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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Abearham Lincoln is probably looking forward to seeing students. He faithfully watches over the Little Free Library at Lincoln School in Anna.

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In keeping with another tradition...even though there won't be a Union County Fair this year...we're going to say that next week's weather in our little corner of the world will be just fair.

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Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct nighttime enforcement patrols during September in Union County.

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Organizers of the Murphysboro Apple Festival posted a message online which announced that due to the increasing numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in and around Jackson County and the community's Illinois Department of Public Health warning status, a very difficult decision was made to postpone the remainder of events which had been scheduled for 2020 until next year.

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Jurassic Park? A triceratops was spotted at the Anna City Park.



## County extends COVID-19 disaster declaration

Union County officials have extended a disaster declaration which had been issued in April in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The declaration was one of the items on the agenda for a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held Friday morning, Aug. 14.

The meeting was in the community room at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The meeting also could be viewed live on the "County of Union, Illinois" YouTube page.

The impact of the ongoing pandemic also surfaced in connection with matters which were discussed at

Friday morning's meeting.

Under the authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Act, on April 15, county board chairman Max Miller, upon the recommendation of Union County Emergency Management Agency coordinator Dana Pearson, proclaimed that a state of disaster existed in Union County.

The proclamation was based on the following reasons:

"A significant outbreak of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) emerged in China and spread among residents in the United States. The virus has spread throughout Union County and we continue to prepare

and address any situation as necessary and appropriate to protect the health and safety of the citizens. Resources have been utilized from Federal, State, County and Municipalities to mitigate and minimize the response effort."

The declaration continued: "As county officials, we recognize the impact this disaster has had on the County of Union, and the citizens that live here. Due to continuing efforts in the response of said disaster, it is hereby resolved by the Union County Board of Commissioners, Union County, Illinois that the declaration declared on April 15, 2020 is hereby extended until this pandem-

ic no longer exists in the County of Union, Illinois."

Board chairman Miller again asked the people of Union County to heed what is being asked, and not mandated, in terms of responding to the pandemic, such as wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing.

The board chairman reminded everyone to be aware of, and considerate of, others.

Union County Board vice chairman Bobby Toler Jr. reported that online certification is being made available for dispatchers who work for the joint Union and Alexander counties emergency 911 communication system. Online

certification is being made available in response to the pandemic.

Toler also reported that Shawnee Development Council had moved its Union County food pantry back to the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The food pantry had been moved to the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro due to the pandemic. Toler voiced appreciation to the Jonesboro church for allowing the food pantry to utilize its facilities.

Toler also noted that the pantry had made food available to just over 1,000 people in Union County during July.

## 350 cases in county

The number of COVID-19 cases in Union County climbed to 350 as of Monday, Aug. 17.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday confirmed 31 new cases of COVID-19 in the region it serves in Southern Illinois. Twenty-two of the cases were in Union County.

The health department reported the death of another person from Union County as a result of COVID-19. The person was a male in his 60s.

The health department reported that the newly confirmed cases, by county, gender and age, included:

Union County: one female in her 10s, four females in their 20s, one male in his 30s, four females in their 40s, eight males in their 40s, one female in her 50s, one male in his 50s, one female in her 60s and one male in his 70s.

Alexander County: one female in her 10s, one female in her 30s.

Johnson County: one female in her 20s, one female in her 30s, one male in his 60s, one female in her 70s, one male in his 70s.

Massac County: one female in her 30s, one male in his 50s.

All of those with new cases were being isolated.

The health department reported 32 new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Aug. 17.

As of Aug. 17, there were 542 people in the health department's service area who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

The health department confirmed that a total of 10,398 negative COVID-19 tests had been reported in the region as of Aug. 14.

The number of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 in the area counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department as of Aug. 17 follows:

Union County: 350 cases. 284 had recovered. 21 deaths had been reported in the county.

Alexander County: 39 cases. 36 had recovered.

Hardin County: 18 cases. 18 had recovered.

Johnson County: 80 cases. 66 had recovered.

Massac County: 45 cases. 39 had recovered.

Pope County: 11 cases. Seven had recovered.

Pulaski County: 101 cases. 92 had recovered.



### Important message

A message about the importance of the 2020 census appears on an Anna School District No. 37 bus.

## Efforts continue to promote participation in 2020 census

Efforts continue at the local, county and regional levels to promote participation in the 2020 nationwide census.

Southern Seven Health Department reported that the U.S. Census Bureau planned to begin following up with households in the region which have not responded to the 2020 census.

The deadline to complete the census is Sept. 30.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received.

Responses also can be done online at 2020census.gov or by phone by calling 844-330-2020.

Households also can respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more.

The health department, which has been working hard to promote participation in the census, noted that those who respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

The Census Bureau will provide face masks to census takers and requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work.

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## CEO team members gather for orientation event

The Union County CEO program hosted a recent orientation program to welcome students who are members of the class of 2021.

"I am so glad to have finally met everyone in person and am even more excited about this year," was the reaction of new CEO program facilitator Melanie Smith.

The 2021 CEO orientation was again hosted by Stephanie Cox and Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Led by board members Mark Chamness and Mindy Carter, along with Melanie Smith, the class and their parents met to review the CEO standards.

The students and their parents also had an opportunity to learn the unique procedures for this unusual high school class which never meets in a school, but always in a business, and whose teachers are local business and community leaders.

Running the class like a business as much as possible, the high standards include confidentiality and ethical behavior at all

times, excellent attendance, promptness, "Do your best, on time," business attire, and legal liabilities.

All were reminded that the students provide their own transportation. They will be driving all over the county and should prepare ahead for fog, icy windshields, gasoline and more.

In a year when most things are a new normal,

Union County CEO will remain on basically the same five-day schedule, adding masks and following CDC guidelines.

After some discussions about professionalism and becoming a team from different schools, the primary focus for the first quarter will again be agriculture and tourism, which will provide plenty of fresh air.

The students in the class of 2021 applied to be a part of the program in February.

They provided an essay, three written recommendations and a self-evaluation of traits regarding work ethic, integrity, dependability, self-motivation, character, verbal and written communication skills, and emotional maturity which were also rated by their references.

Chosen from the program's largest pool of applicants yet, the class is intentionally kept small to allow for maximum growth.

Their journeys can be followed on Union County CEO's Facebook page and at unioncountyceo.org/News.

Union County CEO is one of 59 chapters of the Midland Institute of Entrepreneurship in the nation.



### Team members

The Union County CEO program is welcoming new team members. The class of 2021 includes Nate Baggott, Nate Belcher, Olivia Capel, Aubrey Fisher, Julia Hall, Will Halter, Lexie Lingle, Lilli Mason, Kyleigh Matuszewich, Darrian Quick, Maddox Thorpe, Madilyn Gawrych Turner, Jaley Watkins and Emily White. The class recently had an orientation which was hosted by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Photo provided.





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# Area young people showcase livestock

Young livestock exhibitors from throughout Southern Illinois gathered at Anna City Park in Anna last Saturday for a Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois 7-County Jackpot Show.

Competitors ages 8 to 21 from Union, Johnson, Pulaski, Massac, Alexander, Pope and Hardin counties showcased livestock in the categories of hogs, sheep, dairy cattle and beef cattle.

In conjunction to the event, a livestock auction is planned this weekend.

Last weekend's livestock show, and the upcoming auction, come during a year when area county fair schedules have been disrupted by the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The Union County Fair in Anna was cancelled as a result of the pandemic. The fair had been scheduled to begin this weekend at the Anna City Park.

Young people bring their livestock to show each year at the fair. A junior livestock auction is one of the events held during the fair.

Organizers of the upcoming auction shared the thoughts of many with a message that 2020 "has been a challenging and frustrating year for many of us."

Young people worked for a year to get their animals



## Goin' Showin'

Young livestock exhibitors from throughout Southern Illinois participated in a Goin' Showin' in Southern Illinois 7-County Jackpot Show. The event was held at the Anna City Park. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

ready for the fair. The work included feeding, grooming, training and more.

The work is done for the love of animals and showing, as well as to have an opportunity to sell their animals to fund their projects, along with other expenses, such as continuing their education.

The cancelling of the fair led to disappointment for the young people who have been working so hard.

That led those who work with the young people at the fair to ease their disappointment as much as possible. That led to last weekend's show and the upcoming auction.

A live auction is set for Saturday, Aug. 22, at 3D Auctions-The Barn Event Center, which is located at 3805 Lick Creek Rd. near Anna. The auction begins at noon.

An online option will

be available for the event, prior to and live the day of the auction.

Those who want to participate in the online auction will need to go to the website at 3dauctions.hibid.com and register prior to online bidding. The website was scheduled to be active on Aug. 17.

More information about the event is available by contacting Carl Dillow of 3D Auctions at 618-614-2779.

# Union County remains at warning level for coronavirus disease

Union County remained at a warning level for the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as of Friday, Aug. 14.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday reported that 14 counties in the state are considered to be at a warning level for novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

A county enters a warning level when two or more COVID-19 risk indicators that measure the amount of COVID-19 increase.

As of Friday, 14 Illinois counties were reported at a warning level, including Union, Bureau, Cass, Clinton, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Jefferson, Kane, LaSalle, Moultrie, Perry and Will.

These counties saw cases or outbreaks associated with weddings, businesses, birthday parties, long-term care facilities and other congregate settings, bars,

The Republican Party's national convention was held in Chicago May 16-18, 1860. The convention nominated Abraham Lincoln for the office of president of the United States.

sports camps and spread among members of the same household.

Public health officials are seeing people in some communities are not wearing masks, or if they are, they are being worn incorrectly.

IDPH stated that local health departments are finding it challenging to obtain the information necessary to halt local transmission, by quickly identifying exposures from contacts of cases and businesses.

The department also said in a news release that "inconsistent messaging from local elected leaders are contributing to ongoing transmission in some communities where there is little public concern for consequences or enforcement of social distancing, banning large gatherings, or quarantine/isolation orders.

Several counties were taking swift action and implementing mitigation measures to help slow spread of the virus.

Examples include increasing the availability in testing in their community and working with local businesses to educate and spot check mask wearing and guideline adherence.

# 2020 census

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Census Bureau workers will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit.

Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual.

If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers also will have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when a census taker visits, then the census taker will leave a notice about the visit, along

with information on how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

Southern Seven encourages everyone to cooperate with census takers to ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge which has their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date on the badge.

To confirm a census taker's identity, the public can contact their regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the nation's population every 10 years.

The goal of the 2020 census is to count everyone who lived in the United States on April 1, 2020, which was Census Day.

Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years.

## Census Response Update

Southern Seven Health Department shared an update about census response

rates in the region.

As of Aug. 17, the census response rate in Union County was 66.0 percent. At the same time in 2010, the county's response rate was 68.8 percent.

The Union County response rate remained the highest among the seven counties served by the health department.

## Union County Census Day

A Union County Census Day is planned during September in Union County.

Census Day is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, on the front lawn of Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

The free event will be sponsored by the City of Anna and Union County, and will be supported by the Migrant Council, the Village of Cobden, the Village of Dongola, the City of Jonesboro, the Shawnee Mass Transit District, Southern Seven Health Department and Southern Five Regional Planning Commission.

Shawnee Mass Transit District has partnered with Union County Census Day organizers to offer free rides to and from the event within the county. Rides can be scheduled by calling 1-866-577-6278 to schedule a ride.

There will be several computers on site that can be used for submitting the 2020 census electronically.

Any assistance needed in filling out the census will be provided, including an on-site Spanish translator.

The event will feature free food, many giveaways, fliers and information, along with a \$50 gift card drawing for those who submit their survey at the event.

## Grant supports recovery services

ROCKVILLE, Md. – The Health Resources & Services Administration has announced 89 organizations across the nation are receiving grants for the implementation of Rural Communities Opioid Response Programs, RCORP.

One of only two Illinois grantees, Family Counseling Center Inc. has been awarded \$1 million.

The grant funds awarded to the Southern Illinois agency will be used to strengthen and expand prevention, treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, in Hardin County and Pope County.

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# Anna VFW, Auxiliary offer many programs for students

Each year, Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and its Auxiliary sponsor many programs in all of the schools in Union County.

Many of these programs are set up to promote patriotism in the students.

Due to the pandemic, information about the programs may not be given out at the schools.

With that in mind, information about the programs is available by contacting Linda Jackson at 833-7737 or Sherry Haddick at 559-4347, who will see that children can participate.

### Poster Contest

A poster contest is open to students grades 1, 2 and 3.

The theme for the poster contest is "Symbols of American Pride."

Posters cannot be larger than 14 inches by 22 inches and are to have a white background.

Posters can be done in crayon, colored pencil or markers.

### Essay Contest

An essay contest is open to students in grades 4, 5 and 6.

The theme for the essay contest this year is "Honoring America's Heroes."

Essays can be typed or legibly written. Entries require a cover sheet which lists the name of the student, the student's school and grade.

Local, state and national awards are available with these programs.

### Continuing Education Scholarship

A Continuing Education Scholarship is available for Auxiliary members, their spouse, son or daughter with a financial need for schooling.

Entrants must be at least 18 years old, must complete the application and must submit an essay of 300 words or less.

Application must be received by Feb. 15, 2021.

Contact Linda Jackson at 833-7737 for more information.

### Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest is open to students in grades 9-12 who are no older than 18 years of age at the time of local entry. Students must be U.S. citizens.

The contest now accepts two dimensional and three dimensional art.

Two-dimensional pieces must be on canvas or paper. Watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen, ink, oil, marker or other media may be used.

Two-dimensional pieces are not to be framed. Canvas entries are to be submitted on a stretcher frame or canvas board. Other entries must be matted in white. Color mats are not to be used.

Reinforce the back with heavy paper. Mounted and floating mats may also be used.

The art should be no smaller than 8 inches by 10 inches, but no larger than 18 inches by 24 inches.

Three dimensional art can use such mediums as paper, papier-mache, pottery, clay and metal work.

Pieces should be no smaller than 8 inches in any direction and no larger than 24 inches. Art cannot be more than 5 pounds in weight.

Digital art, photography and jewelry will not be accepted.

The deadline for this program is Feb. 1, 2021. Local, state and national awards are available with this program.

The first-place national award is \$15,000. There are also local and state awards for this program.

### Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

The Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 9-12.

The deadline for entries is Oct. 31, 2020.

The theme this year is "Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Information will be sent to all local schools about requirements for this program.

Local, district, state and national awards are available for this program.

District winners and their families are invited to a Voice of Democracy banquet in Springfield, where all students receive a monetary award.

All first-place state winners who are sent to the national event receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and an award ranging from \$1,000 to a first-place \$30,000 scholarship.

Local and district awards also are given for this program.

### Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is for students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

The deadline for entries is Oct. 31, 2020. The theme is "What is Patriotism to Me?"

All rules for this contest will be sent to local schools.

Local, district, state and national awards are available for this program.

The winner in the local competition is invited to a district banquet. The district winner is invited to a Voice of Democracy banquet which is scheduled in February in Springfield.

National awards for this program range from \$500 to \$5,000.

The VFW and Auxiliary note that if a student has trouble finding the Voice of Democracy or the Patriots Pen contest information and application, they can contact their English teacher or the school guidance counselor, or they can call Linda Jackson or Sherry Haddick at the previously listed phone numbers.



## Garden of the month

The Anna-Jo Garden Club has presented Wade and Beth Burns with the club's latest garden of the month award. The garden club shared the following information about the garden of the month: Stone beds and walls accent the beauty of the many shrubs, bushes, and plants artfully placed around the house. Japanese maple, boxwood, knockout roses, hostas, butterfly bushes, Annabelle hydrangea, euonymus and arborvitae are just a few of the beautiful plants chosen to beautify the garden in all seasons. Very large Limelight hydrangeas call attention to the entire garden as they are in full bloom. The Burns family, located at 9710 Route 146 E, meticulously care for a lawn of large oak, maple and other native trees. A garden worthy of award. Photo provided

## Shawnee School District announces plan to go to full remote learning

Shawnee School District No. 84 last week announced a change in plans as the 2020-2021 academic year begins.

The following message was posted on the district's Facebook on Friday:

Shawnee Families, Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our school community, we are changing our learning plan and going to full remote learning.

We sincerely apologize for this late notice as our hybrid plan of in-person and remote learning was to begin next week.

However, due to recent increase in COVID-19 exposure to our students and staff requiring isolation and/or quarantine, and the number of increasing positive cases in the counties encompassing our school district, we feel it is not prudent to hold in-person learning at this time.

We will need to make

additional plans so more information will be shared next week. Here's what we can share at this time:

1. August 17, 18 and 19 will be Remote Learning plan days for the teachers. We will announce information for drop off/pick-up of devices, learning packets, etc...next week.

2. All students will be in remote learning through Friday, September 18. The Board of Education will discuss continuing remote learning or moving to a hybrid model at the September 15 meeting and parents will be notified on September 16.

3. If parents did not previously sign up for delivered meals and need to sign up now, please notify your child's office next week.

4. Fall 2020 athletics will still be played as they are outside activities.

5. The Beep 'n Greet was still scheduled for Monday, August 17 from 2-3 p.m.

Again, we deeply apologize for this change so close to the start of school. We miss our students tremendously and want them back in the classroom but the safety of everyone is paramount during these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility.

Shelly Clover-Hill  
Superintendent

## Anna author publishes 17th book

Mike Estel has now written his 17th book, titled "Civil War Journalist," published by Chaplain Publishing of Lubbock, Texas.

The book, a work of fiction, is about Nathan Graham, a newspaper reporter from Maryland during the Civil War.

When he is drafted in the Civil War, he gets the approval from his commanding officer to continue reporting to the Washington Star newspaper that he had previously worked for.

The book is about his reporting what he was involved in throughout the war.

The book signing is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Union County Museum in Cobden.

## Weather

More rain and seasonal temperatures highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of Aug. 11-17.

Precipitation included .01 of an inch of rain on Aug. 11, .07 of an inch on Aug. 12, .16 of an inch on Aug. 14 and .01 of an inch on Aug. 15. Fog was recorded on Aug. 12.

High temperatures during the period generally were in the 80s.

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

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Tuesday, Aug. 11	85	68
Wednesday, Aug. 12	83	72
Thursday, Aug. 13	86	70
Friday, Aug. 14	86	70
Saturday, Aug. 15	90	66
Sunday, Aug. 16	83	64
Monday, Aug. 17	87	60

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## Cobden High School baseball rebuilding

The Cobden High School baseball team will be rebuilding this fall season.

"We're young and we have a lot of underclassmen," Cobden baseball coach Dana Pearson said. "We'll be playing a lot of freshmen and sophomores."

The lone senior on the team was Noah Franklin and he will miss the season because of an ankle injury.

Juniors are infielder/pitcher Brock Reynolds; outfielders John Fuhrhop, Noel Fabian and Amon Ingold and outfielder/first baseman/pitcher Tristen Brummer.

Sophomores in the mix are shortstop/pitcher Nolan Hand; outfielder/first baseman/pitcher Tyler Franklin; outfielder/first baseman Drake Campbell; outfielders Jake Tally, Xach Roberts and Noah Bible and infielder/outfielder Dawson Short.

Freshmen hopefuls are catchers/infielders Hunter Pitts and Alberto Amezqui-

ta; outfielders Mitchell Howell and Sam Ingold; infielder/outfielder/pitcher Jace Wyatt and first baseman Stevie Brown.

Pearson said the team has a lot of inexperience on the mound and he expects the two top hurlers to be Hand and Reynolds.

"Hopefully, there will be a lot of growth this fall," Pearson said.

Dongola and Joppa will not complete in the South Egyptian Conference this fall and the teams remaining are Meridian, Century, Shawnee, Egyptian, Agape of Herrin and the Appleknockers.

"Everybody is kind of rebuilding this year," Pearson said. "But Egyptian will be the top team in the conference and Century second. The rest of us will battle for third place."

Cobden, which will have a 13 game fall schedule, opens its season at home Friday against Wayne City.

## Cobden graduate earned recognition during career at Eureka College

By Mike Estel

Former Cobden High School athlete Karen Sweitzer received quite an honor in 2018 when the Eureka College's softball diamond was named "Sweitzer Field."

She was the head coach of the EC softball pro-

## Shawnee baseball to rely on pitching

The Shawnee High School baseball team is looking for pitching for success this fall.

"If our pitching holds up, we should be okay," Shawnee coach T.C. Schaefer said. "I'm pretty excited about the season."

Pitching duties for Shawnee will be handled by seniors Justin Kaufman, Caleb Nicholson and Devin Clendenin or junior Braden Freeman.

When not on the mound, Kaufman could be at shortstop, Nicholson at first base, Clendenin in center field and Freeman at third base.

Juniors in the lineup are utility/pitcher/third baseman Braden Freeman and second baseman/catcher Dustin Sutliff.

The lone sophomore on the team is Joseph Finchen, who will be in the outfield.

Freshmen hopefuls are catcher Kayman Ford; third baseman Zach Bell; outfielders Ryan Libbert, Luke Choate, Ethan Smith and outfielder/pitcher Chase Woodard.

The season could still be up in the air because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's rough," Schaefer said. "With the IHSA it changes every minute."

Shawnee is scheduled to open at home against Meridian on Friday, Aug. 28, and played the Bobcats in its season opener this past Wednesday.

## 'Art in park' set at Giant City

An "art in the park, watercolor for beginners" program is planned Friday, Aug. 21, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The free program is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will take place outdoors.

Local artist Anne Krippepenstapel will present a program about creating watercolor painting art inspired by nature. All supplies will be provided.

Those who attend will be reminded to practice social distancing and to have a mask to use when social distancing cannot be achieved.

Registration is required. Registration, and more information, are available by calling the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

## Shawnee athletics starting

Shawnee School District No. 84 athletics are starting this week.

The junior high softball schedule included a game Monday at Shawnee against Cypress and Thursday, today, at Egyptian in Tamms.

The high school baseball team was scheduled to play at Meridian on Wednesday.

The school district noted on Facebook: "While we appreciate the support our community shows to our athletic program, there are some changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Those changes include:

All spectators are required to wear face masks.

All spectators are expected to engage in appropriate social distancing (staying 6 feet apart).

No spectators (including parents) are allowed in the dugouts.

The concession stand will be closed until further notice.

who played softball for Sweitzer have been inducted in the Eureka College Hall of Fame.

She was named to the Eureka College 2018 Hall of Fame Honors Program in softball.

Sweitzer, a 1975 Cobden graduate, will always be remembered for her outstanding abilities as a short stop when she played on the team. A former Eureka college softball player as well, she also played for several seasons locally for the A-J Stars.

She retired earlier this year from Eureka College and her future plans are to return some time in the near future to live in retirement in Southern Illinois.

## Coach Ron book signing planned at Anna church

Coach Ron Fulenwider will be having a "Book Signing" Aug. 29 at the First Christian Church off Mallard Lane in Anna.

The event will be in conjunction with a fund raising event for a church family member in need of assistance due to a major health issue. The funds raised will help with incidental costs associated with the disease.

The book signing will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The book title is "Memory Lane." All the proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the family mentioned.

"I have been so blessed in my lifetime by God I just felt this is an opportunity to help a family in need," Coach Ron said.

### Book Signers

Those who have been invited to sign books are those athletes who have gone on to earn All-State High School, All-South and All-American, All-Conference, All-Academic honors at the collegiate level.

Others will be featured who have made an impact in society. Their accomplishments will be featured in the book. Here are the individuals:

Chandra Parr, Darla (Hannan) Waters, Hannah McGinnis, Jake Parr, Carl Evans, Cameron Wright, Elle Basler, Zach Parr, Emma (Kelley) Basler.

Humorous statements and sayings are included in the book from 1969 to the present.

The book will have numerous athletes, students and others including adults and others including students who have made funny statements and have been associated with the many events recognized in this book.

"I hope each of you will enjoy the many memories contained in the book," Coach Ron said.

"The athletes and students listed in this book have either been in my classes while I taught, or have been in Saturday morning basketball programs, Speed Camps or on my teams that I coached. Many of the memories are still very vivid after 50 years.

"The students I have had the privilege of working with are from Lick Creek Elementary, Anna Junior High, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Jonesboro Grade School, Vienna Grade School, New Simpson Hill, Cypress-Buncombe Grade Schools and Goreville Grade School.

"Please come out and support this very important endeavor."

## Uncertainty still surrounds high school sports programs

Cross country, golf and baseball are the only high school sports being held this fall because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Cross country and baseball practice began earlier this month and golf practice started on Monday, Aug. 11.

However, the golf season could be in limbo depending on the growing pandemic.

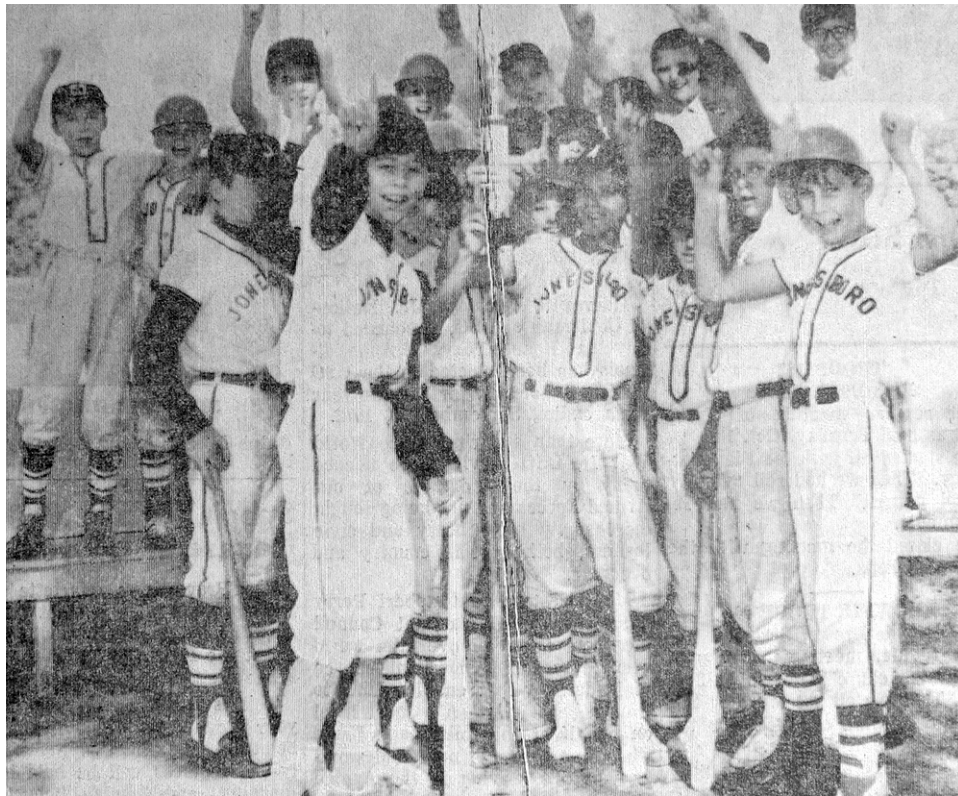
"It's all up in the air now," A-J golf coach Brandon Bierstedt said. "The guidelines change every day. It changes daily with the IHSA (Illinois High School Association). But right now we're anticipating a season."

## 50 years ago: Jonesboro School baseball team won state title



### State champions

**JONESBORO BULLDOGS WIN OVER DU QUOIN TO CAPTURE STATE TITLE** – Ron Fulenwider's Bulldogs won over Du Quoin by a score of 3-1 to capture the Southern Illinois State Championship last week. The team has a 12 (and) 0 record for the season. Photo by Wiggs. (The accompanying photo and caption appeared in the October 22, 1970, issue of The Gazette-Democrat.)



### Sectional champions

**JONESBORO DOWNS CARBONDALE TO WIN SECTIONAL** – Under the coaching of Ron Fulenwider, Jonesboro baseball players defeated Carbondale Lincoln 6-0 to advance to the state tournament which was held Wednesday evening, Oct. 7. Players with a 10-0 record are: left to right, first row, D. Schlenker, Mgr., J. Kelley, R. Woolridge, L. Cates, J. Stegle, D. Verble. Second row: J. Choate, M. Stegle, Mgr., F. Gibbs, R. Schaefer, J. Craft, W. Eudy, M. Brown, Ron Fulenwider, coach. Back row: K. Frick, R. Ralls, J. Branch, Rodney Wright, David Wright, B. Davis, D. Tellor, K. Treece; not pictured, Tracy Livesay. Photo by Wiggs Studio. (The accompanying photo and caption appeared in the October 8, 1970, issue of The Gazette-Democrat.)

Fifty years ago this fall, the Jonesboro School baseball team posted a special achievement.

The 1970 Jonesboro Bulldogs team won a Southern Illinois state championship.

On their road to the title, the Bulldogs compiled a 12-0 record.

The team continued its winning ways in 1970-1971. The Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 25-0, which included spring seasons.

From 1970 to 1973, Jonesboro won 55 games while losing only 13.

The Southern Illinois Junior High Athletic Association had only one class in the early 1970s, which added to the lustre of Jonesboro's achievement.

The members of the state champion Jonesboro baseball team included manager: Don Schlenker, Jeff Kel-

ly, Ronnie Woolridge, Larry Cates, James Stegle, Fred Gibbs, Randy Schaefer, Jim Craft, Wane Eudy, Mike Brown, Ken Frick, Richard Ralls, Jimmy Branch, Rod Wright, David Wright, Bill Davis, Danny Tellor, Kent Treece.

Teams which Jonesboro defeated on the way to the state title included Shawnee, Carbondale (Lincoln) and Du Quoin.

Both Jonesboro and Du Quoin were undefeated when they played for the championship.

Shawnee took third place in state tournament play with a win over Mt. Vernon.

### From 1970

A story about Jonesboro's win in the state title game was featured in The Gazette-Democrat on Oct. 22, 1970. The story was accompanied by a photo.

The headline for the story declared:

**Jonesboro Bulldogs Win Southern Illinois State Championship**

The story from 1970 follows:

The Jonesboro Bulldogs, behind Ron Woolridge's one hit pitching, defeated the Du Quoin Junior High School by the score of three to one to win the Southern Illinois State Championship.

The game's first run came across in Jonesboro's favor with two outs in the top of the first. Cates walked, stole second and Livesay singled him home.

The score remained one to nothing for six innings. In the sixth, Jonesboro got things going again with their second run. Woolridge doubled, and with one out, Livesay walked, Woolridge then stole third and came in

home on a passed ball.

Jonesboro was then retired leading two to nothing. In the next inning Kelley singled and stole second. Tellor came up next and grounded to second, getting Kelley to third. Craft came up and walked but Kelley was able to come in on another passed ball to make the score three to nothing, Jonesboro.

With Jonesboro leading three to nothing, Du Quoin was down to their last three outs. Du Quoin's Hallstood, Siefert and Swallows walked loading the bases. Bouton, the fourth batter, struck out and Licitu laid down a bunt toward the pitcher, but the pitcher was unable to come up with the ball in time to throw the man out at home, so the score read three to one, Jonesboro.

With Du Quoin threatening in the seventh, Woolridge began to put the pressure on and the next two batters were retired on a fielder's choice and a ground ball back to the pitcher, and the Jonesboro Bulldogs were State Champs.

The game's outstanding play was made by Don Verble when he ran from right field to right center and caught the ball – at his shoestrings.

The Bulldogs finished the season with 12 wins and no losses as Du Quoin suffered their first setback of the season. The Bulldogs would like to express their appreciation to everyone for their support.

The Shawnee Indians defeated a tough Mt. Vernon team to win third place. The score was two to one.



# County clerk shares update about election information

Union County Lance Meisenheimer this week is sharing an update about vote by mail applications for the 2020 general election, which is scheduled in November.

The county clerk's office oversees the election process. Meisenheimer reported that through Friday, Aug. 14, a total of 586 vote by mail (VBM) applications had been turned in.

The list will be updated every Friday and will be on the county website under the "Election Info" tab and will be called "Vote by Mail Request List."

This is for people to check and see if we have received their VBM application or to make sure that person is not on the VBM list, the county clerk said.

The link to see the list is <https://www.unioncountylil.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/VBM-08-14-2020.pdf>.

"We've had some questions about the new process, but most people are understanding it now after we explain the process," the county clerk said.

New this year is that early voting is scheduled to take place in the community room at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

"I decided to move it there to separate the office staff from the election judges and voters so that if by chance there is a COVID-19 exposure in either room, we can then

adjust and not have everyone exposed," Meisenheimer said in an email.

Union County Board of Commissioners meetings are held in the community room.

Meisenheimer said board meetings will still continue in the location and voting will be going on in his office while the board meeting is going on, "but for the most part, we will have the voting in the community room. I did contact the State Board of Elections and they approved this to be handled this way."

"We also had questions about postage and the ballots," he said.

"We received grant money from the State Board of Elections for postage and other expenses for the new law for the vote by mail applications," he explained.

Union County received \$8,641.13 for postage for this election: \$4,510 was spent for the applications to be sent at 50 cents each.

"We will be paying for postage (like always) for the ballots to be mailed out and back to us," Meisenheimer said.

It costs \$1.40 to send the ballot and \$1.20 for the ballot to be returned, so the total is \$2.60 for each ballot that is mailed out.

The other \$4,131.13 will be used quickly and the clerk said he set aside some of the CARES Act Grant money to

help pick up the rest of that cost, "but we won't know how much it will be until we know how many voters request to vote by mail."

"We were awarded \$31,389.93 from the State Board of Elections for the CARES Act. We know we have spent \$24,166 on items and supplies needed for this election and there will be more as we get closer. I'm left with \$7,223.93 to help pay for the postage of the ballots and more supplies that we will need but all of the ballots will have postage paid on them," he said.

Meisenheimer said the number of election judges per precinct also can be reduced to three, instead of five, according to the new state law.

He said that almost all of the judges who worked in the March primary election have stated they will work again.

"I will still try to fill most of the precincts with five, but in some of the smaller ones we might just have three," he said.

The county clerk said he has purchased 150 face masks for each precinct.

Anheuser-Busch is donating hand sanitizer to every precinct in the whole State of Illinois.

"I cannot require everyone to wear a mask and hopefully most people will have a mask, but we are highly encouraging everyone to wear a mask at the polls."

## Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro

### Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Southern Seven Health Department. Grantee: Doris D. Rhodes, Ernest M. Rhodes. Tract Section 36. Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mark L. Corzine, Markus Kade Corzine. Grantee: Kalli M. Corzine, Markus Kade Corzine. Tract Section 14 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Norman Eugene Dale, Theresa Diane Dale. Grantee: Blake Alan Dale, Karen Renae Dale. Tract Section 13 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Brian Stone. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Catherine A. Prendergast, Catherine A. Richardson. Grantee: Paul Gerard Prendergast II, Hannah

Elizabeth Prendergast. Subdivision Name: Thomas B. Rhodes 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Davey D. Hill, Debbie L. Hill. Grantee: Amy L. Shafer, Robert W. Shafer. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jerry Keller. Grantee: Ryan Singler, Tricia Singler. Tract Section 9. Township 11S Range 1E. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jerry Lindel Land, Pamela Kay Land. Grantee: Brian Michael Land, Jerry Lindel Land, Pamela Kay Land. Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lots 116, 117.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Regions Bank, Regions Mortgage. Grantee: Amber Wachter, Ryan Wachter. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Charles Emery Houston. Grantee: Charles Emery

Houston, Colten Penrod. Tract Section 33. Township 13S Range 1E. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kimberly G. Kelley, Michael G. Kelley. Grantee: Shalin Michael Gieson, Kimberly K. Kelley, Michael G. Kelley. Tract Section 3 Township 12 Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gregory Keith Aldridge, Kimberly K. Aldridge. Grantee: Alyssa Jordan Solomon, Christopher Lawrence Solomon. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amy L. Shafer, Robert W. Shafer. Grantee: Cynthia L. Easton, Joshua A. Easton. Tract Section 32 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David Prater, Kimberly Dawn Prater. Grantee: Rise Performance 618 LLC. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: R. Dennis Abercrombie, Sharon Abercrombie.

Grantee: Robert D. Abercrombie, Sharon Abercrombie, Robert D. and Sharon R. Abercrombie Revocable Trust. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Melanie Hamel. Grantee: Howard E. Robinson. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Douglas E. Meadows. Grantee: Douglas E. Meadows, Melody Darnell Meadows. Subdivision Name: Village of Cobden. Block B. Lot 13.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Raymond Hamerla. Grantee: Denise Goins, Mark Goins. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Denise M. Reynolds. Grantee: Amy T. Smith, Todd A. Smith. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rory Dee Sadler. Grantee: Joey Duane Sadler. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Elissa M. Hopkins, Elissa Schroeder Hopkins. Grantee: Betty's Vineyard House. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Elissa M. Hopkins, Elissa Schroeder Hopkins. Grantee: Alto Vineyards Ltd. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amanda Porter, Jared D. Porter. Grantee: Kevin S. Werner, Nicole M. Werner. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald Mowery Jr. Grantee: Tammy Stamp. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Susan Dixon. Grantee: Martin Flores. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James R. Brumitt, Rhonda S. Brumitt. Grantee: Ervina M. Johnson. Tract Section 14 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bethany G. Harvel, Samuel Harvel. Grantee: Bobby Dale Toler, Caitlyn R. Toler. Subdivision Name: James and Daniel Cravers Add. Jonesboro. Lot 18.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason Oliver, Molly Oliver. Grantee: John S. Rendleman, The Chamness Care Land Trust No. 93. Subdivision Name: Meadowbrook Add. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Phillip Wayne Poe, Charlotte Fuller. Tract Section 4 Township 12S Range 3W. Subdivision Name: Rendleman Subdivision. Block E. Lot 2.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Curtis Chaney, John M. Chaney. Grantee: Davey D. Hill. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dorothy M. Astin. Grantee: Amanda C. Endrizzi, Matthew W. Endrizzi. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Randall L. Astin. Grantee:

Amanda C. Endrizzi, Matthew W. Endrizzi. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jessica Kueker, Kyle M. Kueker. Grantee: Elaine M. Brunaugh, Samuel L. Brunaugh. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Lakeside 2nd Addition. Lot R33.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Colleen A. Kennedy. Grantee: John McGinness. Tract Section 15 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Todd Gregory Kalina, The Entrust Group Inc. Grantee: Todd G. Kalina. Tract Section 27 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Brown Joint Trust, Helen G. Brown, James A. Brown. Grantee: James D. Brown Jr. Tract Section 27 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: City of Anna. Grantee: Rebecca Poole. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 3. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steven A. Craig. Grantee: John E. Wyatt III, Suzanne K. Wyatt. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jamie Marie Davis, Troy James Davis. Grantee: Patrick L. Kaufman, Tiffani M. Kaufman. Tract Section 35 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leah M. Key. Grantee: Joel D. Huffman, Kelsey I. Huffman. Tract Section 28 Township 12 Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jimmy T. Gore. Grantee: Raymond Musgraves. Tract Section 20 Township 11S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nancy J. Campbell, Robert D. Campbell. Grantee: Terri Addison, Philip Roysters. Subdivision Name: Village of Cobden. Block D. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Wanda Watkins. Grantee: Eric Costa. Subdivision Name: Daniel Siffords Heirs Add. Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sharon Shannan. Grantee: Dale Barclay Jr. Tract Section 20 Township 11S Range 1E.

### Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

John Lee Aitken, Vergennes. Chelsea Renee McHugh, McClure. Carmen M. Morales Tivera, Fort Worth, Texas. Julie L. Osborne, Du Quoin. Matthew P. Levart, Silva, Mo.

Laura Lee Sample, Marion. Matt Harrison Loman, Elkville. Steven James Harris, Cape Girardeau. Damarius Anthony Wells, Carbondale. Angela Villagomez, Tamms.

Eric B. Lowry, Royal Oak, Mich. Nicholas P. Huseman, Campbell Hill. Shirley I. Rice, Johnston City. Karen K. Rhine, Anna. Patrick John Wynn, Noblesville, Ind.

Dustyn Lee Smith, Jonesboro. Autumn L. Lewis, Goreville. Joshua Lee Webb, Marion. Henry G. Vassar, Champaign. Eric M. Smith, Chicago. Clarke Allen Weiland, Canton, Mich.

Ciara R. Butler, Cape

Girardeau. Steven E. Abernathy, Murphysboro. Abigail J. Grusak, Hobart, Ind. Cassie E. Jennings, Georgetown, Ky. Lafiet J. McDade, Carbondale.

Katherine A. Fagan Zimmerman, Cape Girardeau. Matthew S. Bonanno, Chicago. Efrain Z. Alvarado, Euless, Texas. Raymond A. Carlson, Vienna. George L. Warner, Gays, Ill. Bailey Ann Gean Brewer, Karnak.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$164 fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Graciela Duarte, Joliet, improper traffic lane usage. Benette L. Morse, Anna, electronic communication device.

Nya A. Blount, Normal, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger. Alexander Joseph Lappe, Perryville, Mo., seat belt required/driver. Alyssa Brooke Rice, Anna, seat belt required/passenger. Lauren Michelle Williams, Goreville, electronic communication device.

Floyd Edward Burton III, McClure, seat belt required/driver. Terry K. Gowin, Carbondale, fail to reduce speed.

Dustin Tyler Thomas Wilda, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver. Gavin S. Yates, Anna, electronic communication device.

Bailey M. Alford, Poplar Bluff, Mo., disregard traffic control light. Charles E. Houston, Dongola, fail to reduce speed.

Autumn Jenae Hutchins, Marion, electronic communication device. Kyle Wayne Kissiar, McClure, disregard stop sign.

Roy Curtis Walker, Jonesboro, electronic communication device. Paul K. Pearl, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger.

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

Ashley M. Wilson, Anna, driving on revoked license, \$1,450. Larry Jordan Eads, Dongola, change lanes without signal, \$251.

Nathan James Kerr, Tamms, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727. Michael E. Green Jr., Mounds, unlicensed, \$251.

Harold G. Sharp, Cobden, disregard traffic control device, \$251. Aaron M. Pulliam, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727.

Gage R. Brock, Dongola, speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$251. David Nunez Hernandez, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727.

Cordaryl D. Collins, Chicago, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$251. Shannon M. Roberts, North Little Rock, Ark., speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$251.

Darren D. Cork, Chicago, speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$251. Kimberly S. Klemp, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$186. Arturo Saabedra, Anna, unlicensed, \$562.

## State COVID-19 cases top 200,000

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SPRINGFIELD – As of last week, Illinois had recorded more than 200,000 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic first arrived in the state.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reported Thursday, Aug. 13, that there had been 1,834 new confirmed cases of the disease over the previous 24 hours, the highest single-day total since Saturday, Aug. 8.

The Aug. 13 statistics brought the statewide total number of cases to 200,427, or nearly 1.6 percent of the state's population.

The department also reported 24 additional virus-related deaths since Wednesday, Aug. 12, which brought the statewide total to 7,696.

The rising number of cases came at a time when K-12 schools, colleges and universities are struggling to decide whether to resume in-person classes, continue remote learning or some combination of both.

"I'm deeply concerned about the direction that the numbers are going across the State of Illinois," Gov. JB Pritzker said during a public appearance in Bloomington on Aug. 13.

"I'm also deeply concerned to make sure that we do as much as we can to provide the proper education for our kids.

"We all know from all the studies that in-person learning is better than e-learning in terms of the retention by kids for what they're learn-

ing about.

"And so, you know, I'm hopeful that schools across the state have the ability to offer in-person learning as well as e-learning. But I understand when schools have chosen to go all e-learning because the challenge is great."

As of Wednesday night, Aug. 12, 1,628 COVID-19 patients in Illinois were hospitalized.

Of those, 383 patients were in intensive care units, and 127 of those patients were on ventilators. That's the highest hospitalization number since July 1, and the highest ICU number since June 30.

The 1,834 new cases confirmed on Aug. 13 were from 46,006 tests performed, which is a one-day positivity rate of just under 4 percent.

That was the sixth largest number of tests performed in a single day. IDPH said the preliminary seven-day rolling average positivity rate for the period of Aug. 6 to Aug. 12 was 4 percent, a tenth of a percentage point below the previous day.

As of Monday, Aug. 10, according to IDPH, the highest positivity rate was in the Metro East area, which includes East St. Louis, where the seven-day average was 7.9 percent.

But in the region that includes Peoria and Bloomington, where the positivity rate was 5.5 percent, the rate climbed for seven of the previous 10 days, putting that area at risk of having social and economic restrictions reimposed by the state.

If a region's positivity

rate is 8 percent or higher for three straight days, the state would take action to mitigate spread.

In other regions, positivity rates ranged from 2.6 percent in Eastern Illinois to 7.5 percent in Southern Illinois.

"Every region is, frankly, going...it's going the wrong direction," Pritzker said Thursday. "We're trying to ameliorate that."

He repeated the message that he has been delivering almost daily: Illinoisans should wear face coverings when they are out in public, especially in places where they can't maintain a safe six-foot distance from other people.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Labor reported Aug. 13 that the surge in unemployment caused by the pandemic has been declining, both in Illinois and nationwide.

For the week that ended Aug. 8, first-time unemployment claims fell below 1 million nationally for the first time since March. In Illinois, 22,387 workers filed initial claims, which was 2,887 fewer than the week before.

There were 627,271 Illinois workers receiving continuing unemployment benefits during the week that ended Aug. 8, which was 3,761 fewer than the prior week.

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News from

**Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna**



Ladies of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna are busy at Hands of Faith once a month. They are making and sending quilts to people who need them. Photo provided.

News from

**Camp Ground Church, Community**

Following the call to worship, prayer concerns/praise reports were shared and Rev. Thompson gave the intercessory prayer.

The children "gathered around" as Rev. Thompson shared a moment with them discussing the meaning of family.

The sermon, "Family of God," was based on scripture from Matthew and John.

The sermon shared that "families are our closest relationships on Earth; they should provide love and support throughout our life."

"Whenever we accept Christ into our hearts, we become part of the family of God; joining a church, we become part of a church family."

"The sacrificial death of Christ was to break down the walls of relationships so that we might become part of the family of God."

"Responsibility comes with being part of the family of God: carrying each other's burdens, and sharing the message of salvation."

In closing, Rev. Thompson

challenged the congregation "to deepen our relationship with our personal families and also our church family so that we might be a 'support' to those who need a family."

Bell ringers for Sunday were Reed and Kayton Crane and Tymber Roach.

Camp Ground Church welcomes everyone to come to in-person worship on Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m. CDC guidelines are observed.

For those who can't, or don't feel comfortable returning to the church, services are live on Zoom, and are recorded and available on YouTube and posted on the church's Facebook page: "Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

Those with birthdays this week include LaDonna Jean Miller on Aug. 18 and Jerrie Clayton on Aug. 19.

After an extended deployment due to coronavirus/COVID-19, Mark Boaz returned home from the Horn of Africa in late July. Mark and family, of Morris, spent last week with his parents,

Dwight and Sandy Boaz. Chad and Amanda Batts were able to join the group for four days. This was the first time the family had all been together since Christmas 2018.

**Deadline extended for Illinois residents to apply for nutrition program benefits**

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, has extended the deadline for Illinoisans to apply for nutrition benefits to Aug. 31.

Eligible Illinois residents can receive food benefits totaling \$342 per eligible student.

As of Aug. 12, approximately 390,000 eligible students across the State of Illinois had not yet applied for Illinois Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer, P-EBT, benefits for the 2020-2021 school year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, authorized and will fund the P-EBT program.

The program will bring food benefits to all school-

aged children who are eligible for free or reduced meals at schools through the National School Lunch Program.

The benefit is issued to all SNAP households with school-aged children.

The P-EBT program has already provided more than 730,000 children in Illinois with more than \$246 million in additional nutrition benefits.

Benefits are calculated using a \$5.70 per day and per student calculation.

News from

**Anna Nazarene Church**

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Aug. 16, at 9:30 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary for those who cannot tolerate the heat.

Singing was led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "Stay Steadfast in Your Faith." Scripture was from 1 Thessalonians.

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

Bible study was planned at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the church, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing, and on Zoom.

A grocery giveaway is planned at the church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 21.

During the children's service, from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, recognition will be given to the children's quizzers for the past church year.

There will be a drive-in service at 9:30 a.m. Seniors who are less tolerant of the

Benefits apply to households with school-aged children who were eligible for free or reduced meals from March through June, when Illinois schools were operating remotely due to COVID-19.

Those who did not receive SNAP benefits last spring are able to submit a simplified application for P-EBT benefits using the ABE.Illinois.gov online portal or by completing a paper application which is available at the IDHS website at dhs.state.il.us.

heat will be able to come into the sanctuary, following CDC guidelines by wearing masks and social distancing.

Aug. 30 is Promotion Sunday. Children will be promoted into new classes as usual, even though Sunday School classes are not being attended as in the past. Promotion Sunday will make it possible to maintain church records correctly.

On Aug. 30 at 9 a.m., a combined Sunday School class for all ages of children is planned. The location will either be the main room in the fellowship hall, where masks will be required and social distancing will be practiced, or on the parking lot.

Birthdays: Madison Wright, Aug. 16; Bill Wright, Aug. 19.

Anniversary: Marshall and Carla Ramage, Aug. 21.

During this time, 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, Aug. 16, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about the importance of being salt. Scripture was from Matthew.

The message 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 message was also live streamed and can be found on the church's Facebook page: @jonesborofbc. Other messages also can be found there under the video tab.

During the service, Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was pianist. Robert and Margaret McCain provided special music.

Pastor Perry has live streamed a series of devotionals on Facebook which are focused on the end times.

The pastor's devotionals and messages can be found on YouTube; do a search un-

der Brother Perry Williams. His messages are there, too.

The church is open for worshippers for Sunday School classes beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Safe guidelines are being practiced.

The church is scheduled to be open at 7 p.m. on Mondays for those who want to come and pray.

Birthdays: Dianna Wright, Aug. 16; Darrell Pender, Aug. 20; Connor Benbrook, Tom Wright, Aug. 22; Joyce Hill, Aug. 23.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church for the coming week includes Sunday School classes on Sundays at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. The services also are live streamed on Facebook.

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Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people in parables saying, "The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast." Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then the king said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. He said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." Many are invited, but few are chosen." From the Gospel of Matthew

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### Daily Bible Reading

Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Zeph.	Zeph.	Zeph.
1:1-17	2:1-10	3:1-10	4:1-11	1:1-18	2:1-15	3:1-20

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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.

## Special Thanks

Henry and Lula Belle Tripp Jr. for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## 50th Anniversary

On Saturday, Aug. 1, a reception was held to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jerry and Paula Cochran.

The reception to celebrate this milestone was hosted by their children and grandchildren: Jason, Heather, Mallory, Trevor and Seth Cochran of Jonesboro; Wesley, Shanna, Caleb and Ethan Cochran of Tullahoma, Tenn.; and Emily and Logan Waynick of Jonesboro.

Family members gathered in the old sanctuary at the Cobden First Baptist Church to witness a brief ceremony at the exact spot where Jerry and Paula were married in 1970.

Members of the original wedding party in attendance were Paula's brother Chuck Penland of Nixa, Mo., and niece Kimberly Hannahs Adams of Anna.

A beautifully decorated come and go reception followed the family hour in the new fellowship building at the church with lovely assorted cupcakes and golden punch served to family and friends who came to congratulate the couple.

Guests enjoyed the display of Paula's wedding dress (on a dress form) and pictures of them and their family spanning the past 50 years.

The couple thank all who came to share this special anniversary with them.

## Visiting Home

It was good to see Sarah Foster who was home from Springfield, Mo., last week visiting her parents Mark and Chris Foster.

## Birthday

Marsha Ridenhour celebrated her birthday Aug. 14.

Her son Greg and wife Tina came to surprise her for her birthday. They live in Mattoon and stayed in Carbondale the night before so they could be there early on Marsha's birthday.

They celebrated with her other son Brad and his family and other family members at Giant City Lodge and a party at Marsha and Larry's home.

## Florida Trip

Mike and Sonja Gambill enjoyed a trip to Florida. They had a wonderful time in Perdido Key, Fla., the week of Aug. 1-8. The weather and the water were beautiful.

Their daughter and family Cassie, Eric, Jenna and Jonah Watkins went as well. Their grandson Jordan Cobb, Sonja's sister Karla, husband Kenny and their grandchildren Justisse and Colt Reichert and Ella Duke met them there.

They were sad to not be able to take their dog Gracie, who always went with them. She died on July 9. Sonja said they were blessed to have her for 15 1/2 years and it was lonely without her. Sending prayers. Our pets are family.

## Guest

Carol Gordon and Mickie Jo's guest were Janice Lewellyn, Chipper and Sandy Bush.

## Genealogy

Weldon Leon Brown The Genealogy of George Milton Brown and related families:

A few years ago I gave Weldon the name of Barbara Bauer and the new PAST organization.

Weldon called Barbara and he and his wife Judy met with her at the new site in Jonesboro. He donated two of his books to PAST.

Weldon has since found more information the book doesn't have. George had no middle name. He was born 1787 in Mecklenburg County, N.C., that later became Cabarrus County.

We now know his wife was not Sarah Stokes but rather Sarah Stough. They were married in 1807 in Cabarrus County, N.C. They lived there for a few years, was on the 1815 tax list and 1820 census not far away in Rowan County, N.C.

George made a deal with John Miller in 1818 to buy land for him in Union County, Ill., and George took possession of the land by 1822.

That land was in Section 20 near present day Quarry Road a little south west of St. John's Cemetery.

We now know his father was William Brown, who was born in 1760 in Rowan County, N.C., and his grandfather was also William, who was born about 1730.

Cousin Kenneth Miller was a great help in finding much of my missing information.

We hired a good pro genealogist in Raleigh, N.C., who got us over our brick wall.

Since then DNA has given me many matches and cousins paternal and maternal. My tree now has almost 26,000 people many from Union County, Ill. Many folks in Union County are related to us Browns if you go back a few generations.

The Family Book was a three year project for me with much trial and error until I finished it in 2009.

Cousin Jerry Brown's wife Elaine was very helpful in getting me started with the project and Darrel Dexter was helpful also.

If you would like to contact Weldon his email address is weldonmando@yahoo.com.

## 2020 Holiday Bell Ringing Campaign

Alliance of Churches goal is \$10,000. All of this money remains here in Union County with the exception of those funds reserved for flood/fire disaster relief in Union and the collar counties.

The community has been very supportive with their donations to the alliance when they have been available to man the collection sites.

Pete Housman says they are making plans for this year and will be asking the churches to take a shift, a session or a day to provide ringers at any of the three sites: Anna Kroger store, Anna Walmart and Union County Market in Jonesboro.

Pete says we are an extension of the hands, feet, eyes and voice of Christ in our community. Together we make a difference. Praise be to God.

## Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: Aug. 22 Candy Hernandez, Helen Sanders, Aug. 23 Clara Nell Butler, Aug. 24 Doug Hileman Aug. 26 Robert Poole.

Anniversaries: Aug. 21 Bucky and Eleanora Echols

and Ben and Audrey Greer.

Children's Sunday School starts Sunday, Aug. 23, at 9:15 a.m. Other classes are meeting at different times and places. Please check with your teacher to find out what your class is doing.

Clear Creek Baptist Association's annual men's fish fry is Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Barn Event Center on Lick Creek Road. 3 p.m. for fellowship, 5 p.m. for meal. Cost is \$10. All CDC guidelines will be observed and please wear your mask.

Thursday, Aug. 27, Momma Lou's Crafters will meet at 6:30 p.m. in room 151 at the FLC This month's project is a tall jar candle featuring burlap flowers. Sign up by Aug. 23.

Pastor Darryl Williams has started a new sermon series, Set Apart, Pursuing Personal Holiness, from the book of Isaiah chapter 6.

Anna Heights has 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in house worship and 10:30 a.m. online worship on Facebook and YouTube. You can always check the church's information and happenings at www.annaheights.com.

## Outing

Willie and Terrie Rhymer along with Bob and Betty Caraker made a road trip to Giant City Lodge on Friday, Aug. 14. It has been awhile since the couples have been able to get together to go eat.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Tim Gossett had the children come to the altar and placed their backpacks on the altar and had a prayer for them and all students for God to bless them and their teachers with a good school year and to keep them healthy and safe.

Rev. Tim's sermon was from Titus, chapter 2, Enrolled in God's School. Redeem us from all wickedness.

Special music was by Carla and Marcy. Special prayers were for Clara Cates, Marchetta DeWitt, and the family of Barbara House in the death of her cousin. Prayers for Elizabeth Corbit and all those who are sick. Sympathy to the family of Jimmy Courtright.

Offering statement from Rev. Tim is for giving not only of our money but our talents, time, gifts and to share the blessing our Lord gives us with other people.

The women's Bible study had been moved to Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and will not meet on Tuesday anymore.

Tuesday, Loaves and Fishes passed out free food at the back of the church and treats to the children.

Temperatures are taken when someone enters the church and masks are worn. Social distance in seating.

An offering will be taken Sunday, Aug. 23, for the Alliance of Churches.

## Anna VFW

On Monday, Xtreme bar bing starts at 7 p.m. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. Only 50 people are allowed at this time and social distancing is set up.

Friday, Aug. 21, the Auxiliary will serve its monthly fish fry from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested. Social distancing is set up for those who wish to eat at the post. Carry out and drive thru are also available. Please call 833-7737 to set up a time for drive thru pick up.

Star Karaoke will be at the post Friday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m.

## Wedding

Natalie Amrhein and Thomas Clutts will be married this weekend.



Anna-Jo Garden Club met Tuesday, Aug. 11, in the fellowship hall at United Methodist Church Anna.

## Anna Arts Center

Shawnee Hills Arts Council hosted Southern Illinois Music Festival with a chamber music concert on Thursday and a Kids Jive for Jazz concert Saturday morning featuring Mel Goot.

Aug. 22 at 7 p.m., Edwin Linson will be singing music of Sam Cooke, Elvis, The Platters and many more.

The theater has been cleaned, sanitized and masks and social distancing will be followed. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

## Youth Livestock Auction

Aug. 22 at noon at 3D Auction Barn Event Center, 3805 Lick Creek Rd., Anna. Call 618-614-2779 Carl Dillow if you have any questions.

## Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to Phil Ray who told me he would be in charge of the ceremony again this year.

Thanks to Maelin Walker, who told me she would help lay the Honor Wreaths again this year at our Anna cemetery. Her special friend her family bought a wreath in honor and memory of was Tunney Isom.

Maelin was a wonderful help last year and even recruited a lot of her high school friends to help. Maelin's mother Cindy made flyers to help also.

Everyone working together is what makes this all happen.

Please put the date on your calendar and let me know if you will help us lay the wreaths on the veterans graves that have no family member or that lives to far away to attend.

Stephen Burns will come from St. Louis to help lay the wreaths if weather permits.

Program will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15.

We have a lot of veterans buried in our Anna Cemetery that have no living family if you would like to sponsor one of them.

The check can be made out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans and mailed to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906. You can also drop your check off at Anna City Hall.

## Census

The census impacts funding for things like education programs and grants, public transportation, Medicare and Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, libraries, community centers, school meal programs, parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities.

Fill out your census and be counted at my2020census.gov or by phone call 844-330-2020 or by mail fill and return paper questionnaire you got in the mail.

## Military Prayer List

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Jerry and Paula Cochran of Anna are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August.



Congratulations to Gabe and Jenna Herbst on the birth of their baby boy David Charles Herbst. He was born Aug. 8 at 12:01 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.



Jesse and Lisa Lowe and Darci, Sienna and Jamieson Morrison enjoyed a trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. They played mini-golf and ate at Lambert's. They did the Escape room and did it in under an hour. They also visited a few flower shops.

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# Obituaries

## Jimmie C. Courtright

Jimmie C. Courtright, 93, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at his home. He was born on April 12, 1927, in Jonesboro, the son of Horace and Minnie Bullard Courtright.



He married Mary Ann Cavness on Jan. 29, 1949, in Jonesboro. Together they shared 71 wonderful years of marriage.

Mr. Courtright is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Courtright of Jonesboro; a son, Terry Courtright; a daughter, Diane (Kevin) St. Arbor; a granddaughter, Natalie (Patrick) Linton; two great-grandchildren, Erin and Maci Linton, all of Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends.



He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Landon Linton; five brothers, Edward, Charles, Leroy, Fred and David Courtright; and two sisters, Mary Graham and Grace Nix.

Mr. Courtright was a 1944 graduate of Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served as a military policeman during his service time.

Mr. Courtright was retired from the Illinois Department of Transportation, where he worked for 32 years in maintenance.

He was a member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. He served for 18 years as a precinct committeeman.

He was an avid cattle farmer and loved traveling. Some of his favorite places to travel included Hawaii, Europe, Alaska, Branson and Gatlinburg.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Bobbi Shultz officiating.

Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military funeral honor team of Marion.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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

## Mary Virginia Lence

Mary Virginia Lence, 93, of Lick Creek, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at her son's home.



She was born 7 miles east of Anna, in Union County, on Aug. 26, 1926, the daughter of George and Etta Gurley Manus.

She married Walter Truman Lence on May 8, 1943. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2004.

Mrs. Lence is survived by her two sons, Richard (Patty) Lence of Anna and Mervin (Sue) Lence of Lick Creek; a daughter, Rosalee Edwards of Marion; eight grandchildren, John (Dietta) Lence, Robert (Laura) Lence, Laura Lence, David Lence, Mervin Jr. (Tammy) Lence, Larry Lence, Mike Craft and Becky (Jay) Arnett; 25 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma Williams of Olmsted; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter Truman Lence; sons Walter and George Lence; grandsons Joshua and Rhett Lence; two sisters, Mellie Karraker and Nellie Childers; and two brothers, Raymond and Wayne Manus.

She enjoyed working on family genealogy and tending to her flowers. It was no surprise to see her digging up dandelions with her butter knife all the way into the summer of 2020.

She was a member of the United Missionary Baptist Church in Lick Creek. Virginia was a strong Christian woman who dearly loved her family.

Her family extended a special thank you to Dr. Micah Oakley, Bounceback, LHC Home Health Care, Hospice of Southern Illinois and Kristie Bloodworth for all the special care that was given to their mother.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek. Interment immediately followed.

Memorials can be made to Ebenezer Hall Cemetery. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Recent visitors of Sue and Steve Eudy were Melinda Gibbs of Statesboro, Ga., Jason Gibbs of Moss Point, Miss., and Venita Lingle of Anna.

Lois Prater of McClure visited with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Penny Hill of McClure and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating out together on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Get-well wishes to Jack

Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Dana Cross 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.

## Cynthia Oliver

Cynthia Oliver, 60, of Anna, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.



She was born on June 20, 1960, in Anna, the daughter of Ronald Eugene and Cina Sue Rogers Oliver.

She was full of laughter and love. She was a member of the Apostolic Promise Church in Cape Girardeau. She absolutely loved cooking and baking for her family and friends.

She ran Miss Cindy's Day-care for over 16 years. She will be so missed by all of her family and friends, especially her four-legged companion, Bruce.

She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea (Sam Lillard) Hicks of New Albany, Ind.; a son, Christopher Hicks of Murphysboro; grandchildren Micah Lillard and Oliver DeRossett; her father, Ronald Oliver of Carrollton, Ga.; siblings Lisa (Joe) Dixon of Sun City, Ariz., Kim (Curt) Mezo of Vergennes, Marsha Lewis-Webber (Kenny Webber) of Waterloo and Kelly (Paul) Mitchell of Murphysboro; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Graveside funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Jonesboro Cemetery in Jonesboro, with Timothy Lee officiating. Interment will immediately follow.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Everyone attending will be required to wear face coverings and to follow social distance guidelines.

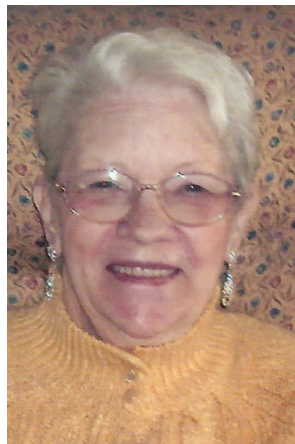
Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery and the funeral home.

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

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

## Betty Virginia Hadders

Betty Virginia Hadders, 87, of rural Buncombe, died at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at her home.



She was born on Oct. 11, 1932, in Goreville, the daughter of Edward and Daisy Howard Jenkins.

On March 24, 1954, Betty married William H. Hadders in Bradley. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 2002.

Survivors include her children, Connie (Bob) Glass of Buncombe, Ginny Mae (Louis) Spenard of Arizona, Betty Ann Hadders of Buncombe, Henry (Geri) Hadders of Bradley, Karen Loyd of Anna and Monty (Jennifer) Hadders of Buncombe; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. She was anticipating the birth of a great-great-grandson in September.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Hadders was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters and a son-in-law, Mark Loyd.

She was a graduate of Goreville High School. She was a devoted homemaker. Additionally, when the family resided in Northern Illinois, she worked as an assembler at Bennett Manufacturing in Manteno.

She was of the Baptist faith. She loved spending time with and cooking for her family.

A service honoring the life of Betty Virginia Jenkins Hadders was conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial was in Busby Chapel Cemetery, south of Goreville.

Memorials can be made to the Marion VA Hospital, Department of Veterans Affairs, c/o Voluntary Services, 2401 W. Main St., Marion, Ill. 62959. Checks are to be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs and are to include Mrs. Hadder's name on the memo line.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.

## Robert Dean McHenry

Robert Dean McHenry, 81, of Herrin, and formerly of Union County, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2020, at Frankfort Healthcare and Rehab Center in West Frankfort.



He was born on April 2, 1939, in Buncombe, the son of Otis and Eva Gene Ragsdale McHenry.

Mr. McHenry is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Bon) Stone of Makanda; a sister, Sharon (Charles) Fairbanks of Marion; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked many years as a heavy equipment operator in the construction field. He enjoyed his family and horseback riding.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

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

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

## Richard Lee Weaver

Richard Lee Weaver, 60, of Dongola, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, in a farm accident in rural Cobden.



He was born on Nov. 3, 1959, in Ephrata, Pa., the son of Harvey M. and Laura N. Martin Weaver.

He married Ruth Horst on Jan. 1, 1983, in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Mr. Weaver is survived by his wife, Ruth of Dongola; four sons, John (Eva) of Dongola, Harold (Dawn) of Buncombe, LaRay and Roger, both of Dongola; five daughters, Nancy (Nathan Martin) of Buncombe, Karen (Mylen Martin) of Shippensburg, Pa., Diane (Toby Shiley) of Anna, Darla and Kathy of Dongola; 14 grandchildren; three brothers, Glen (Wanda), Clair (Rhoda) and Ernest (Regina), all of Dongola; six sisters, Janet, Eileen, Cheryl and Sharon Weaver all of Dongola, Velma (James) Brubaker of York Springs, Pa., and Joan (Donald) Yoder of Barnesville, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one grandson, Jamin Scott Weaver, on Aug. 12, 2017.

Funeral services for Richard Lee Weaver were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Harvest Church in Anna. Interment was in the Mt. Pleasant Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Togo West Africa Mission.

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

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

## Daniel Bruce Clover

Daniel Bruce Clover, 63, of Alto Pass, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at his home.



He was born on July 21, 1957, in Murphysboro, the son of Hubert Louie and Mary E. Hale Clover.

Mr. Clover is survived by his son, Michael Clover of Jonesboro; siblings Sandra (Jim) Carter of Anna, Steve (Debbie) Clover of Alto Pass, Rhonda Ballard of Coleman, Texas, Tim (Dina) Clover of Cobden, Kevin (Martha) Clover of Anna and Mary Rebecca Clover of Decatur; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a son, Daniel Ray Clover.

He loved gardening and living in the country. He loved his son more than anything. Daniel enjoyed spending time with his four-legged partner, Hank. They would go for a four-wheeler ride every day enjoying the countryside.

At this time no services will be held.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass is in charge of arrangements.

## Lloyd 'Timmy' Borah

Lloyd "Timmy" Borah, 56, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on April 12, 1964, in Clifton, the son of Lloyd J. and Martha Sheperd Borah.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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

**Pastor's Corner**  
by Pastor Don Cox

*Once love yields to fear, evil gains power. Love creates courage. What person wouldn't give their life to save someone they TRULY love! Evil will not be subdued until Love "conquers" fear.*

**Congregational Church of Alto Pass**  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

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**Check out the yard sales in this weeks paper! To place yours call (618) 833-2158**





### Anna Kiwanis Club building

A sign is on display just outside the Anna Kiwanis Club building at the Anna City Park. The Kiwanis Club building is located adjacent to the Henry Dillow Grandstand.

**Even though there is no Union County Fair...**

## Anna Kiwanis Club planning to sell its popular barbeque

Union County Fair week during August typically would be a very busy time for the members of the Anna Kiwanis Club.

Each year during fair time, the club cooks its famous barbeque.

Many people who come to the fair make a stop at the Kiwanis Club's building at the Anna City Park, which is the home of the fair. Some will sit down and have dinner... some will pick up a pound or two of Kiwanis barbeque to go.

The year 2020 is just a little bit different, though. The

Union County Fair has been cancelled due to the impact of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. This year's fair was scheduled to take place next week.

While there may not be a fair, there will still be an opportunity to bring home some Anna Kiwanis Club barbeque.

The club is planning to have a barbeque sale on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28.

Prices will be \$25 for half a shoulder, \$40 for a whole shoulder and \$35 for a bone-in shoulder.

To place an order, call 618-697-6144 or 833-7052 and leave a message.

Shoulders can be picked up at the Anna Kiwanis Club building at the Anna City Park on Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The club notes that all of the money generated from the sales of its barbeque will go to children in the community.

Since its beginning, the Anna Kiwanis Club has worked to support the young people and the community.

In its early days, the club was looking for a fund-raising activity to support various projects for the benefit of local children and communities.

Barbequing was chosen. The Anna Kiwanis Club started open pit barbequing in the late 1950s with a stand



### Anna Kiwanis Club, 1954

Reading from left to right, First Table on left: Roy Smith, Harvey Isom, William Sanas, Tom Morgan, Eugene Snick, Fred Fritzing, Newt Williams. Right Hand Table, left to right: LeRoy North, Orba Woods, Fred Brooks, Wilbur George, John Burhorn, William Wetherington, Bruce Wills, Donald Odum. Back Table, left to right: Dellis Buzbee, Leon Whitney and Joe Kupferer. The photograph is from the book titled "100 Years of Progress," which was a centennial history of the City of Anna and was published in 1954. In 1954, Union County Fair (then called the Anna Fair) was not held. The fair, which had been held annually since 1880, was interrupted for the first time in 1954. This year, fair has been interrupted again.

## One dead, three others injured following traffic accident in Pulaski County

One person sustained fatal injuries and three others were hurt in a single-vehicle traffic accident which occurred early Sunday morning, Aug. 16, in Pulaski County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident involved a pursuit which ended when a 2011 Ford Fusion crashed into a house at 328 Oak St. in Mounds.

State police released the following report following a preliminary investigation of the accident:

At approximately 2:12 a.m., the Alexander County Sheriff's office attempted to stop the vehicle for a traffic violation.

The vehicle failed to stop. A pursuit ensued and the vehicle, which was occupied by four individuals, lost control and struck a house at the above location.

One of the occupants in

the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Pulaski County coroner.

The person who sustained fatal injuries was identified as Marquan L. Reed, 20, of Charleston, Mo.

One person in the vehicle sustained life-threatening injuries. The person was identified as Ronald W. Mitchell, 28, of Charleston, Mo. He was transported to an area hospital.

Two occupants of the vehicle were transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The two persons who sustained non-life-threatening injuries were identified as Desmond T. Greer, 29, of Wyatt, Mo., and Antonio L. Tate, 30, of Charleston, Mo.

The driver of the car was unknown at the time that the preliminary accident was released. An investigation continued.

## Three persons hurt in shooting incident on I-57 near Dongola

Three persons were reported to have been injured as the result of a shooting which happened early Friday morning, Aug. 14, in Union County.

Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investiga-

tion Zone 7 was requested to investigate the shooting.

State police reported that the incident happened at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Friday on Interstate 57, near exit 24.

Initial information revealed that a vehicle had been struck several times by gunfire.

Three occupants in the vehicle were reported to have been injured.

State police reported that all three occupants were males from Cairo. The ages of the males were reported to be 18, 28 and 31.

All three persons were transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

State police reported that the events surrounding the shooting remain under investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the shooting, or has any knowledge about the incident, is asked to contact Illinois State Police District 13 by phone at 618-542-2171, extension 1207. Callers can remain anonymous, state police said.

## Monthly fish fry, Xtreme Bar Bingo set at Anna VFW

A fish fry and Xtreme Bar Bingo are planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

**Fish Fry**  
The Auxiliary to Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a monthly fish fry on Friday, Aug. 21. Serving starts at 5 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato slaw, slaw and a pickle for a donation of \$10.

Those who do not feel comfortable coming inside to eat can call 833-7737 and the Auxiliary will set up a time to meet you under the front awning with your meal.

Star Karaoke will be at the post starting at 6 p.m.

The Auxiliary notes that it

at the fair grounds.

This continued through the early 1980s, when the club had a unit built by Holcomb's Welding that would hold 60 shoulders or 100 butts.

The club also had a new building which could serve as the home of the new unit, along with barbeque sales.

This gave the club an opportunity to boost its sales and service to the community – as well as the donations the club makes to help support a wide range of activities.

Over the years, the club has raised many thousands of dollars to benefit local children, schools, communities and the county.

The book "100 Years of Progress," a centennial history of the City of Anna, was published in 1954.

At the time, the Kiwanis Club was Anna's newest

service organization. The club was organized in March 1953 and received its charter in April 1953.

The centennial history shared the story of the club:

The rapid progress of this organization has been wonderful. Many innovations of this club have contributed directly toward the betterment of the citizens of this community.

Anna had its first clean up and anti-polio myelitis campaign under the supervision of this club. More than \$800.00 was contributed by the good people of Anna toward the eradication of this terrible scourge.

The club also purchased a Sno-Kone machine in the summer of 1953 and from the operations of this machine contributed over \$125.00 to the swimming pool fund as well as pay \$280.00 for the machine.

On Halloween of 1953,

the club established the precedent of conducting an annual pancake supper. The results of this project were amazing, not only from the standpoint of an enjoyable affair but profit-wise, it contributed greatly to our budget.

The primary purpose of Kiwanis is to assist the youth of this community and throughout the nation.

The club's secondary purpose was to be of civic betterment to the community and to have "the fellowship and enjoyment of weekly meetings which changes our daily routine and broadens our horizons of the happiness and pitfalls of our fellow men."

"Based upon these principles and the principles of Kiwanis International, we feel that Kiwanis of Anna will be a solid institution when we mark the 200th Anniversary."

## Improved program for detox

Centerstone's Fellowship House Campus in Anna has announced a change in a medication regimen which is designed to increase the comfort level of its detoxification clients.

Centerstone's Fellowship House Campus is an in-patient treatment facility for those who suffer with substance use disorders and co-occurring problems.

Fellowship House offers ASAM Level III.7 detox for men and women who are 18 years of age and older.

Fellowship House's medication regimen now includes medications for typical symptoms of withdrawal from a variety of drugs.

## Cobden Village Board votes to hire police officer

**By Benjamin Marxer**  
The Village Board of Trustees of Cobden voted on a measure to hire a new police officer at a regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 17. The meeting was at Cobden Village Hall.

The board voted unanimously to hire Jesse Spencer as a new police officer for

Cobden. Spencer is a resident of Cobden and currently works for the Anna Police Department.

The village board has been searching for candidates to fill two spots on its police force, including an officer to serve as the new chief of police. This is in the wake of several resignations from the police force, including that of former chief Bob Hale.

The board discussed intentions to host a public forum in the near future to discuss the future of the Cobden Police Department with the citizens of Cobden.

Officer Spencer has been hired for a three-month probationary period after which the board will decide to continue his employment.

Cobden Mayor Paul Z. Tomazzoli and other members of the board expressed interest in promoting Spencer to the role of police chief. However, the board has decided to wait on possible future applications before making a final decision.

Interested candidates can find more information on the village's website at cobdenil.com.



### Jive for Jazz

Music educator Mel Goot led an interactive Jive for Jazz musical seminar at the Anna Arts Center on Saturday, Aug. 15. Goot taught young listeners the basics of various musical genres through interactive performances and discussed the nature and use of several musical instruments. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



### Striping work

Crosswalks and parking spaces were relined Monday, Aug. 17, on South Green Street, across from Anna Junior High School/Davie School. Anna city employee Lonnie Lewis was operating the stripe machine. Bill Sharp was using a blower to keep the pavement clear.

## Flores earns scholarship



**Alyssa Flores**

The Dongola School PTO is congratulating its 2019-2020 scholarship recipient.

The scholarship has been awarded to Alyssa Flores.

Alyssa is the daughter of Terry and Jamie Flores of Dongola.



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YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, August 21 & 22, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 402 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Groceries, health & beauty supplies, children's books, clothing (women & children's), linens, shoes, misc. Too much to list.

BIG YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, August 21 & 22, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 4575 E. Vienna Street, Anna, Oldies but Goodies parking lot.

BIG YARD SALE: Saturday, August 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 301 1/2 Williford Road, Jonesboro. Lots of everything priced to sell. Furniture, bathroom vanity, lights, trunk, baby through adult clothing, jewelry, tools, toys, DVDs, dishes, antiques, and more. Bundle priced. Social distancing and CDC guidelines followed. Don't Miss This Sale!!!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of VERNA BRIDWELL, Deceased. No. 20-P-26

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Verna Bridwell of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on July 28, 2020, to U.S. Bank, N.A., Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, Trust Department, 205 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, whose attorney is Eugenia C. Hunter, Attorney at Law, 905 West Cherry, Carbondale, IL 62901.

ventoried within that period. Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois and copies mailed or delivered to the executor or administrator and to his attorney. Dated August 10, 2020

Tiffany Busby, Clerk of the Circuit Court 35-37g

CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code, the City of Anna has declared the following Exhibit A Surplus Property List, as surplus personal property and offers the same for sale.

Said property may be inspected at the Anna City Garage located at 105 Market Street in the City of Anna and is sold in "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties.

EXHIBIT A Surplus Property 1996 Ford F350SD, 7.3 Diesel motor, VIN 1FTJW-35F6TEA70949, 265,273.3 miles, runs poorly, starting minimum starting bid \$500.00

1991 Ford LGT CONV-TNL, VIN 2FDLF47G6M-CA25419, 51, 089.4 miles, does not currently run, starting minimum bid \$500.00

Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item(s), shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through September 15, 2020. The minimum bid has been established for each surplus item. Please see

Surplus Property List for the Minimum bid, as no bid for less than that amount will be accepted. A check or money order shall accompany all bids for not less than 10% of the bid.

All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on September 15th, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dori Bigler City Clerk 36-37g

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 25th day of June, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Wichmann Vineyard with the place of business located at 2655 Water Valley Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Johanna Wichmann Donald Moberly 2655 Water Valley Road Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk

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FOR RENT: Very nice, partially furnished, 2 bedroom apartment located in Anna. Close to town. Call (618)-833-5858 or (618)-697-1893.

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FOR RENT: 2 bedroom duplex. W/D hook-up. Nice neighborhood. Call (618)-833-6495.

HELP WANTED

JOB OPENING COBDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cobden Police Department is seeking a Certified Police Officer. Minimum of 5 years experience preferred. Submit application to the Village of Cobden, 112 East Maple Street, P.O. Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920 or email cobdenvillage@gmail.com. To apply in person, call (618)-893-2425 for appointment. Deadline to submit application is September 3, 2020.

HELP WANTED: House cleaning needed in rural Dongola area. 4 hours per month at \$15.00 per hour. Call (618)-203-8168.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: Golden seal roots. Greenville. John Turley, (618)-604-2855.

Television Listings

THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2020

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2020

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MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2020

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26, 2020

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# Opinion and Commentary

## Our Union County Roots

*Our Union County Roots is a monthly column by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. The society owns and operates the Union County Museum in Cobden. Check them out on Facebook at Union County, IL Historical and Genealogy Society & Museum.*

In 1977, Glenn J. Sneed of Royalton published a 309 page book called "Ghost Towns of Southern Illinois." Included in the book were the 17 southernmost counties of the region. He traveled over 100,000 miles during the five-year period he was researching the book and he estimated that he talked to at least 3,000 people.

Mr. Sneed, a retired teacher, could not get anyone interested in publishing his findings. So, he spent his own money to have the hard back book published because he strongly believed in the preservation of the history of the many small villages and towns that no longer existed.

Marketing the book, once published, was equally difficult. He found little interest. He gave presentations throughout the area in hopes of selling his book and recouping some of his life savings. The Historical Society hosted a book signing at Stinson Library in Anna.

He readily admitted that the book was not without problems, but lacking someone to proofread the book he decided to publish what he had.

Mr. Sneed, unfortunately, did not live to see his book become one of the most highly sought after books on Southern Illinois history. The book was eventually published in soft back, but that, too, is hard to find.

Sneed also cautioned the reader that there was no doubt more settlements that had disappeared that he was unable to document.

We have found two such settlements: Morgan Town and Benderville.

### Morgan Town

G.W. Morgan in partnership with his son, Sam, established a new settlement one and one-half miles east of Dongola in the spring of 1870. The called the settlement Morgan Town.

A paragraph in the Dongola News in the October 21, 1871, issue of the Jonesboro Gazette described the flourishing settlement as consisting of a combination flour and saw mill and a dry goods and grocery store.

Mr. Morgan was described as a good businessman as well as an honest and upright citizen. His son, Sam, was touted as a talented young man with a good head for business.

The Dongola correspondent noted that G.W. Morgan and his son processed and shipped large quantities of some of the best lumber in Union County. However, the partnership of George W. Morgan and Son was dissolved in late 1871 by mutual consent.

George continued to operate the flour and saw mill and kept the grocery and dry goods business open at least through 1872. Morgan Town did not have a post office and was never incorporated.

### Benderville

Benderville is situated about six miles from Dongola and owned by B.F. Livingston and E. Leavenworth according to an account in the January 6, 1872, issue of the Jonesboro Gazette. These men had moved their dry goods stock from Dongola to their sawmill six miles east of the town in September of 1871.

According to the Dongola correspondent for the Gazette, these men were running one of the best lumber mills in the county, making boat timber and plow and wagon timber by the score. Working with Livingston and Leavenworth were George Little and a Mr. Butler who was the clerk.

Charles Hammonds, one of the best sawyers in the country, was in charge of the mill.

The thriving village with a population of 100 had a store, a mill, a boarding house, and a blacksmith shop. Cattle and oxen numbered about 80, hogs 30, horses 10, frogs 50 bushels to the acre and 50 million fleas.

The New Years dance was a success and the house was filled with the fair sex. The music was furnished by H. Tripp and B.F. Livingston who had the reputation of being first class fiddlers.

The Rev. Mr. S. Brewer of Murphysboro was holding a revival at the Union Church.

Benderville did not have a post office and was never incorporated.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



**If they just would have waited a moment or two longer...when they were still pretty close to the road...then we would have had a much better photograph of a white-tailed deer and two fawns...oh, well... You can almost see one of the fawns behind "mom." The fawns were cute. Really.**

## Sunday evening pandemic date – creek bed in woods

Well, here we are in week...well, whatever week in the pandemic it is...kind of lost track...

The Other Half and yours truly decided to go on a pandemic date last Sunday evening. We hadn't done that in a while. The thought of motoring around the countryside when the heat index was about 105 degrees just did not seem all that exciting.

Sunday was much, much nicer. As a matter of fact, the weather was so much nicer on Sunday afternoon that yours truly decided to go on a rather long walkabout through our hometown.

For our pandemic date, we once again headed to one of our favorite places, the Trail of Tears State Forest.

Not far out of town, we spotted a white-tailed deer and two fawns which still had their spots. Yours truly tried to shoot a picture, but the deer had other ideas.

As we were motoring along Illinois Route 127, The Oth-

er Half made note of how green things still are, which is kind of nice for the middle of August in Southern Illinois.

We ended up spending about 45 minutes wandering around in a creek bed at the state forest. We enjoyed the sights and the sounds...and sometimes even a moment or two of silence.

Wandering around in a creek bed in the woods may not sound like a big time for some folks, but we enjoyed our date. I was just glad to give The Other Half a chance to see some of the world...she's pretty much been stuck at home since this whole pandemic thing started.

Along with the deer, we also spotted four cows, an armadillo which appeared to have had a very bad day along a Union County highway, some horses and a bunch more deer.

Can't tell you how many horses, and can't tell you how much of a "bunch" of deer there were. Kind of hard to tell such things when it's almost dark and you're driving 55 miles per hour. Yes, I was maintaining the speed limit.

One last thing for this week...a bit of a follow-up...a little bit more was learned about the Good Samaritan we mentioned a couple of weeks ago. The Good Samaritan and the motorist who received some help from this very special person during a summer downpour in Union County were able to get in touch with one another...

Oh, one more thing in addition to the already mentioned one more thing...another follow up...yours truly went outdoors in the dark of night a couple of times last week to enjoy the Perseid meteor shower.

Saw more cows on Sunday evening. In terms of numbers, that one road killed armadillo topped the number of meteors (or should that be meteorites?) I saw. Oh, well...there's always next year...I hope...

That is all. Really. Wait...just thought of one more thing...



**Didn't have to go far at all to see a blue-tailed skink which was wandering around in our backyard over the weekend. Guess how this critter got its name.**



**Water striders...striding in the water...the critters were seen in a pool of water during a visit to the Trail of Tears State Forest Sunday evening.**



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