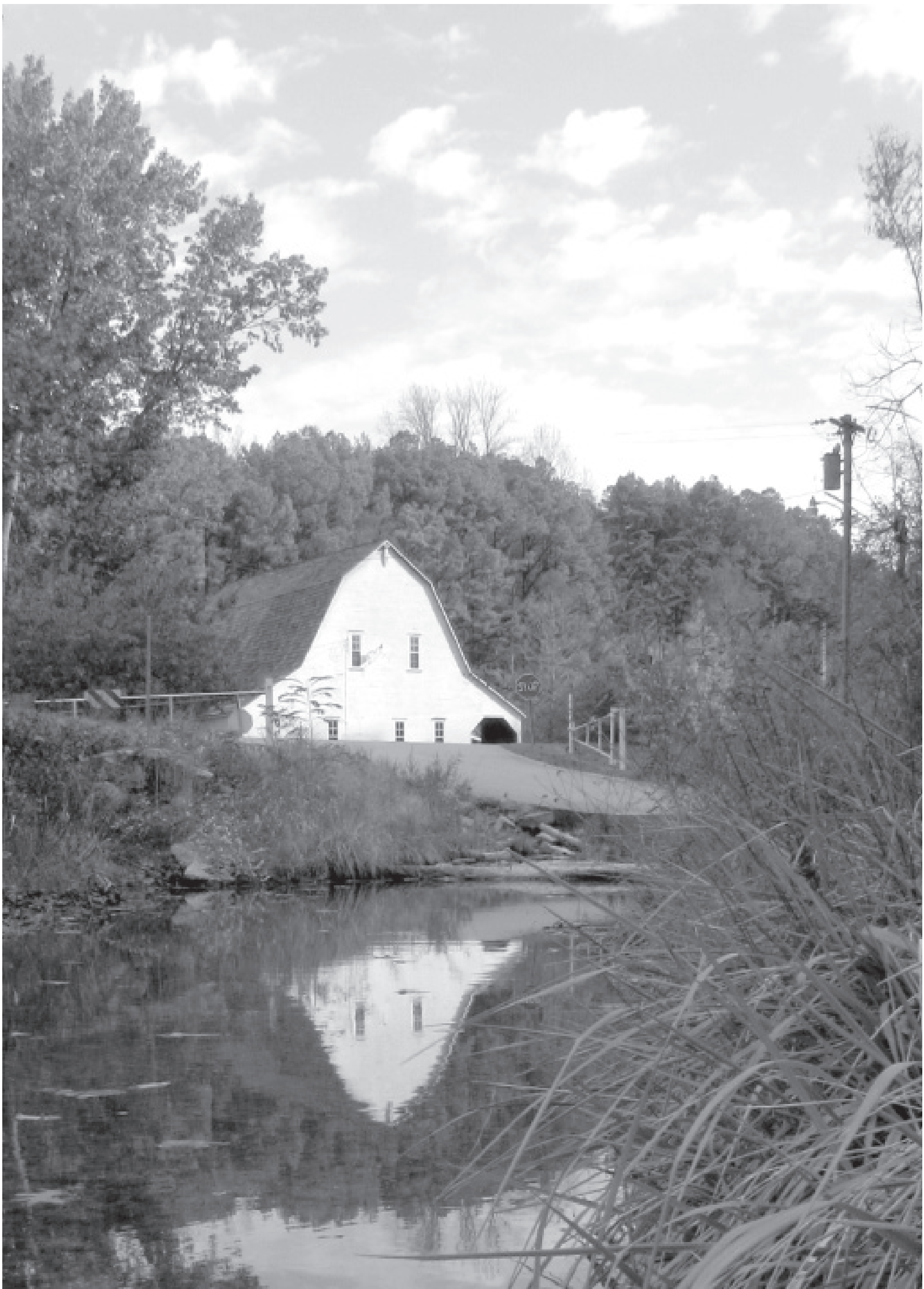
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IDNR Newsbits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

Illinois State Museum: The Illinois State Museum in Springfield is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from noon until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults ages 19-64; free admission for youth, seniors

and active duty members and veterans of the U.S. armed services.

Dickson Mounds Museum near Lewistown is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from noon until 4:30 p.m. with free admission for all.

For more information visit www.illinoisstatemuseum.org.

about dove hunting permit areas and free dove permits, check the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/dove/Pages/default.aspx>.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman: Registration is open for the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center/Giant City State Park in Southern Illinois, scheduled for Sept. 16-18.

The workshop fee is \$230, which includes meals, lodging, class instruction, use of class equipment/supplies and transportation during the workshop.

There are 90 spots available in this workshop and registration will close quickly. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Log onto the IDNR website at this link for more information and registration materials: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/BOW/Pages/default.aspx>.

Illinois State Parks Guide: The 2016-17 Illinois State Parks guide is available in print and online.

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Lay minister Norm Bauer conducted worship on Sunday, July 17, while Pastor Dennis Scoville is still on vacation.

The scriptures and sermon referenced the story of attentive Mary and busy Martha. Bauer's summary statement was "Christ calls us to be disciples, learners and listeners."

The prayer list for healing included Mike Chase, Charlene Kozora, Glenna Tripp, Mildred Kohler, Daniel Sedden, Mary Edmonds, Ann Shaw, Mat Page, Susan Hase, Bill Hensch, Jack Johnson, Will Eidson, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Brandon Lacy, Nancy Lyerla, Jim Mueller, Urs Becker, Todd Breiner, Kathy Wood, Marte Roberts, Maxine Williamson, Joyce Crews, Mort Wright and Pat Martin.

The families of Eric Baker, Elbert L. Hileman, Darlene Hale, Micah Soldner, Charles J. Becker and Jay Bigler were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Churches have called Rev. Mark Hasty to pastor the two congregations. Rev. Hasty and his family are expected to be here in August.

Mt. Moriah plans another sweet corn sale on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Ladies night out is scheduled July 26. They will meet at the church at 5 p.m.

Adult Bible Class will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays during the summer.

Regular Sunday worship is at 9 a.m., with Sunday School and adult Bible class at 10:15 a.m.

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Applications may be submitted for the second lottery by resident hunters who were unsuccessful in the first lottery, residents who did not apply in the first lottery and non-resident hunters.

After the second lottery permit application deadline on July 21, hunters may apply for remaining free dove permits on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8 a.m. on July 29 through Aug. 25.

For more information

The Illinois State Parks guide is posted on the IDNR website in PDF format at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/publications/documents/00000715.pdf>.

Copies of the state parks guide can be ordered through the IDNR online publications page: <https://dnr.state.il.us/teachkids/ordertype.asp>.

Grand American: The Amateur Trapshooting Association Grand American World Trapshooting Championships are scheduled for Aug. 3-13 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta.

The AIM Grand National Youth Trapshooting Championships is scheduled July 28 through Aug. 2. Check the ATA website for details at www.shootata.com

Conservation World: IDNR welcomes visitors to the 2016 Illinois State Fair in Springfield to spend some time at Conservation World on the state fairgrounds, Aug. 12-21.

Conservation World features nearly 30 acres of family activities including fishing instruction, archery ranges and expert information on habitat enhancement, state parks, wildlife, fish and forestry.

Conservation World is scheduled to be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 12-21.

Illinois AFL-CIO endorses candidate

Marsha Griffin, a school teacher who is now running for state representative, on July 18 thanked the Illinois AFL-CIO for endorsing her campaign last week.

Griffin, a Democrat, says the organization, which has 900,000 members, shares her view on protecting Southern Illinois' working families.

"The AFL-CIO has remained at the forefront of fighting for middle class families throughout Illinois for decades," Griffin said in a news release.

"Governor Rauner has made eliminating the rights of workers to push for better wages, safer working conditions and fair benefits a hallmark of his time in office.

"I don't plan to support the governor's agenda to tear down the wages of working families and put Southern Illinoisans in the unemployment line."

Griffin said that Rauner has proposed making Illinois a right-to-work state, which is another way to erode collective bargaining rights for workers.

Griffin said that when given the opportunity, the incumbent representative, Terri Bryant, a Republican, failed to take a stand on the governor's anti-middle class proposal by voting present.

Bryant has since failed to vote for or against several proposals, including bills to protect the rights of injured workers and provide property tax relief for local homeowners, Griffin stated. Instead, Bryant chose to sit on the sidelines.

Griffin, who established a faith-based group to fight back against the efforts of Springfield politicians to reduce safe working conditions and lay off Southern Illinois workers, says she won't back down.

"If elected, I plan to continue and expand the work I have done with the group My Brother's Keeper, in order to deliver jobs and protect working class families throughout our region," said Griffin.

Kevin Starr, the business manager for Laborers' Local 773, which represents thousands of employees in Southern Illinois, said he agrees with Griffin's assessment of Bryant's failings.

"Time and time again, whenever a vote is taken on the governor's agenda to hurt working families, Representative Bryant remains silent," Starr said in the release, which was issued by Griffin's campaign.

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Anna-Jo Garden Club program features Shawnee Forest bats

The Anna-Jo Garden Club met July 12 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Club president Linda Karraker called the meeting to order. Pledges were recited.

Roll call was answered by telling: "What do you consider the bones of your garden?" Twenty-seven members were present.

Charlotte Clover was introduced and welcomed as a guest.

Hostesses for the meeting included Susan Sherwin, Velina Hartmann, Wanda Hase and Vermel Huckleberry.

Linda Hauser, a biologist with the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest, gave a slide presentation about bats in the Shawnee National Forest.

Because of bad weather and tornado warnings, the club president tried to hasten the club's business reports.

Committee reports were given. Darlene Lingle reported that the garden was in great shape and there

would be a work day on Wednesday, July 13.

Debby McKibben reported a work day, July 21, coming up for the Anna City Park. The garden therapy committee reported that members went to the Cobden Nursing Home in June.

The courthouse project committee reported that letters had been sent to businesses for donations for the landscaping development. The garden club is very grateful for the generous donations that have been received.

The garden of the month award will go to the Church of God on Davie Street and Brady Mill Road in Anna. Elaine Dunn reported that the award had not been given yet, but plans to get the plaque and present it to the church were forthcoming.

Debby McKibben reported that the Street Festival was very successful and plans for a bigger and better affair next year are in the making.

Susan Sherwin informed members that the District VII spring meeting will be

hosted by the Anna-Jo Club in March 2017. She asked that the planning committee get together for a short meeting after the club's meeting is over.

Linda Clutts, District VII president, asked that club members attend the next fall meeting in Du Quoin. Since all members will be included in working on the 2017 Anna-Jo spring district meeting, those who have not attended a district meeting can get an idea of how the meeting is presented.

The club president reminded members that the fall perennial plant sale is planned Sept. 17, and they should take note of the flowers that they will be bringing to the sale.

Virginia Housman told the club that it is time to prune the buds of the mums.

Members were reminded that a flower show workshop is planned July 27 in Carbondale at the Catholic church.

Pete Housman reminded everyone to save seeds for the highway project.



Program participants
Ladies who participated in the program at a Christian women's prayer luncheon July 7 in Anna included, from left, Sharon Wittke, Amber Moreland, Janna Harner, Sue Wilkins and Kelli Wood. Photo provided.

75 attend Christian women's prayer luncheon held in Anna

Seventy-five ladies came together for a salad luncheon and to pray for the nation on Thursday, July 7, at a Christian women's prayer luncheon at the Main Street Center in Anna.

The menu included meat salads provided by the Baptist ladies, coordinated by Beth Perry; vegetable salads provided by the Methodist ladies, coordinated by Jane Bauer; potato and pasta salads provided by the Lutheran ladies, coordinated by Mona Diefenbach; fruit salads provided by the Catholic ladies, coordinated by Nancy Welborn; plus bread and crackers provided by the Christian Church ladies coordinated by Evelyn Vicenzi.

The Presbyterian ladies provided the drinks and the paper products, coordinated by Donna Bible and Elaine Dunn.

The program for the Christian women's prayer luncheon was presented by mistress of ceremonies Beth Perry.

Prayer for national patriotism was offered by Lt. Col. Sharon Wittke, U.S. Army retired, representing the Cobden Presbyterian Church.

Prayer for national revival was given by Sue Wilkins, former missionary to Africa and cancer survivor, representing Anna First Baptist Church.

Kelli Wood, financial adviser, representing Harvest Church, presented a prayer for national protection.

A prayer for national Morality was offered by Dr. Amber Moreland, optometrist, representing Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Miss Southern Illinois 2016, Janna Harner, sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and led the group in "God Bless America."

Luncheon music was provided by Carla Anderson.

Each guest at the luncheon was given the booklet "Pray for Our Nation."

Included with each book was a cross bookmark cre-

ated by Sharon Farris.

Thirty guests also received a door prize of a "Women of Faith" protective credit card case.

Surprise guests at the luncheon were State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, and her husband.

Luncheon activities closed with the group reading together the Prayer for Christians to Vote in which they thanked God for the right and privilege to vote and asked for wisdom in seeking God's will as they consider the qualifications of those for whom we are to vote.

The theme for the luncheon was "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land," from scripture in Chronicles 7:14

The Christian women's prayer luncheon was sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

Critter Art Exhibit, dog showed scheduled at Anna Arts Center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to present a Critter Art Exhibit July 29-31 and a dog show July 30 at 10 a.m., with registration at 9:30 a.m.

The exhibit consists of favorite animals or pets at home, in the zoo, or in the wild. All artwork must include an animal(s) as the theme of the artwork to be accepted for the exhibit.

The three categories include:

Painting and Drawing: acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media and collage.

Photography: photos and digitally altered artwork.

Fine Crafts: 3-D sculptures of animals.

The rules include:
Maximum size of two dimensional work is 3 feet by 3 feet.

All framed artwork must have appropriate wire connection on the back for hanging.

Insurance during the exhibit will be the responsibility of the entrant. All due care will be taken to protect works accepted into the exhibition.

Permission to reproduce entries for purposes of publicity must be granted by the entrant. An entry to this exhibition constitutes full agreement on the part of the entrant to all conditions outlined in this prospectus. All decisions of the judges are final.

Entry Fees: \$10 for one item or \$20 for three items

Delivery of Work: Saturday, July 23, 10 a.m. to noon, or Monday, July 25, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., to the Anna Arts Center.

Awards will be given as follows:

First place ribbon and \$25. Second place ribbon and \$20. Third place ribbon and \$15.

For more information, call Nancy at 618-614-4080 or email fancynsy2@hotmail.com.

Dog Show

The dog show is scheduled July 30, with registration of dogs at 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Anna Arts Center. Every dog owner is invited to enter their dog. All dogs must be on a leash.

Registration fee is \$5. There are three different classes in which dogs may be entered.

The classes are best looking, best dressed, and most obedient. Dogs will parade at 10 a.m., and then each class will be judged.

Cook Portable Warehouses launches Cook Crates to ease stress during moves

Cook Portable Warehouses has been a staple business in Southern Illinois for 32 years.

On July 13, the company announced the launch of Cook Crates.

The company said in a news release that the goal of Cook Crates "is to ease a family's stress during a move, remodel or other short term storage needs.

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site storage solution, a crate can be filled and then can be stored at Cook's secure facility near Cobden."

"We've spent 32 years perfecting our secure storage buildings and now we're meeting a new need in the market," said Jonathan Bevis, the director of marketing.

"We started noticing a fair amount of customers

wanting to rent something to store their valuables but only for a short amount of time," Bevis said.

"We realized no one else was fulfilling this need locally, so we started exploring how we could. That's when the idea for Cook Crates came about."

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Cook Crates
Cook Portable Warehouses has launched Cook Crates. Photo provided.

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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.



Claude (Claudia) McCoy Walker will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house on Sunday, July 24, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Third Baptist Church in Marion. It will be hosted by her children Cathy Ziegler, Daryl McCoy, Joyce King and Corinne Steveson.



Barbara McNeeley was honored for her July birthday at Sunshine Inn.



Stephen, Dee and Steve Guined enjoyed a trip to Chicago to visit family and attend the Cubs' game at Wrigley Field.

90th Birthday

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Cruise

Chuck and Judy Neal have returned from a seven day cruise for their 50th wedding anniversary.

They flew to Miami, Fla., and took an Eastern Caribbean Cruise to Grand Turk, San Juan and St. Thomas. They really appreciated everyone who helped them celebrate their anniversary.

Chicago Trip

Steve, Jena and Gigi Guined, Steve and Dee Guined, Steve's sister Carrie and daughter Lillie went to visit with family in Chicago. They watched fireworks on the 4th at a local park, went to the 4th of July parade and went to the Cubs game on the 5th.

9th Birthday

Dylan Wilson celebrated his 9th birthday with a pool party at the Anna Pool July 12.

VFW will have barbeque and chips from noon to 8 p.m. The Men's Auxiliary fixes the meat.

34th Wedding Anniversary

Pam and Will Bracken celebrated their anniversary on July 10th.

Kornthal Church

Historic Kornthal Church, built in 1861, is open daily for viewing.

Services are held each third Thursday at 7 p.m. Located 2 1/2 miles south of the Jonesboro Square on Highway 127.

90th Birthday Celebration

Geneva Jackson celebrated her 90th birthday with her five children Patsy, Harry, Kathy, Jane, and Walter.

Other guests on July 6 were Geneva's brother Richard and Tia King. Calls received from brother Fred and Jean King of Michigan and grandson Robert and Lori Butterfield of Colorado Springs.

15th Birthday

Felicity Lence celebrated her birthday July 18. She is the daughter of Billy and Andrea Hutcheson of Cobden.

3rd Birthday

Dustin Bracken of Donola, Bobbi Lence and Dorothy Hilliard of Anna spent Sunday in Festus, Mo., helping Hlayton Englebright celebrate his 3rd birthday at the home of his parents Seth and Kristen Englebright and big brother Tyson.

Everyone had lunch and birthday cake. He received many Batman gifts. Other family and friends from Illinois and Missouri attended and also enjoyed swimming.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Billy Dean Tutt. Billy and his wife JoAnn McIntire Tutt lived in Satellite Beach, Fla.

They were formerly of Anna. His mother is Betty Tutt of Anna, Jeff Tutt of Colorado and Nancy Reynolds of Cobden. Sympathy to the family of Ruth Hankla. Prayers for them and for all who have lost loved ones.

Loaves and Fishes

The free community meals at United Methodist Church Anna are always on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Birthdays

July 15 Barbara Bauer, July 16 David Casper, Heather Ellis Stanton, Kellie Lingle, July 17 Steve Hornbeak, July 22 Randy Wheaton.

Anna First Baptist Church

Free community soup and sandwich the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The clothing closet is open on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, July 25, through Friday, July 29, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Nancy Hooks has been teaching a Sunday School lesson at 9 a.m. on how to be a Mary in a Martha's world.

Chris Foster told about the Loaves and Fishes Ministry.

Elizabeth Corbit sang a song "I want Jesus to Walk with Me."

Prayers were said for all those sick and who have lost loved ones.

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on John 3:16.

The children's offering was taken for Food Backpacks in Cobden.

Minnesota Trip

Prayers for Barbara House and her cousin as she travels to be with her, Carrie Gibson, while she has surgery.

Thanks

A special thanks to everyone for their prayers, offers to help, cards, emails



Grace Mowell celebrated her 9th birthday July 17.

and phone calls when I hurt my arm. Slowly it is getting better. Martha Ann Webb.

Birthday Celebration

Kalyssa Spurlock celebrated her 16th birthday at her grandfather Clifford Wright's house in Jonesboro with family having pizza and DQ blizzard ice cream cake.

Get Well List

Clifford Wright, Jim Cowsert, Judy Vaughn, Connie Wills, Kaylynn

Goff, Jane House, Edith and Glenn Hartsock, Sheila Whittington, Jean Pruehsner, Sondra Bradford, Jim Courtright, Doris Sims, Carrie Gibson, Jim Byassee, Elizabeth Corbit, Rich Elliot, Eunice Chambers, Robert Andrews, Sara Russell Mann, Jim Mueller, Larry Bentley, Nancy Lyerla, Lois Clutts, Roger Crews and Phil Egelston. I have had many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep



Sons of the Father sang at Anna First Baptist Church Sunday night. Chris, Les and Brent Snyder are all ordained ministers.



Jane Bauer is holding the quilt made by Union County HCE. It was made for a 4-H scholarship raffle. The quilt was embroidered by Deb Rossberg. Suzie Kessler set the quilt together. It was quilted by members of HCE. Jane Bauer is public relations and you can contact her if you would like raffle tickets or any HCE member. The material print in the quilt is a 1930 reproduction.



Dr. Kathy Swafford, PAWS Pets Are Worth Saving Board member, Anna; Allison Peacock, volunteer, Anna; Karee Sweitzer, PAWS president, Anna; Cathy Sheeley, PAWS Board member, Anna; Diane Daugherty, president of the Board of St. Francis Care, Carbondale; Dr. Kay Creece, executive director, St. Francis Care, Carbondale; Carol Shepard, volunteer, Anna; Penny South, PAWS facility manager, Anna; Debbie Choate, The Angelina Foundation, Marion; and Bob Choate, The Angelina Foundation, Marion. A special thanks for all your dedication and caring for homeless animals. PAWS volunteers are working hard to raise money for a larger home for the no kill shelter.



Connect Point Church outreach food giveaway was Saturday morning. They delivered food to 40 families in Anna.



An extended Boyd family celebration was held Sunday, July 17, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda. The party was organized as a reunion and welcome to Jane Boyd Gimbel, who was visiting from her home in Florida. Jane Gimbel is the sister of Barbara Bauer and Collin Boyd. Sunday happened to be the birthday of Barbara Bauer, so it became a birthday party as well. Other July birthdays celebrated were for Alice Boyd, Lou Bauer and little Miss Lillie Beanland. Pictured standing: Debra and Lou Bauer, St. Louis; Beth Hileman, Emily and Glenn Beanland, and Alicia, Lillie and Logan Beanland, all of Anna. Seated: Norm and Barbara Bauer, Anna; Jane Boyd Gimbel, Jacksonville, Fla.; Alice and Collin Boyd, Anna. In front is Whitney Beanland, Anna. Also in attendance, but not in the picture were Logan Miller and Doug Hileman from Anna; and Jacob, Nadia, Finlay and Emmie Hileman from St. Louis.



Happy first anniversary to Sudzy Bath and Biscuits in Anna. From left are Elijah Glen Ellis, Kay Johnson, Bessie Mae Ellis, Nicole Adams, Kimberly Adams, Shawna Rhine, Brenda Allen and Charles Wakefield.



Sewing and Friendship group meets at United Methodist Church Anna. They make prayer shawls and present to people who are going through personal problems like health issues, loss of loved ones, etc. Prayers are said over the shawls as they are being made and a prayer card is placed in each shawl as it is presented to the recipient. From left are Marchetta DeWitt, Guiola Moreland, Hortencia Swink, Mary Ada Parks, Jessie Sowers, Sue Ann Zimmerman, Connie Arnold and Jane Bauer.



Hutchison family reunion was held at Dale and Carla Foskey's. It was Dale's mother's side of the family. Pictured are all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

them in your prayers.
Harvest Church
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Salem Lutheran Church
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AFSCME Retirees
 The AFSCME Illinois Retirees Chapter 31 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

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 email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, 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 Whitemountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Aunt Jane Gimbel from Jacksonville, Fla., helped Sarah Hileman Song from St. Charles, Mo., to make a watermelon cake during a recent visit to the ladies' former home town of Anna. Sarah came to pick up her children Joshua and Abigail Song following a summer visit with grandparents Doug and Beth Hileman at the 5-H Farm.



Geneva Jackson and her five children Patsy, Harry, Kathy, Jane and Walter on her 90th birthday, July 6.



Firebells Red Hat Ladies met at Blue Sky for lunch. From left are Cathy Albers, Vicky Lynn Jarvis, Sherry Rix, Celina Johnson, Harriet Baker, Sharon Lasik and Judy White.



Elijah Glen, Bessie Mae, Curt Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed a trip to the St. Louis Zoo.



Cousins, Marilyn, Rhondalyn, and Kathy had fun at Geneva Jackson's birthday party. It has been several years since the girls have been together.



Congratulations to Abigail and Edward Dahmer on their 4H projects. Abigail is going to state for cake decorating and Edward is going to state for vet science and electricity.



Anna Eastern Star Scholarship recipients were Dalen Treat, honor student and graduate of Dongola High School, and Taylor Tomazzoli, honor student and graduate of Cobden High School. The students will receive a \$500 scholarship each to help them as they begin their college education.



David Casper celebrated his birthday with his wife Amy, daughters, Kaitlin and Emily, and brother and his family Tim, Amy and Bradley Casper watching the Cardinals play at Busch Stadium. It was transplant awareness night at Busch Stadium.



Doggie Lucy Lou loves treats and to visit Sudzy Bath and Biscuits in downtown Anna. Lucy is with her owner Stephanie King, and friends Brandon Hunter and Mike Hicks, to help owner Kimberly Adams celebrate her first anniversary.



Steve Guined, Betty Odum and Martha Ann Webb welcomed Paul Schimpf to Anna at his meet and greet.



Happy 1st birthday on Sunday, July 17, for Alexandria Mayberry. She was honored with a party at Valley Mission Family Center in Fair City. Her parents are Robert and Amber Mayberry.



Teri Goldsberry helped with the first year anniversary at Sudzy Bath and Biscuits. Teri also makes personalized fleece blankets and was taking orders for them.

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**News from
Anna Nazarene Church**

On Sunday, July 17, recognition was given to Betty Odum. The church said that Betty "has been an example of a Godly woman to so many people and has influenced their lives in so many ways."

Testimonies were shared from the congregation of the influence she had on their own personal life. A letter was read by Pastor McBride from the Illinois district superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene congratulating Odum for her many years of service and devotion to the church.

She was presented with a plaque and corsage and the sanctuary and fellowship hall were decorated with a musical theme in her honor and her musical talents.

She was honored to have her daughter Jil Tracy, son Matt Odum and grandson Mark Tracy present for the special event.

The offertory was provided by Betty Odum and Rin Ray.

Mark Smith, Logan Wiseman, Curt Lyerla and Chad Brooks were ushers.

The morning message, "The Influence of a Christ-Centered Life," was brought by Pastor McBride from Philipians. The message shared that "a servant's heart puts others ahead of himself for the sake of Christ."

The service was followed by a dinner in honor of Betty Odum, with a cake in the shape of a piano be-

ing served as dessert for the years of devoted and loyal service that she has served as the pianist at Anna First Church of the Nazarene.

The offertory for the Sunday evening service was provided by Judie Barnhart.

Curly Ralls, Phil Ray, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. were ushers.

The evening message, "The Mission Driven Life," was brought by Pastor McBride from Colossians. He shared "if we are going to be missionary Christians, it is necessary for us to develop a devotion to prayer."

Birthdays: Rick Mul-back, July 18; Stanley Elkins, July 21; Brayden Tallent, July 22.

Upcoming: July 27 there will be a missionary service with guest Joanne Blakley at 6:30 p.m. No meal is to be served.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School set
at St. Joseph Church, Cobden**

Vacation Bible School is planned Monday through Friday evenings, July 25-29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Activities are planned for those of all ages each evening. All are welcome to attend.

The theme for the week is focused on grace and living the sacraments of the church.

Bible School is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Father Steven Beatty is

scheduled to present a program for adults on Monday evening.

A program for adults will be presented Tuesday evening by representatives of the Marion Medical Mission.

Wednesday's program will feature a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be followed by a Market Place event, which has been a part of the Bible School program at the Cobden church for several years.

The Market Place will feature craft items created by young people of the parish.

The Market Place also will feature presentations by people who are dedicated to service, including sisters from the Adorers of the Blood Christ in Ruma, lay persons who are committed to the church, a local resident who served in the Peace Corps, and others.

A Healing Mass is planned at the church at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

On Friday, a pool party is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. The party will be at the Anna Pool.

In conjunction with Vacation Bible School, the church is continuing a tradition of working to support an outreach project. This year, funds are being raised to support the work of Catholic missionaries who are serving in Kenya, Africa.

**News from
Camp Ground Church
and Community**

Camp Ground Church's pastor and family were on vacation July 17.

Filling the pulpit in his absence was one of the church's former pastors, Adam Futrell, who is now an attorney in Paducah.

His sermon was "Move in the Storm," with scripture from Matthew.

He began by talking about the changes that had transpired in the 15 years since he was the congregation's pastor, some changes for the good, and some not so good. He continued that

it seems the world is out of control, especially with all the violence the past few days. "How do we endure?"

"As Christians, we must stand firm on the solid rock of Jesus Christ who is calling us to reach out to the hurting and lost in this time of 'worldly storm'. If we will 'go', He will go with us," he said.

The elder serving for the month of July is David Miller.

Birthdays: Vickie Brown, June 26; Wally Warren, July 4; Donnie Jones and Ashley Roach, July 9.

Anniversaries: Richard and Norma Edwards, June 25; Jim and Karen Vaughn, June 28; and Dwight and Sandy Boaz, July 8.

Congratulations to Mark and Michaela Boaz on the arrival of a daughter, Sophia Grace, who was born June 24 in New Lenox. The little miss, who arrived a month early, weighed in at 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and 18 1/2 inches long. She stayed a couple of extra days at the hospital but is doing well, growing in weight and length.

Sophia's big brothers Matthew and Andrew Boaz spent June 29 through July 13 in Anna with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boaz.

Weekly services are Sunday School at 10 a.m. following by worship service at 11 a.m. The church is located at the intersection of Camp Ground Road and Tunnel Lane east of Anna.

**News from
First Baptist
Church, Anna**

Tony Auxier brought the message for the morning service on Sunday, July 17.

Vacation Bible School is planned Monday, Aug. 1, through Friday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon for 4-year-olds through 6th grade. Bible stories, missions, snacks, crafts, music and recreation are planned.

A VBS kickoff carnival is planned Sunday, July 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a bounce house, games and snacks.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Aug. 8, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be free soup and sandwiches with drinks.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, the church will give away clothes from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot.

**Worship service
set at Kornthal**

A worship service is planned Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church in Union County.

The service is set for 7 p.m. Kornthal Church is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.



Betty Odum honored
The Anna Church of the Nazarene honored Betty Odum on Sunday, July 17. Photo provided.

**News from
Walnut Grove
Methodist Church**

On July 3, the ladies' choir sang "Showers of Blessings." Prayers were requested for Valerie Barko and her family for the loss of her sister.

Rev. Robert Fear read scripture from Luke and talked about "how problems can trouble us to the point where we get so angry that we lose control and forget to live by God's word."

On July 10, the men's choir sang.

Rev. Fear spoke about casting the first stone, based on scripture from John. He shared that "it's very easy to complain about the sins of other people but we need the grace of God to see our own reflection. Whatever we do in our lives, God knows whether or not we are living by his word."

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, Aug. 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut in Anna.

The next music night is planned Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday services start at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., Cobden, near Route 127.

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Ephesians 6:10-24	Philippians 1:1-30	Philippians 2:1-30	Philippians 3:1-21	Philippians 4:1-23	1 Thess. 1:1-10	1 Thess. 2:1-16
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Belleville paper mourns loss of journalist with ties to Southern Illinois

Editor's note: The article which follows is about journalist Steve Mainer of Belleville.

Mr. Mainer was an employee of the Belleville News-Democrat newspaper for 32 years. He died Wednesday, June 15; graveside services were June 18.

Mr. Mainer had ties to Southern Illinois. His parents are Lowell and Dorothy Mainer of Godfrey, and formerly of Cobden and Jonesboro.

His grandparents were Ernest and Gladys Lentz of Cobden and Ralph and Rosetta Brown of Jonesboro.

The article which follows appeared in the Belleville News-Democrat and was posted on the newspaper's website. The article, dated June 17, was written by Scott Wuerz.

The staff of the Belleville News-Democrat is mourning the loss of a respected colleague and friend who died of an apparent heart attack early Wednesday during a run in Centennial Park in Swansea.

Steve Mainer, 56, of Belleville, was an employee of the News-Democrat for 32 years. He was an editor on the continuous news desk, producing the newspaper and website late into the evening hours.

"Our newsroom is stunned by Steve's death," said Jeffery Couch, the BND's executive editor. "Many of his colleagues and friends still find it difficult to comprehend."

"The BND won't be the same without him. Steve was well-liked, fun to work with and respected by everyone. And he was an excellent editor. He was unflappable under pressure, just the kind of journalist you want sitting in an editor's chair. He will be missed."

Jeffery Couch, executive editor, Belleville News-Democrat

St. Clair County Coroner Rick Stone said Friday the investigation into Mainer's death is not complete.

But he believes the most likely cause was a heart attack with the extreme heat Wednesday as a contributing factor.

The high Wednesday reached 98 degrees with a heat index of 105.

Mainer, an avid runner who competed in marathons, was found about 8:15 a.m. Wednesday along the running trail at Centennial Park.

Stone said while Mainer was likely trying to avoid the heat of the middle of the day by getting in an early run, it was still oppressively hot during the morning hours.

According to the National Weather Service, the temperature was 84 degrees with 79 percent humidity at 8 a.m. Wednesday, with a heat index of 90.

Current and former News-Democrat employees remembered Mainer fondly after learning of his passing.

"An incredibly even-tempered and nice guy," cartoonist Glenn McCoy wrote on Facebook. "So sad to learn of this."

Reporter Mary Cooley worked closely with Mainer on the desk.

"Steve was one of those behind the scenes in the newsroom, and was not one to loudly proclaim his work," Cooley said. "But when he'd catch an especially egregious error, there would be a quiet snort or a grunt, and you'd hear a flurry of keystrokes. I'll miss him."

Former News-Democrat reporter David van den Berg wrote:

"My condolences to everyone at the News-Democrat and those who are no longer there but have fond memories of Steve. He was a good man."

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. The Rev. James Lamplery will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the Godfrey Church of Christ, American Heart Association, the 5A's Animal Shelter in Alton or a memorial of one's choice.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Information is available at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Ferns, hike, ecosystem focus of Giant City events

Ferns, a forest hike and the ecosystem will highlight upcoming events which are planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Extension forester Chris Evans plans to conduct a two-part fern workshop.

An indoor presentation is planned Thursday, today, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. that will focus on the different varieties of ferns at the park.

The workshop is sched-

uled to continue Saturday, July 23, with a trail hike from 9 a.m. to noon. The hike will give the participants an opportunity to identify the different species of ferns.

The workshop is free and open to the public, but those who plan to participate are asked to register by calling 618-457-4836.

A forest hike is planned with guide Jennifer Behnk-

en on the Giant City Nature Trail for Saturday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Behnken will discuss tree identification, Illinois forests, wood products, cultural history, and invasive species. No registration is required.

Discovering Decomposition is scheduled Saturday, July 30, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is geared towards ages 12-18.

The program will offer an in-depth look at the animals and other organisms that clean up the forest ecosystem.

Park volunteer and insect enthusiast Alex Holmes will give participants a hands-on look at the life that inhabits a composting bin, then will highlight decomposers in action along one of the park's many trails.

Organizers ask that participants bring a full water bottle, shoes for hiking and rain wear if the weather is damp.

To register for the program, call the Visitors Center at 618-457-4836.



Donation presented

The American Legion's Townsend F. Dodd Post No. 344 presented the Anna-Jo Garden Club with a \$100 check on Thursday, July 14. The donation comes as a thanks for the flowers the garden club furnished for the Legion's World War II memorial planter outside the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. From left are garden club president Linda Karraker, club member Judy Neal, Legion member Jerry Hunter, garden club secretary Marge Selinger and club member Opal Ulrich. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Meisenheimer Cemetery social planned

An ice cream social is planned Saturday, July 23, at Meisenheimer Cemetery, located east of Dongola. Serving begins at 5 p.m.

Grilled hamburgers, cheeseburgers, porkburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts and ice cream will be served.

Music will be presented during the evening.

The social will be sponsored by the Meisenheimer Cemetery Association.

Proceeds will provide for the cemetery's maintenance.

Television Listing

THURSDAY

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JULY 27, 2016

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner



Birthday celebration

Glenn Heisner recently celebrated his birthday with family members. Photo provided.

Our grandson Justin McClellan recently went on a business trip to Germany and took a few days to see the sights in the nearby countries.

Friday evening, Juanita and my sister and brother-in-law Louise and Bruce Williams took me to Giant City Lodge for my 80th birthday dinner.

I was totally surprised when we walked in to see our son, Danny and his three boys from Birmingham, Ala., our daughter Glenna and son-in-law Allen Harris and their two boys from Quinlan, Texas, and our oldest grandson Justin and my brother and sister-in-law Gary and Sue Hoskins and nephew Ja-

mie, all of Nashville, Tenn.

During dinner, I learned there would be a barn party Saturday evening at our place. I want to thank the 76 who attended from six states. It was great.

July birthdays: Fred Schlenker 4th, Jerry Miller 12th, Cotton Webb, 14th, Edna Goddard and myself 15th, Rachael Bonner and her mother Donna Williams 22nd.

Anniversaries: Alexa and Jeremiah Nigel 11th, David and Pat Johnson 18th, Fred and Wanda Schlenker 21st (60th).

I thank HE Echols, Fred Schlenker and one unknown for their credits to The Gazette-Democrat.

Opinion and Commentary

Letters to the editor

Path forward is difficult

To the editor,
Illinois government has a "stop-gap" budget in place providing a full year of funding for elementary and secondary education and six months of funding for the rest of government. It's not how I wanted to end the 2016 spring session. I prefer a 12-month budget for all of state government, but unfortunately the partisan climate in Springfield stood in the way. I hope we can build on the agreement going forward.

Admittedly, the path forward is difficult. For years, the majority party in the Senate and House passed one out-of-balanced budget after another. Those decisions gave us a state in dire financial shape, with billions of dollars in debt and billions of dollars in overdue bills. It's the proof we need that we must reform our approach to government.

Governor Bruce Rauner has proposed reforms to get Illinois back on its feet financially by growing our economy through business expansion and job growth. Those reforms were opposed and turned back by the majority who instead remain committed to the failed policies of the past. Today, Illinois' unemployment rate remains above the national average, job losses outnumber job gains and we are still struggling to recover from the 2008 Recession.

It is my sincere hope the "stop-gap" budget, approved June 30, becomes the bridge to a full-year budget as is required by our state constitution and expected by the citizens of Illinois. Government can no longer spend beyond our means to pay. It doesn't lead to prosperity; it leads to debt. Recovery will take job creation and business investment. The people of Illinois have not been well-served by the decisions and policies of the past. Reform and recovery go hand in hand.

Signed, Dave Luechtefeld, State Senator, 58th District

We have a lot of history

To the editor,
It was exciting to see that some local folks are starting to work on the Bicentennial Celebration for Union County January 2, 2018 and other folks are working on the Region Wide Bicentennial Celebration of Illinois becoming the Twenty-First State in the Union (Dec. 3, 2018).

Still other folks are hard at work getting ready to celebrate the Bicentennial of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Clear Creek Baptist Church Association and the Jonesboro Baptist Church also in the same period.

We have a lot of history "To remember and to be remembered: Our family, our friends, our communities, our social values, our trials and struggles and our jobs... some of the things that form the memories we keep for a lifetime."

As Ron Stork says in the forward of "Where Illinois Began, A Pictorial History of Randolph County (which the area of Union County was once a part of in one of the earliest maps of the region).

We have a lot of History to unpack, dust off and polish. We have eighteen months to get ready to create the life time of memories for all of us inheritors of the legacy. As any one who has planned a big wedding or a reunion will attest, there is much to do and that time will just fly by.

I am certain all of these folks would appreciate your help if you wanted to get involved in the local party planning or the three year regional Celebration. We are telling our story, yours and mine. It is a great story worth telling and worth celebrating.

If you came to Union County in 1807 or just moved here in July 2016 you have a chapter in the book. In 2068 and 2118 when our grandchildren and great-great-grand children look back at their past let them say those folks who celebrated the Bicentennial back in 2018-2020 sure knew how to party and how to tell the Story of us Children of Southern Illinois.

Signed RL Housman, executive committee (South 40) Illinois BiCentennial Celebration 2018-2020 Org.

This Week's Online Poll Are you playing the new game Pokemon GO?

Yes! I'm obsessed with it: 65 percent
I play it every now and then: 6 percent
No, I don't play the game: 29 percent

Visit annanews.com to participate in next week's poll.

Nutrient losses focus of tour

In an effort to continue reducing nutrient losses to Illinois waterways, 20 Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB, members and staff plan to travel to Iowa Aug. 8-10 to discuss nutrient management, collaborative conservation efforts and best management practices.

Participants will take part in nutrient management panel discussions with agencies and agricultural groups, including the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa State University, League of Cities and Greater Des Moines Partnership.

Participants also will tour demonstration farms, review the Tama Water Quality Initiative Watershed Project and visit the Cedar Rapids Water Utility to learn about their treatment processes.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

Love birds, but probably not ring-necked pheasants

This originally was going to be about Pokemon Go. What, you say? You've never heard of Pokemon Go. Good. That is very, very good.

If I understand it correctly, Pokemon Go is some sort of 21st century smartphone craziness which causes people to forget the world around them and, in essence, become digital zombies.

To be honest with you, I do not understand all of the excitement. Then again, I'm still trying to figure out if that rock and roll music thing is going to stick around. Probably not.

This week, I thought I would share a picture of a couple of love birds.

Well, they are birds. Doves, I think. I can't be too sure about such things. One time, many years ago, I was at an event which involved the outdoors. I was just trying to help out. Be a nice guy.

My role at the event pretty much involved sitting in a booth and trying to answer questions about some of the items in the booth. Those items included displays created by a fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life who happened to be a taxidermist.



Your intrepid photographer spotted a pair of birds (we'll call them doves) on utility wires near St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. So, I captured this clever silhouette image of the birds. (Yes, I was on another one of my walks. Sorry.)



"Why won't he leave us alone?" At one point, after I had taken approximately 137 photographs, I think one of the birds might have mentioned something to the other bird about the goofball down on the ground.

One of the items on display was a pheasant. At that point in my life, a pheasant was pretty much, well, a pheasant. The only pheasant I really knew much about was a ring-necked pheasant. And the only reason I knew much about that particular bird was because I had eaten them for dinner. They taste like chicken.

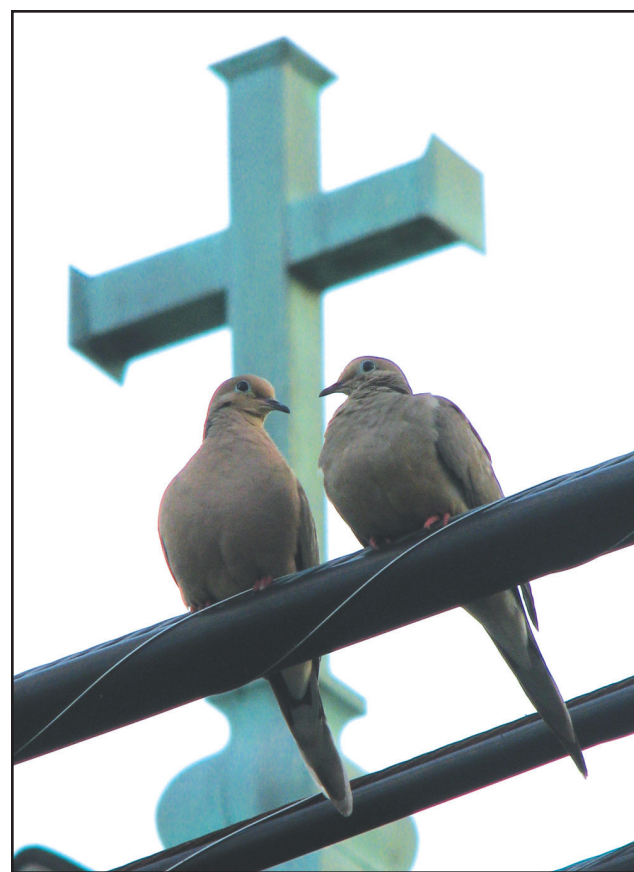
Anyway, a person happened to stroll by the booth where I was occupying space. The visitor looked at the pheasant, and asked if I knew what it was.

"A ring-necked pheasant," I said with all of the confidence of a person who actually had eaten a ring-necked pheasant for dinner.

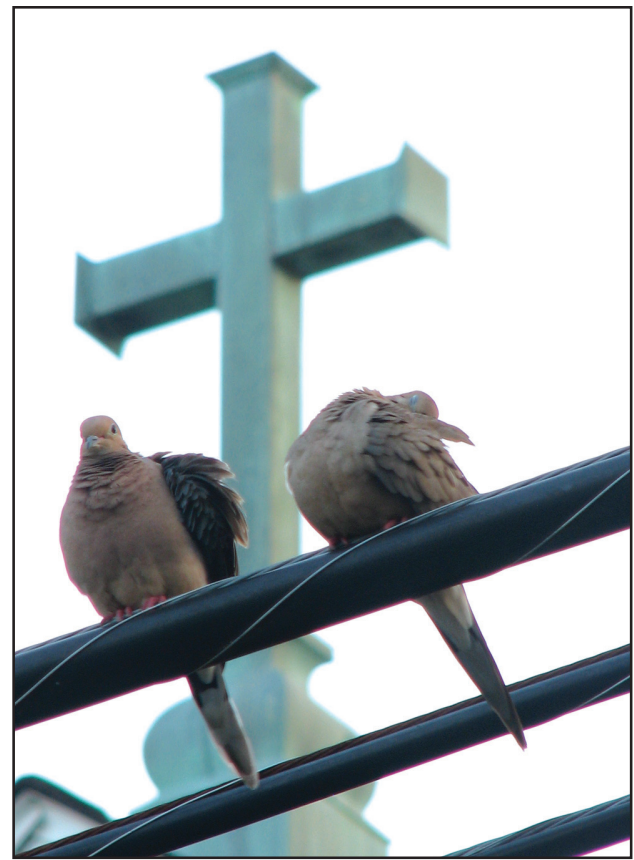
"THAT'S NOT A RING-NECKED PHEASANT," the visitor snorted in complete indignation, and then walked away, secure in the knowledge that she had proven how dumb another human being could be.

I do not remember what kind of pheasant I was spending time with.

Now, I guess I'll see if there's some kind of pheasant flying around in Pokemon Go.



I started taking more pictures of the lovebirds. They were quite patient. And it seems like I remembered reading someplace that doves pair up for life, but I can't be too sure about that.



Finally, I think I had ruffled their feathers a little bit. So I walked away.

Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, July 21, 1966

A deluge brought relief to a parched Union County Friday night, July 16, and also brought much damage to add to the miseries of the past week. Various reports of the amounts of rainfall were given in different sections of the county; however, many cars were stranded by the rain which flooded their motors and motorists had to wait until the motors dried out.

Union County had 21 days of over 90 degree temperatures during the past several weeks, with four straight days being over 100. Even the nighttime temperatures were above normal. The rain and break in the heat wave came on Friday night, when 2.09 inches of rainfall fell, and again on Tuesday, July 19, when 1.37 inches of rain fell.

Cobden Fruit Exchange reports that the tomato market has slowed down considerably due to the dry weather and heat, but is slowly picking up, with tomatoes bringing \$1.25 for 10 pound lugs; peppers, just starting to come in, are bringing \$3.50 per bushel. Cucumbers are just about running out, but have been coming in quite well and selling well.

Cobden Lions and other organizations are busy laying plans to make this year's Peach Festival, August 19-20, even more enjoyable than in previous years.

A full week of entertainment and many other interesting features are promised for everyone attending the Anna Fair to be held August 21 through 27.

The Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meeting, Sunday afternoon, July 24th

at the Fair ground park at 4:00 p.m.

Tommy Tripp, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tripp, achieved the highest score in league play at the Anna-Jo Bowl Wednesday, July 13. He bowled a perfect 300. This was the first 300 game ever bowled in league play at the Bowl.

From the Barringer news: The people in this community were glad to get the good rain Friday night.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: The heat wave the past week caused heavy damage to growing crops.



Evening silhouette
Plants in a yard were silhouetted one evening recently in Cobden.