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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there.

June 21 is the first day of summer.

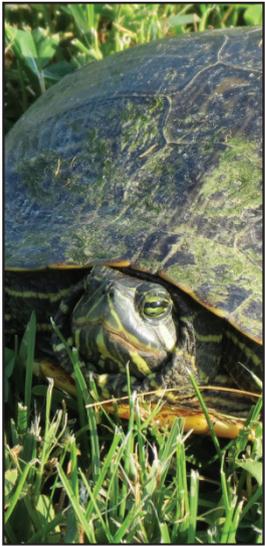
There was a very good turnout at Tuesday morning's Union County farmers market in Anna.

The Anna Blue Dolphins swim team is scheduled to host the Anna Invitational this Saturday. The event will be at the Anna Pool.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is proud of alumna Audrey Haar. Audrey has been named as one of the 2021 Outstanding Leadership and Service Award recipients at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Only 25 students out of more than 2,000 graduates were honored with the award.

The Union County Board of Commissioners continues to livestream its meetings.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah advised on Saturday that heat index readings of 100 to 105 degrees were possible in the region.



A special guest paid a visit to the Annabelle Festival at the Anna City Park last Friday evening.

Southern Seven Health Department COVID-19 update on June 10

'Wonderful milestone': No new cases in region

Southern Seven Health Department last week reported a landmark achievement in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 10, the health department reported no new cases of COVID-19 in the seven Southern Illinois counties which it serves.

Southern Seven Health Department serves Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

"After 435 days, we are pleased to announce there are no new cases of CO-

VID-19 to report in our region today," Southern Seven Health Department contact tracing outreach coordinator Nathan Ryder reported in a statement issued on June 10.

"This is a wonderful milestone after the long and grueling year we have all been through," Ryder stated.

Ryder said that the people of Southern Illinois "should be proud of their hard work to help keep case counts down."

He added that work will continue at Southern Seven

Health Department to ensure "that everyone who would like to get vaccinated against COVID-19 has an opportunity to do so."

Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, statistics showed that, as of June 12, a total of 12,257 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Union County.

The statistics, posted on the IDPH website, showed that 6,019 people in Union County had been fully vaccinated. That number represented 35.74 percent of the county's population of

16,841 people.

Ryder also reported that due to a continued downward trend in infection rates across the Southern Seven region, the health department on Friday, June 11, issued its last daily update regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in the area's counties.

Instead, the health department plans to publish a weekly report each Friday afternoon – starting this week. The report will coincide with regularly scheduled updates from IDPH.

The Friday report will

include cases reported from the preceding Saturday through that Friday afternoon.

The report issued on Friday, June 11, by Southern Seven, showed no new COVID-19 cases in Union County.

As of June 11, Union County has recorded a total of 2,232 cases since the start of the pandemic. A total of 2,196 recovered cases were reported. As of June 11, there were four active cases. A total of 32 deaths had been reported in the county.



Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to commemorate the opening of the new Annabelle Trail, a route highlighting the yards and landscaping featuring Annabelle flowers. The event was included as part of the Annabelle Festival activities which were held Saturday, June 11 at Anna City Park in Anna. Martha Ann Webb did the honors, flanked by Little Miss Annabelle 2021 Callie Duckworth from Cobden with Little Mr. Annabelle 2021 Elijah Key from Vienna, as well as other members of the community. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Concert Saturday evening

Music was part of this year's Annabelle Festival. The band DiamondDog performed Saturday evening in the amphitheater at the Anna City Park.

Annabelle Festival held

The 2021 Annabelle Festival was celebrated last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-13, in Anna. A wide range of special events were held at the Anna City Park and at the Anna Arts Center.

The festival was held to celebrate the Annabelle hydrangea, which was discovered in the Anna area.

The festival kicked off with a Little Miss and Mr. Annabelle Festival pageant, which was held Thursday evening at the Anna Arts Center.

Friday and Saturday, Annabelle Festival activities were held at the Anna City Park. The activities included vendors, food, children's games, a painting party, a flower shower, music – and a ribbon cutting to mark the debut of the new Annabelle Trail. A disc golf tournament was planned Sunday at the Anna City Park.

For more pictures and information about the festival, including the new Annabelle Trail, see this week's Anna News by Martha Ann Webb, which can be found elsewhere in the paper.

Summer-time heat, humidity arrive early

Summer heat and humidity arrived a little bit early in the Union County area. The first day of summer is Monday, June 21.

The past week's weather in the area also featured a round of very heavy rain.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following weather highlights in Jonesboro:

- A heat index of 109.4 degrees at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 12. The heat index was well over 100 degrees from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. The high temperature on Saturday was 93 degrees.

- A heat index of 100.4 degrees at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. The high on Sunday was 90.

- Rain falling at a rate of 5.88 inches per hour during a downpour at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10.



Another round of flooding on Anna street after heavy rain

Another round of flooding was experienced in the 500 block of East Vienna Street when heavy rain fell on the area on Tuesday, June 8. Work now is planned to resolve the flooding, which has been a matter of concern for a number of years. The Anna City Council has approved a bid for the project. The city posted on social media last week that work is scheduled to begin during the second week in July. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. Three lanes will be shut down, "but there will always be an eastbound and westbound lane open along with access to the businesses along the construction site," the city advised.





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Alto Pass area road, bridge projects underway

Two major road projects are underway along Illinois Route 127 in the Alto Pass area. The general contractor for both projects is Sierra Bravo Contractors of Sesser. Work related to both projects is slated to lead to a temporary closing of Route 127 which will be announced by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



One of the projects involves slope repair and construction of a retaining wall along Route 127 near Alto Pass.



Removal of a bridge in Alto Pass over Route 127 which dates to 1940 and the building of a new road are underway. The bridge over the state highway was closed to traffic when the photograph was taken Friday afternoon, June 11.

Summer reading program planned at Stinson Library

Young people are invited to participate in a summer reading program which is planned at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The theme for this year's

summer reading program is "Tales & Tails."

Registration for the program started Monday, June 14.

Those who want to take

part in the program also could start picking up a craft supply box at the library starting Tuesday, June 15. The supplies will be used with weekly take-and-make crafts.

Live-streamed programs are planned on Facebook and YouTube from June 22 through July 29. Programs are scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

The following schedule is planned for the programs: Tuesdays: 5th through

8th grades.

Wednesdays: pre-kindergarten through 4th grade.

Thursdays: babies and toddlers.

The library reminds those who take part in the program to use their reading log to track the days they read this summer.

Look for Yard Sales in the Classified Ads



Veterans saluted

The staff at the Anna Post Office is recognizing mail clerk Michael Cano, left, and city letter carrier Jeremy Peeler. Cano and Peeler both are veterans who served the nation. They now are serving for the U.S. Postal Service. The Anna Post Office staff is proud of both men, thanks them for their service and encourages them to "keep up the good work." Photo provided.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois plans to resume flights in September

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois has announced that Flight 7 will transport 87 of the area's honored veterans to Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The announcement was posted June 11 on the organization's website.

Originally planned for May 5, 2020, Flight 7 has been postponed several times due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

With the latest guidance from the CDC and relaxing of local COVID-19 restrictions, it is now possible to conduct an Honor Flight and to ensure veteran safety, the organization said.

All veterans originally selected to fly on May 5 remain on the flight. Veterans have also been given the option to fly at a later time,

if they wish.

The flight is scheduled to depart from Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois at 5:15 a.m. and return at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the Welcome Home ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. More details will be published soon on the organization's website at www.veteranshonorflight.org.

In order to maintain the highest level of safety for our veterans, all participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to travel. This includes all veterans, guardians and Honor Flight staff.

Veterans Honor Flight has implemented safety and cleaning measures to ensure the safety of the honored veterans.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois is a hub of the Honor Flight Network, an organization dedicated to transporting our nation's veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials built in their honor.

Veterans travel for free, with funding coming from local donations. All Veterans Honor Flight staff are volunteers.

Paint the Town set

A Paint the Town event is planned from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at the Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Community members of all ages are invited to come and paint a 4-foot by 4-foot square

Paints, brushes and squares will be provided. The cost to participate is \$15.

Music and a bounce house also are planned. If it rains, the event will be cancelled.

For more information, call Lee at 1-904-625-1109 or emailvabchlee@gmail.com.

Weather

Temperatures in Union County ranged from a high of 93 degrees to a low of 56 during the period of June 1-14.

Rainfall during the period totalled 4.04 inches. Rainfall included .79 of an inch on June 1, .38 of an inch on June 2, .41 of an inch on June 3, .19 of an inch on June 7, 1.21 inches on June 8 and 1.06 inches on June 10. Fog was recorded on June 10.

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

Table with weather data: Day, High (H), Low (L). Tuesday, June 1: 69/57; Wednesday, June 2: 72/62; Thursday, June 3: 79/60; Friday, June 4: 83/56; Saturday, June 5: 86/57; Sunday, June 6: 82/68; Monday, June 7: 79/69; Tuesday, June 8: 75/69; Wednesday, June 9: 83/70; Thursday, June 10: 87/70; Friday, June 11: 91/66; Saturday, June 12: 93/69; Sunday, June 13: 90/67; Monday, June 14: 91/61.

Southern Illinois Music Festival events set in county

The 17th annual Southern Illinois Music Festival is scheduled to return to the region in July. The festival is scheduled to run July 6-18.

Performances are scheduled at sites throughout the Southern Illinois area.

Festival performances are scheduled in Union County.

On Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m., chamber music will be presented at the Anna Arts Center featuring string quartets by Joachim Raff and Reinhold Gliere.

Two festival performanc-

es are scheduled on Saturday, July 17, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

A Classics for Kids program is planned at 11 a.m. At noon, music for strings and organ will be presented.

Each of the festival events will comply with current Restore Illinois guidelines, and each of the performers will be vaccinated.

More information, including a complete schedule, can be found on the festival's website at www.sifest.com.

CORRECTION: In the ad, which was printed last week, thanking people for donations in memory of Janis Shannon, there was an error inadvertently made in a couple of the names. Mrs. Joann Mosby & Mark should have read Mrs. Joan Mowery and Mark Mosby.

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Little Miss, Mr. Annabelle named at Anna Arts Center



Little Miss and Mr. Annabelle 2021: Callie Duckworth and Elijah (Eli) Key.

Little Miss and Mr. Annabelle Festival were named during a pageant which was held Thursday evening, June 10, at the Anna Arts Center.

Little Miss Annabelle is Callie Duckworth, the daughter of Chris and Laura Duckworth. Callie has one brother, Cooper. They live in Cobden. Callie attends Cobden Elementary School. Her hobbies and interests include tumbling, jumping on a trampoline and playing with Kendall. Callie wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

Little Mr. Annabelle is Elijah (Eli) Key, the son of Nick and Christine Cockrum. His siblings are Dallas, Karissa, Angelina and Kadence. They live in Vienna. Elijah goes to Vienna Grade School. His hobbies and interest include video games, swimming and collecting Pokemon cards. His future goals are to be Spiderman or a scientist. Photo provided.

Basic tips to keep food healthy, safe during summer activities

Picnics and barbecues go hand-in-hand with summer, but so do food-borne illness.

According to FoodSafety.gov, approximately one in six Americans is stricken with food poisoning each year.

With backyard get-togethers resuming, Southern Seven Health Department recommends that everyone follow a few basic tips to keep their food healthy and safe.

Keep it clean: Wash surfaces, utensils and hands with soap and water, and bring sanitizing wipes too. Wash all produce under plain running water before eating, cutting or cooking even if you plan to peel them.

Use separate plates

and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry, and ready-to-eat foods like raw vegetables.

Use a food thermometer. Just because it looks cooked doesn't mean it's safe to eat.

Chill raw and prepared foods promptly. Refrigerate foods within two hours, or one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees. Keep everything in a cooler on ice until it is ready to eat.

For foods containing egg, milk or cheese, while on the table nestle them in ice to keep them cool.

For more information on what to do to keep food safe during the summer, call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, extension 9114, or visit www.foodsafety.gov.

Refrigerators, freezers donated to area food pantries

Thirty-four food pantries serving the southern-most 16 counties in Illinois have been provided with \$138,000 worth of professional-grade refrigerators and freezers.

The appliances were made available through a collaboration involving Aetna Better Health of Illinois, the Medicaid managed care business of Aetna, a CVS Health company, and the Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network, SIFPN.

Food pantries in Union County were among those receiving refrigerators and freezers.

Organizers reported that refrigerators and freezers were to have been delivered on Monday, June 7, to food pantries at the following locations:

Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. Bethany Village in Anna. Shawnee Developmental Council in Anna. Loaves and Fishes, Anna United Methodist Church. Harvest Church of Southern Illinois, Anna.

According to Southern Illinois Healthcare, SIH, 80 percent of adults in Southern Illinois are not meeting recommended guidelines for daily fruit and vegetable intake.

More than 45,000 Southern Illinois residents rely on their local food pantries to access food.

In the past, local food pantries reported having to turn perishable donations away because they do not have the capacity to store these types of food.

Aetna's donation of 51 refrigerators and freezers enables participating pantries to source more perishable and healthy items to distribute, as opposed to shelf-stable, non-perishable items.

The pantries will distribute healthy and nutritious food, such as fresh produce, dairy products and proteins to vulnerable populations of children and adults.

Southern Illinois Healthcare's 2018 Community

Health Needs Assessment also found that cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Jackson, Williamson, Perry, Franklin, Union, Johnson and Saline counties, with 67 percent of adults 18 and older being overweight or obese; nearly 55 percent having high cholesterol; and seven to 15.2 percent having diabetes.

"Food insecurity leads to poor health outcomes," said Kim Foltz, CEO of Aetna Better Health of Illinois, in a news release.

"The Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network and its partners provide a critical lifeline to healthy foods for families in hard-to-reach and under-served areas. With 25 percent of residents living in areas designated as food deserts, these pantries provide much needed access to healthy foods."

The Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network and its network of pantries serve a total population of 330,000, a third whom are Medicaid recipients.

"This collaboration with Aetna Better Health of Illinois is helping us achieve our mission to reduce hunger and improve the health of our communities through increasing access to healthy and nutritious food," said Toni Kay Wright, a representative of the Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network.

"We are excited to support more than 30 area food pantries in their efforts to increase cold storage in their food pantries and bring healthier fresh foods to their communities."

"We are thankful for partners like the Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network and Aetna Better Health of Illinois for providing the refrigerator and freezer to our food pantry," said Casey Pollard with The Table Food Pantry in Vienna.

"Since the pandemic started, we have provided over 100,000 pounds of food to families in need. Continued partnerships like these help us battle food insecurity across the region."

Girl Scout conducts food drive in Cobden



Many items collected

Local Girl Scout Anna Rodgers shows some of the many items she collected during a food drive on Saturday, June 5.

A Union County Girl Scout collected hundreds of items during a food drive which was held Saturday, June 5.

Anna Rodgers of Jonesboro is a member of Girl Scout Troop 8546. She organized the food drive which was held on Saturday, June 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Food items, as well as non-food related items, were collected.

Food items which were needed included nonperishable food, such as canned corn, beans, green beans and fruit, cereal, tea bags, coffee, sugar, flour and crackers.

Non-food related items such as hand sanitizer, gloves and diapers also were accepted.

The food drive was a big success, with more than 750 items collected.

The many items which were collected went to a food pantry which is operated by St. Joseph Catholic Church. The pantry serves members of the community. She also helped to organize

the items collected in the food drive for the pantry.

The food drive took place in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which appears to be easing in Illinois, including the southern part of the state. The June 5 event is one part of the project Anna is completing to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Anna, who will be a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and is the daughter of Valerie Palmer and Roy Rodgers said that for her project, she wanted to do something to bring the community together while also seeing how people have been affected by the pandemic.

To that end, she has been interviewing people, including teachers at A-JCHS, to see how they have coped with the pandemic. Videos of her interviews, along with more information about the project, can be seen on her Connect2Cope Facebook and Instagram pages.

Anna plans to organize another community food drive, which tentatively is scheduled in August... around the time that a new school year begins. She hopes to finish the work on her Girl Scout Gold Award project by December.

VFW to serve fish fry, tacos

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning a fish fry and Taco Tuesday.

The meals will be served at the VFW post. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish Fry

A fish fry is planned Friday, June 18. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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

The public is welcome and carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10.

Taco Tuesday

Taco Tuesday is planned at the post from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on June 22. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Soft shell or hard shell tacos will be available for a \$2 donation.

The public is welcome. Carry out orders will be available.

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Sports

A-J's Denny takes 7th in 800-meter run at state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Brodie Denny finished in 7th place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.84 at the Class 2A state track meet in Charleston Friday, June 11. "She had an extraordinary year," A-J head track coach Michael Eudy said. Eudy said that if Denny had run in Class 1A, she would have earned a finish in the top three. A-J moved up to Class 2A several years ago. This was the first time any player from the team had placed in the state meet.

"Her father did an excellent job of pushing her... getting her ready to run at state," Eudy said. Brodie's dad is Matt Denny. Matt Denny is also the A-J cross country team's coach. He coaches his daughter in that sport as well. Brodie is only a sophomore. Eudy said the Anna-Jonesboro student athlete's abilities on the track may have been impacted by last year's cancellation of the season in the midst of the COVID-10 pandemic.

A-J wrestling team ends regular season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team closed out the regular season last week with four matches. The start of the season was delayed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Wildcats wrestled two matches at Vandalia Thursday, June 10. **A-J 34, Hillsboro 18:** Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, A.J. Hoffman, 195 pounds and Cameron Speary, 220 pounds, all won by forfeit in the first match at Vandalia. **Vandalia 61, A-J 4:** Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, was the lone A-J winner in the second match at Vandalia. **Benton 51, A-J 24:** Dover, 106 pounds, and Evan

Hall, 113 pounds, each won by forfeit against host Benton in the first match Wednesday, June 9. T.J. Macy, 138 pounds, won by a pin in :17, and Speary, 220 pounds, won by a pin in 3:15. **Fairfield 54, A-J 24:** Daniel Dover, 106 pounds, won by a pin in :32, T.J. Macy, 138 pounds, won by a pin in 5:50, Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, won by a pin in :21, and Liam Schroeder, heavyweight, won by a pin in 3:21, in the second match at Benton. A-J, which finished the regular season with a 14-13 dual match record, was scheduled to compete at the Class 1A regional at Lawrenceville early this week.

A-J's Detering to be inducted into hall of fame

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School' football head coach Brett Detering will be inducted into the Southern Illinois High School Coaches Hall of Fame at the Southern Illinois Miners baseball game in Marion on Wednesday, June 23. A doubleheader is planned June 23. An induction ceremony is scheduled to take place between the games. The first game starts at 6:05 p.m.

Season reaches midway point

The Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association is midway through the season in games played at the Anna City Park. Games have been going on from Monday through Friday at the park since early May. The season is scheduled to conclude the third week in June. Teams competing are from the Anna area, as well as Vienna, Creal Springs, Carterville, Murphysboro and Carbondale.

A-J boys' track competes at sectional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team competed at the Class 2A sectional at Mascoutah Wednesday, June 9. The 4x800-meter relay team of Beto Vaca Diez, Zach Henry, Jason Swink and Matteo Vaca Diez led the way for A-J with a 5th place finish. As was the case with other high school sports in Illinois, the track season was impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "Track during the middle of June is not easy," said A-J coach Michael Eudy. Eudy said his young squad was able to watch and learn through the experience of competing at the sectional.

Players earn SEC recognition

Players from three Union County high schools have received South Egyptian Conference 2021 post-season honors. Cobden High School's Noah Franklin was named as the boys' basketball player of the year in the conference. Cobden's Brock Reynolds, Nolan Hand and Noah Franklin were all-conference first team selections. Tyler Franklin was named second team. Cobden's Mackenzie Howell, who had a .600 shooting percentage, was named to the girls' first team. Teammate Emily White, who had a .429 shooting percentage, was a second team selection. Dongola's Maddie Keller was a first team pick. Teammate Brooklyn Hogue was named to the second team.

Lady Wildcats receive honors

Three players on the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team have earned 2021 Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division post-season honors. A-J players Avery Osman and Payton Seip were named to the Mississippi Division all-conference first team. A-J's Jenna Sadler was a second team selection.

Back in the pool

Blue Dolphins swim team competing in 2021

The Anna Blue Dolphins swim team is back in the pool in 2021. The team was not able to compete in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The team has nearly 90 young swimmers in 2021. About half of this year's swimmers are new to the team. With that in mind, the Blue Dolphins had a practice event on Thursday evening, June 10, at the Anna City Pool to show how a swim meet works. The practice competition was at the Anna City Pool, which is where the team has its home meets. The Blue Dolphins were scheduled to compete at the Herrin Invitational on Saturday, June 12. On Saturday, June 19, the Blue Dolphins are scheduled to host the Anna Invitational meet at the Anna City Pool. The accompanying photos were taken during the practice swim meet which was held on June 10.



Summer ball games at the park

Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association of Union County summer teams competed in a series of ball games on Saturday, June 12, at the Anna City Park in Anna. The action was captured during games which were being played Saturday morning. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



A-J wrestlers compete at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team competed at the Class 1A regional in Lawrenceville Sunday, June 13. Leading the way for the Wildcats was Caleb Mays, 138 pounds, with a 1st place finish. David Kester, 120 pounds, finished in 3rd place. Fourth place finishers were Drew Holshouser, 126 pounds, T.J. Macy, 132 pounds, and Cameron Speary, 220 pounds. A.J. Hoffman, 195 pounds, finished in 5th place. The top 6th six finishers in each weight class advance to the Class 1A sectional, which is scheduled at Lawrenceville Saturday, June 19.

Summer fishing clinics set in Southern Illinois

Learning how to fish is fun and free for youngsters and families during Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, Urban Fishing Program summer fishing clinics which are scheduled in the region. The free clinics are open to kids, families, seniors and groups interested in learning to fish and enjoying a day outdoors. Fishing instructors present information on fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations for fishing, as well as basic instruction on baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, important tactics on how to catch fish, and how to handle and return fish to the water. As part of each clinic, participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for catch-and-release fishing. Current health and safety protocols will be observed. One of the programs is planned at Evergreen Park in Carbondale. The program is scheduled Monday through Friday, and is slated to continue through Aug. 13. Two clinics are scheduled each day: from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 217-415-0043.



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Book sale held at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna
A book sale was held Saturday, June 12, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The event was sponsored by the Friends of Stinson Library. The sale was held outdoors, on the grounds of the landmark Anna library. Organizers reported a good turnout for the sale. The Friends group helps to support activities at Stinson Memorial Library.

Shawnee Community College names spring semester honor students

Shawnee Community College has announced spring semester honor students.

Full-time students whose grade point average was 3.5 or better and who were enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program

are considered to be honor students.

Students who achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester were named to the President's List.

Students who had a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9 were named to the

Vice President's List.

Honor students from the Union County area, as provided by the college, included:

President's List

Lisa Hartline, Cobden. Clayton Dirden, Anna. Cheyenne Roach, Anna. Justin Casey, Buncombe.

Steven Etter, Jonesboro. Jayden Westbrooks, Dongola. Koby McLane, Jonesboro. Autumn McMahan, Wolf Lake.

Noah Hobson, Jonesboro. Ethan Klett. Seth Turner, Anna. Carsen Morrison, Jonesboro. Zachary Clutts, Anna.

Jenna Hammer, Cobden. Caroline Hansen, Anna. Josie Merriman, Cobden. Jennifer Juarez, Cobden. Cruz Lopez, Alto Pass.

Hallee Menees, Anna. Glorianna Hatt, Jonesboro. Clayton Snyder, Anna. Caleb Kaufman, Buncombe.

Vice President's List

Barron Archey, Anna. Angela Hargrave, Anna. Jessica Cates, Jonesboro. Stephanie Hunter, Jonesboro.

Sadie Carwyle, Anna. Shaylee Lingle, Dongola. Jamie White, Anna. Kelly Grass, Anna. Johnny Rock, Anna.

Fleming Dover, Anna. Raegan Cruse, Anna. Lexi Miller, Cobden. Jared Cowart, Cobden. Megan Theis, Dongola.

Hannah Harris, Buncombe. Mirella Patino, Cobden. Alaina Hartline, Cobden. Zachary O'Neal, Dongola.

Avery Goines, Anna. Kasey Ellis, Jonesboro. Brayden Fitzgerald-Deener, Jonesboro. Myra Turner, Anna. Ally Williams, Jonesboro.

Alejandra Lopez, Cobden. Jessica Kokoska, Dongola. Rebekkah Schemonia, Pomona. Jennifer Kacinski, Buncombe. Carli Juncker, Dongola.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Mary K. Reed. Grantee: Brittany D. Perry. Subdivision Name: Meadowbrook Add. Lot 4.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeanie L. Kinsey. Grantee: Susan L. Pickell. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: N. Gail Cowart, Randy G. Cowart. Grantee: Deanna M. Kalina, Todd G. Kalina. Tract Section 27 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Barbara J. Hastings, Barbara Schaefer. Grantee: Leslie M. Bauman, Thomas Bauman. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sheng Li Lin, Xueyun Tang. Grantee: Cassie Newkirk, Dustin Wilda. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 1. Lots 1, 2, 3, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda S. Essington, Jerry L. Essington. Grantee: John D. Wingate, Sophia A. Wingate. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jerome Broski. Grantee: Vinod C. Gupta. Subdivision Name: Leavenworth Add. of Dongola. Lot 84.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leslie M. Bauman, Thomas Bauman. Grantee: Clair Weaver. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald P. Corrigan, Joyce A. Corrigan. Grantee: Scott W. Gorski, Wendy S. Gorski. Tract Section 9 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 4. Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Schererwood Estates. Lot XVIII.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Sabre Investments LLC. Grantee: AME Capital LLC. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Cherry Hill Estates. Lot 15.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ellen Morgan. Grantee: Levi Johnson, Samantha Johnson. Subdivision Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 19.

Traffic Citations

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

Tyrone Charles Green, Pulaski, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731; seat belt required/driver, \$25. Meagan D. Brazer, Jackson, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Noel McKinney, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. David D. Burk, Carbondale, fail to reduce speed, \$164.

Jesse D. Lawler, Harrisburg, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Samuel M. Lipe, Dongola, driving restr. time on GDL, \$164. Cody Allen Webb, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$164.



Garden club donation

In honor of National Garden Week, Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club vice president Marge Selinger, right, made a special presentation to Beth Sisler, the interim director at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Selinger presented Sisler with a copy of a book titled "Butterfly Gardens," written by Jane Hurwitz, and a bouquet of flowers. National Garden Week was commemorated June 6-12. Photo provided.

Union County now has new employee handbook

A new employee handbook was on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, June 11, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

A new county employment manual was drafted by Angela Knupp, who is the county's human resources director. The county has not had such a document until now.

Knupp explained that the "county employment manual is a communication tool concerning county policies."

Knupp said that it is important to have standardization and to provide requirements related to legal notices.

"The manual outlines the expectations and values for employees, as well as the employer.

"All employees will re-

ceive a copy of the manual once it has been printed. The manual will also be available on the county website for employees."

Union County has 84 full-time employees. The county has 28 part-time employees.

County board chairman Max Miller said that the manual was "something we have needed for a long time."

In other business at Friday morning's meeting, community member Ron Garner voiced concerns about the condition of some of the older cemeteries in the county.

Garner asked county officials to consider looking into ways to work on upkeep of the cemeteries.

Garner also voiced concerns about trash along county roads.

County board chairman Miller said that Garner had shared good ideas about both matters. Miller said the board would take Garner's concerns under consideration.

Illinois elementary schools can utilize covidShield testing

To help ensure schools can more safely resume in-person learning, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has announced it is expanding access to no-cost and low-cost COVID-19 testing to elementary schools throughout the state.

Schools can choose to utilize the saliva-based covidSHIELD test developed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The covidSHIELD test can quickly detect the virus that causes COVID-19, and its variants, including among people who do not have symptoms.

Schools and IDPH will receive test results within 24 hours of specimens reaching a SHIELD Illinois lab.

Testing is free for schools in districts that are predominantly low-income and have experienced high rates of COVID-19 infection.

Other schools will receive a standard fee of \$10 per test.

The classification of low-income school districts is determined by the Illinois

State Board of Education's evidence-based funding criteria.

Schools looking for more information about testing or to sign up for covidSHIELD testing can contact Beth Heller at bheller@uillinois.edu.

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"Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They've got to be defined by the first word—news." Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

"A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself." Arthur Miller

"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do. From Ezekiel

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil. From 2nd Corinthians

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. From the Gospel of Mark

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Daily Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9	Isaiah 26:1-19	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 40:1-31	Isaiah 42:1-25	Isaiah 49:1-26	Isaiah 51:1-23
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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.

Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers out there.

54th Anniversary

June 17, Jim and Sandy Carter will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary. Wishing them a wonderful anniversary and many more.

Birthdays

Sue McKinney and Lou Curdie (former Brimm twins) will celebrate their birthdays June 19.

60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. David

Samuel of Carterville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10.

David Samuel and Marie Rinehart were married in the Herrin First Methodist Church parsonage by Rev. Gerald Gulley on June 10, 1961.

They celebrated with a trip to Kentucky Lake and Land Between the Lakes. Seeing both elk and bison at the Elk and Bison Prairie was a highlight of their trip.

A stop by Grand Rivers to dine at Miss Patti's was

another good stop. Staying at a cabin at Kenlake State Resort Park was also fun.

David Samuel retired from mine construction work in 2000. Marie retired in 2001 from teaching art at Carterville Unit Schools.

The couple has three children and three grandchildren. They also live part-time in Hardin County, where David hunts and Marie works on her fiber creations and paints the landscapes there.

Guests

Guests of Rev. Millie Sloan and her son Paul were her sister Alice Taylor, who is 93, Seabrook, Texas, and Alice's daughters Rhonda Paslgett, and Scarlet DeVillier.

Trip

Rick and Wanda Dillow visited with Rick's aunt, Lucille Busenhardt, on Galveston Island. She is 99 year old and will be 100 next New Year's Eve.

Fun at the Festival

Liz Wilkins said they all had a blast at the Annabelle Festival and were able to get an Annabelle plant for Dave's mom. The little ones loved it and so did her big girls and them.

Guest from Metropolis

Martha Schwegman and her son John came from Metropolis to drive the Annabelle Trail and visit the Annabelle Festival to buy Annabelle plants for gifts. It was so good to see them.

41st Anniversary

Beth and Doug Hileman celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with a dinner at Giant City Lodge given by Beth's parents Norm and Barbara Bauer.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

A special thanks to the Anna-Jo Garden Club for all the flower arrangements they made last week and delivered to different places in Anna at their meeting. They were celebrating National Garden Week.

Moose Lodge

The Anna Moose Lodge will be hosting a rib dinner in celebration of Father's Day Saturday, June 19, beginning at 5 p.m. Treat your dad this weekend. Meal will include ribs, slaw, potato salad and baked beans.

The Anna Moose Lodge is a family-friendly environment, and they would love to have you join.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by during Annabelle Festival and enjoyed a grilled burger or brat.

Kiwanis

The Anna Kiwanis will meet this Thursday, June 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the group, feel free to attend.

Annabelle Festival in the Anna Park

Around 100 Annabelles were sold at the Annabelle Festival by the Anna-Jo Garden Club from starts from their plants.

A very special thanks to Beth and Doug Hileman for bringing their horses and fancy buggy to the

Annabelle Festival and Barbara Bauer dressing in her lovely long dress and fancy hat who rode in the buggy and told the history of the Annabelle flower and our city.

Thanks to Carla Anderson and Back Porch Company for playing music Friday night and Eric Massey and his band Diamond Dog Saturday night. They both suggested for next year we start the music in the park closer to dark so it will be cooler and the sun will be down.

The Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council worked very hard to make the Annabelle Festival a great success.

Thanks to all the vendors who came and the Kiwanis Club for selling their BBQ and fish meals. The vendors got so hot some of them had to leave early.

It was an extremely hot weekend but we were very thankful the rain was over for a while. Thanks to everyone who came.

How the Annabelle Trail Got Started

A special thanks to everyone who drove the Annabelle Trail.

The reason I, Martha Ann Webb, worked so hard to get the Annabelle Trail was because it was inspired by Barbara Bauer years ago when she would talk about wanting an Annabelle trail in our Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club.

One day I decided if I was to ever be someone needed to get it started so I started talking about it in our Anna-Jo Garden Club where the members are very dedicated to raising the Annabelles to sell.

Then I asked Shari Sweeney if she cared if I put the Annabelle she drew on the sign I wanted to have made and she said I could use it so I sent it to Jon Oxford at B & D Signs and he helped design the Annabelle sign.

I then drove around Anna and when I would see an Annabelle in someone's yard if I knew them I would show them the sign and ask if they would like to be on



Anna City Hall: Martha Ann Webb, Danyelle Dodd, Dori Bigler, Ashley Guined, Tracee Foley with flower arrangements the Anna-Jo Garden Club made and brought to them celebrating National Garden Week.



Let's Play A Game: Pete Housman announced the theme for Pumpkin Town 2021 Let's Play A Game before the Diamond Dog concert Saturday night at Annabelle Festival. Put on your calendar. Set up Oct. 17 noon. Thursday, Oct. 21, ribbon cutting 6 p.m. Open until midnight on Halloween night. Pictured with Pete are Mr. and Miss Annabelle, Martha Ann Webb and Tracey Smith.



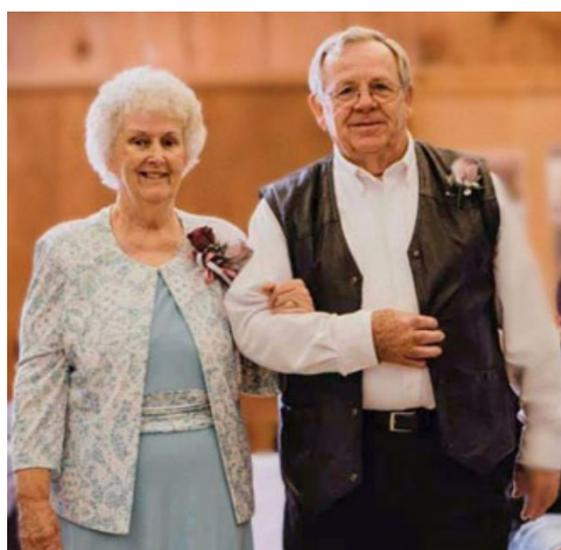
Mr. and Mrs. David and Marie Samuel of Carterville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 10.



Margie Walker, vice president; Vickie Blake, president, Judy Head, member, attended the recent Anna-Jo Garden Club Walk at their park and the Linda Clutts memorial service. Vickie Blake, president of Benton Town and Country Gardeners, reported they were amazed at the beautiful park, in addition to all the additional projects the club members support. The weather that evening complemented the hospitality of the club members and enhanced the beauty of the park. It's great to see the local newspaper support community organizations.



Chris Duckworth, owner, Duck Works Lawn Care, was guest speaker at the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting in May. He surprised the ladies with some special garden gifts.



Bob and Betty Caraker celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 7. They were married on June 7, 1969, in Atlanta, Ga., at Peach Tree Christian Chapel. They have three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



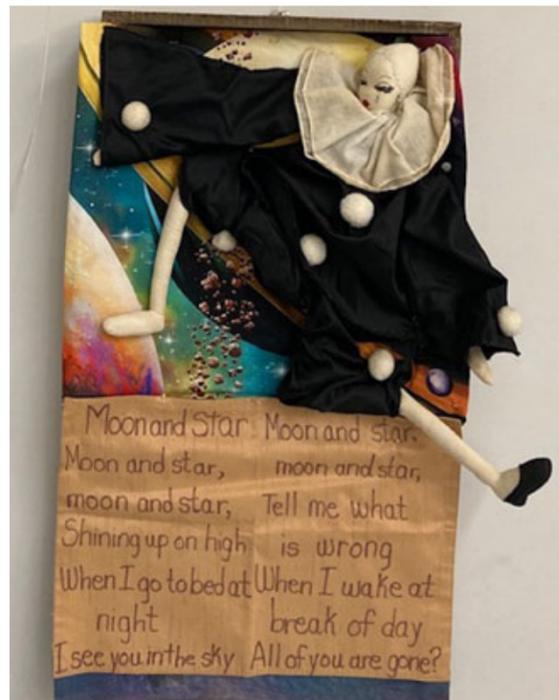
Jane Bauer of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club presented Janet Jackson Boyd with a gift for speaking at their June meeting.



The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, June 7, at El Jalapeno in Anna. Those present were, in the front row Susie Kessler, Lillian Milam, Barbara Bauer, and guest Janet Jackson Boyd; and, in the back row, Martha Ann Webb, Jane Bauer, Barbara House and Marie Samuel.



Jane Bauer, president of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, presented Marie Samuel with a certificate for Marie's art work, a doll, she entered in the state competition. Congratulations to Marie for first place in the upcycled art contest home décor. The certificate was awarded by Tusa Sanford Shipplett, president of the State General Federation Women's Club. Jane is holding a bag she passed out with a special material butterfly with wildflower seeds. Also a mint with a reading she gave for the devotion on how "I mint to do thing."



Marie Samuel entered her art work in the state competition, upcycled art contest home décor and won first place.



Eva Meisenheimer, Paisley Guined and Ellie Lewis enjoyed painting at the Annabelle Festival.



A special thanks to Lee Hackney for teaching the children about painting at the Annabelle Festival.



Stephanie Cox, Lisa Tomazzoli, Tracey Smith, Debby McKibben and Dr. McKibben at the Alto Vineyards Pavilion at the Annabelle Festival.



Three beautiful queens at the Anna Arts Center little Miss and Mr. Annabelle contest Thursday evening to kick off the Annabelle Festival: Jenna Herbst, Janna Harner, Audrey Shearer, retiring Little Miss Annabelle.



Checking out the Tupperware booth of Amy Kram one of the vendors at the Annabelle Festival. Little Miss Annabelle Callie Duckworth with Janna Harner, Miss Southern Illinois. Please keep Janna in your prayers this week as she competes in the Miss Illinois contest.



Jadyn Samuels was one of the vendors at the Annabelle Festival with her hand made Jadyn's gems.

the Annabelle Trail and I sold the signs for \$15 just what they cost me.

I advertised the signs in my Anna news and wrote articles telling people about the trail for over a year now. I sold the signs when we would have the garden club plant sale.

Then the coronavirus hit and that kind of put a damper to the sales but they picked back up and now we have enough signs sold to have this beautiful start of the first year of the trail.

I had directions of where the Annabelles and signs were and addresses and showed our Anna city administrator Dori Bigler.

Dori thought for this year maybe we needed just a map of the streets so she asked Melanie Aldridge who works at the Anna city garage to get the city map and help me make a trail.

We finally got the map ready. Melanie put colored stars where the Annabelles were that matched the names of the streets but that ended up being three pages long so we only used one page with just the map

and the story of where the Annabelles were found that makes them special for our city.

You can go on the chamber website, Peggy Ferguson put the map in three parts on the Anna-Jo Garden Club Facebook page, my Facebook page and Anna City Facebook page.

The streets show up there also and if you have a smart phone you can pull the map up on there to follow.

There will be paper maps at Anna City Hall right inside the door on the information table and at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park.

The trail may be driven and enjoyed until the beautiful Annabelles decide to go to sleep for this year.

My dream now is to get peoples pictures by their Annabelles and have a book or pamphlet with their pictures and addresses of those who want to be in it for the future Annabelle Trails.

Everyone who has an Annabelle can help by having someone take a picture of you with your Annabelle and send to me if you would like to be in



Congratulations to Carolyn Ferdinand of Carbondale who won first place in the class IV dried botanical materials with dried hydrangeas in the Anna-Jo Garden Club flower show at the Annabelle Festival in our Anna City Park.



Susan Prestia won first place with her entry in the Annabelle flower show at Annabelle Festival.



Pete Housman of the Annabelle Festival planning committee sold the first Annabelles to Gene and Carmen Dixon from Vienna. Carmen is a Master Gardener.



The Farmers Daughter Maddy Turner with her Anna's Annabelle lotions and other products was one of the vendors at the Annabelle Festival.



Tammy and Lyle Woodrum were on the Annabelle Trail with their beautiful Annabelles at the Davie School Inn in Anna.



Everyone was a winner at the Anna Arts Center Mr. and Miss Annabelle contest. Everyone went home with something. The kids loved playing together.



There was a ribbon cutting Saturday by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council for the opening of Annabelle Festival weekend. Those present were Pete Housman, Sue McIntosh, Charlotte Echols, Debby McKibben, Martha Ann Webb, Tracey Smith, Little Miss Annabelle Callie Duckworth and Little Mr. Annabelle Elijah Key, Lee Hackney, Nancy Kucera and Betty Sirles.



A special thanks to Diamond Dog for their concert in our Anna City Park Saturday night at the Annabelle Festival. Eric Massey on the keyboards. Next to Eric his brother Ron Massey, on drums Dane Spalt, playing bass with the white Diamond Dog shirt is Eddie Chapa and on guitar is Wally Hooker.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer's niece and family were traveling to vacation when they heard a noise with their truck and when they got out of truck to see what it was the truck burst into flames and was destroyed. Thankfully they were all out of the truck and no one was hurt.



Pictured: Daryl McCoy, nephew Chad Heilstedt and Cathy Ziegler. Cathy Ziegler, her brother Daryl McCoy, sister Corinne Steveson and other family members attended a memorial service for their cousin, Jim Steveson, on May 29 in Mason City. Paul Steveson also attended his brother's service. Cathy and Daryl then went to the Princeton, Ill., area and visited Ziegler relatives through June 1.



Loaves and Fishes: United Methodist Church Anna members are very thankful for the donation of a new refrigerator and freezer presented by Jeffery Isbell from his company Aetna Insurance that donated the money to purchase the appliances. The church will now be able to store food for the program at the church Loaves and Fishes free food that they distribute on the third Tuesday of each month to the community. Also pictured are Terry Riley church member and Chris Foster one of the founders of Loaves and Fishes program. Toni Kay Wright is the Extension educator with U of I Extension/Southern Illinois Food Pantry network.



Happy 41st wedding anniversary to Doug and Beth Hileman and happy birthday to Beth.



The Yates home on Green Street in Anna was host home for Anna Heights Baptist Taking it to the Streets, Backyard Kids Club VBS. Eight to 10 kids attended each day. Teachers and helpers were Terrie Rhymer, Tom and Joan White, Pastor Darryl Williams and Bill Young; teens, Ruby and Mason Yates and Lauren Jackson.



Lisa Lowe of Enchanted Garden with Emma Devenport. They are remodeling Lisa's Florist Shop with new cabinets and floor. The wall behind the cabinets show the original bricks.



Reception for Paul Schimpf June 9 at Havisham House in Alto Pass: officials present left to right, Bryan Watkins, Judge Tim Denny, Lance Meisenheimer, Leigh Burns, county chairman Stan Hunter, Martha Ann Webb, Paul Schimpf, Larry Hackethal, Keri Clark, Dr. Paul Jacobs, Terri Bryant, Andrew Ernest and Robbie McGee.

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More beautiful yards will be added to the trail next year and hopefully will include Jonesboro and anywhere there are beautiful Annabelles.

Another dream is for everyone in Anna to plant an Annabelle in your yard. They are beautiful and pure white.

When they first start to bloom they are green, then turn white and in the fall when they start to die they turn back green then brown.

When they start to turn green and start to dry you can cut them and dry them and even paint them different colors. You just need to be very careful with them because their tiny blooms will fall off.

A big thanks to the Anna-Jo Garden Club members who started the Annabelles in their own gardens to sell at the Annabelle Festival. There were around 100 plants sold this year.

Next Annabelle sale will be Sept. 11 at the Anna-Jo fall perennial sale at the Anna Jo Garden Club park next to McDonald's in Anna.

From Barbara Bauer
Doug and Beth Hileman's gentle horses are named Donna and Dusty.

They are of the Half-linger breed originally developed in Austria. The breed is a cross between Arabians and mountain ponies, so even though they are small horses they are strong and like to go.

The Hilemans groom them for show. Beth even braids their tails and tied in red, white, and blue bows. Doug says when they "Get dressed up, they are ready to go!"

The "people-mover" buggy was decorated for the Annabelle Festival and children and adults enjoyed a "ride around the track."

The Hilemans were assisted by their son, Jacob Hileman and Beth's mom, Barbara Bauer.

Riders heard the Legend of the Annabelles which were on display in the Kiwanis Courtyard.

Other history pointed out on the trip included the former cold storage "locker plant," historic Winstead Davie's Anna and Davie School, the story of the endangered telegraph lines

because "they caused bad weather."

Attention was drawn to the crowd of participants and spectators gathered for games in the infield. Kids in the buggy enjoyed waving to the crowd.

Mention was made of the cool looking park pond stocked by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and a couple of young fishermen there. The storyboards around the pond tell of the fish and wildlife which live there.

Doug and Jacob Hileman are great-grandnephews third and fourth times removed, of their ancestor Jacob Hileman who helped acquire the land for and organize the Southern Illinois Fair at Anna in 1897.

The Henry Dillow Grandstand was pointed out on the tour. The late Henry Dillow was remembered for the countless volunteer hours he, his family and many others have given to develop and maintain the park and fairgrounds for the benefit of the community. The grandstand is used for the presentation of a variety of public events.

The Anna City Park and the Union County Fair (Southern Illinois Fair Association) are a valuable legacy for our community.

The local organizations like the City of Anna, the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club, the Kiwanis Club along with countless volunteers are to be commended for carrying on this legacy. Thanks so much for this news article Barbara.

From Dan Rutherford
Martha Ann, if you know of worthy causes that would like entertainment donations to have them be in touch with me. Thank you for helping spread the word through the Anna News.

You be well. Dan Rutherford, 220 West Howard St., Pontiac, Ill. 61764, 815-842-2475. Tours: <https://GlobalRelations.OurCuba.com/Cuba Blog>: <https://www.facebook.com/RutherfordDan/>.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

June birthdays: 17th Ava Frazier, Robin Pengress, 18th Hope Mix, Mason Yates, 20th Beth Hileman, Ryan Sadler, 22nd David Webb, 23 Steve Karsen 24th Katie Bailey.

Anniversaries: 17th Pat and Riley Stockton, 18th Phil and Kelly Jackson, 23rd Mark and Amy Glasco, Gary and Dawn Roach.

June 6 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 87, 10:30 a.m. worship 101, small group Bible study 184, 6 p.m. worship 33.

The youth will be having a lock out on June 25-26. Be watching for more information.

Back Yard Kids Clubs Taking it to the Streets session 5 will be June 21-24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 125 Kirk St. in Anna. Session 6 will be held at Hebrewz June 22-28 from



Correction: Congratulations to Russell and Tina Kee, who were married May 29 at the state forest in Jonesboro. They are pictured with their dog Finus, who they call their son.



Junior Rhymer celebrated his 5th birthday at his home in Dongola on Saturday, June 12, with his parents, Jordan and Alexis Rhymer and his siblings, Hadley, Jaxson and Emmy and a host of family and friends. He celebrated with a water slide/bounce house, cake and lots of presents.

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Darryl Williams and his wife Donna attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

Pastor Darryl continued his series on Ordinances. This week Believers Baptism, from Acts.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Members received this email from Pastor Tim Gossett last Saturday about the Sunday morning service. Tomorrow marks the first Sunday we will be worshipping since the state of Illinois moved to Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan.

With that in mind, this is a reminder that there will be a fellowship tomorrow following the morning worship service. The fellowship will be an appetizer/finger food fellowship. This is not a full potluck dinner. You are asked to bring an appetizer type food item to share. More importantly, this is a time for fellowship that has not happened since March, 2020. There will also be a few additions to the morning service. Come and share the excitement that God is bringing to our church. Serving together in Christ, Pastor Tim

Sunday morning, special piano music by Carla Anderson for the offering was I'd Rather have Jesus than anything.

Song special The Fathers Hand was by the ladies choir Barbara House, Kathie Watkins, Nancy Hooks and Chris Foster, accompanied by Carla Anderson.

Dean Corbit said a special prayer for Rev. Tim before his sermon Taking a Sunday Drive, with scripture from John, Acts and Ephesians.

Chris Foster told everyone about the wonderful donation of the new refrigerator and freezer for Loaves and Fishes. Toni Kay Wright is the Extension Educator with U of I Extension/Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network. Jeffery Isbell company Aetna Insurance

that donated the money to purchase the appliances. A very special thanks to them.

After church there was fellowship and snacks in the Family Life Center.

Sunday, June 27, at 4 p.m. at Rev. Tim and Myra's home there will be a potluck for both Anna and Vienna churches.

Praises were given the conference was Saturday and Rev. Tim and Myra get to stay at the church another year.

Put on your calendars. Lovella Graig's 90th birthday "Come and Go" celebration will be July 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Keller's Crossing Golf Club.

State Retirees to Meet
AFSCME Retirees Union meeting on Tuesday, June 24, at 9 a.m. in the Jonesboro park shelter. Looking forward to seeing everyone after a year of not being able to meet in person.

Military Prayer List

Blake Mays, Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Caleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, 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 Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Britany Michelle Lence, Kilian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

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HELP WANTED

WANTED: DSPs/CNAs/ Mature Caretakers (we will train you)

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WANTED: LPNs
MULBERRY MANOR, an Intermediate Care Facility for adults who are developmentally disabled, is accepting applications for Full & Part Time LPN Positions. Recently restructured and eager to find nursing staff to add to our team. Experience is a plus, new grads welcome. Background check required. Apply in person or email. 612 E. Davie St., Anna, IL 62906. 618-833-6012, ect. 4, mulberrymanor@keltechmanagement.com

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Come Join Our Team at Union County Hospital!
Positions are now posted online for the following:
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For more information, contact us at 618-833-4511 ext. 4255.
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Union County Hospital
517 N. Main St.
Anna, IL 62906

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WANTED/TORRENT: Room or 1 bedroom apartment for single person, in or close to Anna. For more information, please call Josh, (618)-614-0907.

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YARD SALE

***CLEARANCE SALE:* REPERT'S OFFICE SUPPLY, 112 LAFAYETTE STREET, ANNA. MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. File Folders, Cards, Stamps, Lots of Misc. Supplies. All Sales Final.**

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YARD SALE: 414 E. Ash, Cobden. Saturday, June 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many art related items, books, frame, canvas panels, holiday decoration. Rain Cancels.

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YARD SALE: 120 Center Street, Anna. Saturday, June 19, 6 a.m. to noon, and Sunday, June 20, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, June 19, 505 Dogwalk Road, Anna. 7 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: 875 Bauer Road, off of 127 S., Jonesboro. Friday & Saturday, June 18 & 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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YARD SALE: Saturday, June 19, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 220 Williford Road, Jonesboro.

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YOUTH FUNDRAISER/ YARD & BAKE SALE: Apostolic Faith Tabernacle Church, 955 State Route 127 S., Jonesboro. Saturday, June 19, 7 a.m. to noon. NEW STUFF ADDED.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, June 18 & 19, 8 a.m. to ??? 404 Springfield Avenue, Anna. First one at this address. Lots of misc., jewelry & furniture.

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YARD SALE: 1/2 mile on Berryville Road, Jonesboro. Friday & Saturday, June 18 & 19, 8 a.m. to ???

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PRIVATE SALE - by Appointment: Mask required. Bissell Pro Heat 2x upright carpet cleaner (used twice), 3- Bissell upright vacuums, women's plus-size clothing. Call (618)-202-8473, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ONE WEEK ONLY, then: GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, June 25 & 26, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. 109 Division Street, Anna.

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- Benefits
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Candidates must have current Illinois license. Call Emily at (618) 634-2297, ext. 9175 for more details.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received at the City of Anna, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 until Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 3 p.m. for the following: SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 413 W HIGH STREET, ANNA, ILLINOIS. PIN#14-00-08-745.
Questions shall be directed to Dori Bigler, City Administrator, at dbigler@cityofanna.org. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. No late bids will be accepted. All received bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 6, 2021 at 5 p.m.

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

In the Matter of the Petition of CHEYENNE J. TRAMBLEY and JAMES F. TRAMBLEY to adopt the unrelated newborn child of AMANDA DAWN ROPER and JAMES ADAM ZESCHKE, AVA GRACE TRAMBLEY, No. 2020-AD-2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS OF THE CHILD, AVA GRACE TRAMBLEY, BORN ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020 IN CARBONDALE, JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of court for Union County, Illinois a Petition for Adoption in case number 2020-AD-2, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship to said child. For further details contact the Union County Circuit Clerk's Office at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL 62952. The petitioners' attorney and address are: D. Brian Trambley, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, IL 62995.
You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing on the Petition for Adoption before the Honorable Timothy Denny, Circuit Court Judge of Union County, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Illinois, on July 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to be heard in this matter you must appear at the above

- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Sciences (SNAP-Ed) Unit 27 & 24

University of Illinois Extension is seeking an individual to provide educational leadership for program delivery. One full-time position is available. Location: Unit 24 – Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Pope, Saline, and White Counties and Unit 27 – Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski, and Union Counties (Position will be housed in one of the county offices served.)

Master's degree related to subject matter emphasis is required. To view complete job description and apply, visit <https://go.illinois.edu/146962>. Closing date is June 24, 2021.

The U of I is an EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled <http://go.illinois.edu/EEO> that participates in the federal e-Verify program and participates in a background check program focused on prior criminal or sexual misconduct history.

CD 28276

time and date.

Witness, 6-2-21, 2021
Kari Clark
Circuit Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY

ESTATE OF: JAMES R. NEWMAN JR.,

Deceased, NO: 2021-P-22

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of James R. Newman JR. Letters of Office were issued to Ginger R. Duty, whose address is 400 Heritage Drive, DeSoto, Illinois 62924, as Representative, whose attorney of record is Bradley P. Olson, 101 E DeYoung St., Marion, IL 62959. (The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.) Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or the representative or both on or before December 10, 2021, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, 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 representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 1

To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or the Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on May 27, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) proposed changes in its rates and charges for approved Energy Efficiency and Demand-Response Measures (EDR) throughout its territory in Illinois pursuant to its Rider Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Investment (Rider EE) tariff in Docket

No. 21-0467. The changes to Rider EE are applicable to Ameren Illinois Rate Zones I, II and III.

A copy of the proposed change in schedule may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

Customers should be advised that the Commission may alter or otherwise amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings are held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by Ameren Illinois.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY
d/b/a Ameren Illinois
By: Richard J. Mark,
President & CEO
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF COLLEEN CORZINE, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-24

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Colleen Corzine, of Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2021, to Gregory L. Corzine, 236 SE Front St., Dongola, IL 62926, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse,

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309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before December 17, 2021, 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: December 17, 2021.

GREGORY L. CORZINE
INDEPENDENT
EXECUTOR

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:

TRINITY BURTON,
AZAZIAH BURTON,
Minors.
NO. 2018-JA-47
2018-JA-48

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY
CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 6/7/2021 petitions were filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Patrick D. Daly, Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of TRINITY BURTON, a minor", and "In the interest of AZAZIAH BURTON, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Friday, the 30th day of July, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 PM, 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 a ward 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 or 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.

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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 rela-

tion 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 8th day of June, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Clair & Rhoda Weaver Bed & Breakfast with the place of business located at 215 North Weaver Lane, Dongola, Illinois 62926, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Clair & Rhoda Weaver
215 North Weaver Lane
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
27-29gc

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Obituaries

Theresa J. Stell Franklin

Theresa J. Stell Franklin, 60, died peacefully on Friday, June 11, 2021, at Southern Illinois Healthcare Herrin Hospital in Herrin.

She was born on Sept. 30, 1960, in Chicago, the daughter of Kenneth Stell and Elizabeth Butt Stell.

She married Kenneth Franklin on Jan. 16, 2009.

She was a sibling to Janette Stell, Suzanne Stell and her children, Tina, Jeff, Gusty and Robbie, Kenneth Stell, Denise (Stell) Ostrowski and her daughter Francine.

Theresa was a junior in high school when she got pregnant with her first child, Carl Tripp Jr., who was born Aug. 1, 1977. Following him was a daughter, Valerie (Gordon) Struthers, born on Sept. 11, 1978; then another son, Jeremy Stell, born on Dec. 12, 1979; and her youngest son, Scott Tripp, born on Jan. 2, 1984.

She attended Nativity of Our Lord Grade School through 8th grade, and St. Mary of Perpetual Help High School, finishing her junior year.

She had many grandkids and great-grandkids she held so close to her heart. She was definitely a proud grandmother.

She truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; chatting with family and friends, loving her time with her grandchildren, drinking her morning coffee while passing the time on her computer playing games, and making others feel comfortable and welcome in her presence. She had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. Theresa was such a humble and understanding woman, making no one feel down and out. As she always picked people up with her laughter, nobody could ever leave her presence unhappy. She was simply a genuine, strong, caring, loving, giving, selfless, true woman to everyone.

She is survived by her husband, Ken; daughter Val; sons Richie, Jeremy and Scott; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Theresa touched are invited to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna on Friday, June 18, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for grievance and support. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Donations can be made to the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home. Envelopes will be available at the 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 is in charge of arrangements.



Television Listings

THURSDAY

JUNE 17, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	PGA Tour Golf (Live) (HD)	Peyton's	Bang (HD)	2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs	Big City	"Matchstick Men"	(5:11) "Misery" (90)	"Sleepless" (93) (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	Young The United	Beat Shazam (HD)		Monday Football (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City	"Kajillionaire"	"Hitman" (07) Genetic assassin.	"BELUSHI" (20) The life of John Belushi.
8 PM :30	Holey Moley (HD)	(01) Mom	Lego Masters (HD)		The Last Dance	The Cube		Big City	Two con-artists.		
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	Clarice "Father Time"	Local Programs Local info.	Swimming (Live) (HD)	The Last Dance	The Cube	2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs	Jessie	(45) "Oslo" (21, Drama) Peace accord. (HD)	(35) "The Transporter" (02) (HD)	"Fast Times at Ridgemont" (82)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan		Big City	Unsitabale	(09) "Wall Street" (87) Man ponders values.	"Road Trip" Teens on the road.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SC (HD)	The Cube	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	(45) Betty	(15) "Haywire" (12)	
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Last Dance	Conan		Raven	Raven		

FRIDAY

JUNE 18, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	(5:00) PGA Tour Golf (Live) (HD)	Series	Burgers	Chicago PD	(5:20) "Ice Age" (16)	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" Virgin & celibate.	"Good Boys" (19) (R)	"The Longest Yard"
7 PM :30	Emergency Call (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Swimming (Live) (HD)	Peyton's	"Creed" (15) Apollo Creed's son becomes a boxer. (HD)	2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs	BUNK'D	Unsitabale	"Golden Arm" (21) Arm wrestling.	"I, Tonya" (17, Drama) Olympic scandal. (HD)
8 PM :30	Juneteenth: An Evening of Tributes & stories.	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Track & Field (Live) (HD)	Monday Night Football (HD)			Owl House	Pause	(31) ★★★ "Hot Fuzz" (07) Cop in a quiet town.	★★★ "Dreamland" A bounty hunter.
9 PM :30	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	(15) "Creed II" (18, Drama) Adonis attempts to rewrite the past. (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	(40) Descendant (HD)	Pause	Real Time Maher (HD)	
10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	The Cube	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)	(33) "A Very Brady Sequel" (96)	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SC (HD)	SC (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitabale	Real Time Maher (HD)		(15) The Chi (HD)
								Unsitabale	Betty (HD)		

SATURDAY

JUNE 19, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	(5:30) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	(10:00) PGA Tour Golf (Live) (HD)	The Last Dance	"Black Panther" (18)	Chicago PD	★★★ "Ice Age 3" (09)	"Tina" Tina Turner.	(5:15) "Doubt" (08)	The Chi (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud Actors competing (Live)	Superstar Racing (Live)		Swimming (Live) (HD)	The Last Dance	★★★ "Black Panther" (18) African king is challenged by a rival. (HD)	2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs	Big City	★★★ "Fatale" Manipulative woman.	★★★ "Just Mercy" (20) A young lawyer. (HD)	ALL ACCESS
8 PM :30	Celebrity (HD)			Swimming (Live) (HD)	"Movie"			Big City	Pause	Showtime Championship Boxing "Charlo vs. Montiel" (Live) (HD)	ALL ACCESS
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Track & Field (Live) (HD)			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(15) Betty	(18) "Talk to Me" (07) Radio star and activist.	
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Name That Tune (HD)	Local	SC (HD)	The Cube	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House	(45) Real Time Maher		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy. (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Zohan" (08) (HD)	To Be Announced	Owl House	"The Dark Knight Rises" (12)	"Basic Instinct" (92)	ALL ACCESS
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SUNDAY

JUNE 20, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Duncanville. The Haris	2021 U.S. (Live) (HD)	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves (Live) (HD)	"Uncle Drew" (18, Comedy) Kyrie Irving. Team of elderly basketball players. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	(10) "Fatale" (20) Manipulative woman. (HD)	★★★ "Schmucks" (99) (HD)	The Chi (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	★★★½ "Selma" (15, Drama) U.S. gov't fights civil rights movement.	Simpsons North (HD)	Swimming (Live) (HD)	Braves (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous		★★★ "Cruel Intentions" (99) (HD)	The Kings (HD)
8 PM :30	Who Wants to Be a		Burgers	Track & Field (Live) (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Treatment	(39) "Down a Dark Hall" (18)	The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)		The Cube	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Treatment		Black Mon.
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Replacements" (00) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Oliver	(16) "The Kitchen" (19) Three housewives.	DESUS & The Chi (HD)
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports			Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Treatment		Flatbush
								Big City	Oliver		
								Big City	Oliver		

MONDAY

JUNE 21, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2021 NCAA College World Series (Live)	Family Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Wonder Woman 1984" (20) Foes face off.	"Before Sunset" (04)	"Beauty Shop" (05)
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Track & Field (Live) (HD)		Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City		"Dirty Dancing" Teenager's love.	The Chi (HD)
8 PM :30		NCIS: New Orleans	HouseBrok.	American Ninja Warrior "Qualifiers 3" (HD)		Family Guy		Big City	Jessie	Treatment	Flatbush
9 PM :30	Celebrity (HD)	Bull Potential activist.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)		Big City	Jessie	Treatment	Black Mon.
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Space	Conan	Chrisley	Unsitabale	(10) "The Wedding Date" (05)	★★★ "Lawless" (12) Brother outlaws. (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Chrisley	Sydney	Pause	
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Chrisley	Raven	Raven	Betty (HD)	"Brown"

TUESDAY

JUNE 22, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SC Special	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Incognito"	Big City	Real Time	"The Way Back" (11)	(5:00) "Dawn 1" (11)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	NCIS "Sangre" (HD)	Lego Masters (HD)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 4" (HD)	NBA Countdown	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT "NXT 626" (HD)	Big City	Axios (HD)	"Doubt" (08) Priest is accused.	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 2" (12)
8 PM :30	Conners	FBI Armed robberies.	Mental Samurai (HD)	College "Qualifiers 1"	Lottery	Bang (HD)		Jessie	Jessie	"Cruel Intentions" (99) Duo wagers in sex. (R)	The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	Local	(10) 2021 NBA Playoffs (Live)	Bang (HD)	(09) "Olympus Has Fallen" (13) Missing president. (HD)	Big City	Real Sports (HD)		Black Mon.
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Conan		Unsitabale	Betty (HD)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Sydney	Axios (HD)	"Trick 'r Treat" (09)	Flatbush
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Chrisley	Raven	★★★ "Ted" (12) (HD)	"Golden Arm"	"Buyers Club" (13)

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 23, 2021

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2021 NCAA College World Series (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Real Sports (HD)	★★★ "The Italian Job"	"Sleepless in Seattle" (93) Son plays cupid.
7 PM :30	Press Your Housewife	Kids Say Unique Kids.	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"The Aviator" (04, Drama) Wealthy Texan's aeronautical fame. (HD)	★★★ "The Rite" (11, Horror) Exorcisms. (HD)	★★★ "The Holiday" (06) Cameron Diaz. House swap. (HD)
8 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Stake-out"	Crime Scene Kitchen	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D			
9 PM :30	Card Sharks	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	The Blacklist "Konefs" (HD)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego Padres (Live) (HD)	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Unsitabale	(20) Betty	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitabale	Pause		Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Raven	(20) "Argo" (12) (HD)	"Never Rarely Sometimes" (20)
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Raven		"Django Unchained" (12) (HD)

Josephine Marie Davis, 98, of Anna, died Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 9:38 p.m. at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.

Josie was born on Oct. 15, 1922, in Johnson County, a daughter of Joseph and Jenny Etta Estes Leist.

She married David Luther Davis on Nov. 9, 1940. He preceded her in death on July 9, 2011, after 70 years of marriage.

Mrs. Davis worked for the Bishop-Davis Ford Dealership in Anna and later for the Illinois Bureau of Tourism.

She was a member of First Christian Church of Anna and the Union County Republican Women's Club.

She was an excellent cook and loved flower arranging, particularly for her church. She enjoyed crafting, basket weaving, sewing and quilting, but especially loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her three children, David Davis of Boise, Idaho, Cheryl (Don) Denny of Anna and Barry Davis of Anna; her six grandchildren, David (Sarah) Davis of Boise, Idaho, Adam Davis of Riverview, Mich., Jeff (Kerry) Denny of Anna, Sarah Poole of Carbondale, Matt (Candace) Denny of Anna and Tim (Kendra) Denny of Anna; her 11 great-grandchildren, David Davis, Levi Davis, Louis (Kati) Denny, Kailey Denny, Josie Rutland, Isaiah Poole, Balyie Denny, Hunter Denny, Brodie Denny, Addison Denny and Payton Denny; her three great-great-grandchildren, Jayci Poe, Kadance Poe and Sayler Thompson; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother, Bill Leist; and three sisters, Dorothy Jones, Mary Hensley and Ruth Trovillian.

Funeral services were held at Crain Funeral Home in Anna on Wednesday, June 16, at 11 a.m., with Minister Joey Hawkins officiating. Interment followed in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to First Christian Church. Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

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



Jack Roach Jr.

Jack Roach Jr., 61, of Anna, died Thursday, June 10, 2021, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born on May 5, 1960, in Union County, the son of Jack and Wilma Goins Roach Sr.

He married Pamela Timms on June 17, 1983, in Jackson, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, of Anna; his parents, Jack and Wilma Roach of Anna; his children, Kim (Don) Shipley of Anna, Lisa (Justin) Presson of Finger, Tenn., and Shannon Timms of Carbondale; six grandchildren, Hunter and Alayna Chapman, Brooklyn Shipley, Sailor Presson and Tyson and McKenzie Timms; three sisters, Brenda (Terry) Bartruff, Angie (Jim) Pogue and Laura (Danny) Guined, all of Anna; a sister-in-law, Ivy Yana of Anna; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, Shane Roach.

He was a lifetime farmer and cattleman who loved going to the sale barn with his dad and grandson, Buddy. Throughout his life, Mr. Roach was a truck driver, construction worker and co-owned J&P Furniture with his wife for over 20 years.

He enjoyed traveling, taking cruises and vacationing with his family in the Great Smoky Mountains. If he was not traveling or sitting at a sale barn, he could be found at the farmer's market or on Blueberry Hill.

He was a passionate husband, father and PaPa to his six grandchildren, whom he loved and adored.

Funeral services for Jack Roach Jr. were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Lonnie Lewis officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Kelly Michelle Sneddon

Kelly Michelle Sneddon, 49, of Jonesboro, died Friday, June 11, 2021.

She was born on April 21, 1972, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of John R. "Butch" and Nadine Kelley Sneddon.

She married Troy Bowers on May 15, 2004.

She is survived by her husband Troy and son, Bryce Bowers, both of Jonesboro; her mother, Nadine Sneddon of Anna; her sister, Diana (Randy) Schaefer of Jonesboro; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, John R. "Butch" Sneddon.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Anna. She received an associate degree from Shawnee Community College. She worked as an instructional aide at both Jonesboro Public School and the Tri-County Education Center in Anna.

She loved helping people, especially children. She was a member of the Huddle Club and a tremendous supporter of Anna-Jonesboro Wildcat Football. Kelly was, without a doubt, Bryce's biggest fan.

Funeral services for Kelly Michelle Sneddon will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Joseph Hawkins officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Hebron Cemetery near Goreville.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of services Friday, June 18, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To visit Kelly's memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Melvin B. Harvell

Melvin B. Harvell, 79, of Jonesboro, died at 1:03 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born March 31, 1942, the son of Thomas N. Harvell and Pearl Jane Bridges Harvell.

He married Clara F. Morgan Harvell on July 21, 1962.

He served in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Protector and later served in the Cuban Missile Crisis on the USS DuPont.

He was a long-time iron worker and retired from Local No. 782. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

Mr. Harvell enjoyed frequenting auctions and yard sales and loved finding "special treasures" for his family that he so dearly loved and cared for.

He enjoyed camping, fishing and collecting everything. He loved a good Igloo cooler, and you would rarely find him without a fully stocked one so he could share his drinks and snacks.

He never met a stranger and was a positive light everywhere he went. He truly enjoyed life to its fullest.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Clara Harvell of Jonesboro; a son, Tony Harvell of Jonesboro; daughters Karen Rhine Harvell of Anna, Stacey (Eric) Chilman of Jonesboro and Janice (Eric) Osman of Anna; grandchildren Chey (Joseph) Harvell-Giles, Cory (Alex) Heembrock, Evan Chilman, Dylan Chilman, Addison Osman and Avery Osman; great-grandchildren Ardea Rhine and Maverick Heembrock; two sisters, Wilma Hoyle and Kim Harvell Guetersloh; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dale and Norman Harvell; a granddaughter, Manda K. Rhine; and his mother-in-law, Lorene Morgan.

Memorial services were held Monday, June 14, at the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. Doors opened at 4 p.m. Services followed at 4:30 p.m.

Military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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



Dr. Alexander 'Alex' Popov

Dr. Alexander "Alex" Popov, 77, of Anna, and formerly of Berkeley, Calif., died at 7:07 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2021, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on July 27, 1943, in Berkeley, Calif., the son of Egor and Irene Popov.

He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA at Berkeley and then his master's degree from San Diego State University.

He then furthered his education, earning his Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Popov was a clinical psychologist at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna until his retirement in 2002.

After retirement, Alex and Bev enjoyed traveling to Colorado in the summers and Texas in the winters.

He is survived by his life partner, Bev Moore of Anna; sons, Paul (Tara) Popov of California and Ted (Holly) Popov of Carbondale; a daughter, Alyssa (Matt) McCain of North Carolina; grandchildren Skye Popov, Roman Popov, Alec Popov, Ivan Popov and Corrine McCain; and a sister, Kathy (Fred) Crabtree of Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, Dr. Paul and Zoey Popov.

Cremation will be accorded and there will be no services at this time.

Memorials can be made to Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641-Children's Care Corporation and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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



Brandon Woolridge

Brandon Woolridge, 27, of Cobden, died Monday, June 14, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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

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

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

Samuel Dale Schlamer 'Sammy'

Samuel Dale Schlamer "Sammy," 67, of Thebes, died at 3:28 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Schlamer was born on May 28, 1954, in Cairo, the son of S.D. and Evelyn Clifford Schlamer.

He married Mary Ellen Whiteside on July 11, 1987.

Mr. Schlamer graduated from Egyptian High School, Class of 1972. He retired from Bunge Corporation in Cairo after 28 years.

He was a lifelong member in the community of Thebes, as he never moved away from his roots.

Mary and Sammy spent their time on their land raising cattle, until he decided to start planting crops.

He was very active in the sporting and hunting community. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the local hunting clubs. Sammy was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Whiteside Schlamer of Thebes; two sons, Jacob and wife Jessica (Griswell) Schlamer and Jordan Schlamer of Cape Girardeau; a granddaughter, Layken Schlamer; and a sister, Sandy (Schlamer) Foote of Cape Girardeau.

He was preceded in death by his parents, S.D. and Evelyn Clifford Schlamer.

A memorial visitation was held at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms on Monday, June 14, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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

Crain Funeral Home Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.



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Deborah Elliott

Deborah Elliott, 67, of McClure, died Friday, June 11, 2021, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

She was born on July 19, 1953, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of James and Lenora Coleman Turner.

She married Carl Elliott on July 3, 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Elliott of McClure; two sisters, Leona Richardson and Judy Oden; her mother-in-law, June Usher; a sister-in-law, Diane Curtis; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

She enjoyed crafting, especially jewelry making. She was a babysitter for many of her nieces and nephews, as well as the children of her friends. She was a "second mother" to many.

Funeral services for Deborah Elliott were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Edwin Elliott officiating. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



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Opinion and Commentary

Editorial

Changing times

The Herb Coles Market building on East Vienna Street in Anna has been demolished. Yet another sign of the change of times.

The true "mom and pop" grocery served the community for many years. It had its unique features, but was probably best known for its delivery.

Herb created the greatest meat trays and was in high demand for special occasions.

For those of us old enough to remember the Market it is sad to see it gone. And, a reminder to all of us to treasure the many conveniences of life in a small community. JLR

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, June 17, 1971

If the weather prevailing at the present time continues, shipping of fruits and vegetables should soon be in full swing.

The first blueberries have been shipped, cucumbers and tomatoes are being prepared for shipment, and the Lodi and Transparent apples will soon be ready for shipment.

According to many growers, this year's harvest of apples and peaches should be a bumper crop, providing there are no hail or windstorms, such as have struck Union County in prior years.

The thermometer hit 93 on two days, Saturday, and Sunday, June 12 and 13, and nighttime lows remained in the high sixties and low seventies for the majority of the week.

The 11th annual Dongola Homecoming will be held Saturday, June 26, with good food and entertainment for all.

Approximately 113 Brownies, Junior Scouts and Cadettes will be setting out Monday, with their canteens, for a week session of day camping. During this time, the firsts will learn how to set up a tent, build a fire and cook their meals on an open fire.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Alto Pass has two cafes now, Bald Knob Cafe, on the corner where the Fowley Store once was, and the Alto Cafe, near the Baptist Church.

From the Mountain Glen news: The Union County highway department began preparations for black topping the Mountain Glen road last week.

(Note: last week's Page from the Past was from June 10, 1971, not June 3, 1971. The editor erred.)



Top reader at Jonesboro School

Eighth grade student Logan Abernathy loves to read. His passion paid off when he received the Top AR Reader Award out of the entire Jonesboro School student body. Logan received a total of 362 AR points during the 2020-2021 school year. Logan is the son of Billy and Amy Abernathy. Logan received a certificate and a trophy. Photo provided.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Someone spent too much time in the heat...

Lately, it seems like there been a lot of news about unidentified flying objects. You know. UFOs.

Perhaps you have seen your very own UFO. I have not. Unless you count flying objects with feathers. UFOFs. Unidentified flying objects with feathers.

Take, for example, the Mississippi kite, a bird which has made several appearances in previous columns. As noted at the time, I saw what turned out to be a Mississippi kite hanging out in a tree in Anna.

Fortunately, a fellow Traveler on the Journey Through Life who happens to know much, much more about UFOFs than yours truly shared some information about the aforementioned Mississippi kite with me, for which I am grateful. For whatever it might be worth, I have not seen the Mississippi kite again.

Perhaps...just perhaps...that UFOF, which subsequently became an Identified Flying Object with Feathers, or IFOT, really was a UFO.

Think about it. Conspiracies are all the rage these days. With that in mind...explain to me how a bird, which I had never seen in metropolitan Anna before, suddenly showed up, hung around long enough for some pictures...and has not been seen again.

I'm guessing the UFOF turned IFOT might have been some sort of secret UFO. We can't be sure these days. The CIA could have developed some sort of secret weapon that just happened to look like a Mississippi kite. Somebody, perhaps the folks at "60 Minutes," should check this out. Seems like they actually had something about UFOs not all that long ago.

By now, you're probably asking yourself: Did this guy spend too much time out in the Southern Illinois heat and humidity?



This creature does not have feathers...at least not at this point in the evolutionary process. And, as far as could be determined, it cannot fly. We'll give it a few million years and see what might happen. Folks said that pigs couldn't fly either...

The answer would be yes. Twice. In the same day. Saturday, to be more precise. On Saturday, you may recall, the heat index outside was something like 150 degrees.

The heat index is some sort of combination of air temperature and humidity which we only seem to hear about in the summer time. I never heard a word about the heat index last February when I was outside shoveling snow. Go figure.

Early on Saturday morning, I went to the book sale at Stinson Memorial Library. At the time, I think the heat index was only 130 degrees. It was not snowing at the time. But it was hot enough that some of the pages in the books I tried to buy caught fire.

(Turned out that the index was about 110 degrees in Union County land last Saturday afternoon, according to records kept by the guy who provides information about the weather for the local newspaper.)

Since I am not a very smart boy (just ask The Other Half), I made another trip outside on Saturday...this time during the afternoon...when the heat index was, well, hot.

You would think that I would have learned a lesson on Saturday. Nah. Went for a daily walkabout at about 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Did not seem as hot at the time. Perhaps I was just delirious.

However, even when my simple little mind was addled by the heat index, I did not see any UFOs. Truth be told, I didn't see much of anything. Smart critters were someplace cool...

...which brings us to the critters which you see this week. Folks seem to like the photos of birds, bees, flowers and trees which appear in this space. With that in mind, I thought I'd share a few pics of Identified Flying Objects with Feathers I've seen during the last couple of weeks. Oh, and there's a picture of an Identified Swimming Object with Four Legs and a Tail, or ISOFLT, too...just because...



This is not an IFOF. However, it does fly. The white spots on the dragonfly's wings happened to catch the photographer's attention.



Saw this hawk way up high in a sweet gum tree in Union County.



This hawk made a very brief stop on a utility line along a Union County highway...fluffed its feathers... and flew away...

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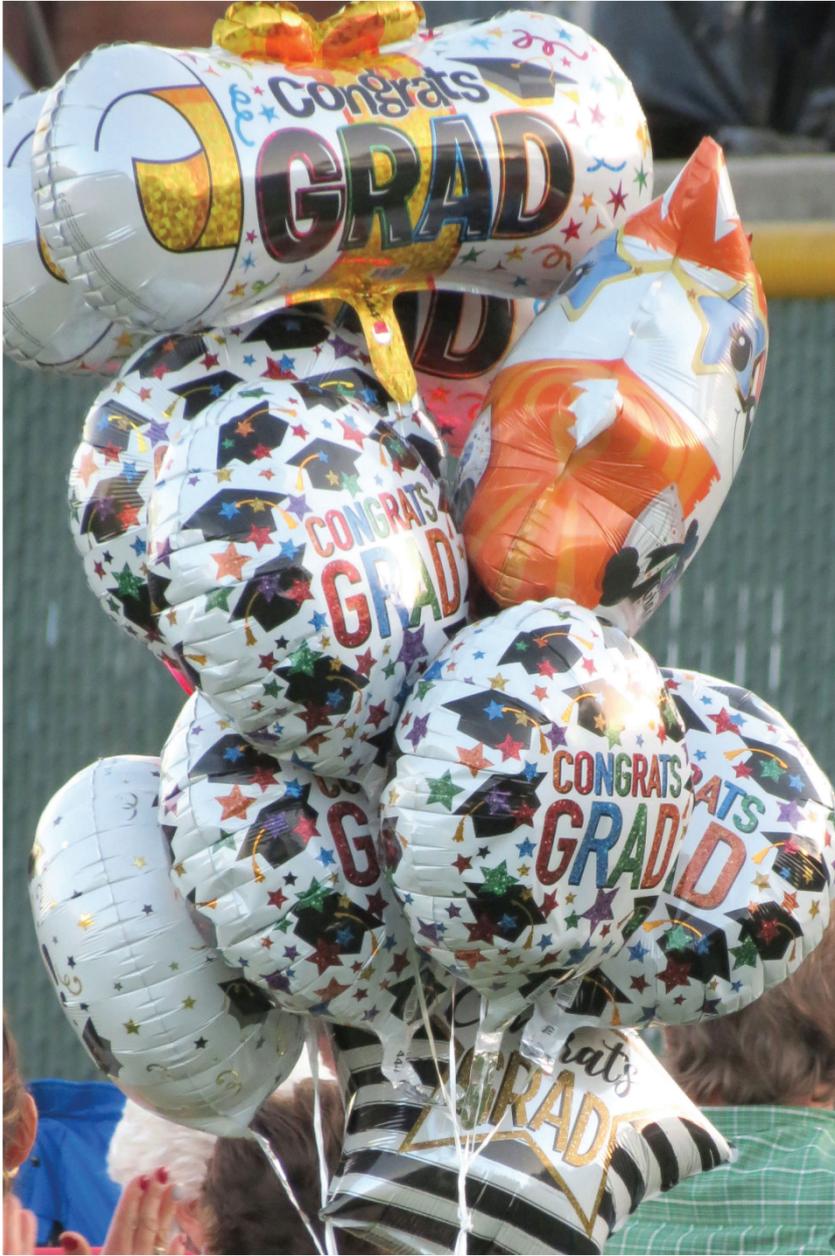
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2021 High School Graduation Section



Congratulations to all of the 2021 graduates.



Cobden High School commencement ceremony



Dongola High School commencement ceremony.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School commencement ceremony.



Shawnee High School seniors walk-thru.

Congratulations to all of Union County's 2021 high school graduates from

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Cobden High School

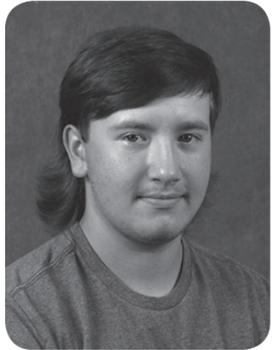
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Remember this special, and most extraordinary, time in your lives.

Best wishes to all of you, and your families.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Seniors



Miles Alsip



Nathaniel Baggott



Nathan Belcher



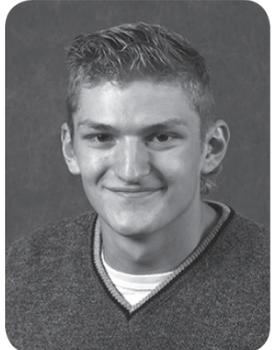
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Maddox Thorpe



Colby Bowman



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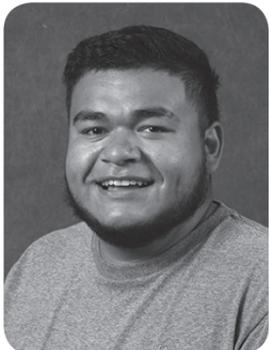
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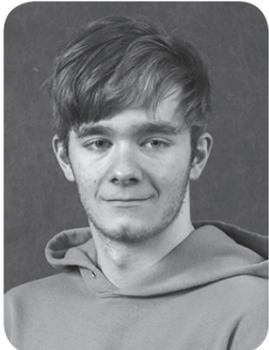
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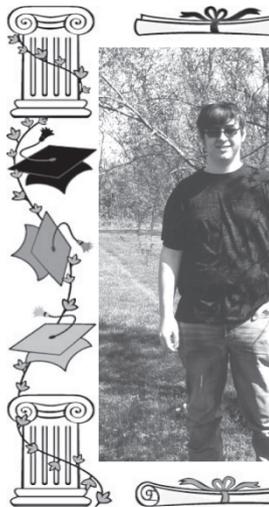
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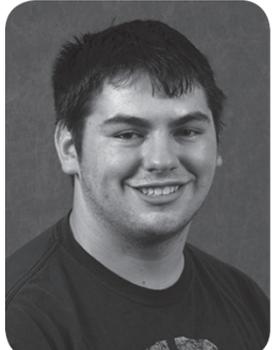
Grayson Heath



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Madilyn Hinkle



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Congratulations
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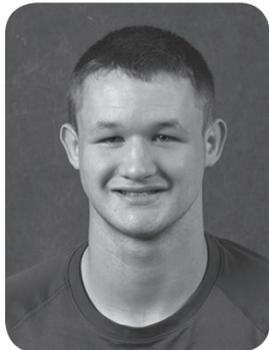
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Love you, Mom

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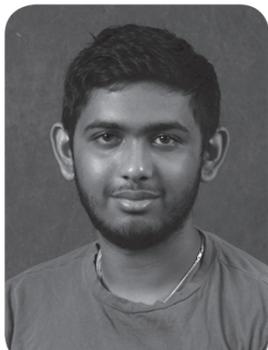
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Congratulations Andrew Odum. We couldn't be more proud of you and your accomplishments. You have grown to be an incredible young man and we know you will continue on to do good things. Good luck at McKendree University!

With all our love, Mom, Dad and Zachary

Olivia, Anything is possible - all you have to do is believe in yourself. Never stop growing, exploring, learning, and challenging yourself. Congratulations and best wishes for your future.

Robert and Vicki

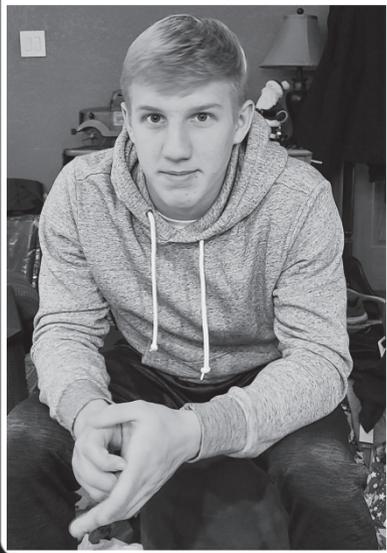




Congratulations Nathan!

Wishing you all the best. We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Ethan



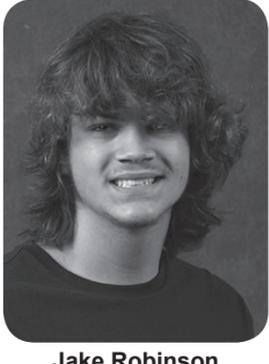
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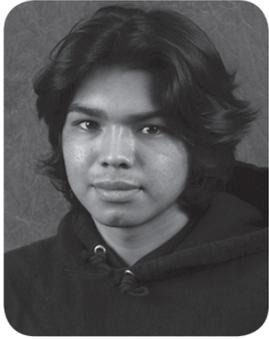
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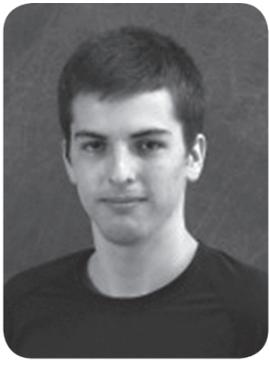
Alyssa Penrod



Anayeli Munoz



Angel Olvera



Anthony Stanczak



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Brianna Eads



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Cadence Ellis



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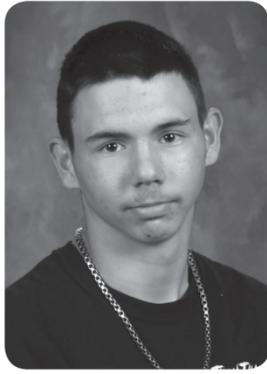
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Destiny Teller



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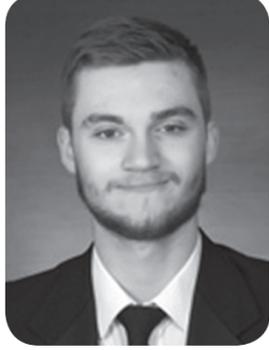
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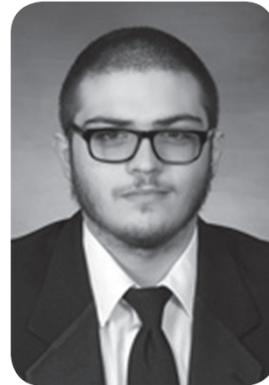
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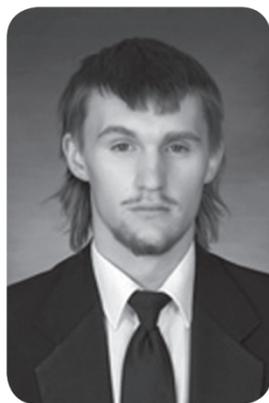
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