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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A bright yellow crocus was seen blooming in the bright sunshine last weekend in Union County.

Almost time to spring forward: Daylight Saving Time begins early Sunday morning, March 8. Remember to reset your clocks ahead one hour.

The Illinois State Board of Elections randomly selected Union County for a pre-test of election equipment as the March 17 primary election draws closer. All went well with the pre-test, which was last Thursday, Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer reported.

The county clerk also reported that an election judges school was held last week. More than 80 election judges attended the school, which was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The Village of Cobden's Census Complete Count Committee plans to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 9. The meeting will be at Cobden Village Hall.

WIBH Radio in Anna reports that its New Coats New Hope campaign was a big success. With help from the Shawnee Mass Transit District, more than 300 coats have been delivered to agencies throughout Southern Illinois.

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Public health officials share coronavirus update

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SPRINGFIELD—Illinois health officials on Monday announced the state's fourth case of coronavirus in a Cook County woman who is married to a man who was diagnosed with the virus over the weekend. Both are in their 70s. The

man, whom the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced Saturday as the state's third case of the virus, is hospitalized and in isolation. His wife is quarantined inside her home and complying with health officials.

The IDPH said both are in good condition.

"Federal, state, county and hospital-level public

health officials are working to actively identify any individuals who were in contact with this couple," Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday during a news conference in Chicago.

The woman's test results will be sent to a lab at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be officially confirmed.

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Keeping community informed

Southern Seven Health Department reported on Monday that it is working to keep communities informed as much as possible about coronavirus (COVID-19).

The health department has updated its website with information about the virus. The website will be updated as quickly as possible when new information is received. The website information is available at <https://www.southern7.org/coronavirus-covid-19-html>.

Stormy Monday night

Union County experienced heavy rain, lightning and thunder early this week.

Severe weather swept through parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky Monday night.

The Union County area was under a tornado watch and a flash flood warning during the nighttime hours.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported Monday night on its website that radar indicated thunderstorms were producing heavy rain across the warning area.

The flash flood warning was issued for Union, Johnson, Hardin and Pope counties in Southern Illinois.

By about 10 p.m. Monday, the weather service reported that up to 2 inches of rain had already fallen in the area.

Tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings also were issued by the weather service for parts of the region on Monday night.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 1.28 inches of rain on Monday in Jonesboro.

The severe weather arrived after the high temperature reached 67 degrees on Monday.

Along with the 1.28 inches of rain measured

on Monday, precipitation during the period of Feb. 25 through March 2 in Jonesboro included .01 of an inch on Feb. 25, .02 of an inch on Feb. 26, .05 of an inch on Feb. 28, .01 of an inch on Feb. 29 and .13 of an inch on March 1.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 25	49	37
Wednesday, Feb. 26	37	32
Thursday, Feb. 27	44	32
Friday, Feb. 28	48	29
Saturday, Feb. 29	48	23
Sunday, March 1	63	29
Monday, March 2	67	50

February Weather

The high temperature for the month of February was 67 degrees, recorded on Feb. 3. The average high was 48.

The low for the month was 9, recorded on Feb. 14. The average low was 29.

Precipitation for the month totalled 4.66 inches. The most rain in a 24-hour period totalled .96 of an inch, recorded on Feb. 4.

A trace of snow was recorded during the month.

Precipitation for the year through the end of the month totalled 11.91 inches.



Current facilities

The Union County animal control shelter is located along Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden.

New animal control shelter planned

"Wags to Riches" will be the theme for an upcoming event which will help to support the development of a new Union County animal control shelter.

The process for building a new shelter facility took a step forward at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Feb. 28, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The "Wags to Riches" event also was discussed at Friday morning's county board meeting.

The commissioners on Friday unanimously ap-

proved a real estate contract between Union County and the City of Anna. A real estate quit claim deed between the county and city also was approved.

Approval of the contract and the quit claim deed are steps involved in the process of developing a new animal control shelter.

The county facility is located on city property adjacent to Anna's now-closed municipal landfill.

The real estate contract approved by the county board involves about 3.6 acres of property where the shelter is located.

Union County Board of Commissioners chair Max

Miller said that approval of the contract does not involve any money changing hands.

The City of Anna will receive a reduction in fees which are levied to Union County municipalities for the operation of the animal control program.

Union County administrator Angie Johnson said the city will receive a \$3,500 reduction in fees for the next three years.

The county board chairman explained that reductions will be equal to the fair value of the land where the shelter is located.

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Celebrating a championship

The host Cobden High School boys' basketball team defeated Cairo last Friday night to win an Illinois High School Association Class 1A postseason regional championship title. The win gave Cobden its first regional title in nearly 60 years. The team's players and coaches were joined by cheerleaders and the many fans who packed into the Cobden High School gym for Friday night's game to celebrate the championship.



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The PAST organization of Union County is planning to host its annual soup/chili supper and dessert auction on Friday, March 13, at historic St. Anne’s Church in Anna. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m.

Southern Seven Health Department planned to begin a six-week chronic disease and diabetes self-management workshop on Monday afternoon, March

Tentative multiplier assigned

Johnson County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 0.9835, the Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, reports.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier,” is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

IDOR says this equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third of its market value.

Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

Assessments in Johnson County are at 33.89 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2016, 2017 and 2018, IDOR reported.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2019 taxes, payable in 2020.

A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

2, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Southern Seven Head Start and pre-kindergarten programs are preparing for an April 24 Community Child Find event in Union County.

A March 11 deadline is looming to apply for health care scholarship opportunities offered at Rural Health Inc. Details are available from Rural Health.

A March 15 deadline is set to apply for Illinois Sheriffs’ Association scholarship. Details are available from the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

The Kincaid Mounds Support Organization has scheduled an “Artifact Day” program from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

Clean-up work is scheduled to begin March 24 at the Jonesboro Cemetery. City officials are asking that all grave blankets, flowers and other items be removed by March 23.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah noted that Feb. 29 was the anniversary of a deadly EF-4 tornado which swept through the region. Harrisburg was the hardest hit area.

May 9 has been set as the date for a community yard sale day in Cobden.

Online postings suggest that more than 250 participants are expected for the 2020 Dirty South Roubaix bicycling event, which is scheduled Saturday, March 7. Alto Pass will be welcoming the participants again this year.

Sure sounds of spring: frogs and thunder were heard Monday night in Union County.

Tuesday morning update: daffodils also are reported to be in bloom in Union County.

Notice

The Saint John’s Cemetery board would like to inform everyone that cemetery cleanup and mowing will begin the 1st of April. Please remove any flowers or other items from the ground to allow for mowing and weed eating. We greatly appreciate your help with this in order that the cemetery can be maintained properly.

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Snow falling in Union County

Snow was falling in the Union County area, including in Cobden, early Wednesday morning, Feb. 26. Very little accumulation was seen.

Coronavirus update

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The novel coronavirus, which originated last year in Wuhan, China, has been given the official name COVID-19 by the World Health Organization.

Illinois’ two previous cases of COVID-19, a married couple in January, have since fully recovered. All four cases have been in Cook County.

The IDPH began a “sentinel surveillance” program Monday in Northern Illinois to test for possible community spread of the virus.

People with flu-like symptoms who test negative for the flu or other common respiratory illnesses

can choose to be tested for COVID-19.

“It is with that kind of surveillance that we will be able to see if we have circulating virus in our communities,” said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the director of IDPH.

She said IDPH plans to expand the program to Central and Southern Illinois. Along with voluntary testing, Ezike said, 286 people in Illinois are being actively monitored for the virus.

“The risk to the communities of Illinois is low,” she said, “and we will continue to work collaboratively with our local health departments and our federal partners to ensure that we’re doing everything we can

to be ready for whatever is around the bend.”

Illinois was the first state to test for COVID-19 when it opened a lab in Cook County last month. Pritzker said Monday that two labs in Springfield and Carbonale will open in “the next few days.”

“The best thing that the general public can do at this time is to continue taking the same precautions you take during flu season with renewed vigilance,” Pritzker said.

They include covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, avoiding touching your face, staying home when you are sick and cleaning frequently-touched surfaces.

As of Monday evening, more than 90 people across

12 states had been diagnosed with COVID-19. Six people have died in Washington, the only state with fatalities. Five of those who died ranged in age from the 50s through 80s, some with “underlying medical conditions” that made them more vulnerable.

The death toll worldwide surpassed 3,000 on Monday, with more than 89,000 people infected across 58 countries.

Illinoisans who think they might have the virus may call the state’s COVID-19 hotline (1-800-889-3931) or email dph.sick@illinois.gov. IDPH also published a webpage of frequently asked questions: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>.

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NOTICE

Clean-up in the Jonesboro Cemetery will begin March 24, 2020. The City of Jonesboro is asking that all grave blankets, flowers, or anything else be removed by March 23, 2020. Anything left on the ground will be picked up and thrown away by the clean-up staff.

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Give Kids a Smile Day set at SIU Dental Center

Openings are available for the annual Give Kids A Smile Day at Southern Illinois University.

The March 27 event is provided by the university's dental hygiene program. The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SIU Carbondale Community Dental Center, which is west of Banterra Center.

The free dental care is for children from infants to 14 years old who do not receive regular dental treatment and who do not have regular access to dental care.

In its 18th year, the program, which began in 2003 with about 50 children participating over two days,

Anna VFW plans fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, March 6.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, slaw, baked beans, onions, pickles, hush puppies and bread for a \$10 donation.

The fish fry is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke will start at 6 p.m.

has grown to an average of about 240 children each of the past 10 years.

Participating children will receive dental examinations, x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and fillings, or simple extractions under special circumstances.

The program also works to find a "dental home" for patients if there is a need for additional treatment.

Children can register for either the dental screening, vision screenings or both.

While children can register the day of the event, appointments are preferred.

To make an appointment, call the center at 618-453-8826 and specify the visit is for Give Kids a Smile Day.

Approximately 100 students and 16 faculty from the dental hygiene program, along with volunteer dentists and hygienists, will provide the free care.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry guidelines suggest that infants should visit a dentist when their teeth begin to emerge.

The dental hygiene program provides the service in conjunction with the Southern Illinois Dental Hygienists' Society, Saluki Athletics and the Southern Illinois Dental Society. The program is in the SIU School of Health Sciences.



Dongola students of the month for February
Dongola School has honored students of the month for February. Students were selected for the honor based on the character word "considerate." The students of the month included Iva Lindsey, pre-kindergarten; Emilia Rojas, kindergarten; Ali Baker, 1st grade, Parr; Colton Heffner, 1st grade, Ward; Kourtney Vanderpool, 2nd grade; Jayci Poe, 3rd grade; Tytan Smith, 4th grade; Dusti Bracken, 6th grade; Kinley Lingle, 7th grade; Joseph Reynolds, 8th grade; and Presley Hoffman, freshman in high school. Henry Maginel, 5th grade; Charlie Sevenski, sophomore in high school; Annabelle Durham, junior in high school; and Ben Smith, senior in high school, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

Public feedback sought on Shawnee Forest draft recreation facility strategy

A draft recreation facility strategy has been released for public review and feedback, the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest reports.

The strategy analyzes current conditions and budgets and suggests management changes for some of the forest's recreation sites and services, such as campgrounds, trailheads, picnic areas and interpretive sites.

The strategy specifically focuses on actions in the next five years with the goal of ensuring the Shawnee National Forest recreation facilities program is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable into the future, the U.S. Forest Service reported in a news release.

Recreation is a primary public use of the Shawnee National Forest, and public lands are a key component of the tourism economies of Southern Illinois.

The Forest Service reported that the long-term goal for the forest's recreation facilities program is to manage a reasonable array of recreation sites to national quality standards within projected budgets without

compromising the potential for partnerships, quality of services, public safety, or creating undue impacts to natural resources.

The draft recreation facility strategy recommends site management changes to meet that goal.

The Forest Service is looking for information, comments and suggestions from federal, state, and local agencies, tribes, landowners and other individuals or organizations that have an interest in, or could be affected by, the recommended management actions in the draft recreation facility strategy.

The draft document is available online at www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee.

The document can also be viewed at the Forest Service offices in Harris-

burg, Vienna and Jonesboro during regular business hours.

Public feedback will be accepted until March 31, 2020, after which time the draft strategy may be adjusted, as needed, and finalized.

Comments are to be mailed to Marc Pons, Recreation Program Manager, Shawnee National Forest, PO Box 505, 50 Highway 145 South, Harrisburg, Ill. 62946.

Comments can be submitted by email to SM.FS.ShawneeRec@usda.gov; and add "Recreation Strategy" in the subject line.

Comments can also be dropped off in person at the Forest Service offices in Harrisburg, Vienna and Jonesboro.

The Forest Service re-

ported that when the Shawnee National Forest begins implementation of the final recreation facility strategy, some management actions may require a level of environmental analysis through the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA.

There will be an opportunity for continued public engagement on such projects through the NEPA process.

Lingle earns first at FFA speech contest



Peyton Lingle
Dongola High School freshman Peyton Lingle competed at the Section 24 FFA prepared speaking contest on Feb. 27. The contest was at Marion High School. Peyton won first place with her speech on how advertising has affected the beef industry. She now advances to district competition, which is scheduled April 22 at Southern Illinois University. Peyton is the daughter of Breanna and Landon Lingle.

Anna Council unanimously approves resolution to end fees for use of park facilities

Fees which had been charged for use of the Anna City Park are officially a thing of the past.

The matter was on the agenda at a regular meeting of the Anna City Council which was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 18. The meeting was at Anna City Hall.

At the meeting, the city council unanimously approved Resolution 2020-08, which repealed fees which had been charged for use of the park.


Guidelines which had been in place levied fees for use of sports fields at the park by several local teams and leagues. Effective immediately, those fees no longer will be charged.

Elimination of the fees had been proposed recently by city council Michael Bigler.

Bigler and other city officials have agreed that efforts should be made to encourage use of Anna's park facilities.

The city will still require an application by those who want to use the park. The application will allow the city to monitor the use of the facilities.


In other business at the meeting, the council discussed ongoing talks with the Union County Sheriff's Office regarding the cost of general dispatch services. Other Union County municipalities also are engaged in the talks.



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Sports

Cobden ends regional title drought with win over Cairo

It had been 56 years since the Cobden High School boys' basketball team won regional basketball tournament title.

But that came to an end as the Appleknockers held on for a 55-43 win over Cairo to claim the Class 1A regional championship hosted by Cobden Friday night, Feb. 28.

"We definitely had a home court advantage," Cobden head coach Wendell Wheeler said. "It was a good win for the community."

The community came out in droves in the packed gymnasium and every seat was taken. Fans arriving late at the game, if they wanted to remain, had to stand in the lobby and view the game through the open doors.

"We put in a lot of hard work this season," Wheeler said. "It's good to see it pay off."

Cobden's Joe Brumleve opened the game with a basket. Cairo's Riko Nelson countered with a 3-pointer for the only lead for the Pilots in the game at 3-2.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Dylan Lewey boosted Cobden to a 10-3 early lead.

Brumleve scored again to close out the quarter and the Appleknockers were ahead 12-9 after one quarter.

Noah Franklin added a 3-pointer early in the next quarter and Brumleve and Tyler Franklin scored a basket apiece to close out the scoring and boost Cobden to a 21-15 first half lead.

Brumleve scored the first 5 points to open the second half and brought the crowd to its feet with a slam dunk later in the quarter. A free throw by Brumleve then closed out the scoring as the Appleknockers pulled ahead 35-25 going into the final quarter.

Tyler Franklin made a 3-pointer in the last quarter and Cobden took over at the free line to score eight consecutive points to hold off the Pilots, who fouled a

lot late in the game trying to catch up.

Brumleve led the way for Cobden with 26 points, 7 rebounds and a blocked shot.

Noah Franklin added 12 points and 6 rebounds. Lewey had 7 points and Tyler Franklin had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Alex Ramsey and Jose Lopez had 2 points apiece.

"We're on a nice little run right now," Wheeler said. "A lot of good things are happening for us."

The Appleknockers, 24-8, with the regional title have now won nine consecutive games.

Cobden was to have played earlier Tuesday in the Class 1A Norris City/Omaha sectional against Woodlawn, which won the Edwardsville regional with a 52-32 win over Wayne City.

Cobden Defeats Century

Tyler Franklin scored a basket to open the game and the Cobden High School boys' basketball team never trailed again on its way to a 66-47 win over Century in the first round of the Class 1A regional hosted by the Appleknockers' Wednesday, Feb. 26.

"That was a good win," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. "We played pretty well."

Tyler Franklin's older brother, Noah Franklin, closed out the first quarter with another basket to give Cobden a 15-9 lead.

Dylan Lewey started the second quarter with a basket and Joe Brumleve scored to close out the frame as the Appleknockers built a 26-18 halftime lead.

Noah Franklin had a slam dunk early in the third quarter and Alex Ramsey followed with a pair of 3-pointers as Cobden built a 48-35 lead at the end of the three quarters.

Early in the final quarter, Brumleve fired up the crowd with a slam dunk and Noah Franklin followed with a 3-pointer. The Appleknockers made six consecutive free throws to close out the contest.

Noah Franklin led Cobden with 28 points and 7 rebounds.

Brumleve added 20 points and 9 rebounds. Lewey and Alex Ramsey had 6 points apiece, Tyler Franklin 3, Sipriano Zamora 2 and Drake Campbell 1.

Cobden plays at sectional

Cobden was scheduled to face Woodlawn Tuesday night in an Illinois High School Association Class 1A sectional semifinal game.

Cobden was playing in the Norris City-Omaha-Enfield sectional. The sectional is being played in Norris City.

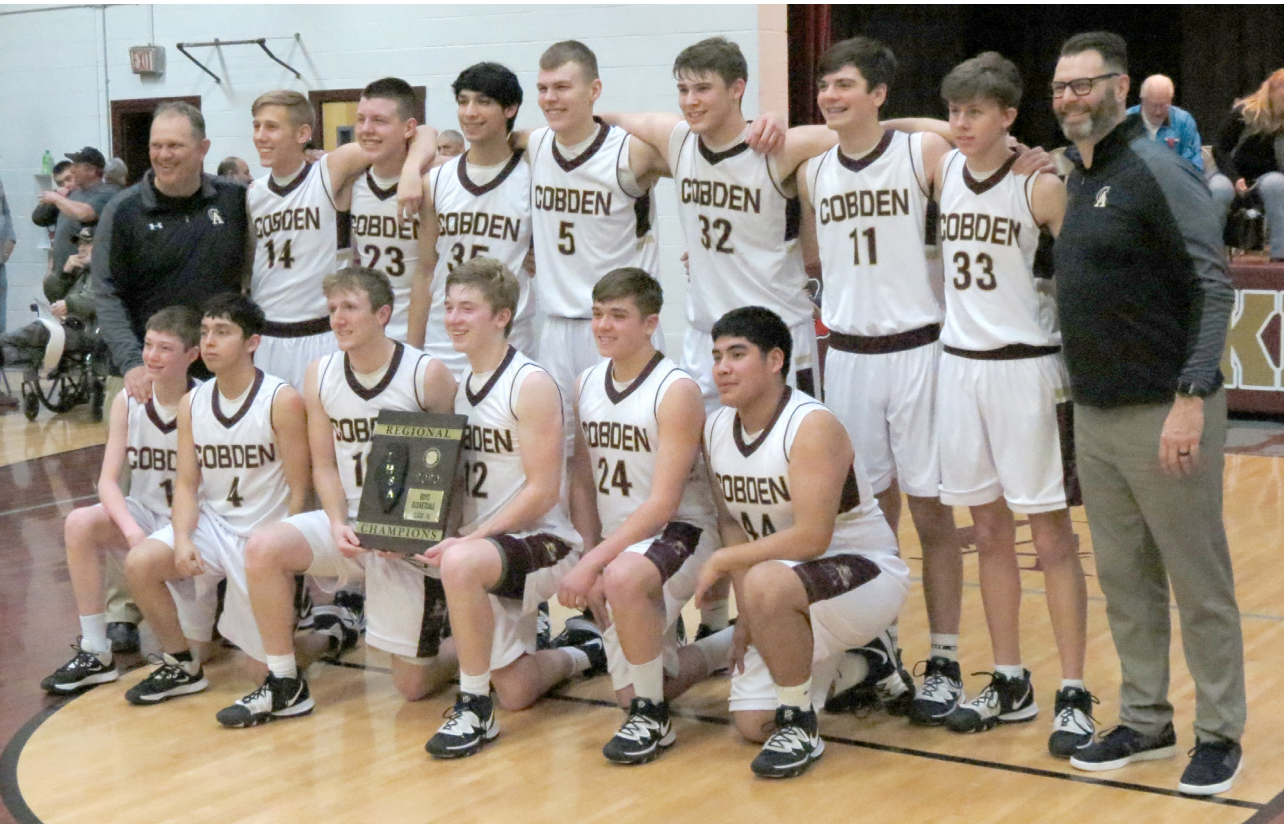
The Appleknockers advanced to sectional play after winning a regional championship game against Cairo last Friday night in Cobden.

Goreville and Okawville were slated to play Wednesday night in another sectional semifinal game in Norris City.

The winners of the games played Tuesday and Wednesday nights will face off for a sectional title.

The sectional championship game is set for 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, in Norris City.

The sectional champion advances to the Carbondale super-sectional on Tuesday, March 10. The game will be played at Southern Illinois University.



Big win for Cobden Appleknockers
The Cobden High School boys' basketball team's players and coaches gathered for pictures with their regional championship plaque Friday night. Cobden defeated Cairo in front of a packed house to win an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional title.

A-J boys' basketball season ends with loss to Massac

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team couldn't hold a first half lead in a 70-55 loss to Massac County in the Class 2A regional at Vienna Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The game was tied 12-12 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, Zach Overstreet made a 3-pointer and Damareon Faust added a layup to boost A-J to a 23-17 lead.

The Wildcats were ahead 30-29 at the end of the first half.

The Patriots outscored A-J 24-10 in the third quarter to take a 53-40 lead

headed into the final stanza.

Overstreet scored 17 points, including five 3-pointers, and added 2 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Noah McFarland had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Blake Pena had 11 points and 2 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 7 points and 3 rebounds. Faust had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Ta'Kevon Williford added 2 points.

The Wildcats will lose McFarland, Overstreet, Pena, Faust and Ethan Klett to graduation.

A-J closed out it season with a 13-19 record.

Hunter safety education course planned in Anna

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned March 20-21 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 20 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 21. Students must attend both classes.

A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, to successfully complete a hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license.

Those who complete the course will receive a certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction.

The course will include instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

All students must preregister. For more information about the course, or to preregister, contact coordinating instructor LaRue Parr at 618-697-0286.



Evan Treat
Dongola fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 91-63 loss to Century in first-round action at the Class 1A regional at Cobden Monday, Feb. 24.



Triathlon competitor
Jerry L. Reppert of Anna was one of 60 participants in an indoor triathlon, "Rec Your Body," at Southern Illinois University on Sunday, March 1. He was awarded first place in age category 70-79. Reppert is a veteran of many triathlon events in the past in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

River-to-River Trail Society planning hike on Saturday

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to have a hike on Saturday, March 7. The hike is free and open to the public.

The hike will proceed from High Knob to Reshaven, by way of Hurricane Bluff, Grindstaff Hollow and Colter Spring.

The trail society said the hike will be of moderate difficulty, and is intended for people in good health who have done some walking.

Boots or sturdy shoes, as well as hiking sticks, are recommended. Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack.

Hikers also are requested to not bring dogs.

Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot atop High Knob, in southern Gallatin County.

The trail society said that carpooling is not required, but is encouraged.

To reach High Knob, proceed about 2 miles north on High Knob Road from Karbers Ridge.

At the High Knob Campground, turn east on Forest Road 114, proceeding slowly through the campground and continuing to the end of the road atop High Knob. This is a rough road; proceed with care, the society advised.

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Anna squad takes second
The Anna Junior High School Indians placed second last Saturday at the 6th grade Anna Invitational basketball tournament. Eight teams competed at the tournament. In the first row are, from left, Bryant Wright, Christian Thompson, Tyler Haywood, Asaiah Smith, Beckett Thorpe and Josh McKee Jr. In the second row are head coach Will McKenzie, Layne Murray, Mason Yates, Foster Needling, Brandon Pratt, Reid Price and assistant coach Ben McFarland. Photo provided.

Cobden defeats Cairo to win regional title

The host Cobden High School boys' basketball team defeated Cairo last Friday night to win an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional championship. The regional title was the first one which had been earned by an Appleknockers squad in nearly 60 years. Cobden had a lead at the end of

the first quarter and went on to win a hard-fought game. A capacity crowd was on hand to see the regional championship game. With the victory, the Appleknockers advanced to the Norris City-Omaha-Enfield sectional to face Woodlawn on Tuesday night.



Action tips off in the regional championship game last Friday night between host Cobden, in white uniforms, and Cairo.



Cobden players celebrate a regional championship victory over Cairo.



The Cobden High School cheerleading squad presented a routine prior to the start of the title game.



Cobden High School fans cheered on the Appleknockers in Friday night's regional championship game.



Cobden and Cairo players went to the floor to battle for a loose ball.

Candidate Profiles

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Tiffany Busby




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Name: Tiffany Busby
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Union County circuit clerk
Office you are seeking: Re-election for Union County circuit clerk
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Are you an incumbent? Yes
If yes, how long have you served in office? Sworn in as current circuit clerk on Dec. 1, 2016, and total employment in the circuit clerk's office 10 years
Have you ever sought, or held public office? Yes
Why are you running?
I am seeking re-election. As many changes have taken place in the judicial system, paired with state requirement changes, I feel I am the best candidate for this position based upon my hands-on experience, familiarity with what is required of the circuit clerk's office, and working knowledge of effectively implementing changes required.
Continuing to maintain the integrity and efficiency in the office is a very important factor.

Also, the appreciation of working with the citizens of Union County and public beyond.
What are your goals if elected?
Implement criminal and traffic e-filing.
Continue revenue coming forth by utilizing collection agency and comptroller program.
Maintaining "hometown" values that people/citizens are heard and emphasizing "one on one" with people of Union County and beyond when coming into the circuit clerk's office with questions/concerns.
Maintaining the integrity and respect in the office for the citizens of Union County.

If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments?
I am Union County voters' incumbent for the Democrat Party and will be on the ballot in the upcoming primary election as your Union County circuit clerk.
Implementing into the office and continuing to work with the state comptroller regarding collection of current and past dues fines/fines.
Teaming with a collection agency, Credit Collection Partners to collect fines/fees and bringing revenue to the county.
Completing Criminal Training Assessment Act sessions and implementing new fines/fee schedules.
Complying with Supreme Court ruling of mandatory e-filing effective January 2018 of all civil cases. Implemented provisions to assist the public with this endeavor.
I will be working diligently on implementing e-filing into the office on criminal and traffic cases. Recently began accepting debit and credit card payments in the office. Assigned by Administrative Office of Illinois Courts to mentor two newly elected

circuit clerks. Elected to the Illinois Association of Court Clerks Board.
Why should someone vote for you?
My family and I are rooted in Union County after relocating to Southern Illinois in 1978.
I know the "ins and outs" of the circuit clerk's office and what is required to maintain efficiency.
I believe in talking face to face with people that come into the office with questions/issues. I want to make sure citizens are heard and their concerns are addressed.
I have been employed in the circuit clerk's office since 2010, prior to being elected in 2016.
I have extensive working knowledge of the circuit clerk's office and judicial system.
I have attended many hours of circuit clerk training over the past 10 years and currently hold a degree in law enforcement.
As a former employee and as circuit clerk I have been trained in all aspects of the office including: civil, criminal, traffic, jury and financial components of the office.
I possess the knowledge and skills needed to continue to serve as your Union County circuit clerk with efficiently and cooperatively, with honesty and integrity.
I appreciate all of the support I have received and would like to ask for your continued support.
Previously, I worked at the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank and have experience with accounting and finances and also owned a local business, Bigfoots Sporting Goods.
I have great interest in Union County and the citizens of Union County. I would like to see Union County prosper in business and in all aspects.

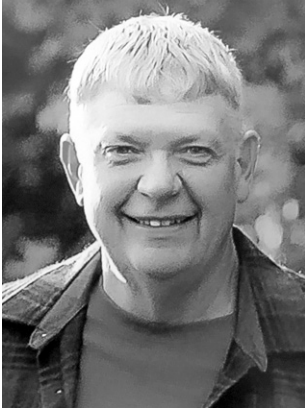
Keri Clark



Keri Clark
Name: Keri Clark
Occupation: Director, Union County Juvenile Justice Programs: Redeploy Illinois, First Circuit Juvenile Justice Council.
Adjunct professor, McKendree University
Office you are seeking: Circuit clerk of Union County
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you and incumbent? No
If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office? No
Why are you running?
I am running for circuit clerk because I believe that the best way to impact your community is to identify your strengths and find the best way to apply those strengths to better the system.
My years working in the for-profit and not-for-profit realms have given me a comprehensive view of the process of business administration.
The position of circuit clerk will marry my passion for public service and my

business experience, that when applied to the office of the circuit clerk, I believe will benefit everyone involved in the court at all levels.
What are your goals when elected?
I plan to immerse myself in the day-to-day operations of the office.
I will work closely with the current employees to learn from them about what they believe are the best practices that currently exist and what they think should be re-evaluated.
I will spend time with stakeholders at all levels of county government to open up better lines of communications.
I will seek full transparency between the clerk's office, the county government and the judiciary.
I will spend time focusing on how we can better leverage opportunities to create fiscal growth.
Why should someone vote for you?
You should vote for me, because I am different. Traditionally a patronage position, this office is as important to the success of the county as any other and deserves someone who can bring a fresh set of eyes to the work that is done in the office.
Business success happens because leaders are willing to innovate and collaborate with others to create a better operation.
I have spent years in jobs that demanded that I not settle, that I always work towards the creation of partnerships with experts who can help drive growth.
I have experience and a passion for the work that I do. I believe that if you have the skills to contribute to your community that you should throw your hat in the ring and give it a shot.
I believe that with hard work and perseverance anyone can have access to the political system.
I recognize that it is often more comfortable to "go with what you know"; however, I hope that people will take a look at my work record and decide to vote for me because they believe that change is needed and that I am the right person to bring a fresh perspective to the office of the circuit clerk.


Darryl Harvell



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Name: Darryl Harvell
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Long-time Jonesboro business owner, Harvell Disposal
Office you are seeking: Union County Board of Commissioners
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you an incumbent? No
If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office?
Yes, after Bunny Bread and Florsheim closed.
Why are you running?
To bring more of a business plan approach to county government. One of sustained growth while protecting our interest, our people, our students and our future.
What are your goals if elected?
To create four special teams to assist and advise the board on important issues.


To repurpose the State Pond in Jonesboro into a community park.
Get federal funding to construct a secondary interior levee for our vulnerable areas in the bottoms, especially the Shawnee school.
To work with Anna officials on a summer concert series with wine and cheese events at the fairgrounds.
Why should someone vote for you?
I'd be a pro-active member of the county board. In my business weekly I travel hundreds of miles on our county roads and I'm very accessible to talk to.
I want our county to be a good place to live, work and to have a bright future. As a friend once said, "I want it to be "just fantastic."

Phil Hileman



Phil Hileman
Name: Phil Hileman
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Business owner, funeral director
Office you are seeking: Coroner
Party affiliation: Democrat
Are you an incumbent? I am an incumbent and I have served eight years.
Why are you running?
I am running to continue what I feel is a professional position for Union County.
What are your goals if elected?
My goals if elected are to continue to conduct the office of coroner in a compassionate manner.
I also would like to continue to operate the office of coroner as economically as possible for the citizens of Union County.
Why should someone vote for you?
I would ask that those who choose to vote for me would simply look at me as the common person I am and know that I will be fair in all of my dealings with the county government and the citizens I served.

Daniel Klingemann



Daniel Klingemann
Name: Daniel Klingemann
Address: Anna
Occupation: Union County state's attorney
Office you are seeking: Union County state's attorney
Party affiliation: Democrat
Are you an incumbent? Yes
If yes, how long have you been in office: 4 1/2 months
Why are you running?
Since starting as a law clerk with the state's attorney's office in 2013, I have grown to love the people and sense of community that Union County has impressed on me and my family.
I have seen what crime can and has done to the

innocent people of Union County.
Being able to affect change in the lives of those who have been affected by that crime is a priority for me.
What are your goals if elected?
To continue to seek justice for those who have found themselves victimized by the crime in Union County.
I intend to refocus my office's efforts on violent crime, driving under the influence and drug related crimes. These are the areas that have a severe impact on the people of Union County.
If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office?
In a short period of time my office has focused many hours on clearing the backlog of cases that have been pending in the court system. Since taking office we have resolved hundreds of cases.
I have also focused on assisting law enforcement in any way possible to make stronger cases to better aid my office through the court process.
Why should someone vote for you?
Experience. I have worked in the Union County state's attorney's office in different capacities for a total of almost five years.
I have handled everything from the traffic and misdemeanor dockets, juvenile docket, to the most serious felonies.
I have the experience and knowledge to best prosecute those who do not abide by the laws of our state.

Bobby Toler Jr.



Bobby Toler Jr.
Name: Bobby Toler Jr.
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Union County commissioner
Office you are seeking: Union County commissioner
Party affiliation: Democrat
Are you an incumbent? Yes
If yes, how long have you served in office? Five years.
Why are you running?
I have been encouraged to run for reelection, because of my experience, knowledge and ability to work with other board members. I enjoy working for the people of Union County and helping in any way that I can.
What are your goals if elected?
To keep Union County in good financial condition, with a balanced budget.
To work with commissioners and office holders to provide necessary equipment and technology for their departments.
To provide public services, while looking for revenue sources other than property taxes.
Continued support for public safety within our county's law enforcement, ambulance service and our county's bridge replacement program.
Economic development for Union County.
If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office?
There are numerous endeavors that I feel the board and I have been successful at completing.
The biggest accomplishment has been a joint effort. No many years ago, Union

County had a large deficit. Prior commissioners, with the help of office holders, reduced the deficit and made it possible to finance the new courthouse.
At that time, we did not receive a bond rating, but it was a necessity to have the funding insured.
Over the last few years, we have hired a new auditing firm and the commissioners, along with the help of employees and office holders, have worked to follow the auditors' recommendations.
The current board recently refinanced the courthouse bond. We received an A-plus bond rating. This a direct reflection of our current financial policies. We were able to save the county in excess of \$2 million. The term of the loan will be reduced by seven years.
Why should someone vote for you?
I am a member of the Union/Alexander County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, the Shawnee Development Council Board and the Southern Five Regional Planning District Board.
I have seven years of experience in the Union County assessor's office, 26 years of experience as Union County clerk and five years of experience as Union County commissioner.
I also have a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
This provides me with a good understanding of how county government functions. Working with other agencies allows me opportunities to better serve the people of Union County.

Tyler Tripp



Tyler Tripp
Name: Tyler Tripp
Address: Anna
Occupation: Attorney
Office you are seeking: Union County state's attorney
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you an incumbent? No
If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office?
I have never sought office. I currently serve as Union County public defender.
Why are you running?
I have seen many changes happen with offices in our county. Many friends and neighbors have given me support and encouragement. I want to be a state's attorney of, and for, the people of Union County.
What are you goals if elected?
Work to establish a cohesive courthouse work group without friction and unnecessary complication.
I hope to be a state's attorney that the community feels is connected to their needs and working for the best interests of all.
Why should someone vote for you?
I will always put the people and county first.
I am a proud Union County native and expect to have a positive influence and new outlook on the duties of state's attorney.
I want to serve every person in Union County with equal respect, consideration and time that they deserve.

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Mike Bost



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U.S. Rep. Mike Bost represents the 12 counties of Illinois’ 12th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Union County is in the district.
Sworn into office on Jan. 6, 2015, Bost said he is continuing the fight for our Southern Illinois’ values in Washington, D.C., a fight he said began in U.S. military, then as a first responder, a local job creator and a state representative.
In the 116th Congress, Bost serves on three key committees: Agriculture, Veterans’ Affairs and Transportation & Infrastructure.
He also serves on the following Subcommittees: Commodities, Exchanges, Energy, and Credit; and Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research under Agriculture; Oversight and Investigations, and as the lead Republican on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs under Veterans’ Affairs; and Highways and Transit; Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials; Highways and Transit; and Water Resources and Environment under Transportation and Infrastructure.
Prior to his election to Congress, Bost served for two decades in the Illinois House of Representatives, rising to the leadership position of House Republican Caucus Chair.
Bost also served as a firefighter for the Murphysboro Fire Department. He graduated from the University of Illinois’ Certified Firefighter II Academy in 1993 and continued to serve the Murphysboro Fire Department during his six terms as state representative.
Prior to that, Bost worked for 13 years at Bost Trucking Service, first as a driver and then for 10 years as a truck manager.
Bost is a lifelong resident of Murphysboro. He graduated from Murphysboro High School in 1979. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps serving from 1979 to 1982. He was trained as an electronic specialist and radar repairman and received an honorable discharge as a Corporal E-4.
In addition to his duties as a member of Congress, Bost is very active in his church and community. Bost and his wife, Tracy, own and operate a small business, the White House Salon, in Murphysboro.

(This profile is based on information which appears in a biography on Bost’s Congressional website.)



Joel David Funk



Joel David Funk
Name: Joel David Funk
Address: Mascoutah
Occupation: Self-employed farmer and financial representative
Office sought: Illinois’ 12th Congressional District
Party affiliation: Democratic
Are you an incumbent? No
Previous elected office: This is my first campaign for elected office. I was a U.S. Army aviation officer from May 2006 until July 2019.
Why are you running? I come from a long line of farmers whose devotion to family, community, and nation was instilled in me.
That sense of duty and my families fear that prosperity was no longer possible on a family farm compelled me, before 9/11 had even happened, to serve my country in the U.S. Army.
I spent the next 17 years learning to lead, leading, and fighting for our country overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria.
It was in 2016 on my fifth deployment to Afghanistan that I determined that not only should see we as a country no longer be wasting our blood and treasure in that land at the expense of our people at home, but that it was time for me to exchange one form of service for another and to bring real leadership and prosperity back to the 12th District.
I’ve spent my entire life learning to fight and fighting for my family and my country and now it’s time that I bring that same spirit to our district as our congressman.
Goals if elected. I seek a world of liberty and equal prosperity; a world in which all individuals are sovereign over their own lives and free to pursue their dreams regardless of birthright.
I hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives and bodies, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal rights of others to live in whatever manner they choose.
People should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.
When the market is no longer free, competition is nullified, and predatory or unjust discriminatory practices are in place the people have the responsibility and authority through their elected representatives to

reinstate fair and free trade and commerce.
No institution whether public or private should be able to impose tyranny.
In short: I want to ensure personal liberty is assured and protected, prosperity for all Americans is achieved and not just for those with wealth and power, and that true equality under the law and in the marketplace are always fought for.
Why should someone for you?
I have a diverse and wide array of experiences and knowledge both from how I grew up and my experiences in the military that I can employ to better our district.
Growing up working class and on a farm, I know what it is to struggle, to work, and to care for my family with little to no margin for error.
I am an experienced leader and have operated within complex environments and organizations doing dangerous work with strategic level consequences.
My knowledge of military operations, the intelligence community, aviation, and international relations positions me well to represent our community in the nation’s capital.
On day one as your representative I will be able to work, integrate, and employ relationships at the national level with the knowledge and bona fides that will demand attention and subsequently impact our community and country.


Raymond Lenzi



Raymond Lenzi
Name: Raymond Lenzi
Address: Carbondale
Occupation: Retired/former professor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, University of Missouri-Columbia
Office you are seeking: Congress, Illinois’ 12th District
Party affiliation: Democrat
Are you an incumbent? No
If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office? If so, when did you run, and what office have you held? First time.
Why are you running? To fight for expanded, affordable health care, increase in minimum wage to \$15/hour, stronger unions and to end the corruption of dark and dirty money in politics.
What are your goals if elected?
My goals are:1) protect and expand affordable health care, 2) rural revitalization linked to a regional development, 3) expanded tax credits for solar/renewable energy and 4) end hard and dirty money for campaign contributions; move to public financing of elections with matching dollars for campaign budget.
If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office?
While not an incumbent, please note the following career accomplishments: 1) Started as a UMWA coal miner, earned a Ph.D. at SIUC 2) Tenured professor at University of Missouri (Columbia), 3) Founder/


Director of Sunrise and Su Casa, first two licensed preschool/Head Start programs in Union County, 4) founder/CEO of SIUC Research Park and responsible for creation and retention of thousands of jobs, and 5) founder/board chair of River-to-River/Journey Assisted Living with 200 employees and \$75 million in property including an Anna facility on the east side of town.
Why should someone vote for you?
1) I live in Union County and know rural/regional problems, 2) have practical plans for economic development, 3) an honest servant of the people in the 12th District who will meet with the people, unlike Mike Bost who hides behind “sham” electronic town hall meetings.

Mark M. Boie



Mark M. Boie
Name: Mark M. Boie
Address: Anna
Occupation: Justice of the Appellate Court, Fifth District
Office seeking: Elected position to the Fifth District Appellate Court
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you an incumbent? No. This is a vacancy due to the retirement of Justice Melissa Chapman. I currently sit in the assigned position on the Appellate Court.
How long serving: Effective May 1, 2019, I was assigned to serve on the Fifth District Appellate Court by then Chief Justice Lloyd Karmeier and the Illinois Supreme Court.
In November 2000, I was elected the Resident Circuit Judge of Union County and have been fortunate to be retained by the voters to that position in 2006, 2012 and 2018.
Why am I running? I believe that my extensive experience as both a circuit and appellate court judge provides me with the legal traits necessary to serve on the Appellate Court.
I also believe that my personal upbringing and background taught me integrity, fairness and to possess the proper demeanor that is needed on the bench.
These personal traits have been honed and expanded during my 19-plus years’ experience as a judge.
I am seeking this elected position to make a long-term commitment to maintain my impartiality and fairness, my extensive experience, my common sense, my Southern Illinois values and my oath to support the Constitution on the Appellate Court for the citizens of Southern Illinois.
What are my goals if elected?
Obviously to work hard, gain more knowledge and experience, and continue to be fair and impartial in my considerations and opinions.
It has been a pleasure to sit with my colleagues during, and after, oral arguments, and hear their thoughts, opinions and perspectives.
We all come from differ-

ent backgrounds and they are a wealth of information. I will use all this to become a better Justice of the Appellate Court.
Accomplishments in office.
As the Resident Circuit Judge, I was able to facilitate local students coming to observe court proceedings and spend time with them discussing the judicial system.
I had the opportunity to serve on the committee that oversaw the process of building the new courthouse in Jonesboro.
I serve on a Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee that promulgates the standards, application, certification and review process for the various problem-solving courts in Illinois.
I also serve as the Co-Chairman of its Compliance-Mental Health Sub-Committee and worked in drafting uniform orders that were ratified by the Supreme Court and are currently used in involuntary commitment and authorized involuntary treatment cases throughout the state.
I also worked in drafting Supreme Court Rule 293 involving jury trials in involuntary commitment hearings and Rule 296 involving the use of restraints in court proceedings under the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.
I am a faculty presenter at the bi-annual Judicial Education Conference and was a First Judicial Circuit Mentor for new judges.
Why should someone vote for me?
As the elected Resident Circuit Judge, I have been the presiding judge overseeing the judicial system of the county and managing the administrative duties of the office.
I have presided over the various dockets for the county, including the civil, family, juvenile, mental health, traffic, small claims and criminal dockets.
I have conducted hundreds of contested hearings and bench trials, as well as dealing with high-volume court calls.
I have presided over numerous criminal and civil jury trials and was assigned to hear the traffic, small claims and conflicts dockets in Massac County from 2000 to 2014.
I have also been assigned to hear cases throughout the entire First Judicial Circuit.
I am the candidate that possesses the knowledge and experience necessary to competently hear and decide cases on the Appellate Court.
I have over 19 years’ experience on both the Circuit and Appellate Courts hearing all types of cases and have proven myself to be the candidate sufficiently qualified for the position.
I believe that I am respected by the citizens, my judicial colleagues and the attorneys that appear before me.
For example, during my 2018 retention, I received a 96 percent attorney approval rating and a 76 percent retention vote throughout the First Judicial Circuit.



Katherine Ruocco



Katherine Ruocco
Name: Katherine Ruocco
Address: Swansea
Occupation: Principal attorney
Office you are seeking: Fifth District Appellate Court (Melissa Ann Chapman vacancy)
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you an incumbent? No
If you aren’t an incumbent, have you sought, or held, public office? If so, when did you run and what office has you held?
I’ve held the office of Republican Precinct Committeeman for several years and have served as elected trustee of my village from 2013 to 2017.
Why are you running? I’m running because I want to serve the good people of the Fifth Appellate District, and be a conservative, fair, impartial and well-reasoned jurist.
As discussed later in this profile, I’m well qualified to serve.
Further, the majority of our Appellate Court judges have first reached the bench through appointment.
I believe that this practice overlooks and disenfranchises voters. Such practice also raises concerns about judicial independence and whether only the well-connected and elite are able to serve.
I’m the only candidate in my race who: 1) Hasn’t sought or received a judicial appointment, 2) Is independent of attorney campaign contributions, wholly independent, and beholden to no one, 3) Will help retain a Republican majority as my primary opponent is *not removed* from the bench as a result of my nomination and election, and 4) A Republican majority could be *critical* to the defense and preservation of Southern Illinois’ rights under the Second Amendment and our religious liberty.
What are your goals if elected?
My first goal is to be a hard-working, fair, impartial, well-reasoned jurist. I would abide by the U.S. Constitution and the Illinois Constitution in any considerations and opinions before me.
As justice is only even-handed when one has equal access to the justice system, I would seek opportunities to improve access to the justice system for all individuals.
I would also like to play an active role in developing and enhancing programs that help rehabilitate nonviolent offenders who may be alcohol or drug dependent. In order to reduce crime and enhance public safety I believe such offenders should be accountable for their behavior. However, I would like to see a judicially supervised response to promote recovery for such offenders. Existing drug courts have proven to work well, but there are improvement opportunities in these programs.
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Why should someone vote for you?

I have vast legal experience including: 17 years of diverse private law practice experience (13 more years than my primary opponent), 13 years experience in corporate risk management and corporate compliance, trust company attorney experience dealing with complex trust and probate matters, 12 years to present as an Accredited VA Attorney (serving veterans at no cost to them), various court appointments including guardian and conservator, Veteran Administration appointments, author of numerous legal publications, and four years experience in municipal law and administration.

Further, I am a strict Constitutionalist, and will adhere to the U.S. Constitution and the Illinois Constitution in any opinion and consideration before me.

I believe in service over self, and is actively involved in protecting the rights of our most vulnerable, including the elderly, people with disabilities and disabled veterans. I will stand strong for our Southern Illinois values within the letter of the law.

It’s imperative that our Second Amendment rights and that of religious liberty aren’t unduly infringed upon, and that Southern Illinois conservative values are represented in Appellate Court decisions.

Sarah Smith



Judge Sarah Smith
Circuit Judge Sarah Smith has announced her candidacy for Fifth District Appellate Court in Southern Illinois.

“I swore a solemn oath to serve the Constitution and my country right out of high school, and I’ve spent my entire life standing up for what I believe is right. I will do the same on the appellate court,” Smith said in announcing her candidacy.

The Fifth District Appellate Court covers the southern 37 counties in Illinois.

The vacancy was created by the retirement of Justice Melissa Chapman.

“I understand that this campaign presents unique challenges, but I believe my military service and two combat tours have taught me that when an opportunity to further serve presents itself, you step up and rise to the challenge no matter what the circumstances,” Smith said.

In addition to her judicial duties, Smith is a colonel in the U.S. Army. She is a Bronze Star recipient for her service while deployed to Afghanistan.

She is the highest-ranking JAG officer in the Illinois Army National Guard, the first female judge for the entire Army National Guard and is currently in her second year at the U.S. Army War College.

Smith was also named as the first military judge in the State of Illinois under the Illinois Code of Military Justice and drafted the first Illinois National Guard Manual for Courts Martials, which she said allowed her to be uniquely involved in veteran’s affairs.

Smith’s husband also serves in the Illinois National Guard. His unit has been alerted to deploy for a year in the fall of 2020.

“I have served my country and the people of Illinois. My dedication to the bench and service to my country and my community is what led me to run for this vacancy on the appellate court.”

A lifelong resident of Madison County, Smith was appointed associate judge in 2015, presiding in the family division.

In 2018, she was elected circuit judge of the Third Judicial Circuit after a successful campaign in Madison and Bond counties.

She currently presides over a civil docket, along with post-conviction criminal cases.

Before becoming a judge, Smith practiced civil litigation for 10 years. Thereafter, she served for five years as a prosecutor in the Madison County states’ attorney’s office.

Throughout her legal, military and judicial career, she has tried or presided over hundreds of cases involving civil, criminal, family and other complex matters.

“Justice Melissa Ann Chapman was the first woman to serve on the Fifth District Appellate Court, she is smart, fair, and dedicated to ensuring justice was administered for the people of Southern Illinois. It is this legacy that I wish to carry on. I am proud and grateful for the bipartisan support I received while running for Circuit Judge and I am optimistic that I will receive the same support in this next campaign,” Smith said.

Terri Bryant



Terri Bryant
Name: Terri Bryant
Address: Murphysboro
Occupation: 115th District state representative

Office you are seeking: 58th District state senator
Party affiliation: Republican

Are you an incumbent? Current 115th District state representative and candidate for 58th Senate District
If yes, how long have you served in office? I was first sworn-in to office in January 2015.

Before becoming 115th District state representative, I was a candidate previously for the Jackson County Board.

Why are you running? I am running to replace State Sen. Paul Schimpf, who replaced State Sen. Dave “Coach” Luechtefeld.

I decided to run for state senator because I believe

as state representative, I have served the people of Southern Illinois well.

I have taken the tough votes to balance the budget and make record investments in public school funding, higher education and infrastructure improvements.

The votes I have taken as state representative have reflected the pro-life, pro-Second Amendment values that I share with my constituents. I pledge to continue to serve as a fiscally responsible, socially conservative senator when I am elected in November 2020.

If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office?

As state representative, I am proud that the first bill I had signed in to law was Molly’s Law.

Working with the Justice for Molly supporters and Larry Young, I was able to convince my colleagues that work needed to be done on the wrongful death statutes in Illinois.

I have also been proud to sponsor legislation that creates the Seizure Smart Schools Act, a bill that will require schools to have a plan of action for students that experience a seizure while at school.

I have voted to balance the state’s budget, voted NO on over-reaching gun regulation bills, and voted 100 percent pro-life since taking office.

Why should someone vote for you?

Currently, I am the only candidate running in the race for 58th District state senator.

However, I intend to earn every single vote that I get in this race. I believe even if a Democrat is slated to run against me, that my record of voting NO on Mike Madigan for Speaker every single time I’ve had the chance, my record supporting ethics reforms to stamp out corruption, the strong stances I’ve taken to support Southern Illinois University, and my pro-Second Amendment and pro-life voting records make me the most viable and reliable conservative candidate to carry on the conservative traditions of Senator Schimpf and Senator Luechtefeld.

I sincerely appreciate the people of the 115th District for their support and humbly ask the people of the 58th Senate District for their support as well.

John R. Howard



John R. Howard
Name: John R. Howard
Address: Texico
Occupation: Farmer and school bus driver

Office you are seeking: State representative, 115th District
Party affiliation: Republican

Are you an incumbent? No

If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office?

I have not.
Why are you running? A combination of factors. First, I have had an interest in public service for a while.

Second, I want to make sure our district has a strong voice and good representa-

tion in Springfield. While I’m not saying we have not had that with Rep. Bryant with there being an open seat, I felt compelled to get in the race.

What are your goals if elected?

My goals are to work hard and do my very best for the people of the 115th District. I think we need a culture shift in Illinois politics and I hope to be a part of that.

I realize one person can only do so much, but I feel Southern Illinois gets overlooked too often, so we have to fight that much harder.

Why should someone vote for you?

I think my life experiences have given me a good foundation for this job.

I did not go to a four-year university, but in so much of life experience is the best teacher.

I know what it’s like to raise a family and deal with adversity.

I know what it’s like to operate on a budget from running and managing my own farm enterprise.

I think I bring a high level of common sense and logic along with a strong work ethic.

Also I feel I can readily relate to honest, hard-working people because I understand what they deal with. I want what is best for them and their families and am ready to do the job.

Dr. Paul Jacobs



Dr. Paul Jacobs

Dr. Paul Jacobs has formally declared his candidacy for state representative in the 115th District in Southern Illinois in the March 2020 Republican Party primary election. Part of Union County is in the district.

In announcing his candidacy, Jacobs pledged “to be the advocate taxpayers in the region have needed for a long time.”

“I have been thinking about running again for quite some time, because it is imperative that we elect a true conservative who will fight for the meaningful reforms we need to turn this state around,” Jacobs said.

“We need leaders who will stand on principle. There is no way, I would have voted to double the taxes on motor fuel or any of the other tax and fee hikes enacted into law this spring.

“My pledge to voters is to fight to reduce taxes and create an environment conducive to job growth and job creation.”

A University of Illinois at Springfield poll shows that six in 10 persons in Illinois have thought about leaving the State of Illinois, Jacobs said.

In 2018, the same poll showed that about half the respondents thought about leaving Illinois.

In 2019, the number has moved up to 61 percent of respondents saying they have thought about leaving Illinois.

The number one reason given was taxes (27 percent), followed by state government policies (17

percent) and better weather (15 percent).

“We can’t do anything about the weather, but we certainly can do something to lower taxes and enact better policies,” Jacobs said.

“I am the reform candidate in this election. In 2018, I ran to lower taxes and get Illinois back on track. Now more than ever, Illinois needs reform-minded legislators like me to fix Illinois’ financial problems.

“I thought long and hard about running and I decided to go ahead and run because taxpayers need a friend in Springfield.

“I will stand with the taxpayers of this state by advocating for tax relief and by opposing the progressive income tax which will be on the ballot in the 2020 election.”

He is pro-life and he is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He also opposes sanctuary cities in Illinois.

“This spring, the Governor and his far-left allies in the House and the Senate cheered when they passed a bill creating a pathway for late-term abortions in Illinois,” Jacobs said.

“The governor is also pushing hard to take away the rights of honest gun owners and he is a strong supporter of sanctuary cities. Voters in the 115th District can count on me to stand up against the governor’s far-left agenda.”

Jacobs is known from 39 years in his optometry practice and his winery, Von Jakob in Alto Pass.

After graduating from high school at 17 years old, Jacobs joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the Navy from 1965 to 1971.

For the last 39 years, he has practiced optometry in Carbondale. He has degrees from Prince Georges College in Maryland and Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

He and his wife, Rhoda, opened Von Jakob Vineyard in Alto Pass 21 years ago.

Cliff Lindemann



Cliff Lindemann

Citing a need to change the political climate in Springfield, a longtime Jefferson County resident has tossed his hat in the ring as a Republican candidate for state representative in the 115th House District. Part of Union County is in the district.

Lindemann, a resident of Bluford, will join what could be a crowded field in the primary on March 17, 2020.

Lindemann is seeking the seat being vacated by State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, who has announced that she will run for the 58th District state senate seat that is currently occupied by freshman State Sen. Paul Schimpf, who announced he will not seek a second term.

Lindemann, who grew up in Mattoon, took a job with Continental Tire in 1976 and has called Jefferson County home for more than four decades.

Lindemann and his wife Desra are the parents of two grown children, Brandon

and DeAirdra and eight grandchildren.

After a 43-year career at Continental Tire, 41, as a supervisor, Lindemann retired last year.

Lindemann has served on the Jefferson County board for five years and is currently board chairman. He has also served as Webber Township trustee.

“Whether it’s local government, county government or state government I believe in being open and honest,” Lindemann said in a news release announcing his candidacy.

“I will fight against the out-of-control tax and spend practices of Springfield and Chicago,” Lindemann said.

“As a county board chairman, local business owner and taxpayer I have seen firsthand how the policies and mandates of Springfield have raised Southern Illinois taxes and threatened our values.”

Lindemann labeled himself as pro-life and pro-Second Amendment.

“I am concerned for the future of Southern Illinois and I believe somebody has to step up and speak out and represent the values of the great folks who live in this region,” said Lindemann.

“I plan to roll up my sleeves and run a grassroots, door-to-door campaign. I feel like this door has opened for me right now and I have been overwhelmed by the early support I’ve gotten.”

Zachary Meyer



Zachary Meyer
Name: Zachary Meyer
Address: Du Quoin
Occupation: Entrepreneur/Law (Took the bar exam at the end of February)

Office you are seeking: 115th State Representative
Party: Republican
Incumbent: No

If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or held, public office? No

Why are you running?

I am running for state representative because I refuse to leave my daughter, nieces, their friends, their generation, with a failing state like my generation has been left with. A state where the lawmakers kick the can down the road, and pass the problems off to the next generation.

I went to my daughter’s basketball game to find her school with a roof leaking all over the floor. This left me to question, if the gym is in this bad of shape, what shape are the classrooms in? If we do not invest in our future generations, we are preparing to fail!

I will fight to address the issues we are currently facing while planning for the long-term impact of the bills that are proposed. As a state, we cannot pass bills for the present without considering their long-term impact.

What are your goals if elected?

When I am elected, I will hit the ground running to address the reasons a mass number of people are fleeing Illinois.

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Candidate Profiles

A primary election is set for Tuesday, March 17, in Union County and the State of Illinois. Profiles of candidates who are running in the primary election follow. Some of the profiles are based on responses to questionnaires which were sent to candidates. When responses from candidates were not available, information was gathered from campaign announcements and candidates’ websites.

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This starts with addressing the ever-rising property tax burden, fighting to lower fees, and making Illinois more business-friendly.

I will ensure our Second Amendment is protected, and fight for the right to life.

I will work with SIU administrators to address their needs to ensure they can increase enrollment, which will have a positive impact on the entire region.

I will also fight to ensure the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds receives its fair share of funding, for the state fair, maintenance, and to hold more events year around. This will increase tourism to the district and help businesses throughout the region.

Why should someone vote for you?

What sets me apart from all of the other candidates is my age.

I am disconnected from the failed policies that Illinois is accustomed to, and I am connected to our future. I am the only candidate who has studied in a modern classroom, experienced the failed teachings of common core first hand, has worked at SIU, has multiple degrees from SIU (bachelor’s and juris doctorate), and is knowledgeable on technology.

In the years to come, there will be many laws regarding technology and autonomous vehicles that will require knowledge on the subject to adequately vote on the bills.

Additionally, I have been a business owner since I was 19.

When I purchased the business it was unprofitable, and I broke the cost down to the exact cent and formulated a plan towards profitable. Now the business is making a profit and is continuing to grow.

I will take this business knowledge to Springfield and use it wisely when it comes to passing budgets and voting on bills.

Many politicians will say they are for something to get votes, such as being pro-life.

However, I can prove I am pro-life and that I fight for what I believe is right.

When I was in high school, my girlfriend became pregnant. Her parents insisted she get an abortion. I refused to live knowing I did nothing to stop the murder of my child, so I stood up and fought for the life of my child. Today, I am the father of a healthy 6-year-old daughter.

Johnnie Ray Smith II



Johnnie Ray Smith II

Johnnie Ray Smith II is a Republican running for state representative from the 115th District in Southern Illinois.

The 115th Representative District includes all of Jefferson County, and parts of Union, Jackson, Perry and Washington counties.

Smith is currently em-

ployed through the Illinois Department of Corrections, a current trustee officer of Blissville Township and former executive board member for AFSCME Local 943.

Along with his wife, he also owns Spartanville Fueling Station in Waltonville.

A lifetime resident of Southern Illinois, he was born in Marion County and is a longtime resident and business owner in Jefferson County.

With four children, a business in the Southern Illinois area and an almost 10-year career in law enforcement, Smith and his wife Wendy believe in a strong community approach to creating a better tomorrow.

Smith and his family believe that the better a community does, the better the businesses in that community do.

In his tenure as a township board member, he’s made sure to be an active member in the community so that he could better represent the people who elected him.

In his four years as an AFSCME executive board member for Local 943 he worked hard to uphold the contracts and negotiate for what his coworkers expressed need for.

He is a staunch supporter of Second Amendment rights, he previously held his federal firearm license as a manufacturer of firearms and has been cleared by the FBI and ITAR.

(This information is from the candidate’s website.)

Patrick Windhorst



Patrick Windhorst

Name: Patrick Windhorst

Address: Metropolis

Occupation: 118th District State Representative

Office you are seeking: 118th District state representative

Party affiliation: Republican

Are you an incumbent? Yes

If yes, how long have you served in office? I was first sworn-in to office in January 2019.

Before becoming 118th District state representative I was the Massac County state’s attorney for 14 years from 2004 to 2018.

Why are you running?

I am running for re-election because I believe Southern Illinois needs my strong, conservative voice in Springfield.

The southernmost counties of Illinois have suffered from liberal, tax and spend policies that currently have an iron grip in Springfield.

I have stood firm against the expansion of taxpayer funding of abortion, voted NO on onerous and burdensome gun regulations, and voted to support key business reforms that will encourage businesses to

locate to Illinois, rather than chase them away.

I have kept my promises: no new taxes, no new gun regulations, and no taxpayer funding of abortions.

If you are an incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office?

As state representative, I earned unanimous support for two bills that I authored aimed at protecting victims of stalking and domestic violence from being re-victimized by their aggressor.

Aside from my own legislative victories, I have argued forcefully against increased gun regulations and further expansion of taxpayer funding of abortions.

I am also proud of the work that my office does to assist constituents with all legislative and state-related matters.

I have an open-door policy and have tried my best to stay transparent and accessible to the people of the 118th District.

Why should someone vote for you?

I have kept the promises I made during the last campaign.

The first vote I took as state representative was to vote NO on Mike Madigan for Speaker of the House. His 40-year reign has resulted in Illinois ranking near the bottom of every positive economic indicator.

I am taking the message of less government, less spending and no more taxes with me to Springfield. I believe my message is the one that matches up best with the values of the people that I represent in Southern Illinois and I humbly ask for support in my bid for reelection.

Appellate defender: Case backlog ‘a crisis in criminal justice system’

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD – The director of the state agency that represents people in need in appeals of criminal charges said Thursday, Feb. 27, its backlog of 2,672 cases represents “a crisis in the criminal justice system” as he requested a near 7 percent increase to the agency’s budget.

James Chadd, who was appointed state appellate defender in December 2017, said his office has actually decreased the backlog from 3,759 to the current number since January 2018. That’s a decrease of about 29 percent.

“The reason for that is one thing and one thing primarily – and that is we’ve been fully funded for both years that I’ve been state appellate defender,” he said.

“That has made all the difference. That is why our backlog has gone down, and as long as we stay fully funded and fully staffed, I anticipate that our backlog will continue to go down at that rate.”

He said his agency completed about 2,700 cases in 2019, but he requested spending authority to hire 10 new lawyers to accelerate that pace.

Those hires would remain on staff for four years, at which time he said the agency could have a better grasp on the backlog. Chadd said after that time, it would take about a year to pare the department back down “through attrition.”

His budget request was

just shy of \$25 million, an increase of about \$1.6 million, or 6.8 percent, from a year ago.

“Even though we are making significant progress, I believe the situation we’re facing is a crisis in the criminal justice system. I believe that, the Supreme Court believes that, and the appellate court believes that,” he said, calling his request a “tremendous ask.”

Chadd said the added funding is important because his office represents those who cannot afford private attorneys but are appealing severe cases such as felonies, Class A misdemeanors, misdemeanors with imprisonment and more.

“We do the vast majority of criminal appeals in the State of Illinois,” he said.

The added funding would also allow for an increase in the pay plan for attorneys to \$61,000 from \$59,000 annually. It would also provide for three additional support staff.

Chadd said about 40 percent of the cases in the backlog are in Cook County, which makes up the state’s first of five appellate court districts. Four of the proposed new attorneys would serve that area, he said.

The state’s second district would see one or two new attorneys, the fourth three or four, and the third and fifth would each see one.

Chadd also said his office has a part-time expungement officer, but a budget increase would allow the department to make the position full-time.

“The law on expungement

has been changing rapidly; we need an attorney to keep up with that,” he said.

He said about only 10 percent of juveniles eligible for expungement take advantage of it, but a full-time attorney could help increase that number.

Chadd also requested lawmakers to approve the budget of the state appellate prosecutors.

“They’re our opponents in court, but they’re an essential part of the appeals process,” he said. “And if we get the resources to move cases along and they don’t, it’s just going to push the problem down the road.”

Chadd also noted the Illinois Supreme Court is piloting a pro bono program in which unpaid attorneys substitute for the state appellate defender in an effort to reduce the backlog.

As part of that program, 30 cases are earmarked for the first district and five are earmarked for the second. Six cases total have already been assigned.

State Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, asked for a further breakdown of how new resources would be employed and echoed Chadd’s concern about the backlog.

“There is a crisis in the criminal justice system when we don’t have adequate resources deployed on both sides of a transaction or a case before a judge,” he said.

“And if we don’t provide the adequate resources both to the defenders and the state’s attorneys, we are putting poor defendants, indigent defendants, at a significant disadvantage.”

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF Vs. Hugh Deneal; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/15/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on April 1, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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(735 ILCS 5/15 1507(c)(1))

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1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, c/o Farmers State Bank, P. O. Box 70, 55 N. Elm Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.
2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.
3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.
4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.
5. The time and place of the sale are: April 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.
6. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.
7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.
8. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are as follows: Farmers State Bank v. John Michael Trexler and Mary Jane Trexler, 2019-CH-24 in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, IL.

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ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

ESTATE OF ANN E. SELIGER, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-8

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ann E. Seliger of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2020, to Dale E. Seliger, 5653 West Timber Lane, Monee, Illinois 60449, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

The estate will be admin-

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 20, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 18, 2020.

DALE E. SELIGER

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

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, Deceased,

By CHARLES G. HEWITT, Administrator of ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, HEATH R. HEWITT, a Minor,

UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of KATHRYN LOUISE FOX,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 20-CH-6

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

You are hereby notified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on February 21, 2020, and is now pending. You are further notified of the following facts:

(i) The names of all plain-

tiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The names of the title holders of record are:

Kathryn Fox, deceased, by Charles G. Hewitt, Administrator of the Kathryn Louise Fox Estate, with title being vested in H.H., a minor.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is described as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel is part of property described and recorded in document number 2012R2129 in the Union County Court House in the name of Sandra D. Gocio and Richard David Alexander, dated July 10, 2012, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone found at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence N 00° 44' 26" West, 503.34 feet along the West line of said quarter-quarter Section to an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of the Ishmael property (Document No. #2014R0227); thence along said Ishmael property the following three (3) calls: thence N 68° 02' 53" East, 175.79 feet to an iron rod set, thence N 27° 44' 51" East, 315.76 feet to an iron rod set; thence N 07° 30' 12" West, 66.31 feet, passing an iron rod set at 46.14 feet, to a gin spike set in the centerline of Water Valley Road; thence along the centerline of said Water Valley Road the following seven (7) calls: thence N 88° 48' 16" East, 127.98 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 83° 53' 1" East, 237.42 feet, a radius of 2,206.82 feet, and an arc length of 237.54 feet to a point; thence N 78° 39' 07" East, 118.02 feet to a point; thence N 80° 07' 00" East, 157.04 feet to a point; thence N 83° 43' 14" East, 248.07 feet to a point; thence N 80° 38' 51" East, 57.18 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 52° 40' 22" East, 153.40 feet, a radius of 163.54 feet, and an arc length of 159.70 feet to a point in the East line of said quarter-quarter section; thence S 00° 17' 05" East, 1,192.57 feet along the East line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 30.92 feet to a point in a 36" oak tree; thence N 87° 11' 23" West, 1,361.76 feet along the South line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 3.00 feet to the point of beginning.

All in accordance with a plat of survey dated June 8, 2016 and recorded June 21, 2016, as Doc. No. 2016R1038 made by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3536 in the Union County Recorder's Office, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.
PIN: 04-13-02-216-A

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

Water Valley Road, Cobden, IL 62920

(vi) An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Kathryn Louise Fox, deceased

Name of mortgagee: Peoples National Bank
Date of Mortgage: September 28, 2018
Date of recording: October 10, 2018

County where recorded: Union County
Recording document identification: Document No. 13735

You are further notified that unless on or before March 23, 2020, you shall appear and defend in said

suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

DOUGLAS R. HOFFMAN
ARDC #6289754
BLACK, BALLARD,
McDONALD, P.C.
108 South Ninth Street
P. O. Box 4007
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
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ANNA-JONESBORO WATER COMMISSION NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission has declared the following as surplus personal property and offers the same for sale:

- One (1) 2006 White Ford F-150 truck, bearing Illinois Vehicle Identification #1FTRX14W06NA36595, with 125,716 original miles.
Said property may be inspected at the Water Commission Plant, 495 Water Plant Road, Jonesboro, Illinois. Said property is being sold "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties as to its condition or need of repair.

Sealed written bids, identifying the above-described items, in the minimum sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), shall be received by the Water Commission during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the Water Commission Office, 495 Water Plant Road, Jonesboro, Illinois, through the close of business on Friday, March 6, 2020. All bids shall be accompanied by a check or money order for not less than 10% of the bid and all successful bidders must make full payment and arrange for vehicle pick-up by not later than March 11, 2020.

All bids will be opened, read and any accepted and approved high bids will be awarded at the regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Jonesboro City Hall. The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JAMIE BAUER
Water Commission Secretary
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BID NOTICE

Seeking 2020 mowing bids for Liberty Cemetery located in Pulaski, IL. For more information, contact Bruce at 618-645-0683.

Deadline to submit bids is Sunday, March 22.

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BID NOTICE

Clear Creek Levee & Drainage District will be accepting bids for mowing. The successful candidate must have their own Worker's Comp Insurance and MUST attend the bid meeting for details on Wednesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.

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BID NOTICE

Preston Levee & Drainage District will be accepting bids for mowing. The successful candidate must have their own Worker's Comp Insurance and MUST attend the bid meeting for details on Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.

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ANTENNA STRUCTURE REGISTRATION PUBLIC NOTICE

CTI Towers Assets II, LLC ("CTI") has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to register an existing, 75-foot tall guyed telecommunications tower that is owned by CTI. The existing telecommunications

tower is located at 1400 Old Highway 51 N, Anna, Union County, IL (37° 28' 40.71" N / 89° 15' 12.24" W). No expansion or modification to the existing telecommunications tower is being proposed in connection with this application. FAA obstruction lighting is not required for the existing telecommunications tower. The purpose of this application is to simply register a previously unregistered tower structure with the FCC. This application may be viewed by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications and entering Application Number A1157653. Interested persons may raise potential environmental impact concerns associated with this application by filing a Request for Further Environmental Review with the FCC ("Requests"). Requests can be filed online and instructions for filing such Requests can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Requests can also be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. Requests should also be sent to CTI Towers Assets II, LLC, c/o General Counsel, CTI Towers Inc., 5000 Centre Green Way, Suite 325, Cary, NC 27513.

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

FARMERS STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN MICHAEL TREXLER, MARY JANE TREXLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2019-CH-24

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/15 1507(c)(1))

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, c/o Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 70, 55 N. Elm Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.

2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.

3. The legal description of the real estate are:

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS; ALSO INCLUDING AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 0°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 90°30'05" FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.22 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH-

WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE ON AN AZIMUTH OF 270°37'41" FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED CONTAINING 1.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE N.00°53'14"E., A DISTANCE OF 620.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S.89°06'46"E., A DISTANCE OF 65.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N.63°18'35"E., A DISTANCE OF 355.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.60°59'58"E., A DISTANCE OF 139.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.08°52'29"E., A DISTANCE OF 170.37 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.70°07'05"W., A DISTANCE OF 532.51 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE N.07°37'15"E., A DISTANCE OF 259.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.758 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED SEPTEMBER OF 2014. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 8, 2014 AS DOC. NO. 2014R1809, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 947, MADE BY SCOTTA. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

AND
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING ALL OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, AND ALL OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A ROOF BOLT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE S.00°18'13"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,337.30 FEET TO A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE S.88°33'57"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,385.42 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE N.00°15'01"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,355.07 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE N.00°00'22"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE

OF 695.48 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE N.89°33'42"E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,379.34 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE S.00°22'53"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 689.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 64.745 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED MARCH OF 2015. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED MARCH 20, 2015 AND RECORDED APRIL 10, 2015 AS DOC. NO. 2015R0655, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 971, MADE BY SCOTTA. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

FORMERLY DESCRIBED AS:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18); THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN (7); ALL IN TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Numbers: 04-17-02-281-A, 04-07-02-127 and 04-18-02-298

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.

6. The time and place of the sale are: April 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

7. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

FARMERS STATE BANK
BY: Patrick Hunn
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union

County. Filed this 26th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of White Cotton Cleaning Company with the place of business located at 555 Green Acres Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Rachel Sullivan
555 Green Acres Lane
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 28th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Eddleman Farms with the place of business located at 1110 Sweet Potato Road, Dongola, Illinois 62926 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Mark D. Eddleman
2695 Mt. Olive Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Dana D. Eddleman
3225 Mt. Olive Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Mark Tyler Eddleman
1110 Sweet Potato Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

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

REQUEST OF: KRISTIE MARIE DEROE-JONES 2019-MR-117 TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILD

There will be a court date on Request for Name Change (Minor Child) for Paula Ann Deroe-Jones to the new name of: Paula Ann McHughes. The court date will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County, In courtroom A.

Kristie Deroe-Jones
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF: ASHTYN KRISTOFF, A Minor. NO. 2015-JA-10

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Tammy Louise Bible, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 8/27/2015, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Daniel Klingemann, Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of ASHTON KRISTOFF," and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be award of

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FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE: 32 acres with 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath doublewide home. Has well and 3-bay building, 2 open and 1 enclosed with concrete floor. Fenced, tillable field, approximately 2 acres, pasture, woods and 2 ponds. Plenty of wildlife. Good hobby farm. \$140,000. Contact Valerie at (618)-697-6292 after 2 p.m. 10aptfn

FOR SALE: 54(+/-) acres of gently rolling farmland, partially bordered by National Wildlife Refuge, making good hunting. Located on Shawnee College Road, approximately 2 miles east of I-57, Ullin, IL exit 18. Asking \$5,000.00 an acre; taking offers until March 10th. Contact Cache Chapel UMC. Phone: (618)-306-5862.

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HOUSE FOR SALE:

Look up address to see house online. Located on 2+ acres surrounded by fields. \$82,000.00. 4 to 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Private area close to Shawnee National Forest and at the back door of Trail of Tears State Forest. The address is 1290 Clear Creek Levee Road (hard road), Jonesboro. Watch for sign which is located 2 miles east of Ware on hwy. 146. Call or text (618) 697-1934. I will get back with you as soon as I can.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF Vs. Hugh Deneal; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/15/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on April 1, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-00-07-574

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

503 East Market Street Jonesboro, IL 62952

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated

FOR LEASE: Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available now. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

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FOR RENT IN DONGO-LA: 2 mobile homes. For information, contact Jim Etherton, (618)-697-8407 or (618)-827-4705.

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HELP WANTED

JOB POSTING

Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

• Bus Driver for extracurricular trips

We will help guide you through the bus driver training and licensing process if needed. Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rob Wright, Superintendent, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (618) 833-8421 for more information.

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HELP WANTED: Lick Creek CCSD#16 is accepting applications for a full time middle school math teacher and a full time P.E. teacher. Interested applicants should send their cover letter, resume, transcripts, copy of Illinois teaching certificate, and three letters of reference to: Superintendent Brent Boren, 7355 Lick Creek Rd., Buncombe, IL 62912.

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HELP WANTED: The Dongola Public Library is currently accepting resumes and seeking qualified applicants for the position of Library Director. This is a part-time position. Interested persons should apply by submitting a resume, cover letter, and 3 references to Dongola Public Library, P.O. Box 113, Dongola, IL 62926. If further questions, please call (618)-697-0198 or (618)-697-1368.

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BUSINESS

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NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/15 1507(c)(1))

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8. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are as follows: Farmers State Bank v. John Michael Trexler and Mary Jane Trexler, 2019-CH-24 in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, IL.

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FIFTY NINE FEET OFF OF THE EAST END OF LOT 22 IN JAMES AND DANIEL CRAVER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-00-07-574

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

503 East Market Street Jonesboro, IL 62952

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765

ESTATE OF ANN E. SELIGER, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-8

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ann E. Seliger of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2020, to Dale E. Seliger, 5653 West Timber Lane, Monee, Illinois 60449, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

The estate will be admin-

ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IFYOUARETHEMORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-04738. 13145374

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

ESTATE OF ANN E. SELIGER, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-8

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

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

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, Deceased, By CHARLES G. HEWITT, Administrator of ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, HEATH R. HEWITT, a Minor, UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 20-CH-6

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

You are hereby notified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on February 21, 2020, and is now pending. You are further notified of the following facts:

(i) The names of all plain-

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 20, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 18, 2020.

DALE E. SELIGER

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC

ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906

PHONE: 618-833-2220 ARDC# 6244394

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

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, Deceased, By CHARLES G. HEWITT, Administrator of ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, HEATH R. HEWITT, a Minor, UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 20-CH-6

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

You are hereby notified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on February 21, 2020, and is now pending. You are further notified of the following facts:

(i) The names of all plain-

tiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The names of the title holders of record are:

Kathryn Fox, deceased, by Charles G. Hewitt, Administrator of the Kathryn Louise Fox Estate, with title being vested in H.H., a minor.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is described as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel is part of property described and recorded in document number 2012R2129 in the Union County Court House in the name of Sandra D. Gocio and Richard David Alexander, dated July 10, 2012, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone found at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence N 00° 44' 26" West, 503.34 feet along the West line of said quarter-quarter Section to an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of the Ishmael property (Document No. #2014R0227); thence along said Ishmael property the following three (3) calls: thence N 68° 02' 53" East, 175.79 feet to an iron rod set, thence N 27° 44' 51" East, 315.76 feet to an iron rod set; thence N 07° 30' 12" West, 66.31 feet, passing an iron rod set at 46.14 feet, to a gin spike set in the centerline of Water Valley Road; thence along the centerline of said Water Valley Road the following seven (7) calls: thence N 88° 48' 16" East, 127.98 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 83° 53' 1" East, 237.42 feet, a radius of 2,206.82 feet, and an arc length of 237.54 feet to a point; thence N 78° 39' 07" East, 118.02 feet to a point; thence N 80° 07' 00" East, 157.04 feet to a point; thence N 83° 43' 14" East, 248.07 feet to a point; thence N 80° 38' 51" East, 57.18 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 52° 40' 22" East, 153.40 feet, a radius of 163.54 feet, and an arc length of 159.70 feet to a point in the East line of said quarter-quarter section; thence S 00° 17' 05" East, 1,192.57 feet along the East line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 30.92 feet to a point in a 36" oak tree; thence N 87° 11' 23" West, 1,361.76 feet along the South line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 3.00 feet to the point of beginning.

All in accordance with a plat of survey dated June 8, 2016 and recorded June 21, 2016, as Doc. No. 2016R1038 made by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Professional land Surveyor No. 3536 in the Union County Recorder's Office, situated in Union County Illinois.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.
PIN: 04-13-02-216-A

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:

Water Valley Road, Cobden, IL 62920

(vi) An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Kathryn Louise Fox, deceased

Name of mortgagee: Peoples National Bank
Date of Mortgage: September 28, 2018
Date of recording: October 10, 2018

County where recorded: Union County
Recording document identification: Document No. 13735

You are further notified that unless on or before March 23, 2020, you shall appear and defend in said

suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

DOUGLAS R. HOFFMAN
ARDC #6289754
BLACK, BALLARD,
McDONALD, P.C.
108 South Ninth Street
P. O. Box 4007
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
Telephone: 618-242-3310
Fax: 618-242-3735
E-Mail: dhoffman@illinois-firm.com
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ANNA-JONESBORO WATER COMMISSION NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission has declared the following as surplus personal property and offers the same for sale:

- One (1) 2006 White Ford F-150 truck, bearing Illinois Vehicle Identification #1FTRX14W06NA36595, with 125,716 original miles.
Said property may be inspected at the Water Commission Plant, 495 Water Plant Road, Jonesboro, Illinois. Said property is being sold "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties as to its condition or need of repair.

Sealed written bids, identifying the above-described items, in the minimum sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), shall be received by the Water Commission during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the Water Commission Office, 495 Water Plant Road, Jonesboro, Illinois, through the close of business on FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020. All bids shall be accompanied by a check or money order for not less than 10% of the bid and all successful bidders must make full payment and arrange for vehicle pick-up by not later than MARCH 11, 2020.

All bids will be opened, read and any accepted and approved high bids will be awarded at the regular meeting of the Anna Jonesboro Water Commission on TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Jonesboro City Hall. The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JAMIE BAUER
Water Commission Secretary
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BID NOTICE

Seeking 2020 mowing bids for Liberty Cemetery located in Pulaski, IL. For more information, contact Bruce at 618-645-0683.

Deadline to submit bids is Sunday, March 22.

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BID NOTICE

Clear Creek Levee & Drainage District will be accepting bids for mowing. The successful candidate must have their own Worker's Comp Insurance and MUST attend the bid meeting for details on Wednesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.

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BID NOTICE

Preston Levee & Drainage District will be accepting bids for mowing. The successful candidate must have their own Worker's Comp Insurance and MUST attend the bid meeting for details on Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.

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ANTENNA STRUCTURE REGISTRATION PUBLIC NOTICE

CTI Towers Assets II, LLC ("CTI") has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to register an existing, 75 - foot tall guyed telecommunications tower that is owned by CTI. The existing telecommunications

tower is located at 1400 Old Highway 51 N, Anna, Union County, IL (37° 28' 40.71" N/ 89° 15' 12.24" W). No expansion or modification to the existing telecommunications tower is being proposed in connection with this application. FAA obstruction lighting is not required for the existing telecommunications tower. The purpose of this application is to simply register a previously unregistered tower structure with the FCC. This application may be viewed by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications and entering Application Number A1157653. Interested persons may raise potential environmental impact concerns associated with this application by filing a Request for Further Environmental Review with the FCC ("Requests"). Requests can be filed online and instructions for filing such Requests can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Requests can also be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. Requests should also be sent to CTI Towers Assets II, LLC, c/o General Counsel, CTI Towers Inc., 5000 Centre Green Way, Suite 325, Cary, NC 27513.

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

FARMERS STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN MICHAEL TREXLER, MARY JANE TREXLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2019-CH-24

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/15 1507(c)(1))

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, c/o Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 70, 55 N. Elm Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.

2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.

3. The legal description of the real estate are:

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS; ALSO INCLUDING AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 0°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 90°30'05" FOR DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.22 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH-

WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE ON AN AZIMUTH OF 270°37'41" FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED CONTAINING 1.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE N.00°53'14"E., A DISTANCE OF 620.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S.89°06'46"E., A DISTANCE OF 65.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N.63°18'35"E., A DISTANCE OF 355.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.60°59'58"E., A DISTANCE OF 139.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.08°52'29"E., A DISTANCE OF 170.37 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.70°07'05"W., A DISTANCE OF 532.51 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE N.07°37'15"E., A DISTANCE OF 259.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.758 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED SEPTEMBER OF 2014. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2014 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 8, 2014 AS DOC. NO. 2014R1809, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 947, MADE BY SCOTTA. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

AND
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING ALL OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, AND ALL OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A ROOF BOLT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE S.00°18'13"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,337.30 FEET TO A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE S.88°33'57"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,385.42 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE N.00°15'01"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,355.07 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE N.00°00'22"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE

OF 695.48 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE N.89°33'42"E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,379.34 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE S.00°22'53"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 689.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 64.745 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED MARCH OF 2015. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED MARCH 20, 2015 AND RECORDED APRIL 10, 2015 AS DOC. NO. 2015R0655, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 971, MADE BY SCOTTA. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

FORMERLY DESCRIBED AS:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18); THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN (7); ALL IN TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Numbers: 04-17-02-281-A, 04-07-02-127 and 04-18-02-298

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.

6. The time and place of the sale are: April 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

7. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

FARMERS STATE BANK
BY: Patrick Hunn
Hunn Law Group, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff

Hunn Law Group, P.C.
Patrick Hunn
ARDC #6320820
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Email: patrick@hklawof-fice.com

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE LAW OFFICE OF HUNN LAW GROUP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union

County. Filed this 26th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of White Cotton Cleaning Company with the place of business located at 555 Green Acres Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Rachel Sullivan
555 Green Acres Lane
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 28th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Eddleman Farms with the place of business located at 1110 Sweet Potato Road, Dongola, Illinois 62926 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Mark D. Eddleman
2695 Mt. Olive Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Dana D. Eddleman
3225 Mt. Olive Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Mark Tyler Eddleman
1110 Sweet Potato Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
12-14-10gc

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

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

REQUEST OF: KRISTIE MARIE DEROE-JONES 2019-MR-117 TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILD

There will be a court date on Request for Name Change (Minor Child) for Paula Ann Deroe-Jones to the new name of: Paula Ann McHughes. The court date will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County, In courtroom A.

Kristie Deroe-Jones
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF: ASHTYN KRISTOFF, A Minor. NO. 2015-JA-10

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Tammy Louise Bible, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 8/27/2015, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Daniel Klingemann, Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of ASHTON KRISTOFF," and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be award of

the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices of publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: March 3, 2020
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF:
JADAN BIBLE,
A Minor.
NO. 2015-JA-11

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Daniel Jacob Bible, Tammy Louise Bible, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
TAKE NOTICE that on 8/27/2015, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Daniel Klingemann, Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled

"In the interest of JADAN BIBLE," and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be award of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices of publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: March 3, 2020
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for LEVEE MOWING

The N. Alexander Co. Levee District, ("NACLD") is seeking proposals for Levee Mowing within the district's boundaries.
Scope of Work:
This Request for Proposal will cover the 2020 Season. The work involves mowing approximately 5 miles of levees twice a year. Once in

June and once in September. Both sides and the berm.
Proposals:
Proposals for the Scope of Work must be submitted based on a total season rate.
The NACLD will evaluate the proposals and make a decision in a manner which ensures (i) compliance with all applicable provisions of law governing procurements by the NACLD, (ii) the acquisition of quality goods and services which meet the NACLD's needs, (iii) fairness and open competition, (iv) the wise and prudent use of the NACLD's resources and (v) the avoidance of favoritism, extravagance, fraud and corruption.
The successful bidder will be required to provide proof of General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the N. Alexander County Levee District listed as additional insured.
Proposals will be received until 1:00 PM Friday, March 27, 2020. Proposals may be submitted via fax to (618) 661-1066 or submitted via mail or courier to: N. Alexander Co. Levee District, P.O. Box 277, McClure, IL 62957. The NACLD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and waive informalities, if in its opinion such action would be in its best interest.
All proposals must include the following: Proposer Name, Address, Contact Name, Contact Title, Office Phone, Mobile Phone, Email Address.
All bids must include the following: Provide the total seasonal bid in both written and numerical terms. Signature and printed name, title and date.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for LEVEE MOWING

The East Cape / Clear Creek Levee District, ("ECCCLD") is seeking proposals for Levee Mowing within the district's boundaries.
Scope of Work:
This Request for Proposal will cover the 2020 Season. The work involves mowing approximately 10 miles of levees twice a year. Once in

June and once in September. Both sides and the berm.
Proposals:
Proposals for the Scope of Work must be submitted based on a total season rate.
The ECCCLD will evaluate the proposals and make a decision in a manner which ensures (i) compliance with all applicable provisions of law governing procurements by the ECCCLD, (ii) the acquisition of quality goods and services which meet the ECCCLD's needs, (iii) fairness and open competition, (iv) the wise and prudent use of the ECCCLD's resources and (v) the avoidance of favoritism, extravagance, fraud and corruption.
The successful bidder will be required to provide proof of General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the East Cape / Clear Creek Levee District listed as additional insured.
Proposals will be received until 1:00 PM Friday, March 27, 2020. Proposals may be submitted via fax to (618) 661-1066 or submitted via mail or courier to: East Cape / Clear Creek Levee District, P.O. Box 256, McClure, IL 62957. The East Cape / Clear Creek Levee District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and waive informalities, if in its opinion such action would be in its best interest.
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Obituaries

Vicki L. Lesar Bolen

Vicki L. Lesar Bolen, 68, of Shattuc, died on Feb. 28, 2020, at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis following a short illness.
She was born at the Cairo Hospital on Aug. 17, 1951, the daughter of Leland "Did" and Irma "Vick" Lesar.
She married Gary D. Bolen on July 29, 1977. He survives.

In addition to her husband Gary, she is survived by her brother, Jerry (the late Karen) Smithey of Jefferson City, Tenn.; daughter Leigh Ann Kleiboeker and her special friend Jenn Lively of Nashville; daughter Amy (Chris) Conrad of Highland; stepdaughter Laurie Bolen of Fairfield; stepson Gary (Judith) Bolen of Englewood, Fla.; granddaughter Olivia Conrad; grandson Aiden Conrad; granddaughter Hailey Bolen; and granddaughter Paige Bolen.

She graduated from Egyptian High School in Tamms in 1969. She had several careers during her lifetime, but enjoyed her time serving the elderly at Centralia Manor and Carlyle Healthcare before serving the public as a 911 dispatcher for the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, where she retired in 2011.

She enjoyed motorcycle trips with her husband Gary, going boating with her grandkids and spoiling her dogs. Water and water sports were always a source of enjoyment, and summer weekends were often spent in the pool and visiting with friends on the porch in between dips in the water.

She was an avid reader and embraced the technology of Facebook to keep up with distant friends and family, and in recent years forwarding Russian propaganda to annoy and embarrass her daughters.

She was always quick with a joke and embraced all who visited. Her sassy but welcoming personality will be missed.

Friends and family can call between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by a celebration of remembrance at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Shattuc United Methodist Church in Shattuc.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.crainsonline.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to the Clinton County Humane Society, by mail to 1301 Apple Ln., Breesee, Ill. 62230 or online at www.ccilhs.org/how-to-help/.



Lois Frances Dee Karraker Finney

Lois Frances (Dee) Karraker Finney, 95, died on Feb. 27, 2020, at her home in Winnetka, where she lived for 59 years.

She was known for her beautiful, infectious smile, her gentle, kind demeanor, her generous spirit, her devotion to her pets and her love of her family.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1924, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Ray Wallace and Margaret Browne Karraker. She married Stephen Ingram Finney on Nov. 25, 1948, in Jonesboro. Steve and Dee met when they were both students at University of Chicago. They were married for 62 years until Steve died in 2010.

Lois was given her nickname of "Dee" as an infant. The story is that when visitors came to see the new baby, they would exclaim, "Isn't she dear?" Her one-year old brother replied, "dee," and Lois was Dee from then on.

She was everyone's favorite Girl Scout leader, an avid volunteer for the Winnetka Thrift Shop, Evanston Hospital and the Winnetka Congregational Church Rummage Sale, and one of the original members of the Winnetka Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed curling and playing golf with the 18-holers at Exmoor Country Club, mystery books, sports and needlecrafts of all kinds and passed that love to her five daughters.

She is survived by her five daughters, Carolyn Finney, Eleanor (John) Vita, Deborah (Wayne) McKenzie, Allison (Heather Drew) Finney and Barbara Finney; her nine grandchildren, Erin (Alex) Roth, Evan (Jessica) McKenzie, Shannon (Matt) Moran, Blaire McKenzie (Andrew Buchholz), Jack Vita, Timmy Vita, Laura Vita, Zoe Jeffery and Mia Jeffery; and her three infant great-grandchildren, Quinn and Lena Roth, and Reece McKenzie.

She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and her loving, devoted caregivers, Myrna Walter and Edith Gutierrez, to whom the family will be forever grateful.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her three brothers, David (Mildred) Karraker, Gordon Karraker and Robert (Shirley) Karraker; one sister, Jane (Sam) Spink; her brother-in-law, Richard (Marge) Finney; and her sister-in-law, Janet Finney.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 2, at the Winnetka Presbyterian Church. Burial was private.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the Best Friends Animal Society or to the animal welfare society of the donor's choice.

William H. Scott Funeral Home in Wilmette was in charge of arrangements.

Peggy Walter

Peggy Walter, 95, of Anna, died Sunday, March 1, at her home.

Funeral services were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

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

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



Sunlight sparkles in the afternoon
Sunshine has made at least a few appearances during the past couple of weeks in the area. Sunlight was sparkling in the water around Canada geese which were seen at a pond in Union County on a recent afternoon.

Wilburn R. Gibbs

Wilburn R. Gibbs, 87, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1932, in Jonesboro, the son of Arthur Elijah and Fannie Day Gibbs.

He married Betty June Landis on Oct. 6, 1951, in Jonesboro. She preceded him in death on Jan. 20, 2014.

Mr. Gibbs is survived by his three daughters, Diane L. (Gene) Eulinger of California, Mo., Debra L. (Ronnie) Mays of Anna and Sandra F. (Jason) Partridge of Cobden; five grandchildren, Ira Brown, Ronnie Lynn Jr. (Sheena) Mays, Crystal (Chris) Houseman, Timothy (Nikki) Mays, Jacob (Jennifer) Partridge; 13 great-grandchildren, Asa Brown, Archer Brown, Astin Brown and August Brown, Kahlan Mays, Ryan Houseman, Eli Houseman, Milo Houseman, Ender Mays, Belle Mays, Adley Partridge, Kadie Brown, Aya Brown; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty June Gibbs; a grandson, Aaron Brown; siblings Elijah, Luther, Jesse, Carl and Walter Gibbs, Emma Baggett, Myrtle Brooks and an infant sister, Lula Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs was a member of the Reynoldsville Southern Missionary Baptist Church. He served as deacon, treasurer and taught Sunday School for many years.

He owned and operated Wilburn R. Gibbs Real Estate until recent years. He served as a Union County commissioner. He loved fishing, spending time with all his grandchildren and playing music.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Jacob Swain officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program at Anna Heights Baptist Church or the donor's choice.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Allie Jane Sullens

Allie Jane Sullens, 82, of Cobden, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1937, in Cobden, the daughter of Hobert and Geneva Hooppaw McCann.

She married William Max Sullens on Oct. 15, 1955, in Cobden. He preceded her in death on Jan. 28, 2005.

She is survived by her children, Lori (Randy) Gooden of Urbana, Sheryl Knupp of Cobden and Kevin Lee Sullens of Cobden; grandchildren Ryan (Jessica) Knupp, Shayn Knupp, Jessica (Evan) Rothstein, Christopher (Sara) Sullens, Brandon (Morgan) Sullens, Brian Sullens, Tyler Sullens, Kevin Sullens, Ashley Sullens, Robert (Aimee) Gooden, Mathew Gooden, Morgan (Ross) Daily and Megan Kilburn; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters Shirley Frick of Creve Coeur and Sue McCann of Texas; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, William Max Sullens.

She was always so full of life. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cobden as a young woman. She worked at Florsheim Shoe Company for 10 years.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, March 2, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Ed Falgout officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Charles ‘Chip’ Romack

Charles “Chip” Romack, 53, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at his home.

Mr. Romack was born on Feb. 23, 1967, in West Frankfort, the son of Charles Eldon and Marcella Lee Thompson Romack.

He married Trenda Riebling in October of 2003.

Mr. Romack is survived by his wife, Trenda Romack; children Wesley Romack, Jason (Kim) Carey, Jessica Getz and Joshua (Mia) Carey; grandchildren Charlotte, Logan, Ryder and two more on the way; a brother, Chris (Kim) Romack; a brother-in-law, Tim (Tracy) Riebling; a sister-in-law, Teresa (Mike) DeFlurin; an aunt, Geri Romack; many nieces, nephews and cousins; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was the owner and operator of CR Customs Leather, Steel, & Wood.

No services will be held at this time.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Bill Joe King

Bill Joe King, 82, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at his home.

He was born on the Walton Farm in Anna on March 27, 1936, the son of Ual and Pearl Boyer King.

He was a lifetime resident of Union County. He started his trucking career working for Everett Randall in Cobden. Throughout his career he was known as “Wild Bill” by his trucking buddies. At the time of his retirement he was working for Greg’s Trucking.

He enjoyed fishing, cooking out, and spending time with his family. He was a devoted father to his three daughters and his son. He has five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

He is survived by his longtime companion of 28 years, Donna Scivally; three daughters, Vickie Coats, Tammie Aden and Karen (Bobby) Stone; grandchildren David (Megan) Coats, Daniel (Bella) Coats, Shannon (Tiffany) Moore, Steven (Shannon) Moore and Kim (Adam) Dillon; stepchildren, Robert (Lisa) Hepburn, Andrea Hepburn, Allan (Stacey) Hepburn and their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Justin King; sons-in-law Robert (Bobby) Coats and Dale Aden; and stepchildren Renee Hepburn and Justin Hepburn.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 2, at the Anna Cemetery. David Coats officiated.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Kenneth Rushing

Kenneth Rushing, 77, of Dongola, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at his home.

He was born on April 13, 1942, in Marion, Ky., the son of Guy and Layla Rushing.

He married Shelby Kay Johnson on Jan. 26, 1963.

Mr. Rushing is survived by his wife, Shelby Kay Rushing; children Penny (Randy) Hindman of Anna and Edwin (Cindy) Rushing of Dongola; grandchildren Remington Hindman, Rebecca (Thomas) Hindman Corbit, Journee Rushing, Austin Rider and James C. Jones; five great-grandchildren; siblings Ruby Tucker of Equality, Wayne Rushing of Shawneetown, SanDee (Tom) Brown of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Henry (Sara) Rushing of Gladewater, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael V. Rushing; and two brothers, William “Bill” Rushing and Charles Rushing.

Mr. Rushing enjoyed gardening and growing his vegetables, as well as, fishing and hunting. He worked on a dairy farm for many years. He later worked as a plant operator at the quarry for many years.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Randy Wright officiating. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Mandy Middlecamp

Mandy Middlecamp, 42, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Ullin, died at 12:53 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1977, in Cairo, the daughter of Carole Middlecamp.

She loved watching her children play sports and getting her nails and hair done.

She is survived by her children, Danaysia James, Delijah James, Orlando Clark III and Olivia Clark, all of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Ryan (Nicole) Stuart of Anna; nephews Bryan Stuart of Karnak and Ian Stuart of Anna; an aunt, Kim Cofer of Oklahoma; an uncle, Ronnie Winkenwerder of Centralia; her stepfather, Earl Stuart of Alabama; a stepdaughter, Alexis Stefanick of Paducah; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Carole Everett; aunts Lana McKee and Patricia Wood; her grandmother, Carolyn Winkenwerder; and an uncle, Kenneth (Regina) Baker.

Services for Mandy Middlecamp were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Cletus Oliver Jr. officiating. Interment followed in the Ullin Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help offset expenses for the family.

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

Crain
Funeral home

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrangements.



Mark Wayne Loyd

Mark Wayne Loyd, 62, of Anna, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 11, 1957, in Kankakee, the son of Manos Loyd and Geneva Patton.

Mr. Loyd is survived by his children, Michael Loyd, Christopher Loyd, Mark Loyd Jr., Justine Loyd and Kyle Loyd; grandchildren Carsen David Herring and Ivy Rose Loyd; siblings Manos Loyd Jr., Renee Shiek and Allan Shiek; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Johnny Loyd.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Christa Smith

Christa Smith, 76, of Anna, died at 10:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, at home.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1943, in Nuremberg, Germany, the daughter of Mathias and Anna Loesel Gestacker.

She married Dewey Smith in 1970. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Dewey Smith, and a son, Martin Smith, both of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation was accorded.

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

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March 11, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
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As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, representatives of the State Board of Elections and the public.

Dated March 2, 2020

Lance Meisenheimer,
Signature of Election Authority



Clouds on February evening
Clouds were billowing into the sky over Union County as the sun was setting on Friday evening, Feb. 28. The image was captured between Anna and Cobden.

Anna Presbyterian church planning to have children’s Purim Festival on Saturday

The First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna plans to have a children’s Purim Festival on Saturday, March 7. The festival is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the church’s Main Street Center.

The center is located on South Main Street in Anna. The center is across the street from the church, which is located at 315 South St. Elementary school age children are welcome to come dressed as princesses or kings as they choose. There is no cost, but children are asked to bring a can of food for Shawnee Development Council’s food pantry. There will be games, prizes and a light lunch. Purim is a Jewish holiday, a celebration of the story of Esther from the Old Testament, which will be shared as part of the festivities. The festival commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people from the hand of a tyrannical government official named Haman, who sought to have all the Jews living in the Persian Empire during the reign of King Ahaseurus (Xerxes I) killed. Esther was a wife of Ahaseurus, and persuaded him to thwart his evil official’s plan. First Evangelical Presbyterian Church is holding the festival both to highlight the community’s Jewish neighbors and to explore a portion of scripture often overlooked in Christian churches. The church’s pastor is Jewish by birth, and encourages Christians to value their Jewish roots.

Epilepsy Foundation honors area legislator

The Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago has named State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, as the 2020 recipient of The Inspirational Commitment Hero Award. The foundation said Bryant was honored because of her work in the Illinois House on behalf of individuals living with epilepsy. Bryant was scheduled to receive the honor at a Hero’s Gala event which was planned Feb. 29. Bryant has been a state representative since 2015. Last year, she was the chief sponsor of the Seizure Smart Schools Act. The legislation was initiated by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago and signed into law last summer by Gov. JB Pritzker. The law requires all Illinois public school employees to be trained in seizure recognition and requires parents or guardians of children with epilepsy to submit a seizure action plan with the school. Bryant’s husband Rick has lived with a seizure disorder for most of his life. “While Rick was in school he struggled with the stigma associated with seizures,” Bryant said. “Rick struggled not because of a mean spirit of those in his school, but because people were not educated as far as how to handle someone experiencing a seizure.” Bryant said she is honored to receive the 2020 Inspirational Commitment Hero Award. She thanked the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago for recognizing the importance of the Seizure Smart School Act. “Thank you to the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago for this award. I feel honored and humbled,” Bryant said. “I am proud to partner with an organization that advocates to make a positive difference in the lives of people suffering with seizure disorders and I plan to continue to represent the interests of children and adults that live with epilepsy and other seizure disorders as long as I have the opportunity to make a difference.”

Chamber brief
The Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation board of directors has named committees for the coming year. Committees and chairs include: Information, publicity and marketing chair, Jerry L. Reppert; membership chair, Melanie Lasley; fundraising co-chairs Debby McKibben and Shari Sweeney-Sadowski; economic development co-chairs Jim Farris, Steve Haldeman and Lisa Tomazzoli; tourism chair, Carol Hoffman; internal affairs co-chairs, Dori Bigler and Debby McKibben.

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Section B



Union County Museum

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, March 7. The museum has been closed for the winter months.

Union County Museum in Cobden scheduled to reopen on Saturday

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is scheduled to reopen at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

A special exhibit about the Producers Dairy will be featured. The dairy opened in Anna during the 1930s and offered milk, cream, buttermilk, chocolate milk, butter and cottage cheese.

The display will show milk bottles, a butter crock, milk crate, photos and other items. The dairy was an important Anna business.

A new exhibit is scheduled to be on debut and titled "What is the Story?"

Six items will be featured, and each item will have a unique story.

One of the pieces on

display is a ceramic syrup container from the Bump Confectionary Co. of Anna.

The shop for the museum also is scheduled to be open.

The shop will feature spring items, including artificial flowers and garden items.

Newly restocked shelves of collectibles, antiques, decorative items and other merchandise will be available.

Proceeds from the shop go to the museum and to the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, which operates the museum, is researching

what at one time was a big business in the county – the growing and shipping of all kinds of flowers.

Those who may have information or photographs about the industry are invited to contact Paulette Aronson at 893-2882 or Judy Travelstead at 893-2567.

Information and photographs also can be shared at the museum.

The Union County Museum is located on South Appleknocker Street in downtown Cobden.

Hours for the museum and shop are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The phone number is 893-2865.

Forest Service plans Oakwood Bottoms, Bean Ridge events

An open house event, as well as a hike and field meeting, are planned by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest.

Oakwood Bottoms Open House March 5

The Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest plan to host an open house meeting to discuss the management and restoration of the Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir system.

Located in Jackson County, Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir consists of about 4,000 acres and is primarily managed to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl.

The open house will

take place at the Grand Tower Community Center, which is located on Front Street in Grand Tower, on March 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Current management and restoration planning activities for the Oakwood Bottoms Greentree Reservoir system, as well as volunteer opportunities, will be discussed.

Bean Ridge Hike, Field Meeting March 6

The Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest invite the public to a hike and field meeting near Bean Ridge in Alexander County on Friday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The activities will examine a forest manage-

ment strategy in a future Bean Ridge Project Area.

The field meeting will include a hike. The hike will be about 1 mile long across steep terrain. Appropriate footwear and clothing is recommended.

The Forest Service noted that parking will be limited; those who plan to attend are asked to carpool to the site, if possible.

Driving directions to the Bean Ridge field meeting from Tamms follow:

From Tamms (Illinois Route 127): Take County 4 (Grapevine Trail) for 7 miles, turn left onto Bean Ridge Road for 3 miles; the meeting point will be on the right.

SIU School of Law event will address state's recently enacted marijuana laws

An upcoming symposium at the SIU School of Law in Carbondale is scheduled to feature legal experts from around the country.

The symposium will look at the implications of the state's recently enacted recreational marijuana laws.

Eleven speakers, including Illinois State Police director Brendan Kelly, are scheduled to present their thoughts on a variety of marijuana-related topics during the event.

The March 19 SIU Law Journal symposium, with a theme of "High-Stakes: Understanding the Implications of Legalizing Marijuana," will be in the law school auditorium.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the program

planned from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Continuing legal education credits are available.

The event is open to the public, but organizers said that early online registration is suggested due to limited seating.

Online registration is \$40 and includes lunch, while registration for SIU students is free. Students must register, however, to be included in the lunch count.

The SIU Law Journal is sponsoring the program and will publish papers from the symposium.

Federal law still prohibits both recreational and medicinal marijuana usage.

Illinois last year became the 11th state to legalize the recreational use of

marijuana and the first to approve it with legislative action compared with a voter ballot initiative.

The Illinois Department of Revenue has reported the state collected nearly \$10.5 million in combined cannabis taxes and sales taxes in January, which was the first month marijuana was legally available in Illinois.

The symposium is aimed at numerous interest holders, including attorneys who need to understand the legal and regulatory environment of the new law, organizers said.

The event can also be helpful to police, physicians, local government leaders and employers who need to understand how the new law affects what they do.



Showing cattle at Illinois Beef Expo

Dongola School 7th grader Kinley Lingle showed cattle at the Illinois Beef Expo in Springfield. The expo was Feb. 19-23. Photo provided.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Governor names former legislator ag department's new director

During Sunday morning's service, Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the congregation in worship.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Noah Wiseman and Robert Smith.

Special music was brought by Abby Barlow and the worship team.

An anointing service was held for special needs of the congregation.

The morning message was titled "Where is Your Heart's Desire?" The message was brought by Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening worship service was opened with Pastor Wright and the worship team leading the congregation in worship.

Ushers for the evening service were Terry Wiseman, Noah Wiseman and Robert Smith.

Special music was brought by Jack and Nina Shepard.

The evening message, "Be Accountable for What You Do," was brought by Pastor Wright. Communion was served to the congregation.

Birthdays: Carlos McKinney, March 1; Brandon Wright, March 3; Bob McClure, Sarah Treece, March 5.

A Sisters in Spirit ladies seminar is planned March 7 in Marion.

A work day is planned March 14 at the church.

A Memorial Roll certificate presentation for the family of Judy Theis is planned March 15.

A missionary zone rally is planned March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Du Quoin Church of the Nazarene.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "The Little Word IF."

Her scripture selections were from Genesis, the account of the serpent's temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden, and from Matthew, the account of Satan's temptation of Jesus before He began His earthly ministry.

The message shared that "Satan is real and he will do everything he can to disrupt the faith of a Christian."

"Satan tries to convince us that IF we don't follow Jesus in all things, it will be okay."

"Satan is good at what he does. He slithers into our life and before we know it, we fall into his evil snares."

"As a Christian, we are a child of the most High God."

"God always gives us hope and redemption if we

come to Him, repenting of our wrongs and sin."

During the opening part of worship Sunday, Lenten candle readings were begun. One candle will be extinguished each Sunday during Lent as a reminder of the darkness that came upon the world on Good Friday.

Addi and Raelynn Bonner received the offering Sunday.

Tony Gerard is the lead elder for March.

Those having birthdays this week are Amanda Batts on the 4th and Kayton Crane on the 7th.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 1, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message in both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Robert and Margaret McCain provided special music, as well as the choir, in the morning service.

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

The Voyage Sunday School class plans to meet at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

Titus 2 plans to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7.

Birthdays: Margaret McCain, Don Schlenker, March 2.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Dig-In Children's Ministry for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy birthday to our daughter-in-law Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo. Her birthday is March 7.

Happy anniversaries to Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on March 7.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Tuesday were Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Jay Eudy, Vivian Bennett and Shirley Miller, all of McClure.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited Saturday with Shirley Miller.

Our sympathy to the family of Wilburn Gibbs of Jonesboro who passed away at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, Feb. 29. He was my last remaining uncle.

Sue Eudy visited Thursday afternoon with Alma Linson and Shirley Kohler at River to River in Anna.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau.

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

By Ben Orner
Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday, Feb. 28, appointed former state Rep. Jerry Costello II as the next director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Costello, a Democrat from Southern Illinois, served nearly eight years in the General Assembly from 2011 to 2019.

During that time, he chaired the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee and was a member of the House Environment Committee.

He also served on the Pritzker administration's agriculture transition committee after the governor was elected in 2018.

Costello, 51, grew up on a small farm in Southern Illinois' Franklin County, where his family produced crops and raised cattle.

"With farming playing an important role in his family's history and a career of public service, there's no better person to lead the Illinois Department of Agriculture at this time than Jerry Costello," Pritzker said in a news release late Friday.

Costello left the legislature last May to become the director of law enforcement for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"I'm confident that Jerry's deep experience will bring a steady hand to the department and continue the impressive growth of this vital industry," Pritzker said.

Costello lives with his wife and three children in Smithton, outside St. Louis.

"I'm honored to continue serving the people of Illinois and excited to take the helm at the department I once oversaw in the state legislature," Costello said in the release.

"As a leading producer of soybeans, corn and swine, Illinois is home to the most dedicated farmers in the world, and I look forward to partnering with them to grow our state's agricultural economy," he said.

Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. applauded Pritzker's decision.

"Jerry Costello has a proven record in supporting agriculture," Guebert said in a statement Friday. "In his time serving in the General Assembly, he not only supported agriculture by his votes on key legislation important to agriculture, but he also championed many supportive efforts."

Upon taking the oath of office, scheduled for Monday, March 2, Costello will be paid an annual salary of \$156,942, according to the governor's official appointment order.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University, Costello joined the U.S. Army's famed 82nd Airborne Division and saw combat in Operation Desert Storm. After returning home, he became a police officer and later an assistant chief of police.

The agriculture department has been without a permanent leader since mid-January, when Director John Sullivan resigned at Pritzker's request.

A former state senator who started at the ag department when Pritzker became governor in 2019, Sullivan was ousted for failing to disclose the contents of a 2012 email that pointed to the possible cover-up of a "rape in Champaign" and "ghost workers" in Gov. Pat Quinn's administration.

In an interview with the Rushville Times, Sullivan said he didn't fully read the email at the time, but he took "full responsibility."

"I know in my mind and my heart that I did not read all of that email," Sullivan told the Times. "If I had seen an email that talked about a rape in Champaign, I would have turned it over."

Costello will replace interim director Jeremy Flynn, who was Sullivan's chief of staff. He will be considered "acting" until he is confirmed by a vote in the Illinois Senate.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the first Sunday in Lent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano, and Layleigh also collected the offering.

This week is the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter.

The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Diana, David and Jennifer.

Keith read scripture from Isaiah and Pastor Bobbi read the gospel from Matthew and talked about Ash Wednesday and its meaning as the start of Lent. She reminded everyone that ashes are a sign of sorrow and repentance with ashes placed on the forehead.

Prayers were requested for Bishop Beard of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, and all the caregivers throughout the world.

It was reported that the Midwest Mission needs contributions to continue its humanitarian work of helping with education, health, small businesses and disasters. A donation of \$1 is worth \$6.33 in relief supplies. Go to MidwestMission.org to donate to Fund #6620.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, March 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut in Anna.

Words for the Weak: Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:6

The Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

News from


First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service on March 1, Pastor Nick's sermon was titled "Storm the Throne of Grace (Praying with Boldness)." Scripture was from Hebrews.

Mary Knight was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, March 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:15 p.m.

The menu will feature taco soup, raw veggies, tortilla chips, cake, coffee, tea and lemonade. All are welcome.



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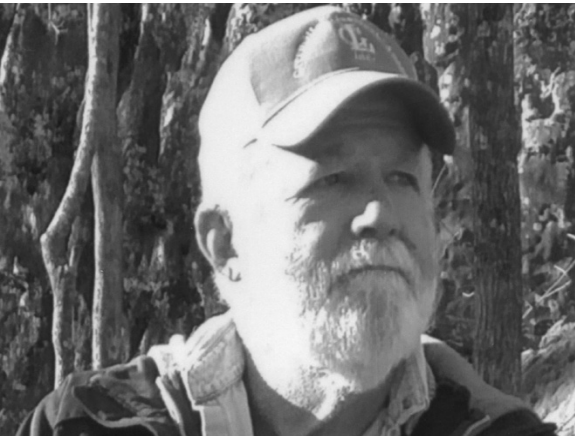
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Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." From the Gospel of Matthew

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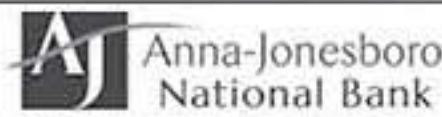
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Daily Bible Reading

Matthew	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
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Illinois Department of Labor advises workers about their rights regarding time off

The old saying, “You have to work to get ahead,” has merit, but you also need some time off to be a good, healthy worker.

In Illinois most full-time workers are legally entitled to time off each calendar week.

The Illinois Department of Labor, IDOL, says that the One Day Rest in Seven Act provides employees with a minimum of 24 hours of rest in each calendar week and a meal period of 20 minutes for every 7.5-hour shift beginning no later than five hours after the start of the shift. The law does not apply to part-time workers.

“While there are some exceptions to this law, most full-time workers have the right to meal breaks and a day of rest each calendar week,”

IDOL director Michael Kleinik said.

“Workers can voluntarily choose to work more, but workers who believe they are improperly being denied time off should contact our office for assistance.”

The law defines a calendar week as seven consecutive 24-hour periods starting at 12:01 a.m. Sunday morning and ending

at midnight the following Saturday.

Under the law, employers may ask IDOL for exceptions to the act by applying for permits to work employees the seventh day.

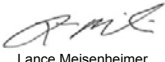
If IDOL grants a permit, it requires a statement from the employer demonstrating that all employees who will be working seven days in a row are in fact volunteers. The number of permits granted in a year is limited.

The law also has exceptions for some employees, including farm workers, coal miners and security guards, as well as workers classified by federal law as executive, administrative or professional.

The law specifies that a day of rest must be “in addition to the regular period of rest allowed at the close of each working day.”

Workers or employers who have questions regarding the One Day Rest in Seven Act can call 312-793-2800 or email DOL.ODRISA@illinois.gov.

An online complaint form also is available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/forms/Documents/ODRISA%20Complaint%20Form.pdf>.




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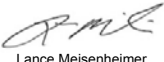
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Spring Ahead
Spring ahead Sunday. Set your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time begins. Lots of happy people and I am one of them.

Celebrations
Willie and Terrie Rhym-er had a busy Leap Day Saturday.
Started out with watching granddaughter Violet Yates play Upward ball at Anna Heights Baptist Church.
Then to the Anna Ju-nior High School to watch grandson Mason Yates, who plays for the Anna Indians. The team received second place in the tournament.
Then they went back to Dongola to attend a baby shower for their grand-daughter Alexis Rhymer and the upcoming birth of their great-grandson Jaxson Rhymer.
After the shower they hosted a family dinner at their house in honor of their daughter Rebecca Yates, who just received her master's degree. Those attending were Jamie and

Rebecca, Ruby, Violet and Miles Yates, Andy and Preston Rhymer, Jordan, Alexis, Junior and Hadley Rhymer.
Trip
Barbara House and Ruth Sistler, along with many others have returned from a 10-day trip to Iceland.
Barbara celebrated her birthday while there. She enjoyed tomato ice cream for her birthday. They watched the bees that were shipped from Holland pol-linate the tomatoes and watched the people make bread and cook the bread in the volcanoes. They got to see the northern lights and reported they were beautiful.
Guest
Chris Skoglund has re-turned home to New Hamp-shire after a visit with his parents Wayne and Nancy and sister and family.
Guest
Guest of Paula and Rick Wright is their daughter Paige Dirden from Arkan-sas, who surprised them and her brother Seth on Wednesday. She is visiting with them for a few days.



Congratulations to Rebecca Yates, who just received her master's degree. She is the daughter of Willie and Terrie Rhymer.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended a baby shower for their granddaughter Alexis Rhymer and the upcoming birth of their great-grandson Jaxson Rhymer.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer's granddaughter Violet Yates playing Upward ball at Anna Heights Baptist Church Saturday.



Purple Gals: Left is Sara DeNeal, director of Art, SIC Ella Elizabeth Hise Museum of Regional Art; center is Harrisburg artist Reita Mitchell; and right is Marie Samuel, whose exhibit in the Visual & Performing Arts Gallery is on display until March 27 at SIC near Harrisburg. They were all dressed in purple and Marie's friend who took the picture said they all needed red hats.

They are so excited to have Paige home.

Get-Well Wishes
Jonesboro Mayor Kenny Blandford will have an up-coming back surgery March 13 in Cape Girardeau. David and Liz Wilkins and everyone would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

Celebrating Birthdays
Mary Knight was hon-ored on her birthday with a birthday dinner at Chili's with her husband Jake and children Mayli Isabella 8, Aden Paul 4, Asher Ray 10 months and parents, Bruce and Darla Blanchett and Associate Pastor David and Carrie Howard of Anna First Baptist Church Saturday.

They also celebrated Aden Paul Knight's birth-day who turned 4 on Feb. 24 with a dinosaur party at First Baptist Church Anna Saturday night.
Food Pantry
Lynn Heisner is volun-teering at Shawnee Devel-opment food pantry and says they are running low on food. Please make a donation.

Bald Knob Cross
Congratulations to the welcome center business card winner Stewart Appliance from Anna.
The new flooring project at the welcome center is complete. Teresa says a huge thank you to everyone who donated to this project . You made it possible. Hope you can come visit soon and see for yourself the differ-ence you made.

There is a new binocular on the observation deck. A pressed penny machine is in the gift shop.
On behalf of Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Jeep N Shawnee, Living the Jeep Life for Christ group along with Absher Arnold Jeep in Marion, would like to invite you to the first inau-gural Blessing of the Jeeps in Alto Pass. Our friends and regional Jeep groups Chicago Jeep Union and the Midwest Jeep Alliance will be assisting in offering two Jeep blessings. Saturday, May 9. The first blessing will be at 9:30 a.m. with the second being at noon.
The Spud Shack Food Truck will be there when you get hungry. Jeep ap-parel and jewelry will be available from Nalee Rae's Boutique. Shirts and decals sale are available at Oxford-graphicts.com/jeepblessing, at the welcome center, or online with all proceeds going to the Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

Jeep N Shawnee mem-bers will be leading tours one hour after the blessings of the surrounding National Forest.
This will be a 2wd friend-ly ride through the Shawnee with great views of the cross in all its glory. All Jeeps welcome so gather your friends and family and make this the largest jeep blessing around.

Email from Arizona
I always enjoy receiving emails from our readers and former residents of Anna. I received one this week from Fred Garrott from Sun City West, Ariz., who said he just opened this week's edition, Wow, what an informative volume; and tribute to the businesses of Union County. The color pictures make the digital edition jump off the screen.
Once again, congratu-lations for your being rec-ognized as an exceptional community leader. Well deserved.
Small world story re-cently dining with new found Kansas friends in Sun City West, we were exchanging the usual who what where are you from stuff. When I mentioned Anna, Ill., our new friend asked if I knew Jerry Rep-ert.



Volunteers at the Bald Knob Cross were honored: In the first row are, from left, Joann Sharp, Dianna Yates, Vermel Huckelberry, Mary Lou Hickam, Jennifer O'Donnell, Patty Johnson, Sandy Lanzi and Lenna Reeder. In the second row are Lowell Huckelberry, Larry Gilbert, Reg Hickam, Greg Meredith, Sid Johnson. Regular volunteers who could not be present for the picture included Sandy Anderson, Alice Stearns and granddaughter Victoria, Jean Phemister, Frances Cochran, Diane Cardwell, Janis Corrington, Lisa Short, Marcy Lindsay and Joyce Crippen. The mission of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace is to provide a place where all people can unite to experience the presence of God. From Teresa Gilbert, executive director.



A-JCHS band students chosen to play in 2020 Southern Illinois River to River Honor Bands Festival at Shryock Auditorium at Southern Illinois University Carbondale: French horn Zach Dudley, euphonium Elijah Ellis, trumpet Ethan Palmer, flute Kiersten Wright, tuba Tyler Sutton, clarinet Alleigh Curtis, alto saxophone Jessi Riley.



Great play Women of Choice at the Anna Arts Center last weekend.



A special thanks to Dr. Lynn Steveson for directing Women of Choice at the Anna Arts Center.

Tell Jerry that his frater-nity brother Mike Gibson is doing well, but playing bad golf like the rest of us.
Thanks to all of you who make the digital edition available to Union County alumni. I sent this to Jerry and he said thank you.
A special thanks to Fred and all the readers who take The Gazette-Democrat who live away from Anna and keep up with news from their home town. We are truly blessed here in Anna to have our local paper The Gazette-Democrat. A special thank you Jerry Reppert.
Get-Well Wishes
Got word from Jerry Hines that Diane fell flat on her back and hit the back of her head when they went to visit their daughter and grandson.
She tried to open the back door on their car when it did not open, and her hand slipped off the door and she fell backward.
The drive was wet, and she landed at the end of the drive and the street. Bren-dan and Jerry took her to the emergency room. They took x-rays and CT scan.
She has head injury, close complexion fracture of L2 and L5 lumbar vertebra. It could have been a lot worse



Marlee Smith was honored by Shawnee Hills Arts Council as a Super Hero for her determination and never quit attitude and recognized at the play Women of Choice by Lee Hackney Friday night.

Jerry said.
Dale Johnson had sur-gery this week. Please keep them in your prayers.
Welcome to Anna
Lelia Spurlock's niece and husband Althea and Bill Rhodes from Van Buren, Ark ., have moved to Anna.
Birthdays
Feb. 26 JoAnn Keller, William Andrew Rhymer celebrated his 40th birth-day. A special thanks for your years of service to our country. 27 Kye Wheaton 8th birthday. Terry Hender-son, 29 Rhonda Abernethy, March 7 Stephen Smith, 10 Kami LaFoon, 14 Linda La-Foon, 17 Loloene Reichert, 19 Rev. Richard Sullins, 22 Thomas Corbit, 29 Sarah Foster, 31 Shirley West.
Anniversary
Feb. 27 Bill and Debbie Hess 44 years. March 1 Marcy and Gary Morris.
Joining Together
Congratulations for the joining together of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County Economic Devel-opment.
There are seven direc-tors, who for 2020 are, president Stephanie Cox, vice president Lisa Tom-azzoli, treasurer Debby McKibben, secretary Shari Sweeney-Sadowski and at-large directors Greg George, Dori Bigler and Lance Meisenheimer.
There are also six com-mittees with chairpersons or co-chairpersons, who for 2020 are information, publicity and marketing chairperson Jerry Rep-ert; membership chair-person Melanie Lasley; fundraising co-chairper-sons Debby McKibben and Shari Sweeney-Sadowski; economic development co-chairpersons Jim Farris, Steve Haldeman and Lisa Tomazzoli; tourism chair-person Carol Hoffman; internal affairs co-chairper-sons Dori Bigler and Debby McKibben.
Anna Heights Baptist Church
There will be a Love Packages Mission Trip on April 3-4.
Mama Lou's crafters are collecting three wick candle jars with lids for a future project. If you have any drop them off at the church.
The crafters were busy this past week making signs. All crafts will be used to raise money for the



Brother Carl Fox’s Birthday: Freemasons from recently merged lodges Anna 520 and Jonesboro 111 along with representatives from other Southern Illinois lodges, and the RW Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master brother Gene F. Horn, left, had the honor of visiting long-time member Brother Carl L. Fox, right, a former resident of Anna, at the Parkview Rehabilitation Center in Paducah. Brother Fox, who entered the Anna lodge in 1952, and who just celebrated his 105th birthday,was honored with a card, and presented with a Masonic pin by WM Rollie Matlock of the Anna-Jonesboro lodge 111 for his 67 years of membership in the fraternity.

Baptist Children’s Home in Carmi.

Thursday, today, at 6 p.m.,is the Calling America Back to God meeting. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month.

New Life Touch Directory will be taking family portraits for the church directory April 16-18. Church families can sign up on line or at the church.

The Operation Christmas Child collection for the month of March is girls underwear.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Liturgist Frank LaFoon welcomed everyone with the call to worship and opening prayer.

A play was presented by Warren Anderson, Barbara House, Theresa Lamszus and Marcy Morris about how hard it is to forgive someone who has done us wrong but when Jesus was on the cross he asked his father to forgive the people who put him there because they didn’t know what they were doing. Jesus forgave his enemies and told us we should forgive ours and we should love those who hate us.

Rev. David Reynolds’ sermon was Forgiveness That Doesn’t Stop with scripture from Luke. If we can’t forgive people how can our heavenly father forgive us.

Special music by the ladies choir Give Me Jesus. Holy Communion was taken.

Anna Art Center
It’s time for March of the Penguins. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, most original, and funniest penguins.

Adoption fee is \$5 for each penguin. To adopt, call Lee Hackney 904-625-1109 or visit Here & Now Shop, the Fabric shop, in beautiful downtown Anna at 319 S. Main St. open Tuesday through Friday.

Return your well dressed penguin to the Anna Arts Center on April 15 or 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibit opens on April 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Awards reception and auction on April 26, 2 p.m. with auction for penguins to good homes starting at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited and it is free to attend the reception.

April 2-26, judged art competition, exhibition and awards, with reception on April 26, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to enter the competition and exhibit.

There are three categories. Painting and drawing,

acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media, collage. Photography, photos and digitally altered artwork. Fine crafts, fibers, sculpture, pottery, furniture, stained glass, blown glass, jewelry, metalsmithing, wood carvings.

All work due at the arts center by March 30. Delivery of art works will be



Rodney Vanderpool was honored with a birthday party on his 91st birthday Feb. 28 by his family and friends at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

Thursday, March 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., or Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Lee at 904-625-1109 for more information.

Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at Wok and Roll in Anna for their March meeting Wednesday the 18th at 11 a.m. Hosted by Kathy Milam and family.

Congratulations Cobden Appleknockers

Congratulations to the Cobden Appleknockers

basketball team on winning regionals and on your way to sectionals. Good luck.

Bye Bye Birdie

Students at A-JCHS are working hard on the musical Bye Bye Birdie they will perform Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

A-J Band, Chorus Fish Fry

The Anna Kiwanis fish fry to benefit the A-JCHS band and chorus will be Saturday, March 14, from



Clyde and Travis Sims, Unchained Ministries, meets at 6 p.m. Sunday, 101 Springfield, Suite B, Anna.

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park.

The meal is \$10. There will be baked goods also to buy.

After the dinner go to A-JCHS for the musical Bye Bye Birdie at 7 p.m.

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 90

The retirees meet at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All retirees are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Winner of the February door prize was Glenn Heisner.

Early Voting

You can vote at the Union County Courthouse. Election day is March 17 St. Patrick’s Day.

Anna VFW

A monthly fish dinner will be served Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Union County animal control will be hosting a fund-raiser at the post on March 28th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be food for purchase, silent auction items, the Southern Comfort band, lots of fun for a good cause.

Military Prayer List

Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Godzilla: King" (19)	(5:10) "Replicas"	"The Kingmaker" (R)
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young	Man (HD)	Superstore	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	BUNCKD Sydney	Real Sports (HD)	(18, Action) "Rebellion" (HD)	(15) Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom Carol's	Deputy (HD)	Will (HD)			The Sinner "Part V"	Raven	"Dodgeball: True Underdog"	(15) ★★ "Drive Angry" (11) "Escape from hell."	(15) ★★ "Drive Angry" (11) "Escape from hell."
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU			(01) Briarpatch (HD)	Coop & Cam	Strike	★★★ "War Dogs" (16) "Over their heads." (HD)	DESIUS & Cartoon
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Chicago P.D. "Justice"	Unsitabte	(15) The Outsider		DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	The Sinner "Part V"	Raven	Avenue 5	"Killing Streets" (91)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden							"Cavett"		

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FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	The Misery	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Outsider	"Tag" (18) Ed Harris.	"Den of Thieves" (18) \$30 million heist. (HD)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Lincoln "Original Sin"	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Boston Celtics (Live) (HD)	The Misery	Law & Order: SVU	BUNCKD Owl House	"Shutter Island" (10) Leonardo DiCaprio. Asylum secrets.	"The Dead Don't Die" (19) The dead rise. (R)	The Trade (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	"John Wick" (14) Ex-hit man, Kingpin. (HD)	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike	"Charlie Says" (19, Drama) Killers learn. (HD)
9 PM :30			Local Programs Local info.				Just Roll	Coop & Cam	Sydney	(50) Strike Back (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)			ELEAGUE (HD)	Unsitabte	High Maint	"The Meg" Pre-historic monster.	The Trade (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night			Family	Owl House	Real Time Maher (HD)		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden					Family	Raven	High Maint		

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SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	College Basketball	XFL Football (Live)	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	(5:30) "Movie"		Unsitabte	"Fight Club" (99) (R)	Strike	(5:50) "Die Hard" (88) A cop fights terrorists in a high-rise.
7 PM :30	NBA: Jump	To Be Announced	PBC Fight Night (Live)	Dateline NBC (HD)	UFC 248 Prelims: Adesanya (Live)	Bang (HD)	"John Wick: Chapter 2" (17, Action) Out of retirement.	Big City	"Yesterday" (19) The Beatles band. (HD)		"Captive State" (19) Alien occupation. (HD)
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced		Dateline NBC (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City			
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(23) ★★½ "John Wick: Chapter 2" (17) Out of retirement.	Big City	BUNCKD	(05) "Die Hard with a Vengeance" (95) (HD)	Kidding
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	The Misery	Unsitabte	The Outsider (HD)	(15) Strike Back (HD)	Homeland (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		The Misery	Family	Owl House	(25) TBA		
11 PM :30							Family	Jessie	(55) "Yesterday" (19)		

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SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Duncanvil.	Little Big Shots (HD)	MLS Soccer Portland vs Nashville SC (Live)	★★★ "Congenial" (05)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitabte	"Yesterday" (19) The Beatles band. (HD)	(4:50) "Jurassic" (18)	Homeland (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol 304 (Auditions) (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons Duncanvil.	Little Big Shots (HD)		Wonder Woman" (17) Princess of the Amazons leads battle. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Just Roll	★★★ "The Darkest Hour" (11)	The Circus
8 PM :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Zoe's Extraordinary	XFL Football Tampa Bay Vipers at Los Angeles Wildcats (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	BUNCKD	The Outsider (HD)	"Halloween" (04) Robot may be killer. (HD)	Kidding
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Fam Guy	Good Girls (HD)		"Miss Congeniality" (00) Undercover beauty.	Dare Me (HD)	Disney Fam	Avenue 5		Kidding
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs			Family	Disney Fam	Oliver	"Destination 5" (11)	Homeland (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs			Family	Just Roll	(40) The Outsider	"Trust the Man" (06)	Kidding
11 PM :30	(35) Local		Local		SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Jessie	(35) Axios		Kidding

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MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	Raven	"Alita: Battle Angel" (19) Amnesia cyborg.	"Ocean's 8" (18) (HD)	"Thieves" (HD)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star Gender reveal party. (HD)	America's Got Talent: The Talent showcase.		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	BUNCKD	Strike	(50) "I, Robot" (04) Robot may be killer. (HD)	Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30		All Rise Legal system.			College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy		Unsitabte	The New Pope (HD)		Kidding
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull "Missing" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Manifest (HD)		Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	(10) McMillon's (HD)	(45) "Bad Times at the El Royale" (18) Hotel strangers.	Homeland (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Briarpatch (HD)	Coop & Cam	The Outsider (HD)		DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Just Roll	★★★ "Congo" (95) Troubled expedition. (HD)	DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie	(20) McMillon's (HD)	"Jeepers"	Cartoon

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Raven	(4:55) "Pearl Harbor" (01) WWII love triangle.	★★★½ "The Serpico" (73) Al Pacino. Police corruption.	"The Upside" (19)
7 PM :30	Conners	NCIS "In a Nutshell"	The Resident	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	BUNCKD	Strike	(18) "Tag" (18) 30-year game of tag.	Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30	mixed-ish	FBI Political murder.	Empire "Talk Less"	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	BUNCKD	The New Pope (HD)	(45) "Bad Times at the El Royale" (18) Hotel strangers.	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	For Life "Marie" (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	(01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Coop & Cam		DESIUS & The Circus
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitabte	The Outsider (HD)	★★★ "Anna" (19) Feared assassin.	DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	The Biggest Loser	Just Roll	Strike		Kidding
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden				Conan	Family	Jessie	Jessie		Kidding

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven	"Adjustment" (11)	"Destination 5" (11)	"The Upside" (19)
7 PM :30	Family	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Detroit vs Philadelphia (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNCKD	The Outsider (HD)	(18) "Time as currency."	"Captive State" (19) Alien occupation.
8 PM :30	Family	(01) SEAL Team	(01) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Sydney	Strike		Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	Family	S.W.A.T. "Knockout"	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Sacramento (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Coop & Cam	★★★ "Fast Five" (11) Ex-cop and ex-con. (HD)	"Replicas" (19) Biologist wants family back.	★★★ "Species II" (98) (R) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Family	Sydney	Unsitabte		DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Frontal	Family	Just Roll	Strike	"Skyscraper" Burning building.	DESIUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (HD)	Hot Ones	Family	Jessie	Jessie		Kidding
11 PM :30						Conan	Family	Jessie			Kidding

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Opinion and Commentary

Commentary

Billionaires running for office dampens democratic impulse

By Jim Nowlan

The rise of billionaires running for office is dampening the democratic impulse, that is, they threaten to take “by the people” out of government. The threat from those who swirl big money around in campaigns drives others to the sidelines of democracy, unwilling to waste their time in a contest where they fear being overwhelmed by billionaire money.

Some context, followed by a few observations:

The four resources critical to all political campaigns are money, people, skill and time. Money has always been necessary to communicate candidate credibility, issue positions, and stimulate voters to the polls. People extend the candidate by spreading his or her message and providing the campaign management skill. Time is undervalued as a resource, as late-starting Michael Bloomberg is finding on the presidential campaign trail.

Until recent decades, political party organizations at the local, state and national levels have been indispensable in helping party-endorsed candidates campaign at both primary and general elections. Party foot-soldiers helped spread the word, and party treasuries provided some or all of the money needed.

The parties also offered little guys like haberdasher Harry Truman and Chicago’s legendary Mayor Richard J. Daley to climb the rungs of politics without personal wealth. Parties also provided voters, most of whom don’t follow campaigns closely, with important cues as to how they might vote with confidence, to wit: Democrats were traditionally seen as the party of the working man, Republicans the party of business.

Unfortunately, effective political party organizations are mostly a relic of the past. Court prohibitions on patronage workers and the rise of television advertising have together supplanted party precinct canvassers. More recently, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that, while contributions to parties may be limited, expenditures in behalf of candidates by non-party groups cannot.

This has encouraged an increasing number of relatively young billionaires to try their hands at running for election. Once gaining office, they can use their wealth to influence policy-making.

This does not mean that the billionaire politicians are other than well-intentioned. For example, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker appears to be a good fellow who wants to boost his state. Yet the consequences of his money in politics threaten, as I have said, to take “government by the people” out of the equation in public life. I have written, for example, about the rather obscure but important election this year in which Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride seeks retention to a third 10-year term on the state high court.

This seat may well become the swing seat on a court that since 1964 has continuously had a 4-3 (or 5-2) Democratic majority. Insiders know that Gov. Pritzker and House Speaker Mike Madigan, Kilbride’s original patron, will spend whatever is necessary to retain this seat. As a result, Republican funders have decided, it appears, not to contest the election, as if such would simply be sending good money after bad.

I enjoy reading of the history of ancient Rome. More than 2,000 years ago, the Roman Republic seemed to embrace virtue in politics, at least initially, similar to that of our Founding Fathers. Then, over time, virtue was replaced by ambition, and money became de rigueur for political advancement. At the end of the Republic, money purchased the votes of citizens, rigged elections, even funded political armies to control outcomes.

What can be done about this anti-democratic trend in politics? Maybe nothing; sometimes trends are irreversible. I don’t see, for example, political party decline ever being reversed.

But maybe in the future, a different U.S. Supreme Court majority might realize that government by the people has been rendered largely inoperable. Such a court could overturn decisions that stimulated the billionaires into running for office and shaping our politics.

And the internet shows promise at generating thousands of small donations, which might combat billionaire money.

Finally, a billionaire’s money might itself become the primary issue in his campaign, as in the case with Mayor Mike Bloomberg in his presidential bid.

Whatever, as a society we must examine the consequences of really big money in politics.

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Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer’s address and the writer’s telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Is this a GOAT or the G.O.A.T.?

Sometimes, the unexpected just kind of happens...

This week, we’re going to talk a little bit about February coming to an end, unexpected things which happen on The Journey Through Life and a vaguely remote connection with Tom Brady.

February came to an end over the weekend. This year, we were even lucky to have one more day in the shortest month of the year. Didn’t need it.

As I have shared a number of times over the year, February just seems like the one month of the year which is pretty much unnecessary. I think we’d be better off to add 28, or 29, days to January and then move right on to March. But that’s just me.

February’s arrival each year is, of course, pretty much expected. However, a few things which I’ve seen or heard about during the past couple of weeks were pretty much unexpected.

Take the 42-year-old guy in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, who works as a maintenance man and unexpectedly got to put on the uniform of a professional hockey team, take to the ice, play the goalie position and actually win a game.

That little adventure caught my attention, and the attention of a lot of other folks, too. Way, way back in the day, when your writer was much, much, much younger, and much, much, much more agile, he played ice hockey... goalie to be more specific. To hear the unexpected story about the guy in Toronto made an old goalie feel good.

Then there were the various little unexpected things which popped up during the past few weeks right here in Union County...none of which involved an “old” guy playing ice hockey.

There were turtles basking in the sunshine...on a couple of rather chilly February afternoons.

There were two mallard ducks, a male and a female, enjoying the sunshine on a winter afternoon. Just in time to add a special touch to a photograph, the female spread her wings.



A pair of mallard ducks taking a nap in the afternoon sunshine: Unexpected? Not so much. The female spreading her wings, just in time for a photograph... now that was unexpected.



A bald eagle perched at the top of a tree along old U.S. Route 51, not far from metropolitan Anna: Unexpected? Yes.



A hawk hanging out on a road sign along Skyline Drive between Cobden and Alto Pass: Unexpected? Yup.



Or maybe it's this one.

There was a bald eagle which somehow was perched way up high in the bare branches of a tree along old U.S. Route 51 near Anna.

There was a hawk which somehow was perched atop a road sign along Skyline Drive on a sunny Saturday morning. The hawk was gracious enough to hang around for a photograph.

Then there were the GOATS. Which brings us to the Tom Brady connection. The New England Patriots quarterback is considered by many folks to be the G.O.A.T. Not a GOAT. The G.O.A.T.

G.O.A.T., as you may know, stands for the Greatest of All Time. Mr. Brady may indeed be worthy of G.O.A.T. recognition. For whatever it’s worth, Mr. Brady has just kind of irritated me for a very long time...ever since his team beat the then-St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl whatever Roman numeral it was. I suppose I should get over it.

That being said, I think it’s kind of odd that G.O.A.T. should be a nice way to refer to one of the best players of all time. Such a connection often is not made with the word GOAT. By the way, would we call the greatest goat of all time the G.O.A.T. GOAT?

All of this brings me to one last mention about something that was rather unexpected. Nah. Let’s just make it totally unexpected.

Last Friday morning, while motoring along Kaolin Road, which is between Anna and Cobden, I saw a critter along the road. I slowed down. Took a closer look.

The critter was a young goat. Turned out there were six goats...just kind of wandering along Kaolin Road and having a snack.

Don’t know why the goats were there. Where they came from? Where they were going? Were these the G.O.A.T.s? Six goats along the road: Unexpected? Absolutely.



A turtle was basking in the sunshine in a local pond: Unexpected? In May or June, not so much. On a chilly morning in February...yes.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 5, 1970

The majority of voters in the Shawnee College District, Saturday, Feb. 28, approved by more than two to one a \$3.5 million bond issue for a permanent campus.

Gulf, Mobile and Ohio railroad crews are continuing to work in the rain and mud to clear up a 45-car train derailment which occurred Sunday, March 1, near Jonesboro.

The Jonesboro First United Methodist Church will be host to the World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6. The program, under the direction of various women’s groups, will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of citizens who are interested in education for elementary and secondary school students in the areas of Dongola, Lick Creek, Jonesboro and Anna will be held Thursday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School gym.

Readers are warned of the dangers resulting from an eclipse of the sun. An eclipse of the sun is a fascinating sight, but also a dangerous sight. Due Saturday, March 7, is a total eclipse of the sun with the Southeastern part of the United States in the path of the total eclipse, and all other parts of the country (in the path) of (a) partial eclipse.

The March dinner meeting of the Anna Chamber of Commerce was held Monday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

There are presently 132 students from the Union County area presently enrolled at Shawnee College’s new campus during the fall and winter term. The new college opened for classes in the fall of 1969.

The Spring Music Festival will be held tonight, March 5, at Davie School under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Maruska. The program will commence at 7:30 p.m.