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## News

## Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A full "buck" moon was shining in the sky over Union County last Friday night.

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The Dongola Public Library District is planning to host a "Books & Bingo" evening Thursday, today, starting at 5:30 p.m.

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The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted an ominous headline on its website Thursday afternoon, July 22: "Dangerous Heat Expected Through This Weekend..."

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...a heat index of 108 degrees at about 3 p.m. Sunday in Southern Illinois probably could be considered dangerous... The heat index was even higher in Union County.

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Members of the Cobden Fire Department worked on Sunday morning to re-paint white apples on the streets in Cobden.

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The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is planning to have extended hours during the Cobden Peach Festival. The festival is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6-7.

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The Cobden Women's Club will be contacting community members for contributions of peach cobbblers for the upcoming Peach Festival.

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The Union County animal control shelter continues to be very, very busy.

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Free swim days at the Anna City Pool have proven to be very popular this summer. Local businesses, organizations and individuals are supporting the free swim days.

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## Troubling trend: COVID-19 cases on the rise

Southern Seven Health Department on Friday, July 23, reported that the Illinois Department of Public Health announced that Union, Johnson, and Pulaski counties will move into an orange warning level on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk metrics.

Massac County was moved to the orange warning level a week earlier and remained there.

The amount of new cases per 100,000 people, test positivity percentage metrics and falling ICU bed availability at area hospitals are causing the elevated risk levels.

According to Illinois Department of Public Health,

IDPH, an orange designation indicates warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the community. Residents are asked to remain vigilant to slow spread of the virus.

With last week's announcement, four of the seven counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department were at the orange warning level.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties in Southern Illinois.

### "Troubling Trends"

"We now have four out of our seven counties in the orange warning level with IDPH for troubling trends

related to the new infections spreading across our region," Southern Seven Health Department contact tracing outreach coordinator Nathan Ryder said in an email message which accompanied the announcement regarding the orange warning level.

Ryder said that last week's update "shows our area hospitals are also beginning to feel the impact with the ICU beds beginning to fill up again."

Ryder reminds area residents that there is plenty of vaccine available across the Southern Seven region "and the vaccines are proving effective in keeping

individuals from getting extremely ill or requiring hospitalization. We can even work with them to get the brand of vaccine they'd prefer (Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J)."

Vaccinations, for those 12 years of age and older, can be scheduled by calling the health department's COVID-19 vaccine schedulers at 618-634-2297.

A warning for new case rate indicates the rate is greater than 50 cases per 100,000 people.

A warning for test positivity indicates that the percentage was above 8 percent from the previous seven-day period.

A warning for ICU availability shows the number of ICU beds has dropped below a 20 percent availability threshold.

New cases per 100,000 people rate is a unit of measure calculated as a rate to compare the number of cases in large and small counties.

The rate is calculated by dividing the county case count for seven days by county population times 100,000. This describes the potential number of people who are currently ill and may be infectious in the county.

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## County COVID update

The Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, July 26, reported 24 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The health department serves Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved one person under 10, two teens, six in their 20s, eight in their 30s, one in the 40s, three in the 50s,

two in the 60s and one 80-plus years old.

The numbers were provisional and subject to change.

As of Monday, Union County had recorded a total of 2,417 cases of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. A total of 2,288 recovered cases were reported.

As of July 16, there were 97 active cases in the county. A total of 32 deaths had been reported in the county since the start of the pandemic.

## More on the way...

## Heat index 114.8 degrees Sunday

The heat index reached 114.8 degrees at 12:30 p.m. last Sunday afternoon in Jonesboro.

The high on Sunday reached 95 degrees in Jonesboro.

The heat index is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is factored with the actual air temperature.

High temperatures in the region topped 90 degrees on both Saturday and Sunday.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued special weather statements related to the heat index on both days.

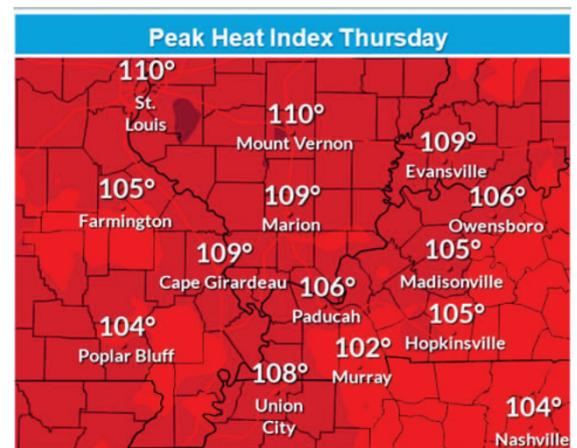
The weather service advised that high temperatures in the 90-degree range, coupled with high humidity across the region, would result in heat index values from 100 to 105 degrees.

Information posted on the weather service website showed that the heat index reached 108 degrees at about 3 p.m. last Sunday.

Extremely hot and humid weather also was expected in the region on Wednesday and Thursday.

The weather service forecast was calling for heat and humidity to build into the region through midweek.

By Thursday, today, highs in the middle to upper 90s, combined with high



## Dangerous heat index values

The National Weather Service office in Paducah is calling for the possibility of dangerous heat index values by Thursday, today. The image was posted on the weather service's website Tuesday morning.

humidity, "will likely force heat index values to dangerous levels in excess of 105 degrees across much of the area," the weather service office stated Tuesday on its website.

In the special weather statements which were issued over the weekend, the weather service advised that "the heat affects us all differently. Given the very high humidity, little relief from the heat will be found unless indoors in air conditioning. Exercise caution if you must be outside for an extended period of time."

Weather during the pe-

riod of July 19-26 in the Union County area started out with high temperatures in the 80s. The period was dry, with no rain recorded in Jonesboro.

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

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Tuesday, July 20	84	66
Wednesday, July 21	86	64
Thursday, July 22	88	65
Friday, July 23	89	67
Saturday, July 24	92	70
Sunday, July 25	95	72
Monday, July 26	91	69



## Route 127 project

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported on social media that the Illinois Department of Transportation was alerting drivers about a road closure on Illinois Route 127 in Alto Pass. Beginning Monday, July 26, at 7 a.m., Route 127 was scheduled to be closed from Chestnut Street to just north of Rhine Road, weather permitting.

Officials said access to Bald Knob Cross, the Peach Barn Winery and Alto Pass will be accessible and open to traffic. The road is expected to be open no later than Friday, Aug. 13.

The closure is necessary to facilitate bridge removal, earth work and pavement reconstruction. Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route. Advanced message boards have been placed at the intersections of Illinois Route 127 and old Route 13, and Illinois Route 127 and Illinois Route 146 to alert motorists about the closure.



## Anna street project planned

The City of Anna has announced that road work in the 500 block of East Vienna Street is scheduled to begin on Aug. 2. The project is designed to fix flooding issues which occur at the location when heavy rain falls. Work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The city notes that three lanes will be shut down, but there will always be an eastbound and westbound lane open, with access available to all businesses in the area where work is being done.





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# COVID: Troubling trends

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## County Statistics

Union County had 273 potential new cases (based on 46 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 5.3 percent out of 850 tests. ICU availability was 17.7 percent.

Johnson County had 128 potential new cases (based on 16 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 4.0 percent out of 325 tests. ICU availability was 17.7 percent.

Pulaski County had 201 potential new cases (based on 11 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 9.8 percent out of 132 tests. ICU availability was 17.7 percent.

Massac County had 78 potential new cases (based on 11 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 6.2 percent out of 129 tests. ICU availability was 17.7 percent.

Eight different indicators are used to determine a county's designation.

A county is considered at the orange warning level when at least two of the main indicators are going in the wrong direction.

## Seasonable jobs open at state fairs

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, reports that it is seeking individuals for seasonal employment at the Illinois and Du Quoin state fairs.

IDOA said that temporary employees are needed for the following areas: maintenance, customer service, cashier, ticket sales, grandstand ticket takers, and security.

The Du Quoin State Fair is also hiring tram drivers and parking staff. Temporary employee pay is \$11 an hour.

IDOA said that applications can be submitted by email to AGR.Seasonal-Hires@illinois.gov

Paper applications for Du Quoin can be dropped off at the administration office's reception area located on the main floor of the grandstand during business hours.

More information is available by contacting the IDOA Bureau of Human Resources at AGR.SeasonalHR@illinois.gov or by calling 217-785-5099.

The health department said that individuals, families and community groups should use this information to help inform their choices about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do.

To view the IDPH county-level risk map, visit the County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics website.

"The number of people contracting COVID-19 is still on the rise and now we are beginning to see the impacts in our area hospitals," Ryder said in a news release.

"More people are getting sick with COVID and requiring hospitalization throughout the Southern Seven area...but it doesn't have to be this way."

Southern Seven Health Department has been urging the people of Southern Illinois to get vaccinated against COVID-19, especially with the rapid spread of the Delta variant impacting neighboring states.

The COVID vaccines are proving to be effective in preventing people from becoming severely ill or requiring hospitalization, Ryder said.

Ryder said it is "also recommended to continue following the COVID-19 mitigation procedures we're all familiar with to help prevent the spread of COVID-19: wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and keep your distance especially in crowded situations or indoor environments."

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced in June that Southern Illinois' Region 5, where all seven of the counties served by Southern Seven are located, moved to Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois COVID-19 mitigation plan.

The move fully reopened businesses across the state without restrictions.

Southern Seven Health Department continues to work with businesses and many other facets of the community to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

For the latest information about COVID-19 cases in the region, or to find out how to get vaccinated against COVID-19, visit <https://www.southern7.org>, or call the health department's office at 618-634-2297.

William H. Bissell was inaugurated as governor of Illinois on Jan. 12, 1857.

## Anna City Council meets July 20

# TIF district, community safety concerns ColorFest event among topics on agenda

Continued progress on the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing district, community safety concerns and plans for a ColorFest event were among the topics discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting, which lasted for about 90 minutes, was held Tuesday evening, July 20, at Anna City Hall.

### Tax Increment Financing District

The council heard an update on continuing plans for the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing, TIF, district in Anna.

The city is working with Moran Economic Development in Edwardsville on the project. Keith Moran, the president of Moran Economic Development, was on hand to talk about the project.

Moran discussed a TIF district redevelopment plan and project synopsis which had been presented to city officials.

The synopsis noted that municipalities are authorized to create TIF districts by the Illinois Municipal Code. State guidelines are in place which set requirements and procedures for establishing a TIF district and a TIF district plan. The city is in the process of going through the steps which are necessary to establish the district.

Moran Economic Development explains on its website that Tax Increment Financing is a tool utilized in Illinois and 48 other states to support development and revitalization efforts.

"With this development tool, financially strapped local governments can make the improvements they

need, like new roads or sewers, and provide incentives to attract new businesses or help existing businesses stay and expand. And TIF does this without tapping into general municipal revenues or raising taxes," the website explains.

A map of the proposed TIF district in Anna was included in the synopsis presented to city officials. The proposed district will include areas from east Anna, heading west along Vienna Street to near North Green and parts of Davie streets.

The proposed district will be the topic of a hearing which is planned at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 at city hall.

### Community Safety

A community member and city employee voiced concerns about safety issues in the neighborhood around Anna Junior High School/Davie School. The building which houses the school is located along South Green Street.

The community member said that a man, described as a "troubled individual," showed up on his front porch on the Thursday night prior to the council's July 20 meeting.

The man banged on the door of the house. "He's at my door...scaring my family to death..." the community member said. The man also went to another nearby house and begged for money.

The Anna Police Department responded to a call about the incident, but said there was not any action they could take at the time.

After hearing the community member's concerns, Mayor Steve Hartline said that "several concerns" were shared with city of-

ficials. The mayor promised to follow up on the matter and thanked the community member for voicing his concerns.

### ColorFest Event

The city's liquor control ordinance was on the agenda at the July 20 meeting.

City officials are looking at making a change in the ordinance in conjunction with plans to sponsor a street festival event during the 2021 Union County ColorFest celebration in October.

The festival tentatively is planned for Saturday, Oct. 9, and would include music, vendors offering food, arts and crafts. Activities would take place on Lafayette and Davie streets.

The sale of beer, as well as wine from local vineyards, also is planned. The city's liquor control ordinance would need to be amended to allow for such sales at city-sponsored events.

A proposed change in the ordinance will be drafted and presented at the city council's next meeting.

### Other Business

In other business at last week's meeting:

City administrator Dori Bigler reported that work

on a project which is designed to ease flooding which occurs in the 500 block of East Vienna Street now is scheduled to begin in early August. The project had been scheduled to start in early July.

Plans continue for the development of an all-inclusive playground at the Anna City Park. It is hoped that the playground, called Hadley's Haven, would be developed and in use by the summer of 2022.

Council member Martha Ann Webb voiced concerns about the conditions of headstones at the Anna Cemetery.

City public works manager Gary Dahmer said that some 200 headstones are down at the cemetery.

Mayor Hartline questioned whether the matter was a city responsibility. Webb suggested that the condition of some of the stones could be a safety issue.

The city administrator plans to follow up on the matter.

A permit for an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School homecoming parade was approved. The parade is set for 1 p.m. on Sept. 24.

# Union County Hospital CEO planning to retire

After nearly 45 years in the healthcare industry, the CEO of Union County Hospital in Anna, Jim Farris has announced his retirement.

Farris has served as the CEO of Union County Hospital for nearly 18 of those years and plans to retire at the end of October.

"In my time as CEO I am most proud of the improvements we have made in increasing patient satisfaction and the quality of the care we provide," Farris said in a news release.

Union County Hospital and nursing home continually earns Joint Commission accreditation, as well as a CMS four-star rating for the hospital and CMS five-star rating for the nursing home.

"We will miss Jim's unwavering commitment to this community and hospital," said Charlotte Clover, board chair of Union County Hospital. "We wish him the best as he enters this new chapter of life."

"I am so fortunate to close out my career here. Working with such great people as our board members, medical staff, and clinical and support staff has been such an honor," Farris said.

"Though I will certainly miss everyone, I know the hospital will be in good hands as I leave."

A search process is underway as Farris transitions out of his role and an interim CEO will be announced in the coming months.

# Union County Hospital earns ACR accreditation

Union County Hospital in Anna has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology, ACR.

Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose X-ray system to examine breasts.

A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety.

The accreditation is awarded only to facilities which meet ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.

Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed.

The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehen-

sive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

"Maintaining our ACR accreditation isn't an easy process, but it assures our community that we continue to meet the highest national standards for mammography services," Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said in a news release.

The ACR, founded in 1924, is a professional medical society dedicated to serving patients and society by empowering radiology professionals to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care.

The college serves more than 37,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

Information on how to schedule a mammogram at Union County Hospital is available by contacting the hospital's central scheduling department by calling 833-1030.

## News Notes

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The City of Anna is welcoming proposals for concession operations for the 2022 season.

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To accommodate students for fall enrollment, extended operating hours are planned this week at Shawnee Community College's Anna Extension Center.

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A men's club golf championship is set for Saturday, July 31, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

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August's arrival brings the start of a very busy month in the Union County area.

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Effective Aug. 2, hours at Jonesboro City Hall will be changed to 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Clinics receive federal funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced \$5,844,422 to support rural health clinics in Illinois with vaccination efforts, particularly as many communities face increased challenges caused by the Delta variant.

The funds will go to 118 Rural Health Clinics, which will use the resources to combat COVID-19 misinformation by developing and implementing additional vaccine confidence and outreach efforts.

The funding was made available by the American Rescue Plan and is being administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration through the Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Confidence program.

Shawnee Community College inter-session courses are planned Aug. 2-13.

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The musical "Nunsense" is scheduled to be presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

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Three summer arts camps are scheduled during August at the Anna Arts Center.

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Looked like some major cable work was being done last week along old U.S. Route 51, just north of Anna.

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Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission is seeking to hire a person to fill a full-time planner position. The grant-funded position is anticipated to be for 10 months.

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Southern Seven Health Department's 2021 Tour de Seven Fall into Fitness 5K run/walk event is planned Saturday, Sept. 18, in Golconda.

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Arrowleaf has released an updated youth referral guide, which was developed by the Community Youth Services youth committee at Vienna High School. The guide lists a variety of services.

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Oops...new owners of Pizza Villa in Anna include Josh Stegle and James Dillow and family of Anna. We incorrectly listed Mr. Dillow's last name in last week's paper. Our error.

# Meetings scheduled in Anna for fair queen pageant contestants

Contestants are being sought for the Union County Fair queen pageant, as well as for the Little Miss and Junior Miss pageants.

## Union County Fair Queen

The Union County Fair queen pageant is in search of contestants for the 2021 pageant, which will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds (the Anna City Park).

Contestants must be 16 years of age by Aug. 18, 2021, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2022.

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

Contestants must be a resident of Union County or attended or graduated from a Union County school and not competing in another county fair queen pageant in 2021 or have been a former queen of a county fair.

An information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.unioncountyfair.net](http://www.unioncountyfair.net).

Go to the EVENTS tab and then click on Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant, and then click on the link to download the information packet with

required forms and the application.

Janice Osman also can be contacted at 833-7777 to request an information packet and application or for more information.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the application. Practice locations are to be determined.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 1. No late entries will be accepted after Aug. 1.

**Meeting Planned**  
A meeting is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park.

All signed forms, applications and entry/sponsor fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Contestants will need to come "picture ready" for a group photo for the local papers and individual photos will be taken for the pageant program and judges books.

## Little Miss, Junior Miss Contestants

The Union County Fair queen pageant is in search of Little Miss and Junior Miss Contestants for the 2021 pageant that will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds (the Anna City Park).

Little Miss Contestants

must be 6-10 years of age, and Junior Miss Contestants must be 11-15 years of age by Aug. 22.

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

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

An information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.unioncountyfair.net](http://www.unioncountyfair.net).

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

Janice Osman also can be contacted at 833-7777 to request an information packet and application or for more information.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the pageant information packet. Practice locations are still to be determined.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 1. No late

# PAST Summer Sunday afternoon talks continue



**Illinois Territorial Capitol at Kaskaskia, 1812-1818. Photo provided.**

The PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro is hosting a series of talks by historical Union County characters each Sunday afternoon through ColorFest weekend.

The Heritage House Museum is open Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for touring, and a speaker is scheduled to present a short program at 2 p.m. each week.

## Territorial Capitol at Kaskaskia, 1812-1818

On July 25, an amused audience "met" Sen. John Grammer (Duane Hileman), a farmer from what was then Johnson County and what is now Union County.

Grammer, being a land-owner, was elected as a representative for the territorial legislature in 1812 in Kaskaskia.

A rough, rude character with no education, Grammer became well-respected and served many years as a senator in the new state capitol

entries will be accepted after the deadline.

**Meetings Planned**  
A meeting is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, for Little Miss contestants and 5:30 p.m. for Junior Miss contestants at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park. All signed forms and entry fees can be turned in at the meeting.

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

## Free swim day Saturday at Anna Pool

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins is planning to offer an afternoon of free swimming on Saturday, July 31, at the Anna City Pool.

Free swimming will be offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Live music will be presented by Mystify Music (Michael Cunningham).

Free COVID-19 Pfizer vaccines will be available, courtesy of Medicap Pharmacy, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations of school supplies also will be accepted during the afternoon.

of Vandalia, starting in 1819.

**Sunday, Aug. 1, Program**

On Sunday, Aug. 1, the 2 p.m. program is scheduled to feature two visitors.

Scott Harris will portray John P. Law, who came to work on the Illinois Central Railroad and was deputized by Marshal Provost D.L. Phillips in 1863 to arrest army deserters in the area. He was killed that same year.

Also on Aug. 1, Mark Kirk will "visit" as Elijah Willard, one of the first merchants in Jonesboro.

He was shrewd and energetic and amassed a great fortune the old-fashioned way - through honesty and hard work.

Willard's sister, Anna, married Winstead Davie, and the town of Anna was named for her.

# 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.

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 eggs, 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](http://www.foodsafety.gov).

# Veterans legislation introduced

Three pieces of legislation have been introduced in Congress to improve health care and services at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, for veterans and their caregivers.

The measures were introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., and U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman, R-Mich.

The proposed legislation includes the VA Caregiver Transparency Act, the VA Assessment by Independent Measures Act and the Guaranteeing Healthcare Access to Personnel Who Served Act.

"It's simple: these three bills will help deliver the world-class care that veterans deserve," Bost said in a news release.

"They would close gaps in care for veterans, strengthen services for caregivers, and increase transparency and accountability for taxpayers. I am proud to join my good friend and fellow Marine, General Bergman, in introducing them."

# Musical comedy 'Nunsense' set at Anna Arts Center

The musical comedy "Nunsense" is scheduled to be presented this weekend at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council Anna Arts Center shared the following news release about the upcoming production:

The raucous musical comedy "Nunsense," with book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin, is directed by Morgan Bunch, music directed by Samantha Bursich, choreography by Kaylin Penninger, costumes by Elisabeth Collins, and lighting by Cody Acklin.

"Nunsense" is the second-longest running Off-Broadway production and its popularity has led to two films and six sequels.

Goggin named the characters in honor of nuns from his school days and for whom he maintains an affection.

Since its debut, "Nunsense" has delighted audiences with more than 5,000 productions worldwide and has been translated into 21 languages.

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are ready to sing and dance their way into the hearts of their audi-

ences. Join Reverend Mother and four Sisters of the order in this hilarious spoof, as they put on a variety show that is sure to be "habit-forming."

Due to an unfortunate food poisoning incident, the Sisters find that they must hold a fund-raiser to try and raise money to pay the burial costs of some of the dead nuns.

A serious problem for sure, and a great reason why this show will have you absolutely roaring with laughter.

The powerhouse cast includes Nancy Kucera, as Reverend Mother Mary Regina, Cody Acklin as Sister Mary Hubert, Samantha Bursich as Sister Robert Anne, Elisabeth Collins as Sister Mary Amnesia and Sophia Dudley as Sister Mary Leo.

Performances at the Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St., Anna, begin Friday, July 30, at 7 p.m., with additional performances on Saturday, July 31, at 7 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

For tickets call Lee's cell 1-904-625-1109 or email Lee at [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com).



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# Former Cobden softball standout now head coach at John A. Logan College

By Mike Estel

Softball has been a big part of Taylor Orsburn's life.

Taylor Orsburn-Siefert has been playing and coaching softball since 2006.

A 2010 Cobden High School graduate, Taylor was a standout in high school softball and was inducted into the Cobden High School's Hall of Fame in 2017.

In high school, Taylor was tabbed a South Egyptian Conference all-conference pick for four years and was nominated as the Southern Illinoisan newspaper's player of the year for two seasons.

After high school, she played softball on an athletic scholarship at Southern Illinois University Carbon-dale and was named to the Missouri Valley All-Conference team for two seasons.

She has had softball coaching stints at Belmont University and the University of Northern Colorado and is now in her sixth season as head coach of the John A. Logan Community College softball team.

"She was a true star in both high school and the Division I level," John A.

Logan athletic's director Greg Starrick said. "Now, for her to be coaching at John A. Logan College where her mother played is great for this part of our region."

"We are very fortunate to have a coach of Taylor's caliber," Starrick said.

The Lady Voluneers finished 44-13 last year and were tabbed the No. 16 community college softball team in the country.

"I'm really passionate about recruiting local athletes," Taylor said. "We have great softball programs throughout Southern Illinois, like one I played for in high school."

Taylor's team consists of area players from Benton, Goreville, West Frankfort, Carterville, Crab Orchard, Zeigler-Royalton, Carbon-dale and Metropolis.

Taylor gets ready for the spring softball season by having her team play bigger schools in the fall.

"Fall season is a little rough," Taylor said. "We play all Division I teams in the fall. But I am excited about the season."

Taylor, who is married, now lives in Cobden and her family is now in the process of building a home.

# Hunter safety education course scheduled in Anna

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-14, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Main Street Center in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 13 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 14. Students must attend both classes.

Preregistration is required. Those who want to preregister can call the coordinating instructor at 618-697-0286.

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

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

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

# Senior golf tourney played

Bob Hite and Tony Emery were the low gross winners at the Egyptian Senior Golf Association Tournament played recently at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Phil Meyer finished 2nd and Ken Henderson placed 3rd.

Larry Chapman was the low net winner. Jim Armstrong, Pete Arnolds, Tony Emery and Phil Meyer tied for 2nd place and Ken Henderson finished in 3rd place.

Tony Emery won closest to the pin on hole No. 11 and Jim Armstrong won on No. 15 hole.

## News from

# Walnut Grove Church

On the ninth Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church near Cobden, Johnathan played the piano for the musical prelude and the hymns. Altar candles were lit by Diana.

Johnathan on piano, with Loren on flute, played a special, "Majesty."

Barb was the liturgist and Bridget Douglas was guest speaker. Her New Testament reading was from Ephesians, scripture was from the Psalms and the gospel was from John.

Bridget compared the struggles in our lives to a stream that gets clogged with twigs and leaves. She shared: "We can keep our lives flowing forward like a quiet mountain stream through our faith in God, and when he helps us through our difficulties."

Prayers were requested for Karen Lamer and Carol Harwood. It was reported that David Lamer had received a good health report.

Also Donna said she was blessed that her cousins that she had not seen for years, had visited her.

Sunday school for the children has been temporarily cancelled.

Sunday services are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. each week. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.



# Manhole replaced

Anna city crews were at work Monday replacing a manhole along West Vienna Street in the Union County community. Traffic was reduced to one lane while the work was being done. Photo provided.

## News from

# Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson began a sermon series July 18 about The Seven Churches of Revelation. The sermon was about the church at Ephesus with scripture from Revelation, chapters 1 and 2.

Before discussing the church at Ephesus, Rev. Thompson shared background on the symbolism John used in the Book of Revelation.

At the time John wrote this letter, Ephesus, a Roman province, was an notoriously sinful urban center.

She shared that "in this setting, God grew a very successful church. Through John, God spoke to this church telling them He knew their deeds and hard work... that He was pleased with the church."

Rev. Thompson closed with the questions: "Is your work for Jesus a priority? Do you work long and hard to accomplish His will?" If we forget who Jesus is and what He has done for us, we are no longer useful for Him.

Continuing her sermon series, Rev. Thompson's sermon this past Sunday was titled "The Seven Churches

of Revelation... Smyrna," with scripture from Revelation, chapter 2.

In the mid first century AD, Smyrna was the "crown" of Asia, a "modern" city that had resurrected from destruction twice. About half the population was Jewish, half pagan. Together, they harassed the Christians unmercifully.

The church of Smyrna grew in spite of the persecution.

In closing, Rev. Thompson asked: "What would you do if you were in the same circumstances?" She shared that "Jesus is willing and able to help us to overcome; 'victory' and the crown of life will be ours if we accept Christ as our savior and live for Him."

Addi and Raelynn Bonner took up the offering Sunday, and Andrew Boaz rang the bell calling all to worship.

Those having birthdays the past couple of weeks have been Tony Gerard on the 20th, Tanner Roach on

the 21st, Donna Williams and Rachel Bonner on the 22nd and Wayne Miller on the 24th. Linda Brown's birthday is tomorrow, the 30th.

Several attended a homemade ice cream/dessert social Sunday evening at the church, enjoying the sweets and fellowship.

All are welcome at Camp Ground Church. Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

The church's head elder for August is Sandra Boaz.

Vickie Brown of Eustis, Fla., is spending the week visiting her sister, Rosita and Ken Taake, brother Rev. Phillip and Linda Brown and other family and friends.

Donna Williams' daughters hosted a family get-together and noon meal Sunday in honor of Donna's birthday.

Matthew Boaz of Morris spent a recent week with his grandparents, Dwight and Sandra Boaz. Andrew Boaz is spending this week with his grandparents.

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Paul tells us he was sent by God to preach the gospel; but not all who heard it received and obeyed it, even though the messengers of good tidings were welcome to them. Paul's answer to this, from the book of Isaiah, is that the messengers sent from God were not believed by all.  
"Who hath believed our report" is Isaiah's opening statement in **Isaiah 53**. Just as ancient Israel didn't believe the prophets regarding the Messiah, the Jews of Paul's day would not believe and obey the gospel in order to be saved.  
"Obey the Gospel" appears again in I Peter 4:17, but in the negative: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"  
Now, what does it mean, "obey not the Gospel?" To obey the Gospel is to first hear the word preached (Rom. 10:17), to believe it, including that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:37), to repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), confess your faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), and to be baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27). Following that, one must remain faithful to the Lord unto death (II Tim. 4:6-8). This is what it means to obey the Gospel, but what shall be the end - the doom - of them who don't? II Thess. 1:7-9 tells us, "...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power..." Those who have not obeyed the Gospel are the ones who have not responded in obedience and done all of these things the Lord requires. Thus, they will have their place "in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8)  
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(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)



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## Dog Days of Summer

Ah, the dog days of summer have arrived and even the dog doesn't like them. According to several of the multiple internet sites, the dog days of summer started July 3rd and end on August 11th. What makes up the dog days you might ask? Well, some of the conditions are excessive heat, pop up thunderstorms, and bad luck. Hmm, I don't know about you, but I could do without those.

I managed to experience all three dog day omens AGAIN this past week while we were on vacation.

## Trip to South Carolina

We managed a quick trip to South Carolina to visit with my late sister's husband, Gary, and their son, Sklyer.

We had good intentions of seeing a lot more folks, and running down to the beach, but time and circumstances just didn't allow.

The road construction part of travel started in Paducah. Thankfully, it was early enough we got through all that without delays.

The pop-up storms started in Tennessee, which weren't that bad. The heat had cranked up and even with cloud cover I was grateful for the air conditioning when we arrived in Atlanta.

That was the bad luck draw. A trip that normally takes us about nine to 10 hours, turned into 16 hours because of seven different wrecks.

Traffic slowed at several of them, some to a crawl and the next to last one came to a screeching halt and a stay that required us putting the car in park and being thankful we had a full tank of gas.

I really wish folks would wise up that wet roads and excessive speed don't mix well.

I was afraid at one point we'd managed to cross over state lines and were at Talladega. Folks were zooming and crisscrossing in front in blurs of color. I was white knuckled until we hit the four-lane on I-20 outside Covington, Ga.

I've been through Atlanta too many times to count in my advanced years, but enough to know perhaps some people should concentrate their "fast and furious" driving skills on a video and not in real life.

## Rain, Heat, Traffic...

We did enjoy our trip even though it involved a LOT of rain, heat, bad traffic and the unfortunate occurrence of a funeral. I've reached the age where I automatically pack clothes for funerals. I apologize for poking fun at my late mother for doing the same.

By Suzan Harvel

On to more local news: It was good to see Lula Belle Tripp, Barbara Layman, Sue Starr and Betty Stegle in church Sunday. These ladies have really had some health issues to conquer lately.

We were also blessed with visitors and as well as visiting grandchildren of members.

Brother Bob Richardson is leading us in examining the Model Prayer or the Lord's Prayer as many know it by.

We've been taking it one verse at a time and this Sunday we were learning just what "Give us this day our daily bread" means, and no, it's not JUST about a slice of Bunny Bread. Join us to find out about those debits/trespases (depending on the version you like) next week.

We had a few people added to our prayer list. Elaine Helton is in dire need of prayer for her health. She's back in the hospital in Indianapolis.

We also need to remember to pray for strength for Jacob Starr and the James Tellor family; Kelton Richardson and Alina Duran need prayers for health, and prayers of comfort for Linda Reese's and Wilmena Kohler Allen's families in their passing.

We also received word that Don Crumley will be having hip surgery at some point.

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of the Methodist Church in Elco to fire this morning. Four companies of fire trucks were needed. Many in the community have fond memories and are sharing them on social media.

Social media also reported that James Sullivan will be pulling duty with the Air Force overseas in Italy come September. Not a bad assignment...and believe me, as a former Army brat I know all about bad assignments.

Sunday afternoon I enjoyed visiting the PAST House.

Duane Hileman did a fantastic reenactment of John Grammer, who once owned the land the house sits on, along with a good-sized portion of Jonesboro.

Each Sunday, through Oct 10, at 2 p.m., speakers will be at the PAST Heritage House portraying past Union County residents that made an impact on the area. Please stop in. They give tours from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The house was last owned by my husband's late cousin, George Willestene Harvel and his wife Shelby June Penninger Harvel, and I think they'd be pleased about its new purpose in history.

Willestene and I often talked at reunions of genealogy and the history of the area and he and June had completed a lot of work on the house before their passing. Next Sunday we'll learn about John P. Law and Elijah Willard.

Afterward, I headed home to enjoy my visiting grandsons and their parents. My daughter handed me a slip of paper shortly after my arrival and guess what it was? A school supply list. Yes, parents and grands, school starts back soon and it's time to get ready for registration, school supplies, and back to school clothes and shoes.

As a girl, I enjoyed that part of school starting back up. What females don't enjoy a new outfit or five?

My brothers never seemed to get excited about it. My mother had to threaten their backsides to get

them into the Sears store to try on clothes.

I soon learned most males equate this with dentist appointments, mowing the grass, and meatless pizzas.

My poor mother had to take the four of us in two trips. The girls first and then the boys. She said her nerves couldn't handle it otherwise. It took me a while before I caught on to what that meant.

Of further concern, is that sports are starting back up too. My grandson will start soccer in September, but football, marching band, and other sports have already started up.

With the heat indexes that are being forecast we need to keep them all in prayer. Quite frankly, I'm ready for the part of football season that accompanies sweaters and after game bonfires.

## Mill Creek Village Board

The Village of Mill Creek Board met Monday night. Nine people were present, eight board members and this columnist.

The issues addressed were the gravel laid on upper Bridge Street-which was completed; budget and current balances available-all in order.

Taxes owed and tax preparation fees-current year nearly up-to-date; clarification on who is responsible for the removal of a tree with fire damage and dead limbs that faces the post office-undetermined.

The theft of gasoline from vehicles, some of which caused damage to the vehicle and rumors of gang activity in the area-law enforcement is aware and monitoring.

Noise and animal control violations-the village will follow county ordinances and a copy is available upon request.

Signage purchases and the need for speed bumps to combat excessive speed in areas where children are present-signs purchased and will be installed by first of August.

Speed bumps are a delayed action; vacant lots that have back taxes owed and where mowing hasn't been kept up-the village president will contact county about a controlled burn.

Weed control in ditch areas that impede drainage-board member to spray; a stolen vehicle that wasn't removed and has now been vandalized-law enforcement is aware.

The need for insect control in areas that retain water-Southern 7 has items available to combat mosquitoes.

There was some concern that the recent boil water notice wasn't placed in an area that could be seen without leaving town and many households weren't aware of the notice.

Residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings which are held on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

## Special events planned at Anna Nazarene Church

Special events are scheduled at the Anna Church of the Nazarene. The church is located at 100 Kirk St. in Anna.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled Thursday, today, and Friday, at the church. Bible School is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

A Fun Day and school supply giveaway are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the church.

Hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and cotton candy will be provided. There will be games and bounce houses.

School supplies will be available for students ages preschool through college.



## Free produce for community

Maggie Graig was helping to distribute free produce to the community last Friday in the parking lot at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. She is a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, which operates a food pantry. The two Union County churches cooperated in the distribution of such produce as peaches and melons, as well as family-size salads. The free produce was made available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## News from

### Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, July 25, at 10:35 a.m. in the church and on Zoom.

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

Yvonne Ramage was received into membership of the Anna First Church of the Nazarene.

The message, titled "Choices Bring Change," was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Romans.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

A baptismal service was held following the morning worship service. Macie Kessler was baptized.

The church extends sympathy to the Macy family in the loss of Matt Macy's stepmom, Jasmin "Jess" Macy, and to Stanley Elkins in the loss of his uncle, Bill Bird, this past week.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8

p.m. July 29-30.

A Fun Day and school supply giveaway are planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 31.

Friday night Bible study on July 30 will be canceled due to Vacation Bible School.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 1.

A Vacation Bible School program and morning worship service with Communion are planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 4 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

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

## News from

### First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, July 25, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both Sunday worship services.

The morning message was about the miracle of the woman who was healed by touching the hem of Jesus's garment and asked the question: "What is keeping you from touching Jesus?" The message was based on scripture from Luke and Mark.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

During morning worship, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Connor Benbrook and Marlee Smith sang a special song, "That's Who You are to Me."

Vacation Bible School ended with commencement on Sunday evening. Eight-

teen young people made a decision to live for Christ. There was some great fun over an offering competition which involved two people kissing a pig as a result.

Birthdays: Bill Dillow, July 25; Leon Rendleman, Jose Tehandon, July 26; Pastor Perry Williams, July 28; Judy Johnson, July 30.

Anniversary: Roger and Connie Wilkins, July 29, 55 years.

Currently, the regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. From the Letter to the Ephesians

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Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone. From the Gospel of John

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### Daily Devotional Reading

1 Thess.	1 Thess.	2 Thess.	2 Thess.	2 Thess.	Matthew	Matthew
4:1-18	5:1-28	1:1-12	2:1-17	3:1-18	15:21-39	16:1-12

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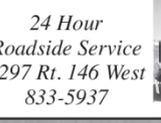


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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Guests

Shawn, Amy and Gray Miller of Wilton, Conn., were recent visitors of Elaine Crain and family and Jerry and Dixie Miller and family. It was great to see them after nearly a year and a half.

## Birthday Celebration

Lois Clutts really appreciated the wonderful birthday dinner party given at her grandson Justin and Christine Clutts home to honor her on her 90th birthday Sunday, July 18.

About 24 family members attended the celebration. She received a beautiful birthday cake, balloons, roses and lots of cards. A delicious dinner was served.

## Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Giant City Lodge Wednesday, July 21, with 14 present for a luncheon. Hostesses were Marie Samuel and Cathy Ziegler.

Guest of Kay Johnson was Connie Harvel. Guest of Sherry Trexler was her granddaughter Cerriana Ward.

Three were honored for their July birthdays: Mary Nell Chew July 1; Cerriana Ward, who will turn 13 this month; and Connie Harvel, whose birthday was July 9.

## American Legion

The American Legion will meet Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. They are always looking for new members.

## Special Thanks

Special thanks to the Anna-Jo Garden Club for all the beautiful flowers in the Anna-Jo Park next to McDonald's and at our Anna Park and to our public works manager Gary Dahmer and all our city workers for helping keep our parks and city beautiful.

## Anna-Jo Garden Club Meeting

Betty Sirles will host the Anna-Jo Garden Club's Aug. 10 1 p.m. meeting. She will give a tour of the Rendleman Orchards zinnia fields. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Horticulture tip will be

by Susan Sherwin. Garden of the month by Linda Kar-raker, Jean Few.

Work days are Wednesday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Park next to McDonald's. Wednesday, Aug. 4 and 25, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

## District Meeting

Illinois General Federation of Women's Clubs District 25 met at the Golden Corral in Carbondale.

Lillian Milam, Jane Bauer, Linda Chase, Nikki Staley, Wanda Burklow, Karen Sala and Jackie Hancock attended the meeting.

## Cobden Peach Festival

The Cobden Peach Festival is Aug. 6-7.

## Birthdays

July 19, Joseph Duncan celebrated his 42nd birthday. His mother and sister visited him from Vienna.

July 19, Teresa Vincent celebrated her birthday with family and many friends.

## Pensacola Naval Base

Ian and Jewels Watson enjoyed a trip to Pensacola Naval Base and watched the Blue Angels and went to the museum there.

This trip they got to go to Uncle Sandy's Macaw Bird Park, which is a sanctuary for tropical birds. Tropical birds live so long that many don't have a place to go after their owners die.

The twins got to feed several different kinds of tropical birds and they even got to hold one.

## GFWC Women's Club

Jane Bauer and Lillian Milam of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club attended the District 25 meeting in Carbondale.

Wanda Burlow is president of the district. They were happy to learn they will get to keep their districts.

## Out-of-Town Guests

Out-of-town guests for Lovella Graig's 90th birthday were Monica, Tod, Don and Carson Trimble, Missoula, Mont. Jon and Pam Aldridge, San Jose, Calif. Lovella and Kevin Barney, Oakland, Calif.

Brian, Michelle and Drew Zipfel, Kansas City, Mo. Todd and Wendy Con-nell, Aurora. Bethany and

Jordan Storey, Atlanta, Ga. Jim and Glenna Books, Rapid City, S.D.

Pat and Bill Fuller, Mackinaw. Gaby and Elle Thomas, Bloomington. Harrison and Lisa Thomas, Chicago. Brownie Anderson, Springfield. Rev. Bill and Willene Minor, Jackson, Mo. Sharon and Michael Jackson, Troy.

Nelly Corbit, Memphis, Tenn. Benita Black, Metropolis. Melanie Russell, Paducah. J.L. Hargis, Ellis Grove.

Friends from Marion, Rev. Dick and Marilyn Sullins, Dr. Mark and Christine Austin, Gary Alkisson and Debbie.

From Murphysboro, Olivia, Harley and Carter Hand. Mary and Robert Ridings, Lucille and James Lasley and Larry Nughes.

From Carbondale John and Betty Graig, Rev. Larry and Teresa Gilbert, Ryan and Maria Uteg, Julie and Harlan Bonsack, Carol and Gordan White, Nettie Hal-terman, Jean Armstrong Balsley.

Susan Lasley, De Soto. Ruth Reeves Hoak, Makanda. Rev. Millie Sloan, Makanda, Cami and Ermal Sorrels, West Frankfort.

Numerous local friends and family attended Lovella's 90th birthday party at Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek in Makanda on Saturday, July 17.

## Congratulations

Megan and Freddie Morse have a new baby girl born July 17, Madelin Adelle. They are serving our country in Alaska. Megan is a great-niece to Marilyn Miller.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. Church is at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Being Fed by the Lord with scripture from John.

Rev. Tim told the children God will always be with us and we can go to him for comfort for our soul and spirit.

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

Sympathy to the family of Bill Bird. Bill worked at Choate Mental Health for many years.

There was an ice cream social after church.

On Wednesday, men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. Women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

The next Loaves and Fishes mission will be Aug. 17 starting at 4:30 p.m.

Blessing of the backpacks will be Sunday, Aug. 15. All children are asked to bring their school backpack to the morning worship service and it will be prayed over as they embark on a new school year.

Southern Illinois Miners Faith and Family Night will be Aug. 21. Come at 3:30 p.m. and meet up with your group. Game starts at 4:05 p.m. with a post-game performance by Jermaine Bollinger. Group tickets



The Watson family, Tom, Jessi, Ian and Jewels Watson, visited the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Fla. The museum included many different types of helicopters, a wooden plane, a lunar module from NASA and many planes from World War I and World War II. There was a German fighter plane and a Japanese Zero. The museum also had a special exhibit on the Battle of Midway.

are only \$5 each. Parking and mini golf are free.

Let someone in the office know if you are interested in bringing your family out for a fun filled evening at the ball park with your church family.

## Union County Fair

The community worship service sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches will be Sunday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m.

Pastor Tim Gossett from United Methodist Church Anna will be bringing the message. Teri Goldsberry will be providing special music. Carla Anderson will be on the keyboard.

## Branson Trip

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er along with Jamie and Rebecca Yates, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles spent this past week in Branson at the World Series girls softball tournament.

Ruby played with the After Shock girls softball team from Sikeston. There were 27 teams total there.

Between ballgames the Rhymers and Yates went to several Branson attractions, shopping and eating out and swimming at their resort.



John and Tracee Foley recently returned from a trip to the seaport village of Avalon on Catalina Island, 22 miles off the coast of southern California. They enjoyed spending time together, perfect weather, and beautiful views, such as shown in this picture of Avalon Bay taken from the balcony of their hotel room. The Foleys will always remember the lovely evening chimes from the bell tower atop the hillside overlooking the bay, and hope to return to Avalon some day.



Lois Clutts with her children Raun, Patti, Marvin and Mart on her 90th birthday.



Mary Nell Chew, Cerriana Ward and Connie Harvel were honored at Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies meeting for their July birthdays.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Giant City Lodge Wednesday, July 21, for their dinner and meeting.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

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COURT OF THE FIRST  
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COUNTY OF UNION  
JONESBORO,  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST  
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LOAN TRUST I,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THOMAS E. BAUMAN  
and LESLIE M.  
BAUMAN,  
Defendants.  
CASE NO. 20-CH-16

PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
300 CAIN ROAD  
DONGOLA, IL 62926

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Permanent Index Number: 02-27-01-098-B2A

Commonly known as: 300 Cain Road, Dongola, IL 62926

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on August 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$45,989.88.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid for certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the

mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

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

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DEFENDANTS  
No. 2019CH26

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 02/18/2020, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on August 18, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 05-16-03-236-B1  
05-16-03-236-2

Improved with Residential 145 Country Club Ln Anna, IL 62906

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 Country Club Ln Anna, IL 62906

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-08369. I3172458

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**PLANNER:** Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission is seeking to hire a full-time Planner position. This position will be grant funded and is anticipated to be a 10-month position.

Required Education/Work Experience: Bachelor's Degree in business, planning, public administration or a closely related field is preferred. A minimum of an Associate's Degree and 2 years of relevant experience or 4 years of relevant experience is required.

Candidates for the Planner position must possess strong written, verbal, and organizational skills, have the ability to conduct independent research, pay strong attention to detail with excellent follow-through, have the ability to organize and handle multiple tasks, and have the ability to work independently. Excellent computer application skills including MS Word and Excel are required.

Additional preferred qualifications include: experience working with State and Federal programs, knowledge of municipal and county government functions, or experience working with loan programs, economic development, and/or commercial lending.

The Planner position will be responsible for assisting communities in the preparation of applications for grant funding and developing community initiatives. This position will also be responsible for assistance to local businesses and developing economic initiatives. Coordination will be required with multiple funding sources, governmental bodies and local businesses. The position will assist the Executive Director, Regional Planner, and Economic Development Coordinator on special studies and projects. Preference is also given to applicants residing in the Southern Five counties.

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**YARDSALE:** Saturday, July 31 only, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. 514 S. Green Street, Anna. Lots of kids toys/puzzles/games, toddler bed, clothing, and household items.

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**GARAGE SALE:** Friday & Saturday, July 30 & 31, 7 a.m. to ??? 124 Turner Avenue, Anna. Women's petite small clothing, coats, gloves, jewelry, purses, small size shoes, household items & decor, bedding, and misc.

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**GARAGE SALE:** 401 Williford Road, Jonesboro. Friday & Saturday, July 30 & 31, 7 a.m. Men's, women's plus-size & boys 12M-2T clothing, lots of home decor, PS4 items, fresh flowers & lemonade, and lots of misc.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ESTATE OF BERNICE KAUPAS, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-28**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Bernice Kaupas of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2021, to Debra Pletta, 2256 68th NW, Rochester, MN 55901, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court

to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 15, 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: July 9, 2021.

DEBRA PLETTA  
IND. 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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**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois**  
**SS**  
**County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 15th day of July, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Ascendant Moon Modalities with the place of business located at 334 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Amanda Hester  
1610 Ebenezer Church  
Road  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**THOMAS E. BAUMAN and LESLIE M. BAUMAN, Defendants.**  
**CASE NO. 20-CH-16**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
**300 CAIN ROAD**  
**DONGOLA, IL 62926**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on May 18, 2021, the following described real estate, to-wit:  
THE FOLLOWING DE-

SCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT:

TRACT I:  
THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS : COMMENCE AT A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27, THENCE S00 DEGREES-21 MINUTES-14 SECONDS E. ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 146.45 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SECTION LINE, S 89 DEGREES -46 MINUTES -45 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 1080.97 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF CAIN ROAD: THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 00 DEGREES -13 MINUTES -15 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 299.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 00 DEGREES-13 MINUTES-15 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 32.84 FEET TO A P.K.NAIL; THENCE N 09 DEGREES-42 MINUTES-19 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 189.67 FEET TO A P.K. NAIL AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF SAID CAIN ROAD WITH TIMBER ROAD; THENCE ALONG LAST SAID CENTERLINE; N 67 DEGREES-16 MINUTES-21 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 205.18 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID CENTERLINE, S 01 DEGREES-49 MINUTES-16 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 298.57 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD, THENCE S 89 DEGREES-46 MINUTES -45 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 166.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.066 ACRES, MORE OR LESS IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND THOSE PORTIONS FALLING IN CAIN AND TIMBER ROADS, PER TRACT # 2 ON A PLAT OR SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS ILLINOIS LAND SURVEY NO. 2996. RECORDED ON MAY 23, 2005 IN RECORD BOOK 262 AT PAGE 753 IN THE RECORDS OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT II:  
A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES LOCATED UPON, ALONG, OVER AND ACROSS A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING 15 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE N 00°-21'-14" W, 782.26 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF TIMBER ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, S 78°-161'-37" W, 135.60 FEET; THENCE S 75°-41'-59" W, 227.60 FEET; THENCE S 67°-32'-27" W, 389.96 FEET; THENCE S 63°-421'-07" W, 229.25 FEET; THENCE S 67°-161'-21" W, 205.18 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING TIMBER ROAD, ALONG SAID EASEMENT CENTERLINE, WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S 09-42'-19" E, 189.67 FEET; S 00°-131'-15" E, 422.08 FEET; THENCE S 00°-41'-54" E, 1020.31 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE #146 AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID

EASEMENT. PER REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON OCTOBER 8, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 161 AT PAGE 982 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 02-27-01-098-B2A

Commonly known as: 300 Cain Road, Dongola, IL 62926

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on August 25, 2021, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$45,989.88.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30

DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I, Plaintiff,

Veronika J. Miles (#6313161), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC  
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**Quicken Loans, LLC PLAINTIFF**  
**vs.**  
**Jonathan Aresta Metzger; et. al. DEFENDANTS**  
**No. 2019CH26**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 02/18/2020, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on August 18, 2021 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

TRACT I:  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 727.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES-00' EAST A DISTANCE OF 412.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES-31'-55" EAST A DISTANCE OF 96.44 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 7 DEGREES-51'-26" EAST A DISTANCE OF 130.39 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES-19'-00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 70.14 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES-25'-40" WEST A DISTANCE OF 90.87 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES-28'-51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 196.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

TRACT II:  
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL

BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 88 DEGREES 53' 08" E, 481.04 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE N 27 DEGREES 46' 45" E, 200.64 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 26' 49" E, 68.49 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 02 DEGREES 29' 58" W, 147.81 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 44 DEGREES 40' 24" E, 79.77 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 63.12 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LITTLE PROPERTY (BOOK 222, PAGE 381); THENCE N 52 DEGREES 00' 40" E, 44.76 FEET ALONG SAID LITTLE PROPERTY TO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CARTER PROPERTY (BOOK 110, PAGE 22); THENCE ALONG SAID CARTER PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE S 02 DEGREES 29' 58" E, 196.26 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 29' 21" E, 90.91 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE N 12 DEGREES 16' 31" E, 70.07 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 07 DEGREES 52' 35" W, 130.39 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN SAID LITTLE PROPERTY; THENCE S 88 DEGREES 34' 39" E, 8.50 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LITTLE PROPERTY; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) CALLS: THENCE S 88 DEGREES 41' 55" E, 11.54 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 17 DEGREES 02' 20" E, 47.22 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 05 DEGREES 14' 54" W, 134.12 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 29 DEGREES 45' 02" W, 66.70 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 87 DEGREES 26' 49" W, 169.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 0.581 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TRACT III:  
PART OF THE TWIN SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, T. 12 SOUTH, R. 1 WEST, 3RD P.M., UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 88 DEGREES 53' 08" E, 481.04 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS; THENCE N 27 DEGREES 46' 45" E, 200.64 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 26' 49" E, 68.49 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET, THIS BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF "NEW PARCEL F" AS SHOWN ON "PLAT OF SURVEY, PART OF THE TWIN SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB" PLAT DATED 2-13-2008 BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY P.L.S. #3536. THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID "NEW PARCEL F", N02 DEGREES 29' 58" W, A DIS-

TANCE OF 147.81 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NEW PARCEL "F", THENCE N01DEGREES49'29"W, A DISTANCE OF 19.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S82DEGREES41'24"W, A DISTANCE OF 14.10 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE N07DEGREES18'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 22.65 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE N82DEGREES41'24"E, A DISTANCE OF 14.10 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE S07DEGREES18'3"E, A DISTANCE OF 22.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 319 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

PIN 05-16-03-236-B1  
05-16-03-236-2  
Improved with Residential 145 Country Club Ln Anna, IL 62906  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 Country Club Ln Anna, IL 62906

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

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

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-08369. I3172458

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

**ESTATE OF FRANCIS L. DODD, DECEASED. NO. 2021-P-32 IN PROBATE**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Francis L. Dodd, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 15, 2021, to Russell Allen Hartline, P.O. Box 18, Alto Pass, IL 62905, 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, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 22, 2022, 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: July 15, 2021.

RUSSELL ALLEN HARTLINE  
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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**BID NOTICE**

Sealed bids will be received at the City of Anna, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 until Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 3pm for the following: SALE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT: 104 CASEY STREET, ANNA, ILLINOIS. PIN#14-00-08-482

305 SYCAMORE STREET, ANNA, ILLINOIS. PIN#14-00-09-269  
623 E HIGH STREET, ANNA, ILLINOIS. PIN#14-00-08-887.

Questions shall be directed to Dori Bigler, City Administrator, at [dbigler@cityofanna.org](mailto: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 September 7, 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 Estate of MABEL IRENE CARTER, Deceased No. 2021-P-31**

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Mabel Irene Carter of Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 15, 2021, to Kathryn J. Glasco, 336 County Highway 213, Chaffee, MO 63740, whose

attorney is Mark S. Johnson of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 309 Division Street, P. O. Box 826, Cairo, IL 62914.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, P. O. Box 450, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, by January 29, 2022, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a personal claim notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KERI E. CLARK  
Union County Circuit Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ESTATE OF RAY DEAN BAILEY, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-33**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ray Dean Bailey of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 23, 2021, to Randy Bailey, P.O. Box 1565, Tonto Basin, AZ 85553, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (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 of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before January 29, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator 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 Administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 23, 2021.

RANDY BAILEY  
INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON,  
# 6244394  
ATTORNEY FOR IND. ADMINISTRATOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
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**HVAC & ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACTORS NEEDED**

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. located in Karnak, IL and serving the counties of Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union, will be accepting proposals from contractors interested in participating in the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Shawnee Development Council, Inc. will conduct an informational meeting on August 12, 2021 at 9:00 am for all interested parties to be held at 530 W. Washington, Karnak, IL.

All Contractors interested must call our office at 618-634-2201 by 4:00 pm on August 9th to register their company name. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the Illinois Home Weather-

ization Assistance Program and to distribute packets to the contractors. All contractors who attend will be given a contractor pre-qualification application, labor specification list, and a price package. All packets are due by 4:00 pm on August 26th at the Administrative office. Only those contractors attending the meeting on August 12th are qualified to submit their packet by August 26th.

Examples of procedures are installation of LED light bulbs, water conservation materials, health and safety materials, air sealing (weather stripping, caulking, and patching holes), insulation, furnace repair/replacement, water heater replacement, and refrigerator/freezer replacement. Further details will be provided at the meeting. Please remember to call 618-634-2201 by Aug 9th and let us know if you will attend the meeting.

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Small, minority, and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,**

vs

**BRIAN S. LENCE, LINDA K. LENCE, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI HOSPITAL, DANIEL LEWIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**  
**Case No.: 2020-CH-12**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on April 6, 2021, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on August 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

Legal Description  
LOTNUMBER TWELVE

(12) IN BLOCK "A" IN NE PHILLIPS FIRST ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH PASS, NOW COBDEN, IN SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number 573-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Keri Clark  
Circuit Clerk

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**HVAC & ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACTORS NEEDED**

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. located in Karnak, IL and serving the counties of Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union, will be accepting proposals from contractors interested in participating in the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Shawnee Development Council, Inc. will conduct an informational meeting on August 12, 2021 at 9:00 am for all interested parties to be held at 530 W. Washington, Karnak, IL.

All Contractors interested must call our office at 618-634-2201 by 4:00 pm on August 9th to register their company name. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program and to distribute packets to the contractors. All contractors who attend will be given a contractor pre-qualification

application, labor specification list, and a price package. All packets are due by 4:00 pm on August 26th at the Administrative office. Only those contractors attending the meeting on August 12th are qualified to submit their packet by August 26th.

Examples of procedures are installation of LED light bulbs, water conservation materials, health and safety materials, air sealing (weather stripping, caulking, and patching holes), insulation, furnace repair/replacement, water heater replacement, and refrigerator/freezer replacement. Further details will be provided at the meeting. Please remember to call 618-634-2201 by Aug 9th and let us know if you will attend the meeting.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE SOUTHERN 14 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC. FOR WIOA AREA #26 IS RELEASING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 01, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SECURE THE RFP BY CONTACTING: PAMELA BARBEE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN 14 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC. PO BOX 186 CARM, IL 62821.

TELEPHONE 618-382-5024 OR BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SO14LWIB.COM BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUGUST 23, 2021.

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# Commissioner's social media postings discussed at county board meeting

Social media postings were addressed during sometimes heated discussion at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, July 23, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Concerns voiced at the meeting addressed postings which have been made in recent weeks by county commissioner Darryl Harvell.

Discussion about the postings came when the county board reached the regular "Other Business" section on the agenda for the meeting.

County board vice chairman Kent Pitts raised the issue about Harvell's social media postings. Pitts said concerns about some of Harvell's postings had been voiced to him by people in the community.

From that point, nearly 40 minutes of back-and-forth discussion, comments and questions began.

Harvell was questioned and criticized for postings he has made on social media. In turn, at one point he cited the protection of the rights outlined in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. "I know my rights," he said.

Pitts said that some of Harvell's posts put the integrity of the board in jeopardy. Pitts said that people want to know "why you are working so hard against us and not with us."

County administrator Angie Johnson read four of Harvell's recent postings on social media.

In the first posting which was read, Harvell declared that his "perspective of things out in the county are certainly different" from those of the county's other four commissioners. Harvell said in the posting that he travels throughout the county and sees and talks to many people.

After hearing the posting read, Harvell asked: "So what is exactly is the

question?" "Are you calling me lazy and telling me I'm not doing my job?" Pitts responded.

"No," Harvell said. He then shared why he ran for a seat on the county board.

In another posting, which was read at Friday morning's meeting, Harvell offered an "Objectively Constructed Report Card," which included his grades on four topics, including "creativity and originality," "transparency," "honesty" and "class participation."

Harvell said he ran for commissioner as a candidate for the people of the county. He noted at one point that the purpose of government is for the people.

"We have to make decisions for all of the people," Miller said.

Miller said what Harvell is doing on social media makes it look like the county board is not doing anything.

As the discussion continued to unfold, county board chairman Max Miller suggested to Harvell that he should get his facts correct before posting messages on social media. Miller further suggested that 75 percent of what Harvell posts is not factual.

Miller also voiced concerns about postings which involved family members and name calling.

"You're getting very personal with your constructive criticism," Miller said.

Commissioner David Gould participated in Friday morning's meeting by phone.

Gould took issue with comments that the board is not supporting growth and development in the county. He said that all of the commissioners were working for the county. He said that the idea that the area is not growing is ridiculous.

(A video of Friday morning's meeting can be viewed on YouTube. As of Monday evening, YouTube showed the video with more than 500 views.)

## County board meets July 23

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# 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:  
Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Angie Smith, James Smith. Grantee: Michael D. Wilson. Subdivision Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 57.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jennifer Abel, Laurent Abel. Grantee: Rebecca A. Schulte, Ricky G. Schulte. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carolyn A. Thorn, Ronald D. Thorn. Grantee: Pamela Wheaton. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carolyn A. Thorn, Ronald D. Thorn. Grantee: Heather Renae Thorn, James Robert Thorn. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Patty Jean Lingle. Grantee: Mary Zang. Subdivision Name: Paul Millers 1st Add. to the City of Anna. Lot 6.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: James E. Hill, Monica G. Hill. Grantee: James Edwards, Lindsey N. Edwards. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Francisco Javier Godinez, Mayra Alejandra Godinez. Grantee: Peter W. Maher. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: William Menees Add. of Anna. Lot 4.  
Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Vonda P. Hickam, Willard D. Hickam. Grantee: Jacob D. Parmly. Tract Section 1 Township 11S Range 3W.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Eva King. Grantee: Jerry Kenner. Tract Section 8 Township 11S Range 1E.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: MSJ Real Estate Holdings LLC. Tract Section 20 Township 13S Range 2W.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: John J. Rooney. Grantee: JJ's Pizza Villa LLC. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 6. Name: Winstead Davies 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 1.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Centerstone of Illinois Inc. Grantee: Idegail S.W. Dover, Ryan Wade Dover. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.  
Warranty Deed. Grantor: Patrick Harlow, Peggy Harlow. Grantee: Amanda Rosene. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lots 29, 30.  
Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Vickie Hamilton. Grantee: Jeffrey Hamilton. Tract Section 13 Township 13S

Range 1W.  
**Traffic Citations**  
The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office:  
Logan Marshall Turner, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$164. Maya Elizabeth Jones, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.  
Laramie B. Lentz, Ullin, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jessica A. Coryell, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$164.  
Carol Jan Suhling, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$164.  
Courtney Esther Stange, Hot Springs, Ark., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.  
Christopher Michael Fehl, Montgomery, Texas, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.  
Renata Belle Russell, Herrin, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.  
Cheryl A. Klich, Hot Springs, Ark., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	E60 (HD)	Bang (HD)	(3:00) Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Big City	"Identity Thief" (13)	"The 15:17 to Paris"	"Mohicans" (25) "Four Brothers" (05, Action)
<b>7 PM</b>	To Be Announced Info unavailable. (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	"Movie"	Bang (HD)		Big City	Tig Notaro: Drawn	★½ "The Peacemaker" ('97) Racing terrorists.	(15) ★★ "Drive Angry" ('11) Escape from hell.
<b>8 PM</b>		(01) Love Island (HD)	MasterChef (HD)		UFC Fight Night	Wipeout		Big City	Jessie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" Virgin & celibate.	(05) "Hacksaw Ridge" ('16) Man fights unarmed. (R) (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>		Bull Trial consultant.	Local Programs Local info.		The Best of	Wipeout		Big City	Unstoppable	The White Lotus Sydney	Catch Kill
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SC (HD)	Conan		Unstoppable	Raven	"Judas"	"Love"
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Raven			"Embattled" ('20) MMA champion.

## JULY 29, 2021

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) UFC Fight Night Prelims	Seinfeld	(3:00) Tokyo Olympics (Live)	★★★ "Secret Life" ('16)	(05) Real Sports ('00)	"Wonder Boys" ('07, Thriller)	(5:55) "Shooter" ('07, Thriller) Sniper framed.
<b>7 PM</b>	Shark Tank (HD)	Secret Celebrity (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live)		"Movie"		BUNKD Owl House	"Replicas" ('19) Biologist wants family back.	"Trance" ('13) Criminals' search.	"I, Tonya" ('17, Drama) Olympic scandal. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Love Island (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		UFC Fight Night			Bluey	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Event Horizon" Search for truth.	"Crisis" ('21) Gary Oldman. Opioid addiction. (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			"Movie"		Bluey	To Be Announced	(20) ★★ "Fled" ('98, Action) Inmates on the run.	
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	Sports			Unstoppable	Real Time Maher (HD)		
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Movie"	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Unstoppable			

## JULY 30, 2021

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	(5:30) Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:30) Local Programs	Local Programs	30 for 30 (HD)	(5:00) "Movie"	(3:00) Tokyo Olympics (Live)	"Secret"	"Spies in Disguise"	(5:05) "Hostage" ('05)	(5:55) The Chi (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	Videos (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	PBC Fight Night (Live)	Tokyo Olympics (Live)		Bang (HD)		Big City	"Tom & Jerry" ('21) Hotel chaos.	"Cry Wolf" Game of deception.	(5:55) "A Call to Spy" ('20) Recruiting women.
<b>8 PM</b>	Shark Tank (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City	"The Personal History" David Copperfield.	(31) "Underwater" ('20, Horror)	Bellator MMA '263: Pitbull vs. McKee" (Live) (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	The Good Doctor	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs			Bang (HD)		Big City	Owl House	★½ "The Devil Inside" Exorcisms.	
<b>10 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Game of Talents (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Owl House	To Be Announced	(45) Lotus	"Dead Man" Flatbush
<b>11 PM</b>	Local Programs		Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)		Wipeout	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Jessie			

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## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Duncanville.	Tokyo Olympics (Live) (HD)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	Tokyo Olympics (T)	(5:05) "Movie"	"A Walk Among the Tombstones" ('14) (HD)	"American Gigolo"	The Chi (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	Feud "Scrubs" cast.	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons North (HD)			Bang (HD)	Tokyo Olympics "Track & Field - Finals and Qualifying Rounds - Women's 100m Hurdles Final, Men's"	(10) "Movie"	The White Lotus (HD)	"Stop-Loss" ('08) Loyalty questioned. (R) (HD)	The End
<b>8 PM</b>	The Chase (HD)	(01) Love Island (HD)	Burgers	Olympics		Bang (HD)		Jessie	100 Foot Wave (HD)	"Hacksaw Ridge" ('16) Man fights unarmed.	Black Mon.
<b>9 PM</b>	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Tokyo Olympics (T) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Family Guy		Jessie	Oliver	(45) "Misery" ('90) Fan abducts author. (HD)	★★★ "John Q" Dad tries to save his dying son.
<b>10 PM</b>	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Olympics Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Big City	(35) The White Lotus	(14) "The Rite" ('11)	Flatbush
<b>11 PM</b>	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local	Tokyo Olympics (T)	Sports	Miracle	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Big City	100 Foot Wave (HD)		

## AUGUST 1, 2021

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Big City	(11) "Freaky" ('20) Girl lives in killer's body.	★★★ "Blood Ties" ('14)	The End
<b>7 PM</b>	Dancing with the Stars Ballroom dancing.	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live) (HD)		Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Big City	"Doubt" ('08) Priest is accused.	"Stop-Loss" ('08) Loyalty questioned. (R) (HD)	The End
<b>8 PM</b>		Young	HouseBrok.			Family Guy		Jessie	Small Town	(45) "Misery" ('90) Fan abducts author. (HD)	Black Mon.
<b>9 PM</b>	Celebrity (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Big City	The White Lotus (HD)	"Never Rarely Sometimes" ('20)	★★★ "John Q" Dad tries to save his dying son.
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Rick Morty		Big City	Small Town		
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Unstoppable	Small Town		
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle		Raven	100 Foot Wave (HD)		

## AUGUST 2, 2021

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Foot. (T)	Bang (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	Big City	(5:30) ★★★ "War Horse" ('11) Search for horse.	(5:15) "Kin" ('18) (HD)	"21 Bridges" ('19) (R)
<b>7 PM</b>	The Bachelorette	NCIS "The First Day"	Lego Masters (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live) (HD)	College Football Live	Bang (HD)	Tokyo Olympics "Track & Field - Finals and Semifinals, Volleyball - Women's Quarterfinal" (Live)	Jessie	To Be Announced (HD)	"Wendy" ('20) Lost on a mysterious island.	(5:55) "Shooter" ('07, Thriller) Sniper framed.
<b>8 PM</b>		Love Island (HD)	Lego Masters (HD)		The Basketball Tournament (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Jessie		(55) "A Very Brady Sequel" ('96)	The Chi (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	To Be Announced	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.		SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle		Big City	(45) The White Lotus		
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle		Unstoppable	Small Town	"Talk to Me" ('07) Radio activist.	Flatbush
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Sydney	Small Town		
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Olympics	Raven	(15) Music Box (HD)		

## AUGUST 3, 2021

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (T)	Big City	(05) ★★★ "Let Him Go" ('20) Grandson rescue.	"Hacksaw Ridge" (R)	★★★ "Obsessed" ('09)
<b>7 PM</b>	Goldbergs	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Tokyo Olympics (Live) (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Tokyo Olympics "Track & Field - Finals, Men's 110 Hurdles Final, Men's Shot, Men's Triple Jump" (Live)	BUNKD	To Be Announced (HD)	"The Four Feathers" ('02) Soldier's honor.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	Conners	(01) Love Island (HD)	MasterChef (HD)			Bang (HD)		Jessie		(11)	"Hustle & Flow" ('05) A pimp's dream. (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	The Con (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Next of Kin"	Local Programs Local info.		SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Big City	(40) 100 Foot Wave	"Stop-Loss" ('08) Loyalty questioned. (R) (HD)	
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Unstoppable	Small Town		
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Tokyo Olympics (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld		Sydney	(35) The White Lotus	"Planet of the Apes"	The End
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local								

# Obituaries

## Gerald Sims

Gerald Sims, 72, of Ullin, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at his residence.

Mr. Sims was born on June 24, 1949, in Elco, a son of Fred and Betty Brimm Sims.

He married his wife, a true lady, Sandra Reagan Sims, on June 22, 1973.

He was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War from May 5, 1969, until May, 3, 1970, attaining the rank of sergeant.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters,

Gina (Doug) Dirnberger and Buffy (Brad) McLaughlin; several grandbabies, Sydnie and Connor Dirnberger, and Collin and Ellary McLaughlin; two brothers, Kenny Sims, and Bruce "Buck" Sims; a sister, Ladonna McNeely; his mother, Betty (Neal) McCormick; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Nancy Pearman, and his father.

Funeral services for Mr. Sims were at noon Thursday, July 22, at Cross Road United Methodist Church, with Pastor Pete Vinson officiating.

Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola, with military honors by the U.S. Air Force and Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Memorials can be made to Cross Road United Methodist Church.

"I leave to this world an honorable and loving family. Goodbye!" Gerald Sims

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin assisted the family with the arrangements.



For more information or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

## Carolyn Barringer

Carolyn Barringer, 70, of Dongola, died Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 10:22 a.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on March 1, 1951, in Ponder, Mo., the daughter of Don Bennett and Gladys Marie Woodring.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren. She was believer of Jesus Christ and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her children, Ted (Lesley) Johnson, Johnny (Kim) Johnson, Gerhonda (Tony) Wood, Chasity Kissiar and Vincent (Rosa) Barringer; several grandchildren, Samantha (Matt) Miller, Levi Johnson, Kyla (MJ) Ethridge, Austin (Jourdan) Johnson, Dalton Johnson, Mason Johnson, Jake (Ashton) Casey, Scarlett Carter, Christopher Johnson, Barry Johnson, Kaleigh Barringer, Ashlyn Barringer, Averie Barringer, Kynsley Barringer, Gabe Barringer, Logan Wood and Aaron Wood, Brittany Jordan and Chelsea Weaver; two sisters, Linda Browning and Janice Ramsey; four brothers, Phillip Bennett, Donald Bennett, Tony Bennett and Richard Crawford; several great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Barringer; her former husband, Richard Johnson; her parents; and five siblings.

A private inurnment will be held at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery at a later date. Memorials can be made to Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.



To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

## Evelyn Marie Cox

Evelyn Marie Cox, 92, of Anna, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on April 11, 1929, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Russell and Anna E. Hedrick Jones.

Mrs. Cox is survived by her son, James Dale Jones of Anna; five grandchildren, Shane (Sara) Jones of Jonesboro, Steven (Michelle) Jones of Michigan, Nicole (Kevin) Tucker of Jonesboro, Brian Jones of Texas, and Sara (Matthew) Verble of Anna; nine great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Heidi Jones, Matthew, Kyle and Raylyn Jones, Reed Tucker, Mason and Alexis Jones, Leelah Verble; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; her mother and stepfather, Anna E. and John Cassel; and three sons, Roger Kent Jones, Tim G. Jones and Johnny Ray Jones.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. She retired from Tuck Tape, working for many years as a machine operator. She was an avid quilter and enjoyed her flower garden.

Graveside funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 26, at the Anna Cemetery, with Danny McFarland officiating. Interment immediately followed.

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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



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

## William 'Bill' Bird Jr.

William "Bill" Bird Jr., 76, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born April 16, 1945, in West Frankfort, the son of William Carl Sr. and Lula Fox Bird.

He married Carolyn Clayton on Sept. 26, 1964, in Saratoga.

Mr. Bird is survived by his wife, Carolyn Bird of Jonesboro; a daughter, Sonya (Joe) Jaquet of Jonesboro; a son, Jeremy (Gina) Bird of St. Joseph; five grandchildren, Cody (Rachael) Hand, Kayla Hand and fiancé, Jacob Webb, Emily, Zoey and Chloe Bird; great-grandchildren Connor Stanley, Eleison and Zella Baggotts, and Tyson Webb; a brother, George "Wally" Bird of Anna; a sister, Anne Roessler of Elgin; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Bird was retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where he worked many years as a rehab counselor.

He served on the Jonesboro Fire Department and on the Kelly Cemetery Board.

He enjoyed lawn work and riding his John Deere tractor. He was an avid gun collector and enjoyed target shooting.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, July 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. John Annable officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorial donations are requested to be given to the GoFundMe for Jacob Webb's medical expenses.

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



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

## Richard King

Richard King, 83, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Massac County Emergency Room.

He was born on April 10, 1938, in Union County, the son of Nathaniel and Myrtle Pender King.

He married Tia Haffly on Sept. 22, 2002, in Union County.

Mr. King is survived by his wife, Tia King of Jonesboro; sons Rich (Amy) King of Lick Creek and Danny (Stephanie) King of Campbell Hill; a step-daughter, Marria Walker of Dongola; grandchildren Cody (Laurelin) King, Katy (Noah) Prater and Jaelin King; a great-grandchild on the way, Brynley King; a brother, Fred (Jean) King of Charlotte, Mich.; two sisters, Mary Elkins of Jonesboro and Laura (Bob) Spiller of Anna; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy King; and by two sisters, Betty King and Geneva Jackson.

Mr. King worked for many years in the construction industry as a cement mason. He was a member of the Operator Plaster and Cement Mason Local 143. He was passionate and enjoyed his work. In his free time he loved to hunt, fish and have family fish fries.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 24, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Noah Fritsche officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

## Wilmena Kohler Allen

Wilmena L. Allen, 97, died on July 20, 2021, in Round Rock, Texas.

She was born April 8, 1924, in Dongola, the daughter of Roy and Hazel Kohler and at 19 years old left their farm in Mill Creek to work at a munitions plant and then joined the U.S. Marines.

She moved to Long Beach, Calif., late in 1944 and remained there until April 2019, when she relocated to Round Rock, Texas.

She was married to Robert Allen (1930-2015). She was preceded in death by her husband and by a brother, Gilbert Kohler.

Mrs. Allen was a member of Elks Lodge No. 888. She served as a volunteer for many years at the Long Beach, Calif., VA Hospital.

She enjoyed travel, painting, sewing, beach combing, card games and nearly any social activity. Most of all, she loved entertaining friends and neighbors.

Survivors include one son, Dana Tucker; three stepchildren, Chris Allen, Jeff Allen and Wendy Farrier; a brother Bon Kohler; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Kohler; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Luyben Dilday Mortuary, 5161 Arbor Rd., Long Beach, Calif. 90808.

## Jamee Tellor

Jamee Tellor, 61, of Anna, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at her home.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1959, in Anna, the daughter of Ann Lou Sichling.

She married Timothy Tellor on Feb. 27, 1982, in Jonesboro.

Mrs. Tellor is survived by her husband, Timothy Tellor of Anna; two daughters, Amanda Jade (Joshua) Tellor-Davis and Ashley Nicole Tellor-Gibson; a son, Alex Joshua (Hannah) Tellor; grandchildren Jordyn, Jade, Isaiah, Alora, Aarya-Jo, Malaki, Serenity, Tommy, Morgan, Aaron, Rylee, Henry Owen, Wyatt, Eliana, Madison, Alexander and one on the way; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Mrs. Tellor was retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where she worked many years as dietary supervisor.

She loved taking scenic drives and going out to eat. She enjoyed gathering with her family for every holiday, and especially enjoyed going to Christmas parades with them.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 23, at Casper Cemetery near Anna.

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



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

## Melba Lee Nork

Melba Lee Nork, 89, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Jan. 9, 1931, in Omaha, Neb., the daughter of Clearence and Viola Goettch Shadlow.

She is survived by her children, Diane Ramero of Salinas, Calif., Jerry Roche of South Carolina, Ronnie Roche of California, Bob Roche, Joann Marks of Cobden, Shanna Walker of California and Bethenie Nork; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Kleespies of Iowa; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Eugene Charles Roche, James Milton Walker and Heldur Nork; a son, Larry Walker; and two brothers, Craig and Gary Shadlow.

Graveside funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with Pastor Tim Gossett officiating. Inurnment will immediately follow.

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



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

## Baby Olvera

Baby Olvera was called to her heavenly home on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Baby Olvera is survived by parents Cesar Olvera and Susanna Cohen; siblings Alexander Olvera and Aurora Cohen; maternal grandparents Joe and Patty Cohen; paternal grandparents Eugenio and Maria Olvera; several great-grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Baby Olvera was preceded in death by several great-grandparents and by an uncle, Alex Olvera.

A private family graveside service was held at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park in Murphysboro.

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](http://www.crainsonline.com).

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Thank you to Goldie Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., for renewing her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Our sympathy to the family of Richard King of Jonesboro who died Tuesday, July 20. His funeral was held at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Robert and Venita Lingle visited with Sue and Steve Eudy one day last week.

Those enjoying a country breakfast at the home of Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna on Sunday, July 25, were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau.

Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake worked in Bible School at the Spark Church in McClure last week. Rodney Reynolds visited with his mother Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville to watch the Cardinals play ball while his wife was at Bible School.

Jessie, Rhiannon and Lane Livesay of Wolf Lake

visited with her grandmother, Dolores Reynolds, one day last week.

Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville hosted a birthday celebration at their home on Saturday, July 24, for Paxton Wilson, who turned 3 on July 23. Others attending were Greg and Amy Reynolds, Rhiannon and Lane Livesay, Travis, Alecia and Easton Phillips, Amy Hale, River Kelley, Taylor Davis, Gracie Wilson and Dolores Reynolds.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Justin Reynolds of Reynoldsville whose birthday was Sunday, July 25.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Saturday with Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro.

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

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**Clouds in a summer sky**  
Clouds billowed high into the sky over Anna Friday afternoon, July 16. Scattered showers and heavy rain had been occurring at the time the photograph was taken.

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## PSGC names Anna student as scholarship recipient



**President, scholar**  
Prairie State Generating Company president and CEO Don Gaston and AnnaLee Keller. Photo provided.

The Prairie State Generating Company, PSGC, has announced its 2021 scholar class.

AnnaLee Keller of Anna has been named as one of the recipients.

PSGC awarded five \$1,000 scholarships at its annual banquet on July 20.

AnnaLee Keller is the daughter of Brandon and Kelly Keller of Anna. She will be attending John A. Logan College in Carterville this fall for her first year of general studies.

AnnaLee is involved as a volunteer through Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. She is employed at Enchanted Garden and Anna Baking Company, both in Anna.

“As a company that is wholly owned by not-for-profit electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities, Prairie State maintains the same principles set forth by its

public power owners,” said Don Gaston, president and CEO of PSGC.

“By reinvesting in the future and educational goals of local youth, this scholarship program is just one way we are providing benefit back to the communities surrounding our campus.”

The PSGC scholarship program has awarded \$40,000 in scholarships since its inception in 2015, with the goal of encouraging the children and grandchildren of its more than 600 employees to pursue their career goals through higher education.

All applicants are evaluated by an anonymous panel of judges based on academic achievement, leadership skills, community service, work ethic and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Located in Washington County, the Prairie State Energy Campus is a technologically advanced electric generation facility.

The facility utilizes domestic Illinois coal resources from its adjacent underground mine to power its 1600-megawatt power plant.

Since 2012, Prairie State has been providing base-load electricity on behalf of its owners to more than 2.5 million families across the Midwest.

## Vacation Bible School set at Tamms church

Vacation Bible School is planned Aug. 2-6 at Sandy Creek Baptist Church at Tamms.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. The church is located at 26929 Grapevine Trail, near Egyptian School.

Children 3 years of age up to those just completing 6th grade are invited to attend.

The theme for the week is “Mystery Island.” Children will explore an intriguing and mysterious tropical paradise while tracking down the one true God.

Lessons, songs, crafts and games are planned. At 11 a.m. each day, students and parents/caregivers will enjoy a light lunch.

More information is available by calling 776-5151 or 967-2067.

## Special donation for Cross

The Cross of Peace at Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass received a special donation during July.

A message posted July 19 on social media shared the story:

“On Friday, an anonymous individual dropped off an envelope in the Welcome Center to support our upgraded lighting project. That envelope contained over \$3,000 in cash! To whomever you are, thank you for investing in the Cross.

“In the coming days, the light fixtures will be taken to be sand blasted, primed, and repainted. The LED light bars will all be replaced with upgraded, brighter lighting. An improvement of this magnitude hasn’t occurred in nearly a decade.

“Thank you for continuously supporting the mission of Bald Knob Cross ensuring our nearly 40,000 annual visitors have an amazing experience.”

## Southern Illinois Made Expo welcomes vendors

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and the Southern Illinois Chambers of Commerce are announcing the official opening of their vendor portal for the upcoming Southern Illinois Made Expo.

The Southern Illinois Made Expo is an initiative developed between Fowler and the Southern Illinois Chamber of Commerce in 2018.

The Expo was created as a way to highlight the businesses and tourism destinations operating throughout the region.

This year’s event is set to take place at the Marion Pavilion Oct. 9-10, with hours planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

As of July 15, exhibitor registration for interested businesses opened to the public.

This means interested businesses that meet exhibitor criteria can sign up to have a booth featured at the event.

To become an exhibitor

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annanews.com*

at the Southern Illinois Made Expo, the following criteria must be met:

- Feature products produced in Southern Illinois or destinations available in Southern Illinois.

- Willingness and capacity to sell/showcase products/destinations to retailers and the public at your booth during both days of the event.

- Agree not to exhibit or promote any products/destinations not made in Southern Illinois.

- Agree to all exhibitor rules and regulations listed in the participation agreement form section.

- Provide a certificate of insurance by email on or before the proper date.

Organizers of the event said that businesses based in Southern Illinois are encouraged to visit simade.org to learn more about becoming an exhibitor or to reserve a booth. The deadline to register is Sept. 8 and space is limited.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Honor Guard and the 20 guard units throughout Southern Illinois. This organization seeks to raise funding to provide military funerals for fallen veterans.



## Need a go-to, knows-you-best, schedule-anytime doctor?

### Call a primary care provider.

If you want to stay healthy, you need a good doctor. Not just someone who can treat a sore throat or sprained ankle — but a trusted primary care provider who knows you, knows what’s normal for you and can help discuss any changes over time. They can help make sure you’re getting your checkups, shots and screenings. They can also help manage chronic conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure. And if you ever need a higher level of care, they can refer you to the right specialist. To find your go-to family medicine provider, visit [UnionCountyAnytime.com](http://UnionCountyAnytime.com). And make an appointment for a very healthy relationship.



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# Opinion and Commentary

## Slower, more expensive mail in store for nation

The National Newspaper Association, NNA, says that the Postal Service is good to go on its plan to slow down the mail and implement aggressive price increases, according to the Postal Regulatory Commission in a pair of decisions handed down last week. The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the NNA.

The PRC expressed skepticism about the wisdom of adding an additional day to service standards for both First-Class and Periodicals mail.

But it stopped short of telling USPS not to make the change. Instead, it cautioned USPS to examine its assumptions about cost savings and to look into the root causes of mail slowdowns in recent months.

On a planned increase in postage cost for Periodicals that will average nearly 9 percent, added to a 1.5 percent increase earlier this year, the Commission gave USPS a green light and denied pleas by industry groups to hold off on the increase until the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has ruled on the legality of the large price hikes.

However, the Commission did criticize the Postal Service's treatment of the costs for flat trays as a substitute for mail sacks, urging better cost analysis, as NNA has repeatedly requested.

The Commission has ruled in the past that USPS needs more money, citing trends that have driven mail handling, delivery and transportation costs to accelerate faster than inflation.

"There is little to cheer about in this set of decisions," NNA chair Brett Wesner, president of Wesner Publications in Cordell, Okla., said. "Slower, more costly mail is assuredly going to accelerate the downward spiral of the Postal Service.

"The whole nation will suffer, particularly the rural areas served by many community newspapers. NNA has warned for a decade that without action by Congress, this decline could become almost impossible to stop. We reiterate that call now to our Members of Congress.

"NNA supported the addition of one day to delivery times for long-distance newspaper mail, on the condition that USPS keep its commitment to reach its target 95 percent of the time. We are already working with USPS on a task force to improve this delivery so our newspapers can stem the flow of lost subscribers. We hope the Commission will be aggressive in enforcing the new standards.

"The rising rates, however, are not the bitter medicine coming from years of strange technological and environmental disruptions to the mail, as the Commission seems to believe. They are the hemlock that will eventually kill universal service and require Congress to bail out its agency."

## Letter to the editor Seeking office of sheriff

Union County Community Members:

Today, July 29th, 2021, I, David Wilkins, would like to make my official announcement as a qualified candidate for Sheriff of Union County, Illinois for the 2022 election.

Today, I would like to officially announce I am running for such an honorable position that represents our Nation's commitment to serve and protect our community's constitutional rights.

This is a commitment that should be held with pride and the utmost respect. It is not a position to be taken for granted nor taken lightly.

Union County is my home and the community where I raise my children. It is my goal to make this county the safest place it can be for both my family and yours.

My wife Liz Wilkins and I live in Jonesboro where we raise our children. We have a family farm and business, we are invested in this county, just like many of you. I started my career in emergency services nearly thirty years ago, serving twenty-five of these in law enforcement for the City of Jonesboro. For the past 9 years, I have held the position of Chief of Police.

In my experience of law enforcement, I have had the opportunity to gain thousands of hours of training and expertise in the areas of criminal investigation, community policing, and traffic safety, became a juvenile officer, worked with the Child advocacy center, been on the Union County Drug Task Force and more.

As Chief of Police, I have worked with our federal, state, and local prosecutors and the courts to make sure criminals are held accountable for their actions. I have built a rapport and strong working relationship with our county officers and emergency personnel, local officials, Illinois State police, and our citizens to combat issues that face our county.

If elected as your Sheriff, I am fully committed to protecting the core values of the Office of Sheriff and the U.S. Constitution. I want to thank the citizens of Union County for the opportunity to seek this position.

I remain grateful for those who have supported me in my role as Chief of Police. It is your trust in me that has enabled me to pursue this new venture and make this announcement today.

It is a dream of mine to follow in my grandpa Elmer Kelley and great grandpa's Roy Wilkins footsteps however, most importantly it's most important to make sure my brothers and sisters in blue and that our county is safe! My family and I are asking all of the citizens of Union County for your support in this very important election, I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration.

Signed, David Wilkins

## Please read this...

### A solo adventure on a Sunday evening...

Just about the time it seemed like we might...just might...be getting ready to move on to the next, more upbeat chapter in the pandemic story...well...you know...

Guess that means The Other Half and yours truly will get to go on some more pandemic dates. Before we ponder such things, I wanted to spend a little time reflecting on social media...

One day last week, while paying a routine visit to a place I routinely visit, a fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life said something about how the local newspaper was behind on something or another...which had made an appearance on Facebook.

For those of you who are Luddites, like me, Facebook is a reality which really does not have much of a personal impact. That is not to say that I do not pay attention to Facebook. I do. Quite honestly, I have no choice but to do so.

Same goes for Twitter...and Instagram...and TikTok...and whatever else might be out there by the time you finish reading this. They all matter. And the messages which are shared on those various methods of 21st century communication matter, too. That really hit home at a local governmental meeting which I attended last Friday morning.

I say this as a matter of introduction. The local newspaper, by its very nature, cannot keep up with the in-the-moment kinds of communication which is shared on Facebook. If you don't believe that, just tap [here](#) and see what happens...

While you are waiting, I've decided to introduce a new feature to this weekly journalist gem. Don't know what we'll call it. May not call it anything.

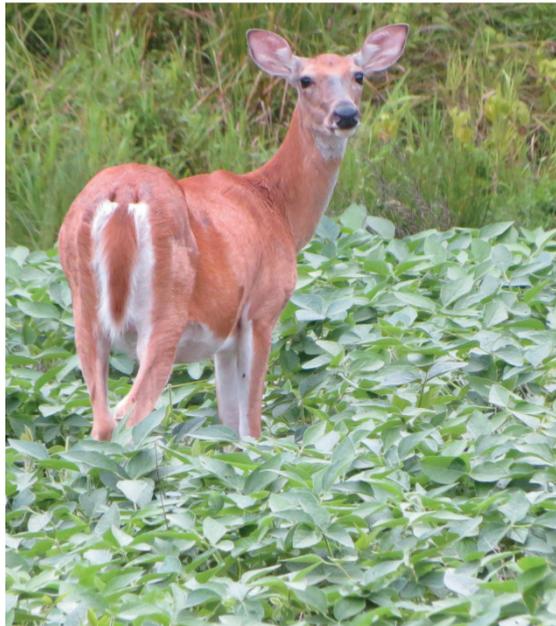
The idea: we'll feature something on this page that will not be seen anywhere else...that's ANYWHERE ELSE...

Keep on reading, or head straight to the end of the column. See the image of the dragonfly, and some other bug that wanted to be in the paper? That particular moment in time was captured nowhere else. Ever. Never. Nobody else was around when the photo was taken. That's all...

...now, back to pandemic dates...

...over the last 15 or 16 months or so, I've shared some highlights from the pandemic date adventures The Other Half and I have been enjoying since the start of the you know what.

For the most part, our dates have pretty much involved a Sunday afternoon or evening drive out in the country.



A white-tailed deer was enjoying some fresh soybean greens in a field along Mountain Glen Road last Sunday evening.

### Students reminded about

#### summer reading club program

Three Southern Illinois state legislators are reminding area students about a summer reading club.

State Rep. Dave Severin, State Rep. Patrick Windhorst and State Rep. Paul Jacobs remind 1st through 4th grade students residing in the 115th, 117th and 118th state representative districts that the deadline to return completed summer reading club forms is Friday, July 30.

Students in 1st through 4th grade who read eight books this summer will be eligible for an official certificate of congratulations from the Illinois House of Representatives, a coupon for a free small custard and one free ticket to a Southern Illinois Miners baseball game at Rent One Park in Marion on Friday, Aug. 6.

To download a printable form, students can visit any of the representatives' websites or contact any of the representatives' offices.

The legislators' websites are RepPaulJacobs.com, Rep-Severin.com and RepWindhorst.com

### Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

By Geof Skinner



I'm pretty sure this vulture was giving the photographer the stink eye, especially since the critter was having something pretty stinky for Sunday dinner.

Since we live in the country, so to speak, we usually don't have far to go. Last Sunday evening, I asked if she was interested in such an adventure. Given that it was rather warm and rather humid, she wisely decided to stay home in the air-conditioning.

So, I went on a solo adventure...kind of like Charles Lindbergh flying across the Atlantic Ocean, except my journey involved a drive along Mountain Glen, Brown Section and Kaolin roads in Union County.

I'm not sure if Mr. Lindbergh saw any white-tailed deer, herons or vultures on his journey. I saw one heron. About a half dozen white-tailed deer. In the present tense. Most of the deer seemed to be really enjoying soybeans which were growing in fields along the roads I was traveling.

The vultures looked to be enjoying Sunday evening dinner, which involved a white-tailed deer in the past tense. Based on the pleasant aroma which I encountered, the deer had been stewing for a while in Mother Nature's great summer crockpot.

As I headed back home at the end of my Sunday evening solo adventure, I encountered one more white-tailed deer. The deer was kind enough to engage in a brief stare down with the photographer, before turning tail, literally, and heading up and over a nearby ridge line. Bet Charles Lindbergh never saw that in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, either.

Stay safe, folks...



After a brief encounter with the photographer last Sunday evening, a white-tailed deer decided it was time to move on.



A bug...and another bug...and a photograph that is nowhere to be seen on Facebook. So there.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, July 29, 1971

Information has been received by Supervisor of Assessment Robert Plott that pursuant to last week's Illinois Supreme Court decision, the Illinois Department of Local Government Affairs has informed county officials that personal property assessments must be made in 1971.

A total of \$45,976 is being offered in premiums at the 91st annual Union County Fair this year.

Two more young ladies have entered the contest for Union County Fair Queen, for a total of 12 to date. The deadline for entering the competition is Sunday, August 1.

A Mobile Service Unit Trailer from Secretary of State John W. Lewis's office will be at the Union County Fair August 23-27.

Visitors to the Cobden Peach Festival August 20 and 21 will be greeted by an unusual number of candidates for the title of Miss Cobden Peach Queen this year. It is believed this is the greatest number to enter the competition in recent years.

Many changes are being made in Anna, particularly in the downtown area.

The Union County area received a total of 2.21 inches of rainfall during the past nine days.

From the Shiloh news: We've all been quite interested in watching a well drilling operation at the farm of our future neighbors.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: The farmers here are getting plenty of rain to grow their crops.