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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

The Union County Housing Authority will receive \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to identify and reduce lead-based paint hazards in public housing units. More on this to come.

If you haven't been to the Union County Fair in Anna yet, there's still plenty of time to do so. Demolition derbies on Friday and Saturday night's likely will bring out big crowds.

The announcer at last Saturday evening's gaited and western horse show had high praise for the Union County Fair and the fair board.

Good turnout was reported on a very hot evening for last Sunday's community worship service at the Union County Fair in Anna.

Plans are being considered for the 2019 Pumpkin Town display on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Development Center in Anna.

Girl Scout registration, skating party set in Anna

Girl Scout registration and a skating party are planned Thursday, Aug. 29, in Anna.

The events will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Quick's Skating Rink at 216 E. Davie St.

Girl Scout troops are available for ages kindergarten through 12th grade.

Volunteer opportunities also are available for adults.

Girl Scout memberships are \$25. Financial assistance is available.

For those who might not be able to attend the Aug. 29 activity, information is available by calling Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois at 1-800-345-6858 or by visiting the website at www.gsfsi.org.

Election equipment

County clerk notes upgrades for 2020

The Union County clerk's office has announced some changes for the upcoming 2020 primary and general elections.

"We have upgraded our election equipment from older ES&S Accuvote Optical Scanners that date back to the 1980s to the state of the art and latest election equipment available by ES&S," Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer said in a news release.

"The DS200 Optical Scanner offers the same voter experience Union County voters are used too, but offers so much more for us as election authorities," Meisenheimer said.

With new faster technology, the scanner provides safer uploading, ensures all ballots are tabulated correctly and still provides a paper based election system to ensure at the end of every election, every vote is accounted for, he said.

"For all federal elections, ADA accessible machines are required and we are very proud to offer a new user friendly ADA machine for the citizens of Union County," he said.

The new Express Vote BMD offers a hassle free experience. It is a simple touch screen option where you insert a blank ballot, mark your choices, and it marks your ballot for you.

"When finished the machine prints your ballot for you to review before you place it in the new DS200 machine for counting with the rest of the ballots," Meisenheimer said.

The Express Vote BMD is a "Ballot Marker" and

doesn't accumulate or tally any votes made.

The Express Vote BMD offers an ADA keyboard and headphones if a voter requires this assistance.

The new equipment comes at a price of \$149,920, but with rumors of federal grants possibly in the works and the dire need of this equipment, the Union County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed that the time was now to ensure that the county continues to have safe and secure elections.

"As this was a large expenditure, we explored options for financing the new equipment with the goal of trying to keep our money in Union County," the county clerk said.

All six banks in Union County were given the opportunity to submit a proposal for financing options.

Anna State Bank submitted a five-year lease agreement at 2.65 percent which was the best option for the county.

Election cyber security has also been addressed in Union County this year as well, Meisenheimer said.

"With partnership from the State Board of Elections, our office completed a full risk assessment and a new internet connection was established to ensure a direct line from our office to the Illinois Voter Registration System in Springfield.

"We have taken many other measures to ensure that we do our part in protecting your voting information and it stays secure and out of the wrong hands."

Funding awarded to combat opioid crisis

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, has awarded community health centers in Southern Illinois a total of \$1.56 million through the Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA, Integrated Behavioral Health Services, IBHS, Program and the Rural Communities Opioid

Response Program.

One of the community health centers which is receiving funds serves Union County and the surrounding area.

The awarding of the funds was announced Aug. 13 by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill.

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Fair queens named

The 2019 Union County Fair queen pageant was Sunday night in Anna. Grace Pitts was crowned as Miss Union County Fair queen. Allison McGee was crowned as Little Miss Union County Fair. Brooklyn Eastman was crowned as Junior Miss Union County Fair. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

2019 Union County Fair queen pageant held on Sunday night

A 2019 Union County Fair queen was crowned Sunday night in Anna.

A 2019 Little Miss Union County Fair and a 2019 Junior Miss Union County Fair also were crowned.

The queen pageant was held at the Anna City Park, the home of the Union County Fair.

Grace Pitts of Cobden was crowned as the Union County Fair queen. She is the daughter of Kent and Nancy Pitts.

First runner-up was Maddison Thompson of Anna. Maddison also was honored as Miss Congeniality. She is the daughter of Tracy Thompson and Dea Bonner.

Second runner-up was Grace Girtman of Anna. She is the daughter of Tim and Dortha Girtman.

Brooklyn Eastman of Anna was crowned as Junior Miss Union County Fair. She is the daughter of

Adam and Jennifer Eastman.

First runner-up was Colby McGee of Cobden. She is the daughter of Brad and Christina McGee.

Second runner-up was Avery Stegle of Wolf Lake. She is the daughter of Jason and Abbie Stegle.

Allison McGee of Cobden was crowned as Little

Miss Union County Fair. She is the daughter of Brad and Christina McGee.

Jaydra Pender of Jonesboro was first runner-up. She is the daughter of Christopher Pender and Jessica Lannom.

Shelby Pender of Wolf Lake was second runner-up. She is the daughter of Justin and Lindsey Pender.

Fair continues this week

A junior livestock auction, two nights of demolition derby action and many other events are scheduled as the 2019 Union County Fair in Anna wraps up.

The fair is underway at the Anna City Park in Anna. Activities continue through Sunday afternoon.

Here's a look at the schedule of events:

Thursday, Aug. 22

Thursday is Family Day at the fair.

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit building open.

6 p.m. Junior livestock auction, junior show arena. (Admission is free.)

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7 p.m. Championship rodeo.

Friday, Aug. 23

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit building open.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

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Promenading pets

The Union County Fair continued a long-running tradition with the annual pet parade, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Anna-Jonesboro. The event took place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, at the fair in Anna. Pets and owners competed in several different categories, including smallest, prettiest, most unusual, best dressed and best trained. Winners of each category received medals and cash prizes, plus a trophy awarded to the pet named best in show. Some of the more interesting entries this year included a goat, a clam and a silver fox. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Weather

Hot and humid

Hot and humid summer weather prevailed during the period of Aug. 13-19 in the Union County area.

The period was dry, with no rainfall recorded.

High temperatures in the 90s were accompanied by high humidity which blanketed the region early this week.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah warned on Tuesday that "an intense line of storms" could produce damaging winds as it moved through the region.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Aug. 13	93	73
Wednesday, Aug. 14	91	66
Thursday, Aug. 15	86	63
Friday, Aug. 16	88	63
Saturday, Aug. 17	92	68
Sunday, Aug. 18	92	71
Monday, Aug. 19	93	68



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Union County Fair Board

Members of the Union County Fair Board held a meeting last week. The meeting was at the fair board office at the Anna City Park and was held in preparation for the 2019 Union County Fair. The fair is underway this week at the Anna park. Members of the board include, in the first row, from left, Halford Dillow, Kevin Washer, Dale Moreland, Mike Meisenheimer and Ron Knupp. In the second row are Dale Theis, Mike Yates, Terry Henderson, Scott Wilson, Paul Rich, Jack Steele and Bill Clutts. This year's Union County Fair began last Friday and continues through this weekend. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Funding awarded

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Community health centers are community-based organizations that improve access to affordable, high-quality health care in underserved urban and rural communities by integrating primary health care with pharmacy, mental health, substance abuse, and oral health services.

Under this announcement, the following Illinois organizations will receive funding to combat the opioid crisis from HRSA's IBHS program:

Rural Health Inc., Anna: \$167,000.

Community Health and Emergency Services Inc., Cairo: \$167,000.

Shawnee Health Service and Development Corporation, Carterville: \$167,000.

Macoupon County, Carlville: \$167,000.

Southern Illinois Health Care Foundation, East St. Louis: \$167,000.

Also under this announcement, Jerseyville Community Hospital District in Jerseyville will receive \$725,000 in funding from HRSA's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program.

"Community health centers serve a vital function across our state, providing affordable, comprehensive health care to more than one million Illinoisans every year," Durbin said in a news release.

"Federal investments in our health centers give them certainty to plan for the future and enable patients to access the care they need.

Search conducted for suspect

The Union County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday morning was alerting the community about the search for a man who was wanted on several warrants. The man was considered to be dangerous.

The sheriff's office posted a message on Facebook which stated that local law enforcement was looking for Kelly Kimmel, a 36-year-old white male.

"He was last seen wearing no shirt, blue jeans, carrying an orange shirt in the area of North John and Jasper Street in Jonesboro," the message stated.

Area residents were urged to not approach or to attempt to apprehend the man.

Those who may have had information about the man were asked to dial 911 to contact the sheriff's office.

Senator Duckworth and I will continue fighting for this important funding."

"Every Illinoisan, no matter their zip code, deserves the same access to quality health services," Duckworth said.

"This funding is critical for community health centers across Illinois and will help provide necessary, affordable care to thousands of families while also helping to stem the opioid crisis. Senator Durbin and I will keep supporting these important community health centers throughout our state."

Illinois community health centers currently provide primary health care services to approximately 1.4 million Illinois residents, including one out of every four Medicaid patients, at 48 health centers with 350 treatment sites in medically underserved areas.

Illinois community health centers employ over 7,600 individuals, equaling a payroll of more than \$508 million.

They also inject approximately \$800 million in operating expenditures into their communities, resulting in an overall economic impact of \$1.48 billion and overall employment of 11,700.

Hemp plot featured at state fair

Visitors to this year's Illinois State Fair in Springfield had an opportunity to learn more about hemp.

In June, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, set aside a plot at the state fairgrounds where hemp could be grown.

Eight CBD plants and 100 industrial hemp plants were planted.

"The arrival of hemp as a viable cash crop provides new opportunities for farmers, agribusiness and hemp processors to make Illinois a leader in the hemp industry," IDOA director John Sullivan said.

IDOA noted that hemp has a long history in the United States and Americans were once legally bound to grow hemp during the colonial era and early republic.

Today, hemp is used to make a variety of products, including healing oils, textiles and hempcrete, which is used as a material in construction.

Hemp has zero psycho-tropic effect when consumed and became completely legal with passage of the 2018 Federal Farm Bill, IDOA explained.



Spirit of cooperation boosts fair

Numerous local restaurants pitched in to help this year's Union County Fair preparation by providing lunches for workers during setup last week. Burger King, McDonald's, Whiffle Boys Pizza, Great Boars of Fire and Dale Foster all took turns providing the daily meals. Ron Knupp of the Union County Fair Board picked up the day's lunch from Burger King crew members Amy and Ashley.

Such a spirit of cooperation, including from the City of Anna, helps to contribute to the success of the fair. "The fair is extremely appreciative of the cooperation between the city of Anna employees in their efforts to support the fair," Knupp said. "The new spirit of cooperation between Anna city government and the fair has been a great benefit to all concerned. As we continuously strive to make the fair 'bigger and better' every year."



Down to the wire

Ole Swamp Master and his driver Danarius Dortch get the win in a very close race at the harness races at the Union County Fair in Anna on Monday afternoon. The contest was the fourth race on a card of seven races for the day and held a winner's purse of \$3,840. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



County fair concert

Steve Hornbeak and the Shawnee Hills Opry performed a concert at dusk at the Anna City Park amphitheater as part of the Union County Fair events. The show took place on Monday, Aug. 19, with Eli Tellor as the opening act. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

County fair

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7 p.m. Demolition derby, in front of grandstand. General admission ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

Saturday, Aug. 24

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Exhibit building open.

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carnival open.

7 p.m. Demolition derby, in front of grandstand. General admission ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

Sunday, Aug. 25

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibits to be claimed at exhibit building.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibitor checks available at fair office.

Reptiles, rivers, nature walk featured at wetlands center

The Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress is planning to offer programs about reptiles and rivers, as well as a walk at a nature preserve.

The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

More information about the upcoming programs is available by calling the center at 618-657-2064.

Reptiles in the Neighborhood is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

Tony Gerard is scheduled to present a program about common reptiles of Southern Illinois.

An indoor program will offer an opportunity to view live reptiles.

Gerard then plans to lead a reptile excursion along the Heron Pond Trail.

A PBS program, "Rivers of Life," is scheduled to be shown from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25.

The presentation will feature the wildlife and people who inhabit the Amazon River area.

A stroll in the Section 8 Woods Nature Preserve is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 31.

Those who want to go on the walk are advised to be prepared to walk in wet conditions.

Don't miss the 2019 Union County Fair in Anna



Meeting the teachers

Shawnee School District second grade teacher Kelly McKinney met with her new student Kinleigh as part of the school's Meet the Teachers night. The event was held in preparation for the start of the school year, which took place on Friday, Aug. 16. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

After summer floods, Shawnee schools open

By Benjamin Marxer
Shawnee School District No. 84 held a Meet the Teacher event in preparation for the 2019-2020 academic year on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Students got the opportunity to meet their teachers, collect their books and find their lockers.

The night also featured door prizes, school supplies, refreshments, photo stations and other activities.

The school year was set to begin in two days, with a half-day session scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16.

This all took place less than a month after the re-opening of Illinois Routes 146 and 3.

The closing of these roads marked a high point

in the summer's sustained flooding that caused widespread damage across the region.

The Shawnee School District is no stranger to flooding events, with several disastrous floods affecting the district over the past decade.

However, despite the summer's surge, school and students alike were ready for the school year to begin.

"We were really worried about a month ago, when the road to McClure was closed, because all of that is part of our school district."

Shawnee School District superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill.

"But once the water started to go down, we'd see roads opening back up ev-

ery couple of days."

Over the past three weeks, representatives from the school have been checking the condition of the routes in their district.

By the night of the Meet the Teacher event, all but three routes had been re-opened. Alternate bus stops have been set up for the students along those routes.

In addition, enrollment numbers have also remained largely unaffected by the flooding.

"We were worried that we would lose enrollment because we had so many displaced families," said Clover-Hill.

"But we've been fortunate and it's been less than five students not returning, with all the rest coming back, which we've been very thankful for."

Clover-Hill said that enrollment numbers are actually up this year, with new enrollees outnumbering the students leaving the district over the summer.

The floodwaters are receding and cleanup efforts have begun, but the region is still far from back to normal.

Some roads are still under water and many families have been displaced. But the start of the school year can bring some stability to the lives of students.

"Some students still aren't home yet. They are either living with family members, or staying somewhere else," says Clover-Hill, "but we are looking forward to seeing them all at the start of school on Friday."

The Gazette-Democrat on line at annanews.com

VFW, Auxiliary offer programs for area students

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

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

If a child does not receive information about the programs, the VFW post in Anna can be contacted at 833-5182 for details.

Programs include a poster contest, a continuing education scholarship, a patriotic art contest, an audio-essay contest and essay contests.

Poster Contest

The poster contest is for grades 1, 2 and 3. Poster's can't be larger than 14 inches by 22 inches, with a white background.

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

This year's theme is "America the Beautiful."

Essay Contests for Grades 4, 5, 6

The essay contest is for students in grade 4, 5 and 6.

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

This year's theme is "What America Means to Me."

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

Continuing Education Scholarship

The 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, 2020. Contact Linda Jackson at 833-7737 for more information.

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest

The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Con-

test is open to students in grades 9-12 who are no older than 18 years of age at time of local entry and are a U.S. citizen.

Art work must be on canvas or paper. This contest now accepts two dimensional and three dimensional art.

The deadline for this program is Feb. 1, 2020. Local, state and national awards are available with this program.

First place national award is \$15,000. There are also local and state awards for this program. More information is being sent to area schools.

Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

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

The deadline to enter is Oct. 31, 2019. Information has been sent to all local schools about the requirements for this program.

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

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

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

Local and District awards are given out for this program also.

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

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

The deadline is Oct. 31, 2019. The theme is "What Makes America Great."

All rules for this contest have been sent to local schools.

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

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

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

The VFW notes that if a student has trouble finding the Voice of Democracy or the Patriots Pen contest, they are advised to contact their English teacher or the school guidance counselor.

A-JCHS class of 1961 plans to have reunion in October

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1961 is planning to have a reunion the weekend of Oct. 4-5.

A meet and greet event is planned at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at StarView Winery near Cobden. Sandwiches, salads and snack items will be available for purchase.

Breakfast is planned at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

Those who want to attend the breakfast are asked to RSVP by Friday, Sept. 20, to Ron Knupp or Nancy Brown.

Other activities which are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 5, are scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. at John and Julie Davis's at Goreville. A class photo will be taken at 4 p.m. A buffalo tro is scheduled at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each.

Those who want to attend the buffalo tro are asked to RSVP by Friday, Sept. 20, by contacting Ron Knupp or Nancy Brown.

Class members who may have had a change in their phone number, mailing address or email address are asked to contact Ron Knupp or Nancy Brown.

Evening walk scheduled at A-J Garden Club Park

The public is invited to an evening walk in the park on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. sponsored by the Anna-Jo Garden Club.

The garden walk will take place at the Anna-Jo Garden Park in Anna, also called Hineman Park.

The garden club notes that besides an opportunity to enjoy a experience in the middle of a busy area, the walk will hopefully raise awareness about the city park which is available to everyone, along with providing some educational experiences.

Club members will be available at each of the major planted areas to answer all questions.

The City of Anna provides maintenance services at the park.

The garden club is caretaker of the gardens in the park.

The club will be recognizing all the city workers and officials who help make the park available for everyone to use.

Refreshments will be provided as well as a plant gift to everyone visiting the event.

The park is located east of the parking lot beside McDonald's.

'Square Grand' to be featured

"The Square Grand of Harrison House: Music Through Time" is the theme for an upcoming program at the Harrison-Bruce Historical Village at Carterville.

The program is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. The historical village is located on the campus of John A. Logan College.

As part of a tour of the village, pianist Henry Nico-laides will tell the story of "the Square Grand of Harrison House." Refreshments will be served.

Have you been to the Union County fair yet? It's not too late!!



The livestock auction is tonight at 6 p.m.

The rodeo starts at 7:30.



The Demolition Derby is Friday night at 7 p.m. and Saturday night at 7 p.m. Lots of other exciting events are scheduled through Saturday night.

We hope to see you there!

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Sports

A-J, Cobden soccer set to open season Aug. 28

Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden High School boys' co-op soccer coach Mark Boomer won't see any difference on the field when he substitutes this season.

"If I take one player out, I won't be losing a whole lot," Boomer said. "We have about the same level of experience."

Several players return from last year's 10-9-2 season.

"Right now, we're looking solid on offense," Boomer said. "We're still working on defense."

One senior returning is goalkeeper Jacob Schaefer. He'll be backed up by sophomore Bryce Henry.

Other seniors returning

are forward Blake Pena; defensive/middle Noah McFarland; left middle Nicholas Bussey; right middle Carlos Valencia; and center middle Steen Vaca Diez.

Juniors in the mix are left back/defender Nick McGrath; middle Maddox Thorpe and middle Juan Valencia.

Other sophomores are center/back Noah Treece and defender/middle Romeo Godinez.

The A-J/Cobden co-op soccer team opens the season at Centralia Wednesday, Aug. 28, and competes again in the Greg Kline Invitational at Carbondale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30-31.

A-J football team has no returning starters for 2019

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team has finished its first week of practice and will have a completely different look this fall.

"It's a unique situation," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "We return zero starters from last year. We've never had that happen before. We've had teams with a couple of guys coming back, but this year, not any."

The team is preparing for its season opener at West Frankfort on Friday, Aug. 30.

There are only 8 seniors and 10 juniors on the team. A big part of the roster will be made up of 20 sophomores.

"We're got kind of lower numbers in juniors and seniors," Detering said. "We'll kind of lean on the sophomores."

The coach is looking at junior Carson Pengress, 5-8, 180 pounds, and sophomore Gavin Osman, 6-1, 150 pounds, at quarterback. Pengress was the backup quarterback last season.

Fullback candidates are juniors Nate Belcher, 6-1, 190 pounds, and Jacob Doss, 5-11, 210 pounds, and sophomores Barry Johnson, 5-9, 160 pounds, and Matthew Wright, 5-9, 215 pounds.

At running back, some top prospects are seniors Drake Roach, 5-7, 145 pounds, and Noah Hodson, 6-0, 150 pounds; junior Nate Baggott, 6-0, 140 pounds; and sophomores Wright, Josh Davis, 5-11, 170 pounds, and Arojae Hart, 5-2, 115 pounds.

On the line, the most experienced returner is junior

Bryce Bowers, 6-3, 305 pounds, who started a couple of games last season.

Senior Hayden Carter, 5-11, 195 pounds, will be on the defensive line.

Some top offensive line candidates are sophomores Keegan Keller, 5-8, 220 pounds; Eli Pecord, 6-2, 275 pounds; Andrew Detering, 6-0, 240 pounds; and Brad Glasco, 5-10, 170 pounds.

"We'll have a lot more sophomores on offense than we've ever had," Detering said. "We'll be leaning heavily on our younger kids."

The Wildcats do return sophomore Noah Treece, 6-0, 185 pounds, who was the punter and kicker last season.

"We're hoping our guys are able to overcome" a lack of experience, Detering said. "Sometimes you need experience and the only way to get that is out on the field."

There is a big key if the Wildcats are to have a successful season.

"You've got to be able to execute and that doesn't change," Detering said. "We'll have a lack of experience early in the season. Hopefully, our guys are able to overcome it."

Playing a lot of younger players could pay off later on.

"It helps down the road," Detering said. "But now we've got a lot of work to do."

The Wildcats have enjoyed several seasons of success recently, finishing 8-3 overall last year and 28-7 over the last three seasons.

boys are home on the same day against West Frankfort.

The A-J teams play their home matches at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

The A-J boys team is scheduled to host a Class 1A regional in October.

Munz Memorial Scramble slated

The Shawnee Athletic Boosters are planning to host the 17th annual Munz Memorial Golf Scramble on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The scramble will be played at the Union County Country Club in Anna and is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Information about the event is available by contacting Mindy Livesay at 833-5307.

A-J football prepares for opener

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team continues its second week of practice.

With school beginning, regular practices will now be held from 3:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.

The Wildcats will be getting ready for their opening game at West Frankfort on Friday, Aug. 30.

A-J is slated to open Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play at Nashville on Friday, Sept. 20.

The A-J homecoming game is scheduled against Carterville on Friday, Sept. 27.

A-J's nine-game schedule concludes at home against Benton on Friday, Oct. 25.

A-J boys host golf invitational

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team opened the season with an 8th place finish at a 16-team invitational hosted by the Wildcats at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Saturday, Aug. 17. Cobden also competed.

The Wildcats finished with a score of 341. Benton, which took its fourth consecutive invitational title, won with a score of 295.

Luke Lasley led A-J with 74, followed by Peter Hauser 78, Trent Mason 90 and Ayden Bailey 99.

Other scoring for the Wildcats were Timothy Plott 103 and Dylan Holderfield 104.

Cobden was led by Alex Kinsey with 121, followed by Mike Hawkins 128, Christian Goins 130 and A.J. Hawkins 141.

A-J is scheduled to play again at home against West Frankfort on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

News from Union County Country Club, Anna

Winners have been reported from recent events at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna.

Tuesday Seniors

1st: Kevin Conroy, Al Joiner, Darrell Sauerbrunn, Walt Zeschke.

2nd: Chuck Goforth, Duane Hileman, Jim Honey, Tom Wright.

3rd: Mike Lohstroh, Dan Osman, Bob Schluter.

Wednesday Ladies

1st: Kelli Clutts, Michelle Hoffman, Sherry Jenkins, Debbie Morrissey.

2nd: Sally Dumas, Jeanie Hill, Janice Johnson, Millie McGrath.

3rd: Elaine Crain, Chris Elder, LaDonna Stoelzle, Linda Thompson.

Men's Wednesday Night Scramble

1st: Tom Huffman, Dan Smith, Tom Wright, Walt Zeschke.

2nd: Brent Goforth, Chuck Goforth, Joe Mason, David Parks.

3rd: Kevin Conroy, Blake Goforth, Eric Hoffman, Robby Kendrick.

Couples golf tournament set

A couples golf tournament is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

A shotgun start is set for 4 p.m.

A-J hosts golf invitational

Nearly 100 players gathered last Saturday at the Union County Country Club in Anna for the Anna-Jonesboro McDonald's Challenge high school boys' invitational golf tournament. The tournament was hosted by Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. A-J head golf coach Brandon Bierstedt said that 96 players, representing 18 high schools, were on hand for the 18-hole, par 71 event.

Along with host A-JCHS, schools which sent players to the tournament included Benton, Marion, Nashville, Carbondale, Herrin, Trico, Massac County, Harrisburg, West Frankfort, Carterville, Hamilton County, Chester, Steeleville, Goreville, Cobden, Hardin County and Vienna.



Players got in some practice before beginning the competition on Saturday morning.



A-J golf coach Brandon Bierstedt, standing on table at left, talked about the rules for the event before the tournament started.



Players headed out on the course at the country club to begin play. Some of the golfers took a cart.



Anna-Jonesboro's Peter Hauser follows through after teeing off to begin play at the event.



Anna-Jonesboro's Lucas Lasley tees off during the golf tournament.

Long drive professional Andrew Herbert coming to Sherrill Golf Classic



Long drive professional
Long drive professional Andrew Herbert is coming to the Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Classic. Photo provided.

Long drive entertainment is coming to the Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble Sept. 21 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. The entertainment will be in conjunction with the Lick Creek School Educational Foundation fund raiser held annually. This will be the ninth year for the golf scramble.

al is Andrew Herbert, who grew up in Union County. A biography of Andrew's professional career is as follows:
The following are his stats:
two-time Volvik World Long Drive Championship finalist.
Current world ranking 61.
Longest competition drive: 415 yards (2018 World Long Drive East Coast Classic, Columbia, SC.)
Longest non-competitive

drive: 462 yards (Mountain Ridge Country Club, hole no. 8 West Caldwell, N.J.)
Fastest club head speed: 145 mph.
Fastest ball speed: 213 mph.
Andrew will set up on hole 18's tee. He needs to be on a long straight par 5. As the groups come through hole 18 the groups can donate money to the cause and will receive different tiers of benefits depending on the amount they donate.

The higher the donation the better the return on the investment they receive. A certain amount to get a long drive hit by Andrew (up to four long drives hit per group), a higher amount to have a guaranteed birdie, and an even higher amount to have a guaranteed eagle. A volunteer will assist with collecting donations and keeping a log of who has donated and the amount donated.
I'm excited about Andrew being a part of our ninth Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Classic. See all of you soon. Regards, Coach Ron

U.S. Rep. Scalise tells Illinois Republicans they can come back

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SPRINGFIELD – One of the top Republican leaders in the U.S. House told the Illinois GOP Thursday, Aug. 15, that the state party can rebound, despite its devastating losses in the 2018 elections.

"It was a tough cycle for us in a lot of states, but Illinois was one of the ones where it was the toughest," House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., told the party faithful gathered at the Illinois State Fair.

"And then you look at that and go, 'Is it ever going to get better again, can we ever take our state back?' You absolutely can take your state back, and you will take your state back by fighting the machine."

Scalise was the keynote speaker at the Republican Day picnic at the fair, where the theme of the day was "Fight the Machine," a reference to the Illinois Democratic Party.

He noted that Louisiana politics was also once dominated by a Democratic machine, but Republicans have since wrested control of it.

"The ghost of Huey Long still walks the state capitol in Baton Rouge in many places, but we finally took it back," he said.

"Today we have major-

ities in the House, in the Senate, and by the end of this year we will have every single statewide elected office as Republican. That's how far we've come. And in just a short period of time, you can do that too."

Scalise, 53, has served in Congress since 2008. Before that he served 12 years in the Louisiana House, followed by four months in the state Senate.

But he was thrust into the national consciousness in June 2017 when he and three other people were shot and wounded by a gunman while practicing for an upcoming congressional softball game.

Also on the field at the time was Illinois Republican Rep. Rodney Davis, who introduced Scalise at the event.

The tone and the rhetoric of the GOP rally on Aug. 15 stood in stark contrast with that of Illinois Democrats on Wednesday, Aug. 14, when Gov. JB Pritzker and U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., touted their accomplishments in the first legislative session since Democrats won back the governor's mansion and took super majorities in both the state House and Senate.

Those included passing bills to phase in a \$15 per-hour minimum wage, legalizing adult use recreational marijuana and an expansive reproductive rights measure

that declares access to abortion to be a fundamental right, along with a proposed constitutional amendment that will go on the November 2020 ballot to allow for a graduated income tax structure.

"I also know that they are so out of touch, and they are going to hurt this state with what they're trying to propose with our constitution," said Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs.

"And also, with their ultra-liberal, depressive, progressive, excessive, regressive, oppressive agenda.... oh, I forgot, the socialist agenda."

That line elicited cheers from the crowd, including many people waving signs that read "Resist Socialism" and that bore the hammer and sickle symbol of the former Soviet Union.

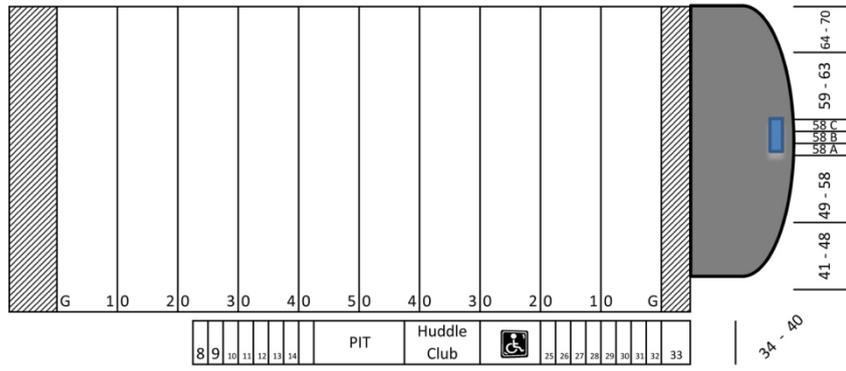
State GOP Chairman Tim Schneider opened the rally by admitting that state Republicans suffered big losses in last year's elections.

"Friends, there's no sugar-coating what happened in 2018. We got shellacked," he said. "We lost the governor's mansion, we hold no statewide offices and we're a superminority in the House and the Senate."

But he went on to paint Illinois Democrats as a machine-style that is currently the focus of federal investigations.

"When I talk about the machine, I don't mean to seem hyperbolic or glib," Schneider said. "The machine is real, it's well-documented and it's been suffocating Illinois for decades."

A-J again offering reserved parking, tailgating spaces



2019 Wildcat football season tailgating/parking spaces

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Athletic Department once again is offering reserved parking/tailgating spaces for all home varsity games.

The school noted that the procedure for securing a space will be the same as for previous years.

Fans will be able to submit sealed bids, with payment included, for the 56 available reserved spots up to and on the night of Meet the Team on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m.

The minimum cost will be \$60 per spot and will reserve the spot for all regular season games, as well as any and all home playoff games.

Those who want to submit bids prior to the Meet the Team night may do so in the principal's office at the high school.

The person who submits the highest sealed bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest from the 56 spots.

The second highest bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest and that still remains available, and so on until, all those who have bid above \$60 have been assigned spots.

In the event two or more bids are of the same amount, those who have submitted the equal bids will be randomly chosen and then have their spots assigned according to the spot that they ranked the highest and that still remains available.

Once all those who have bid above \$60 have chosen their spots, the people who have bid the minimum of \$60 will then also be assigned their spots by random drawing.

A map of the field and parking spaces will be available from the athletic department at the school.

The map will allow fans to preview each spot, as each spot will be marked either on the pavement or on the guard rail.

Fans will be asked to indicate the order of their choice when submitting their bids and will be given the highest ranked spot still remaining when their opportunity to choose comes.

Fans who only want to have a reserved spot and who are not concerned about where it is may simply place a minimum bid and have their spots chosen randomly, if available.

Those who receive reserved spots will be notified by phone and/or email on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

The 2019 Anna-Jonesboro Wildcat varsity football team's first home game is scheduled against Murphysboro High School on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The money raised goes to the maintenance of the field and the area surrounding the stadium.

Anyone with questions can contact A-JCHS athletic director Rick Livesay at 833-8502.

State constitutional officers join Pritzkerat Governor's Day

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SPRINGFIELD – The state's elected constitutional officers, all of whom are Democrats, took to the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Aug. 14, for Gov. JB Pritzker's first Governor's Day Picnic.

The event followed a gathering of more than 2,000 Democrats, including U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, at a Springfield hotel earlier in the day.

While Pritzker said he invited Republicans in an effort to break tradition and make the Governor's Day event "bipartisan," none appeared with the governor or his fellow constitutional officers during their public remarks.

"Well they were sent invitations..." Pritzker said during a media interview after his public remarks. "A number of them said they were surprised when they opened up the invitation. But look,....I've tried to bring back bipartisanship

in this state. It's important to me that we all work together. We have too many challenges in the state for us to be divided and working against each other."

In his public remarks, Pritzker touted the success of the fair and said this year's grandstand ticket sales set an all-time record high.

He was followed by Secretary of State Jesse White, the 85-year-old who has held the post since 1999.

White said he was asked if he would serve out the full four-year term he was just elected to or if he would step down halfway through.

"I used to jump out of airplanes. I did 35 jumps with the 101st Airborne Division," he said. "And when you jump out of an airplane, you never jump and stop halfway, it's all the way."

Treasurer Mike Frerichs plugged college and retirement savings programs and the Achieving a Better Life Experience savings programs for people with disabilities and their families, all of which can be found at illinoistreasurer.gov.

Comptroller Susana Mendoza publicized a recent executive order she signed to focus on enforcing the prevailing wage

in light of a new capital infrastructure bill.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul focused on enforcing a recent minimum wage increase and working on reducing gun violence among other initiatives.

He said his office established a violence protection unit to "keep and collect and provide law enforcement with data" to "bring to justice" people who traffic guns into the wrong hands.

During a media interview after the public remarks, Raoul declined comment on pending legal issues faced by state Sen. Tom Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat who was recently indicted on federal charges of embezzling money from a labor union.

He also declined to comment as to whether Republican President Donald Trump should commute the sentence of former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who is in the middle of a 14-year sentence for various corruption charges. "I'm really not paying much attention to that. I have so much other matters to pay attention to," he said.

The same Director's Lawn played host to the state GOP Thursday, Aug. 15, for its annual Republican Day Rally.

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Obituaries

Betty Lee Cerny

Betty Lee Cerny, 89, of Cobden, died on Aug. 18, 2019. She was born on Nov. 25, 1929, in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of Halley and Wilma Borden Nebughr.

She married Norbert Cerny on April 18, 1955, at St. Joseph Church in Cobden.

She is survived by Dr. Mike and Jaylene Cerny and Dr. Steve and Beth Cerny of Anna; Martha and Paul Wackenhut of Idaho; Tony Cerny of Cobden; Tom and Jeannine Cerny of Cobden; and Crystal Cerny of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren Jared Cerny, Rachel Cerny, Brooke Cerny (fiance Cody Hubble), Lizzie Parkinson (husband Clayton), Jacob Wackenhut (fiancee Michele Roseburg), Mark Cerny, Adam Cerny, Aaron Cerny, Liv Cerny and Morgan Cerny; great-grandchildren Lawrence and Simon Parkinson.

She is also survived by her brother Bob Nebughr and his wife Carol of Cobden, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her sister, Shirley Lipe.

Betty was a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale as a dietitian. She had internships in St. Louis and Chicago.

She began her journey into the Catholic faith while in Chicago. While she was there, her family moved from Carbondale to Cobden, her father having bought the local drugstore. Betty quickly made Cobden her home, entering into Church and community life, and later at the Cobden school.

She worked at the State Hospital in Anna as a dietitian overseeing meal preparations and the canning of produce grown there.

As her family grew, Betty became a full-time homemaker and farm wife. When her children were grown, she began to work with her dad and sister at Nebughr's Drugstore.

Anyone who knew Betty knows it was her vocation to feed people: family, friends and community. When the school band was invited to march in the Sun Bowl Parade in El Paso, she started organizing chili suppers in the school cafeteria to raise money. Her kitchen was often filled with the wonderful aromas of another bake sale.

When St. Joseph Church built its hall in the early 1970s, it quickly became a hub of the community and Betty fed innumerable people from its small kitchen. Whether wedding guests or local farmers at Extension Ag School meetings, Betty fed them all.

When a family suffered a loss, Betty got on the phone to organize a funeral meal to ease a small part of the burden and provide an opportunity for family and friends to gather and heal. The torch has been passed and the next generations will provide for her family and friends at their time of bereavement.

When the Hall at St. Joseph was remodeled about 15 years ago, Betty helped design a much larger, more modern kitchen. She was honored with a plaque there reading "Betty's Kitchen."

Hospitality was a form of ministry to Betty and was a most visible manifestation of her Faith. Just days before she died, she told one of her children how she had loved preparing those meals.

One of Betty's favorite hobbies was quilting. She embroidered hundreds of blocks and pieced dozens and dozens of beautiful quilts. Most have been given away to family and friends. Many were donated for raffle or auction to benefit some part of Betty's community.

Betty was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother (oh yes, great-grandmother, too). She was married to Norbert for 54 years. Every summer found her working side-by-side with him and her children on the family farm. How many tomatoes did she sort and pack through all those years?

As her family grew with the marriages of her children, her grandchildren joined the crew. She labored alongside them, teaching them the dignity and value of hard work, only stopping early to go in and prepare a farm lunch for her family.

Her grandchildren were precious in her eyes and she enjoyed hearing about and seeing all of their activities that she could; from sports to music to inquiring about their day, Betty was an integral part of her grandchildren's lives.

Family and Faith were the twin pillars of Betty's life. She has passed from this life in the bosom, care and love of both. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, today, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

The Rosary was prayed at 4:30 Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Ladies Sodality.

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

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

Harry L. Rodman

Harry L. Rodman, 85, of Anna, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1934, in Anna, the son of Clyde and Gladys Brown Rodman.

He married Marilyn J. Corzine on Nov. 25, 1960, in Anna.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn J. Rodman of Anna; a daughter, Julie (Mark) Steddom and a son, Joe Rodman, all of Davenport, Iowa; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, David "Chris" Rodman; and a brother, Frank A. Rodman.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked many years as an accountant and later was partner in the Tropical Ford Dealership in Orlando, Fla., before his retirement.

He loved traveling with his wife Marilyn in their RV. Together, they visited all 50 states and two provinces in Canada.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Dr. David Fischler officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

Friends can call after 1 p.m. and until the service hour at 3 p.m. on Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Harlan Browning

Harlan Browning, 71, of Tamm, died at 10:24 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1948, in Olive Branch, the son of Russell Harlan and Martha Haynes Browning.

He married Deloris "Dee" Mowery on May 31, 1969.

He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a six-year veteran, with two tours in Vietnam.

He was a jack of all trades and he could figure out and fix anything. He worked for nine years for Caterpillar in Joliet and then 24 years for the Alexander County Highway Department. For the last 11 years he has worked for Jackson-Hewitt.

While he worked his "job" to pay the bills, his heart remained on the farm, especially when it came to his cattle. Harlan was also a cancer survivor. In 2018 he fought and won inoperable lung cancer.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris "Dee" Browning of Tamm; sons Brad (Lorrie) Browning of Martin, Tenn., and Chris (Stacy) Browning of Cypress; a daughter, Carina (Robert) Lumpkin of Odenton, Md.; grandchildren Amya, Allison, Dalton and Shelby; sisters Barb Wright, Evelyn Lynch, Rosemary Fleming and Mildred Varner.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Browning; a sister, Kathleen Pearman; and an infant brother.

Funeral services for Harlan Browning were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamm, with Jay Franklin and the Rev. Roger Odum officiating. Interment was in Sims Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com.

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

Larry G. Hall

Larry G. Hall, 76, of Anna, died Tuesday, Aug. 20, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Donna Jo Cavness

Donna Jo Cavness, 61, of rural Murphysboro, and formerly of Wolf Lake, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1958, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Walter "Walt" and Margaret Gregory Cavness.

She is survived by her daughter, Cassandra (Jeff) Hanson of Cobden; a son, Derek (Cheryl) Hanson of Grand Tower; one brother; one sister-in-law; one brother-in-law; many nieces and nephews; her extended Sauer family; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walt Cavness; her mother, Margaret Bray; two brothers, Roger and Kenny; and three sisters, Pat, Linda and Jane.

She served in the U.S. Army National Guard and later in the reserves.

She had owned and operated the Duck Inn in Wolf Lake since 2003. She was a fun-loving person and always enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She loved fishing, riding horses and being outdoors.

Funeral services were at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Jack Thorton and Peggy Camp officiating.

Military rites were conducted at the funeral home by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and the National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

Memorials can be made to the Methodist Church in Wolf Lake or to Sandra's Comfort Care.

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

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



Frances Caroline Page

Frances Caroline Page, 71, of Jonesboro, died Monday, August 12, 2019, at the West Side Rehabilitation and Care Center in Benton.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1948, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Walter and Dana Mallory Buster.

She is survived by her son, Walter W. (Virginia) Page of Sterling, Colo.; a granddaughter, Jamie Hite of Sterling, Colo.; great-grandchildren Alyssa Dawn Hite-Swofford and Hayden Hooton, all of Sterling, Colo.; a great-great-grandson, Grayson Brown of Sterling, Colo.; sisters Joan Miller and Dorothy Filter, both of Jonesboro; brothers James W. Buster of Clyde, Texas, and Richard L. Buster of Broomfield, Colo.; a special friend, Vivan Waldrep of Franklin, Tenn.; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by two brothers Alfre T. Buster and Claude Foster.

She loved animals, especially her birds. She was a very caring person and enjoyed the company of others. She enjoyed flowers and gardening. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Mike Cole officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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

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



Constance Elaine Young

Constance Elaine Young, 80, of Coello, died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, at the Stonebridge Senior Living Center in Benton.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1938, in Anna, the daughter of Nolan Devoy and Hazel Cornelius Brown Davis.

She is survived by her children, Micheal Young of Christopher, Patricia and Kevin Hiller of Mulkeytown, Olen and Sandra Young of Coello, Jerry and Lisa Young of Mulkeytown, Darrell and Toni Young of Buckner, and Gail and Rodney Behm of Coello; grandchildren Joshua (Amy) Hiller, Sarah (Steve) Piquard, Dana (Matt) Phillips, Eric Young, Benjemen Young, Dustin (Tiffany) Young, Travis Young, Jacob (Nicki) Tindal, Rachel (Jeremy) Chaney, Lindsay (Dakota) Smith, Jeremy Young, Kaylea Young, Justin Young, Jacob Young, Miranda Meyer, and Dillon Behm; 19 great-grandchildren and one on the way; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Shelton and Halle Young; two brothers, Harold Davis and Russell Davis; and one infant sister.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, Aug. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Ron Henwood officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Residential Hospice.

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



Ranch rodeo action

Ranch rodeo action was featured Friday night, Aug. 16, at the Union County Fair in Anna. Events at the ranch rodeo include team doctoring, wild cow milking, team sorting, trailer loading and ranch team roping. The photo was taken during team doctoring competition.

Donald E. Murray

Donald E. Murray, 81, of Anna, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on July 17, 1934, in Cobden, the son of William and Bertie Burnett Murray.

He married Linda McLaren Graham in Union County.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Murray of Anna; Linda's children, Susan (Gary) Wright of Cobden, Cathy Sharp (Brad Ellis) of Cobden and Larry Graham of Buncombe; six grandchildren, Chad Wright, Shannon (Ed) Seifert, Gregory Graham, Andrew (Kristy) Sharp, Amy Jo (Kevin) Beegle and Alaina Graham; six great-grandchildren, Serenity and Jayden Graham, Simon and Elliot Seifert, Sophie Wilson and Kase Sharp; a brother, Bill (Nadine) Murray of Alto Pass; sisters Betty Stegle of Anna and Bertie Green of Birmingham, Ala.; sisters-in-law Janice Murray of Anna, Carolyn Murray of Jonesboro, Patsy Murray of Chicago, Edwina Murray of Anna and Mariam Murray of Alto Pass; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Jim Graham; brothers Frankie, Junior, Charlie, Melvin, Jimmy and Bobby; and two sisters, Dorothy Burgess and Laverne Highland.

He worked many years as a truck driver and later as a dispatcher for the Anna Fire Department. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1962.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

Interment will be in the Cypress Masonic Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by Beggs-Gurley VFW Post No. 5222 in Vienna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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



Electric cooperative holds annual members meeting

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, SIEC, members gathered at Shawnee Community College near Ullin on Aug. 8 for their 80th annual meeting of members.

Prior to the business meeting, those in attendance were treated with a combination of music and art from the father/daughter duo of Jani and Craig Massey.

During the business meeting, members were given updates about the condition of their cooperative by board president David Martin and executive vice president/general manager David Johnston.

Reflecting on Changes
Martin welcomed the crowd and reminisced about how the industry had changed since electric service came to the co-op 81 years ago.

In the beginning, the co-op's two-day annual meeting took on a "carnival" atmosphere under large open-air tents where the latest electrical appliances could be perused, business could be conducted and neighbors could visit.

Through the years, there have been many changes in the equipment that has been used, how bills have been sent out and collected and how communications occurred.

Today, in the course of a short evening, the annual meeting is held at Shawnee Community College in air-conditioning, trucks and other equipment are safer and allow for faster outage restoration and bills can be paid online. Times have certainly changed.

"But be not mistaken," said Martin, "We have not forgotten our core mission to responsibly and safely provide services to empower our members and communities. Adhering to that mission allows us to provide power for generations, past, present and far into the future."

Good Year Financially
Johnston reported that it was a good year financially for the cooperative, compared to 2017.

The co-op sold 198 million kilowatt hours (kwh) of power in 2018, an increase of 20 million kwh from the prior year.

The increased energy sales also boosted revenue. The co-op had \$29.5 million in total revenue, up \$3.5 million from 2017, and operating margins were \$1.38 million, \$1.6 million higher than in 2017.

Johnston said there will be no rate increase for 2019, and capital credits totaling \$350,000 will be returned to members in October.

Capital credits are funds remaining after a co-op's expenses have been paid, returned to the members after a period of years and are unique to the cooperative business model.

Commitment to Safety
Johnston discussed the co-op's commitment to safety.

In addition to providing employees with many hours of safety training and protective equipment and clothing, the board of directors adopted a resolution for a commitment to zero electrical contacts, which has 100 percent employee commitment.

"Our employees want to work, provide for their families and get home in one piece," he said.

"They look to senior management and our board of directors to provide a



Directors elected

During Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's 80th annual meeting of members, three area men were elected to the organization's board of directors. With executive vice president/general manager David Johnston, right, are, from left, elected directors Bob McIntosh, Lamar Houston, Jr. and Scott Ury. Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative photo.

safe environment that allows them to go home just as they arrived.

The co-op established the Employee Safety and Engagement Committee this year, which is tasked with, among other things, improving our safety culture by showing leadership, innovation and consistency," Johnston said.

"It is already yielding good things. Our employees have now obtained 45,929 hours without a lost-time injury."

Advances in Technology

There are many technology advances that are transforming the energy industry, which may be happening faster now than any time in the co-op's history.

"Technologies of the utility sector are unlike any we've seen before, and big corporations are taking notice," Johnston said.

"For example, as a financial leader recently stated, Shell Oil wants to be the biggest power company in the world by the early 2030s by providing consumers just like you with a total package of energy products and services."

Environmental Stewardship

Another force of concern involves the environment. The co-op is weighing environmental stewardship with power supply and cost. Illinois co-ops have been proactive in working to conserve the environment.

They currently generate 10.8 percent of their power from renewable sources, compared to 7 percent from investor-owned utilities.

A portion of SIEC members' power is generated from renewable sources such as wind farms, hydro-power and solar panels.

But embracing renewable energy is occurring, and decarbonization bills have been introduced that would require Illinois to have 100 percent carbon-free elec-

tricity by 2030. "Right now, if we were to eliminate every fossil fuel plant in the state of Illinois, we would have to purchase power from neighboring states," said Johnston.

He added that while the co-op's power supplier, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, is financially healthy, it faces many uncertainties with government policy and the future cost and reliability of renewable sources. These issues could negatively affect electric rates.

He urged meeting attendees to become educated on these issues by contacting their elected officials, promoting local democratic control of the cooperative and getting involved.

Looking Ahead

In closing, Johnston reminded the audience that SIEC's founders faced bigger challenges in 1938 when nobody wanted to bring power to rural areas.

"The founders of this cooperative turned a disruption in their lives into an opportunity," he said. "Let's do the same. Let's leave this cooperative better than we found it."

Board Members Elected

During the meeting,

members demonstrated the cooperative principle of democratic member control by electing three board members to new three-year terms.

They include Lamar Houston Jr., Alexander County; Bob McIntosh, Pulaski County; and Scott Ury, Union County.

Scholarships Awarded

Following the meeting, all eligible senior students participated in a drawing for two \$500 scholarships.

The Richard Moss Memorial Scholarship and the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Scholarship will be issued to the winners once they are enrolled at a higher learning institution.

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, an alliance of 730 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country.

SIEC is committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

The co-op serves more than 11,231 meters over 2,101 miles of line in parts of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties.

Betty Jean Sharp

Betty Jean Sharp, 81, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1938, the daughter of Clyde and Emma Gibbs Baggott.

She married the love of her life, Jack Sharp, on March 26, 1955. He preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 2002.

She is survived by her children, Nancy Sweitzer of Cobden, Jackie (Wayne) Drew of Carbondale, Billy (Pam) Sharp of Anna and Barbara (Harold) Smith of Jonesboro; grandchildren Betsy (Jon) Oxford, Jenni Sharp, Heather Smith, Jeremy (Ashley) Smith, Dylan Sharp and Darin Sharp; great-grandchildren Kyndal, Nash, Brylee, Ryan Levi, Reese Landon, Brystol, Mayson and Addison; sisters Gayle (Richard) Fox of Texas and Linda (Scott) Pender of Marion; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jack Sharp; and a daughter, Betty Ann Sharp.

She was a faithful member of the New Hope Baptist Church. She was also a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery in Dongola.

Friends can call from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to New Hope Baptist Church or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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"The Preaching Pen"
Are There Apostles Today?

The question has been asked, "Are there apostles today?" If you watch religious TV programs, you may know of one who claims to be an apostle today. Is that a valid claim? Apostles were men who were directly commissioned by the Lord to preach the word and to plant churches. They had power to perform miracles (II Cor. 12:12) as a means of confirming the message they preached (Heb. 2:3-4). Together with prophets, their ministry was primarily concerned with the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20). It doesn't mean that the apostles and prophets were the foundation of the church, for Christ is the foundation (I Cor. 3:11). They laid the foundation in what they taught about the Person and work of the Lord Jesus. The foundation they laid is preserved for us in the New Testament, though they themselves have been gone for centuries.

Miraculous gifts ended when the New Testament was completed. Paul writes in I Cor. 13:8-10: "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Verse 8 teaches: "prophecies shall fail, tongues shall cease, knowledge will vanish away." While there were prophecies during the time of Paul, the need for direct revelations would end when the New Testament was completed. Tongues would cease in and of themselves when the sixty-six books of the Bible were finished, because they would no longer be needed to confirm the preaching of the apostles and prophets (Heb. 2:3, 4). Knowledge of divine truth was being given by God to the apostles and prophets, but this would also stop when the Bible was once for all time delivered.

Signs were connected with the early years of the church. They were gifts of the Holy Spirit, but once mankind had the full revelation of God in the Bible, the miraculous gifts were no longer needed and were done away with.

Furthermore, Phillip received the Holy Spirit from the apostles in Acts 6:5-6; yet, he could not pass it on to the Samaritans. Peter & John had to come down to do this (Acts 8:14-18).

In short, the answer is, "no." Miraculous gifts have ended, and the apostles were all chosen by Christ and had to be witnesses of His resurrection (Acts 1:22).

We invite you to learn more about this and other Bible truths at 104 Nile St. every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope you'll come visit and wish you a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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HELP WANTED

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

Union County Housing Authority is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Director.

This full-time position assists in managing the day to day operations of the housing authority. Responsible for the financial operations of the housing authority including HUD and Rural Development ledgers, budgets, AP, AR, payroll, reconciling bank accounts, preparing monthly and annual financial reports, maintains Capital Fund accounts, manages utility billing, tenant relationship building, as well as supervising support staff.

Requirements: Bachelor's degree in business management, accounting or financial administration and three years of experience or five years of progressively responsible experience in

accounting or management, preferably with some background working with government records.

Salary is commensurate with experience and includes holidays and PTO, health insurance, and a 13% employer-funded retirement plan.

Submit your resume including cover letter and references to the Union County Housing Office:

Union County Housing Authority, Attn: Executive Director, 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, IL 62906, (618)-833-5129.

Section 3: residents of the Housing Authority are encouraged to apply.

Union County Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.

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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC:

Union County Housing Authority is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Mechanic.

This full-time position performs a variety of skilled tasks in maintenance and repairs, painting, cleaning and rehabbing apartments, grounds work, equipment and machinery repair. This position is on a rotating schedule for emergency maintenance calls.

Minimum Qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent and a minimum of four years of experience in the skilled maintenance field.

Possession of a valid driver's license

Ability to be covered under the Housing Authority's vehicle insurance policy

The starting wage rate for this position is \$12.75 an hour plus benefits that include health insurance and a 13% employer-funded retirement plan.

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OFFICE CLERK:

Union County Housing Authority is accepting applications for Office Clerk.

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Minimum qualification is a high school diploma or equivalent. Office clerical experience is preferred. Microsoft Office/GSuite soft skills a plus.

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WANTED TO BUY: Goldenseal root. Turley Ginseng Company, Greenville. Call (618)-604-2855.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,

Vs
RICHARD A. ISAACS, DONALD W. DAILEY, JR., MELISSA L. MURPHY, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2019-CH-3

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on May 17, 2019, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on **August 28, 2019, at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

EXHIBIT A GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 86° 41' 30" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 A DISTANCE OF 1211.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 A DISTANCE OF 955.11 FEET TO A SURVEY MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 0° 00' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 407.17 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 439.25 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 48.59 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEING 48.56 FEET LONG AND BEARING SOUTH 52° 02' 32" EAST; THENCE SOUTH 48° 52' 36" EAST A DISTANCE OF 60.24 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 788.51 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 405.29 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEING 400.84 FEET LONG AND BEARING SOUTH 63° 35' 53" EAST; THENCE SOUTH 78° 19' 25" EAST A DISTANCE OF 316.33 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 14° 33' 35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 799.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 12.689 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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Tiffany Busby
Circuit Clerk

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Hugh Deneal; Rachael Willis; United States of America; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS
2019CH17

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Hugh Deneal Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
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now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Tiffany Busby, Circuit Clerk, P.O. Box 450, Jonesboro, IL 62952

on or before September 23, 2019, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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Our File No. 14-19-04738

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

ESTATE OF: EVELYN DASENBROCK, Deceased.
Case No. 2019-P-22

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Evelyn Dasenbrock, of Union County, Illinois, on December 9, 2018. Letters of Office were issued on July 29, 2019, to her Executor/Independent Administrator, Carl Dasenbrock, 3050 Wing Hill Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920, whose attorney is D. Brian Trambley, 803 W. Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 15, 2020, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,
vs.
LARRY E. DEROSSETT and NICOLE DEROSSETT, Defendants.
Civil No. 19-cv-281-JPG-RJD

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE

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

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:
Melodie Rushing
Rural Development Specialist
502 Comfort Drive
Marion, Illinois 62959
(618) 993-5396 ext. 4
2. The common description and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 60 Rendelman Avenue,

Wolf Lake, Illinois 62998

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot Seven in Block B in Rendleman Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Four, Township Twelve South, Range Three West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded November 3, 1966 in Plat Book 5 at Page 150, in Union County, Illinois, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Tax ID#: 14-00-11-419-F

4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: by appointment.

5. The date, time, and place of the sale are: September 18, 2019, at 12:00 noon, at the front door of the County Courthouse for Union County, Jonesboro, Illinois.

6. The terms of the sale are: cashier's check, 10 percent due at time of sale, balance due within 72 hours.

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

8. At said sale I shall give to the purchaser or purchasers a certificate in writing describing the lands and tenements purchased and the sum paid therefor. Upon confirmation of said sale by the court, the holder of said certificate shall be entitled to a deed for said premises.

Dated at East St. Louis, Illinois, this 19th day of July, 2019.

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Southern District of Illinois

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 15th day of August, 2019, under the Assumed Name of The Thin Blue Line Shop with the place of business located at 150 W. Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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PAST Parlor Talk Aug. 18

Anna Presbyterian Church, Union Academy featured

The PAST Heritage House Jonesboro was once again full of interested listeners Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, as Linda Hileman presented a history of the Presbyterian Church of Anna and its connection to the founding of Union Academy.

The First Presbyterian Church of Anna was founded in 1866 with a group of 16 charter members.

They met in the Anna Methodist Church and then in a store building in Anna until the first wood frame building was constructed in 1868, on the lot on the corner of Jefferson and South streets, where today's stone building stands.

The Rev. J.M. Faris, one of the first pastors of the church, retired to a farm southeast of Anna (near Tollgate Road and Friendship School Road).

His son, the Rev. William Wallace Faris, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau and often came to visit his parents near Anna.

In 1883, while waiting at the train station in Anna, Rev. W.W. Faris struck up a conversation with Mr. Walter H. Willard.

Mr. Willard was at the depot to take a daughter, who was on her way to Carbondale to attend Southern Illinois Normal School. The men discussed the need for Anna to have a school of higher education.

Within the week, calls were made on the then pastor, the Rev. J.W. Knott, at the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. C.W. Sifferd, pastor of the Anna Lutheran Church.

Rev. Sifferd was a teacher and thought the idea would work. However, Rev. Knott

said he was not a teacher, but would gladly retire as pastor of the Presbyterian pastorate in Anna to make way for a pastor (the Rev. W.W. Faris) who could also teach in such a school.

Calls were made on local businessmen, Rev. Faris came back from Cape Girardeau, and a board of trustees was formed.

An old school building near the fairground gate was rented (behind later 1910 Davie School site on Freeman Street). The fee was to be \$25 a year for tuition and opened that fall with 47 students.

Within the year, to the astonishment of everyone, \$1,500 was pledged locally within 15 minutes at a meeting of the academy friends! John H. Spann proposed to give over an acre of land on the hill near the boundary of Anna and Jonesboro.

The first wooden frame building was erected on the site where, in 1966, the G.R. Corlis residence stood. It contained seats for 122 students.

During the second year, the board received the first of annual funds of \$500 from the Presbyterian Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

Charles M. Willard, who lived in the beautiful brick mansion across Main Street, passed away in 1893, leaving his home and scenic rolling property to the Academy.

He also left \$5,000 to be used for constructing the present limestone structure that still stands today as the Presbyterian Church.

The wooden church building was cleared away and the new one completed in 1899.

The stone was quarried

from north and east of Anna and south of Jonesboro. Stones were carried into town on low, flatbed wagons, and were actually cut on the site to fit. (From "Footprints of the Presbyterians 1866-1966" by George Edwin Parks.)

In 1980, pastor Rev. Clair Albright, made the congregation aware of the liberal persuasion of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

Such statements as doubting the Diety of Jesus Christ, financially supporting communist activist Angela Davis and requiring all local property to belong to the General Assembly were just a few of the 19 beliefs that offended the local Presbyterians.

A vote of 98 to 28 members settled the decision to leave the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1981, the congregation became a founding member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, organized in St. Louis.

The new local organization had to enter a legal battle with the UPC to retain the church property.

During the three years of court proceedings, the EPC membership moved services to the racquetball center east of Anna and remodeled it to be a lovely place to worship.

In 1986, the congregation was allowed to retake their property and a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving was held in their old building. (It was noted that everyone assumed their normal places in the pews.)

In 1991, under the leadership of the Rev. Steve Wilkinson, a building campaign was begun to start the new educational wing.

In 2012, the former Sunshine Inn at 400 S. Main St. was purchased and remodeled to serve as a fellowship hall and youth ministry facility.

In 2016, the church celebrated 150 years of service to the Lord. The congregation is happy to have the Rev. Dr. David Fischler and his wife Maryanne to lead the church.

The community is invited to visit on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. to enjoy a concert by the African Children's Choir.

Next Parlor Talk

The First Baptist Church in Jonesboro will be the topic of the next Parlor Talk, which is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25. The talk will be presented by Evelyn Hileman and Linda Sadler.



Willard Memorial Hall, girls' dormitory. Benton Hall is in the background. The site is today's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. From 1913-1914 Union Academy booklet. Photo provided.



Basket ball team. From 1913-1914 Union Academy booklet. Photo provided.



Postcard showing chemical lab in Benton Hall. From 1913-1914 Union Academy booklet. Photo provided.

Coverage expands for EpiPens, Lyme disease treatment

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill expanding insurance coverage for Illinoisans suffering from Lyme disease and discussed other health-related measures at a news conference in his State Capitol office Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The Democrat also touted a bill which requires insurers to cover the cost of medically necessary epinephrine shots for children, and once again said he was open to signing a "stronger" bill pertaining to the emissions of ethylene oxide, a known cancer-causing chemical, in Illinois.

House Bill 889, signed Tuesday, requires insurance companies to cover long-term antibiotic therapy, office visits, testing and treatment for tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease.

It takes effect immediately and opens the door for coverage of experimental drugs if they are federally approved.

Pritzker said late-stage Lyme disease treatments can cost thousands of dollars.

"With this new legislation, Illinois is declaring that insurance can no longer put up barriers against those

living with Lyme disease," he said.

Rep. Daniel Swanson, a Republican from Alpha, was the House sponsor of the bill, which passed unanimously in both chambers.

"Illinois is one of the leading states with moving forward with mandated insurance," he said.

"We spoke to people in Arkansas, Michigan, Missouri, all across the nation of people saying how did you do this? Well, it takes a team. It takes the 101st General Assembly, the House and the Senate to push this forward."

Jennifer Russell, director of the Illinois Lyme Association, said her daughter, Laura, is nearing the end of several years of treatment for Lyme disease.

"This legislation is pivotal in the state of Illinois," she said.

"Many in Illinois are suffering from tick-borne illness. Those with state-regulated insurance or private pay are in most cases only receiving 21 days of treatment. Many are losing their homes, their businesses and their pensions to try to pay for the continued treatments, and this legislation provides them with desperately needed options."

Rep. Jonathan Carroll, a Northbrook Democrat, was the sponsor of the bill to expand epinephrine coverage to all persons 18 years of age and younger beginning Jan. 1, 2020.

"We are now on the forefront of food allergy safety in Illinois," he said.

Pritzker noted the cost of an epinephrine injection, known commonly by its brand name EpiPen, has risen 400 percent in recent years, now costing close to \$700 without insurance, and the medication expires each year.

"To a child who cannot afford an EpiPen, one peanut, one bee sting, one exposure to latex can mean anaphylactic shock and potentially death," he said. "That's unconscionable."

Jonesboro School hosts open house

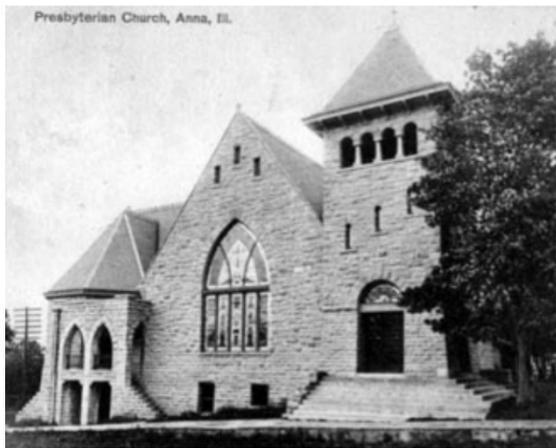
Jonesboro School hosted an open house Thursday, Aug. 15. The yearly event precedes the start of the school year and allows for parents to meet with teachers and for students to become familiar with their new classrooms. The Jonesboro School District started its school year on Friday, Aug. 16. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



Jonesboro kindergarten teacher Melissa Ellis met with students and parents in preparation for the upcoming school year.



Jonesboro kindergarten teacher Susan Ramsey gets a hug from new student Nora Wheeler at the Jonesboro School District's open house.



New structure completed in 1898. Photo provided.



1914 community men's group meeting at the First Presbyterian Church. Boys were peeking out of open stained glass windows. Photo provided.



News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna thanks Mary Helen Ury and family for their very generous gift of new communion ware. The dedication was Aug. 3. Her family was able to attend worship together, as some do not live in the area anymore. Pastor Mark concluded his sermon series on "Fruits of the Spirit" last Sunday. Photo provided.



Summer moon rise

The bright moon was rising through some clouds in the sky on a recent summer evening in Union County.

Dr. Loomis honored at 90th birthday celebration in Cobden

Family, friends, fellow church members and community members gathered last Saturday to share best wishes with a retired Union County physician on his 90th birthday.

Dr. Carroll Loomis of Anna was honored during a celebration which was held in the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden. Loomis is a member of the Cobden church.

The celebration included the singing of "Happy Birthday" by the many people who were in attendance. Refreshments were served, included birthday cake and peach cobbler with ice cream.

Dr. Loomis is a Union County native who was born in Anna on Aug. 16, 1929. He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a veteran who served for two years in the U.S. Army.

He maintained a private practice in Anna and worked as director of the emergency room at Union County Hospital in Anna until he retired.

Dr. Loomis has done extensive missionary work, including service in Ethiopia and in Central America.

He and his wife, Nola Faye, were married in 1953. She died in 2015. They had seven children.

He remains active in the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club, the Presbyterian Church in Cobden and in an investment club.

During Saturday's celebration, Dr. Loomis asked that those who might want to give a gift for his special birthday do so by supporting Marion Medical Mission.

One of those who paid tribute to Dr. Loomis on Saturday was Tom Logan, the founder of Marion Medical Mission.

Information shared by Logan noted that Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian hands-on, volunteer nonprofit organization. The organization works to develop wells that provide a sustainable source of drinking water to the extreme poor in Africa.

Since 1990, Marion Medical Mission has provided over 4 million people with safe drinking water.

"This man is a blessing,"



Honoring Dr. Loomis

Tom Logan, right, the founder of Marion Medical Mission, was among the many people who joined in honoring Dr. Carroll Loomis, left, last Saturday afternoon in Cobden.



Many attend celebration

Many people attended last Saturday afternoon's celebration of Dr. Carroll Loomis's 90th birthday. The celebration was held in the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.



Memorabilia displayed

Photographs and other memorabilia were on display at Saturday's celebration.

Logan said of Dr. Loomis,

Others in attendance on Saturday shared special reflections about Dr. Loomis.

Dr. Jerry Goddard said that "if there ever was a

Good Samaritan," it was Dr. Loomis.

Joan Graves Edwards said that Dr. Loomis, whom she called a fine person and a friend, has done many

good things for the community.

Dr. Loomis voiced appreciation to all of those who came out to be a part of his special day.

Strategic plans released for park, shooting, rec complex

A special task force of lawmakers, state officials and other stakeholders has released strategic plans for Pyramid State Park and the World Shooting and Recreation Complex in Sparta.

The studies were facilitated by Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Innovation and Economic Development office and presented to the director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at a ceremony at the Sparta complex on Aug. 5.

State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, said in a weekly review of activities for Aug. 12 that the reports focus on the current and future needs of the two facilities and how to best manage and grow them for the future.

Pyramid State Park, with a total of 19,701 acres, is the largest state park in Illinois.

The park was built on reclaimed surface mine land and is popular for a number of activities, including fishing, hunting, sporting dog events, 4-H programs and reenactments.

The World Shooting and Recreational Complex is a 1,600 acre world-class shooting and recreational facility that welcomes thousands of people per year.

The planning reports can be viewed at <https://econddev.siu.edu/>.

State Launches Property Tax Relief Task Force

Schimpf said that Gov. JB Pritzker recently signed legislation creating the bipartisan Property Tax Relief Task Force into law.

The panel will be made up of lawmakers appointed by the four legislative leaders, along with individuals appointed by the governor.

The task force has been charged with identifying the causes of increasingly burdensome property taxes across Illinois.

Members will review successful public policy strategies from throughout the nation that create short-term and long-term property tax relief for homeowners, and make recommendations about what steps Illinois could take to provide property tax relief.

An initial report is due within 90 days, and the task force will submit a final report by Dec. 31.

According to investment site SmartAsset.com, Illinois has the second highest property taxes in the country, with an average effective rate of nearly double the national average.

New Law to Protect Animals in Kennels

On Aug. 6, Gov. Pritzker signed a new law aimed at making sure pets are safe from fires while staying at a kennel.

The new law requires that kennels either have to be staffed at all times or install a fire alarm or sprinkler system that notifies local fire departments.

The legislation was inspired by a fire earlier this year at a Chicago-area kennel where 31 dogs were killed.

New Protections for Coal Ash Storage

Also signed into law recently are new protections from pollution caused by coal ash. Senate Bill 9 creates new controls for where coal ash sites can be located and how they are run, to prevent issues and pollution from these sites.

The new law requires permits for both the operation and closure of CCR surface impoundments, otherwise known as coal ash disposal sites.

The law also creates fees for the operation and closure of the sites. The fees range from \$15,000 to \$75,000, depending on the closure status of the site.

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Section B

Our Union County Roots

Presented by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society



Joe Walker of Marion holds his prized pocket watch and fob that he inherited from his father-in-law, LaVerne "Opie" Choate of Anna. Photo provided.



Front and back of the watch fob medallion. The front side shows a "C" with the words Illinois High School Athletic Association and the year 1922 around the edge. Photo provided.



On the back side is engraved the words "Anna Jonesboro Football" and the initials "L.C."

Our Union County Roots is a monthly column by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

The society, founded in 1972, owns and operates the Union County Museum in Cobden. The society publishes a newsletter featuring historical research three times per year.

The society can be contacted through its webpage at unioncountymuseum.com.

Pocket Watch Collector
Joe Walker collects pocket watches. Walker's most prized pocket watch, along with its watch fob, once belonged to his father-in-law, LaVerne "Opie" Choate of Anna.

Joe and his wife, Janet, Choate's daughter, inherited the Elgin watch and its impressive fob when Opie died in 1969.

Walker of Marion recently visited the Union County Museum in Cobden and

shared what he knew about the family and his pieces of Union County memorabilia.

Opie Choate was the son of Robert Choate of Anna, who was the long-time Standard Oil delivery man.

His route extended down Route 3 from the Big Muddy River through Gale.

If a patron wanted gas or oil delivered, they put out a flag near the road.

Choate's delivery was greatly anticipated by the youngsters along his route because he always had candy to toss out the window of his truck.

Opie was a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School during the 1921-1922 school year.

He was, for the first time, a member of the football team. He played fullback.

The team won only two of its six games, beating Carbondale and Metropolis after Metropolis had won the first game. A-J and Cairo did not play their regularly scheduled Thanksgiving Day game.

The initials "L C" are engraved on the back of the watch.

The watch fob consists of a manufactured medallion with the large initial "C" on the front with a wreath on each side and words "Illinois High School Athletic Association 1922" on the outer edge.

Anna Jonesboro Football is hand engraved on the back of the medallion along with the initials, "L.C."

Walker had always assumed the "C" stood for championship, and the players received the fobs as a memento of the winning season.

That is not the case. According to Scott Johnson of the Illinois High School Association, state wide football championship games were not held in Illinois until 1974.

The IHSA has no record of the medallion. The Jonesboro Gazette newspaper offered no clues in the weekly Community High Notes column nor did the 1922 Anna-Jonesboro Yearbook, Whispers.

No matter. The watch and fob are treasures that remind us of our roots.

Anna Kiwanis Club supports libraries

The Anna Kiwanis Club recently made donations to support the Jonesboro Public Library and Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Photos provided.



Irma Kelley Brown, James Brown and Carmen Coffman, on behalf of the late Harlan Coffman, presented a \$420 check as a donation from the Anna Kiwanis Club to Karen Hallam, the director of the Jonesboro Public Library. Also in the photo are Anna Kiwanis Club board member Brad Donna and Anna Kiwanis Club president Gene Hammer.



Carmen Coffman presented a \$420 check as a donation to Lisa Livesay, the director of Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Also present for the donation were Anna Kiwanis Club board member Brad Donna, Anna Kiwanis Club president Gene Hammer, Irma Kelley Brown and James Brown.

Veterans, active duty personnel, families invited to upcoming event at Touch of Nature Center

A national veterans advocacy organization's new Southern Illinois chapter is partnering with Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Veteran Adventures program for a big kick-off event on Aug. 31 and all veterans are welcome.

The SoIL Team River Runner Kickoff is scheduled to be at SIU's Touch of Nature Environmental Center, located about 8

miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road.

All veterans and active duty military personnel, including National Guard and ROTC, along with their families, are invited to participate.

The check-in begins at 9 a.m. and the event launches an hour later.

An assortment of outdoor activities are planned throughout the weekend. A hamburger and hot dog luncheon will be served at 1 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be hiking, canoeing, kayaking and a variety of other games and activities. All equipment will be provided.

That evening, a campfire, complete with s'mores, will take place following the dinner from Quatro's of Carbondale.

Those who are attending can take a moonlight paddle on the lake as well.

Overnight accommodations are available for Friday and/or Saturday nights at no cost. Cabins and tent-camping are offered.

All meals and snacks will be provided for Saturday, as will breakfast on Sunday. Funding for the meals is coming from Heroes Helping Heroes Families.

Veteran Adventures is an SIU initiative to help

veterans transition to life at home through powerful wilderness events and expeditions which help provide the healing benefits of adventure and outdoor challenges for vets and their families.

Likewise, the national Team River Runner's mission is giving veterans and their families opportunities to heal and find purpose and to take on new challenges through adventure and adaptive paddle sports.

While there is no cost for the kickoff or overnight accommodations, organizers said that online pre-registration is required for Saturday daytime activities and overnight lodging in order to allow organizers to adequately plan.

Registration is available at campscui.active.com/orgs/TouchofNatureEnvironmentalCenter/#/select-Sessions/2683108.

The deadline to sign up is Aug. 28.

More information about the event is available by contacting Ethan Blumhorst at ethan.blumhorst@teamriverrunner.org.

Information about Touch of Nature Environmental Center and Veteran Adventures is available online at www.ton.siu.edu, by calling 618-453-1121 or emailing tonec@siu.edu.



Ribbon cutting

After 10 days of remodeling and rebranding work, the Save-A-Lot grocery store in Jonesboro officially reopened as Union County Market. The store opened its doors on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 14. The grand opening kicked off with the ribbon cutting, which was sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Store owner Sam O'Neal and co-manager Zachary O'Neal did the honors, joined by employees, friends, family and members of the community. The new grocery store will offer a larger array of product options than previously available, including more brands, expanded departments and a wider selection of specialty items like organic and gluten-free products. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs at Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Madison Schnaare and Lottie Smith, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard and Kathy Cook.

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

Special music was provided by Patti Mulback.

Ed Grisham was welcomed into church membership by Pastor Wright and the congregation.

The morning message, "Stretch Out Your Hand," was brought by Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening worship service was the monthly missionary service, with a meal being served and Mark Smith sharing information about the Spark Ministries and how the church can help the flood victims in the area.

Pastor Wright and the congregation welcomed William Dixon into the church membership.

An honorary membership was given to his wife, Debra Kay "Debbie" Dixon also due to her wanting to become a member but was called to heaven on Aug. 2 following a tragic car accident before her church membership could be completed.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the 10th Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Katelyn and Brock lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano. Layleigh also collected the offering.

The men's choir sang "The Lily of the Valley" as a special.

The scripture reading by Pastor Bobbie was from Isaiah and was about clinging to faith in Jesus, much as fruit clings to the vine when it is healthy.

Barb taught the Sunday School class for the children.

It was a joy to have Debbie Mauer in church, as well as several children. Both Emma and Katelyn just started school, and Alivia and Layleigh both

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, Aug. 18, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams. Dee Rose led the worship. Meghan Smith provided special music.

The Sunday evening service was cancelled so that everyone could attend the community worship service at the Union County Fair in Anna.

ACS gospel concert set

The 26th annual American Cancer Society, ACS, gospel benefit is planned Thursday, Aug. 22, in Metropolis.

The event will be at the First United Methodist Church, which is located at 100 E. Fifth St.

This year's concert is scheduled to feature Greater Vision. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Each year, the benefit concert in Metropolis is underwritten by many supporters and is free to those who attend.

Organizers noted that 100 percent of the offering received at the concert will fund cancer research.

More information about the concert is available by calling Martha Bormann at 618-524-5601.

pleted.

William and Debbie had been so faithful in being missionaries to the community by delivering meals and helping those in need in our community, so the church felt this was very appropriate to accept their membership during our local missionary service.

Birthday: Nick Schnaare, Aug. 18.

Anniversary: Marshall and Carla Ramage.

Aug. 25 is Promotion Sunday.

A missionary zone rally is planned at 7 p.m. Aug. 30 in Centralia.

On Sept. 1 at 10:35 a.m., Memorial Roll certificates will be presented to the families of Jeanette Fuller and Ruthe Clayton.

Children's Bible quizzing is scheduled to begin Sept. 4.

An A-J football breakfast is planned at 7 a.m. Sept. 6.

NYI plans to go to Holiday World Sept. 7.

Comedian Tim Hawkins is scheduled to be in Harrisburg Sept. 21.

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

Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the fellowship hall.

passed their hunter safety course with 100 percent.

Prayers were requested for Elizabeth Corbit, Nick McMahan, Gary Hartline and Karen and David Lamer.

After church, Barb, Loren, Karen and Lovella gave an oral history of Walnut Grove Church, with photo albums and historical information at the Heritage House as part of PAST's local church history program.

The next ladies' lunch is scheduled Friday, Sept. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Bella Italia in Cape Girardeau.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

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

Birthdays: Jacqueline Wilkins, Aug. 19; Darrell Pender, Aug. 20; Connor Benbrook, Ed Shelby, Tom Wright, Aug. 22; Todd Clary, Aug. 24.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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

**Community worship service at fair**

A community worship service was held Sunday evening, Aug. 18, at the Union County Fair. Many people came on a hot summer evening to be a part of the service, which was presented by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Todd Hawkins of Paducah filled the pulpit Sunday. His sermon was a conclusion of his series focusing on the Lord's Prayer; scripture was from John and Matthew.

The message shared that "from God's perspective, we are like toddlers going here and there; He is constantly trying to guide, protect us and provide for us physically and spiritually.

"In the Lord's Prayer, we are reminded that as Christians God has forgiven us and we need to forgive others.

"As we pray, we should seek His direction in our life, that He can use us to share the Gospel with those who need Him.

"In conclusion, Jesus' prayer was not by happenstance. In it, He directed us to Praise God, showed us the Purpose for our prayers, reminded us that

U of I Extension educators plan native plants workshop

Native plants are a very important part of the ecosystem.

They can house and feed native wildlife and provide unique beauty to the landscape.

University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Austin Little and environmental and energy stewardship educator Erin Medvecz are teaming up to provide a free program about native plants to local residents.

The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Mees Centre, which is located at the Harrison/Bruce Historic Village on the campus of John A. Logan College in Carterville.

They plan to share information about the native

God Provides for us, that He will Pardon us, and will show us the Path for our life."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Addison and Raelynn Bonner.

Tony Gerard is lead elder for the month of August.

Celebrating birthdays this past week have been La Donna Miller on the 18th and Jerrie Clayton on the 19th.

In spite of the heat and threatening weather, a good crowd worshipped together Sunday evening at the Union County Fair. The service was coordinated by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

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

plants of Southern Illinois and teach individuals how to incorporate them into their landscaping.

Following the program, they will give a tour of the historical village's gardens, where participants can view many native plants incorporated into an 1800s settlers demonstration garden.

Organizers note that registration is required. Registration information is available online at <https://go.illinois.edu/nativeplant-guide2019> or by calling Maggie Ray at 618-687-1727.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy birthday to our granddaughter Jamie Wachter of Cape Girardeau whose birthday will be Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Happy belated birthday wishes to David Miller of St. Charles, Mo., whose birthday was Monday, Aug. 19. Also to Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro whose birthday was Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Kevin and Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau were breakfast guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake visited Friday with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and went 4-wheeling.

Jack Reynolds and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville enjoyed breakfast Saturday morning at Moms Kitchen in Jonesboro.

Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake visited Saturday afternoon with Jack and Dolores Reynolds.

Sue Eudy visited Thursday afternoon with Ervina

Johnson at River to River in Anna.

Those enjoying lunch Sunday after church at Delmonico's in Cape Girardeau were Jack and Dolores Reynolds, Rodney and Vicki Reynolds and Greg and Amy Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Thank you to Shirley Miller of McClure for renewing her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited last Monday with Shirley Miller.

Those eating at the Golden Corral last Thursday were Shirley Miller, Ernie and Doris Rhodes of Jonesboro, Fred and Barbara Pitts, Mya and Macy Clutts, all of Anna, Elva Scantlin of Harrisburg and Joe Walker of Marion.

Shirley Miller visited with Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro.

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

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

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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, 'Tell those invited: "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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PAST Parlor Talk on Aug. 11

Jonesboro, Walnut Grove Methodist Churches featured



Jonesboro Methodist Church, thought to be in the 1930s. Photo provided.



Jonesboro Methodist Church. Photo provided.



Wedding of Chuck and Judy Boyd Neal at the Jonesboro Methodist Church. Photo provided.



Walnut Grove Methodist Church, 1954. Photo provided.



Walnut Grove Methodist Church. Photo provided.



Walnut Grove softball team. Photo provided.

The PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro was once again packed for the Parlor Talk on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11.

The United Methodist Church in Jonesboro and Walnut Grove United Methodist Church near Cobden were featured at the Parlor Talk.

Linda Hileman asked the 22 guests to quickly introduce themselves and it was discovered that most of the group was from one of the two topic churches or other area Methodist churches.

Jonesboro Methodist Church

The first speaker was Judy Neal, who grew up in the Jonesboro Methodist Church.

She briefly gave a summary of Methodism, beginning in England under the direction of John and Charles Wesley.

By the 1760s, Methodism had spread to the Thirteen Colonies and was under the oversight of John Wesley.

The Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC) became the oldest and largest denomination in the United States until 1939, when it joined with the Methodist Protestant Church to form The Methodist Church.

In 1968 they merged with the Evangelical United Brethren to form today's United Methodist Church.

The MEC church grew throughout the new country with revivals and camp meetings.

As early as 1820 a Methodist circuit rider was assigned the Cache River Circuit that covered the lower six counties of Illinois.

Rev. Boyd Phelps was listed as the pastor of the Jonesboro Methodists in 1830.

The first church building was a log school house which was located on lot 74 and was purchased from Michael and Susannah Craver in 1833.

In 1845, the trustees bought Lot 71, south of the Jonesboro Square.

Around 1849, a building was erected there but taken down and used to construct the second church on property across from the courthouse on Market Street.

Laymen have always played a vital part in church history and one such layman was Lt. Gov. John Dougherty, who gave the property (behind his brick home, which still stands

today).

Judge M.C. Crawford was active and was even a Sunday School teacher. Businessman M.V. Powell was an early trustee.

The third building, 1926 to the present, on Market Street still stands across from the courthouse.

The building adjacent was formerly used as the parsonage.

The sanctuary was remodeled in the spring of 1966.

Precious memories of faithful members still survive. Many in the group Sunday related stories of the well-loved pastor, Rev. William Lirely, who served from 1950 to 1955. He also served Ebenezer and the Walnut Grove Church.

Active youth groups were formed (MYF) and the youth from the three churches got together about once a month.

Jane Bauer, Cheryl Stamp and the pastor's daughter, Gayle Lirely Caraker, were present to tell anecdotes.

Rev. Lirely was also instrumental in building Bald Knob Cross.

Rev. Larry Gilbert and other pastors were also remembered. The church is still active today with pastor Bobbi Schultz.

Walnut Grove Methodist Church

Members of the Walnut Grove Methodist Church on Mountain Glen Road near Cobden took turns telling about the history of their church.

Lovella Craig, Barbara Norton, Loren Herold, Karen Hartline Lamer, Diana Ward and Jim Brown came with many scrapbooks and church record books to show.

The church was formed in the late 1800s in a log building on John Landreth's property on Brown's Section Road.

The present church was built on land adjacent to the Bevil-Landreth cemetery, which had earlier been established on Mountain Glen Road.

Trustees at that time were John M. Buck, John Landreth, Frank M. Baldwin, George G. Aldridge and I.N. Hunsaker.

The new building was a one-room structure with eight windows, wall-papered walls, a pot-bellied stove and decorated with kerosene lamps with bright reflectors on the walls. There were two hanging

lamps in the middle of the church.

Stories were told about ordering a pipe organ in 1896 from Sears and Roebuck. The men sat on one side, and the women on the other. There were hitching posts in the back for horses and buggies or wagons.

Preparations to build a basement under the church had begun in the 1920s. When a heavy rain came, the work was destroyed and the basement had to be started again.

About that time, it was decided the church needed a piano, so Faith Tweedy went by horseback to all the homes in the area to get donations to purchase one.

The donations sometimes included produce or chickens, but the piano was bought for \$100 and is still in the church today.

A belfry was added in 1925. Some boys from the church took a Model T truck on a long journey to Olive Branch to get the bell from an old church there by the river.

Many revivals were

State representative's first legislation signed into law

A Southern Illinois state representative reports that legislation he sponsored in the 101st General Assembly's spring 2019 session had been signed into law.

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Ill., who served as Massac County state's attorney prior to serving as a state legislator, said he was happy to report the first bill he had signed into law is a victims' rights bill.

"I want to thank my colleagues in the House and Senate for advancing HB 2308 to the governor's desk with unanimous support," Windhorst said in a news release.

"This new law will strengthen orders of protection and better protect victims of domestic violence. I appreciate the governor signing this important bill in to law."

Windhorst represents the 118th District. Part of Union County is in the district.

Windhorst said HB 2308 allows a judge to prohibit a defendant from contacting victims or witnesses from jail while awaiting trial.

"Part of the reason for this change in the law is because inmates awaiting trial in county jails sometimes

held from the 1900s to the 1950s, some lasting two or three weeks.

When the roads were bad, sometimes the pastors would only come every-other weekend.

There were several hard times when the church wasn't able to pay the pastor, but they always continued on.

The addition was built in 1972, entirely with volunteer labor.

In 1984, a totally new basement (with water and restrooms) was done.

The church is still active, with about 50 members and averages about 24 a Sunday. Services are at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

Many singers have come from the church. It was mentioned that everyone in that church was a good singer or could play an instrument.

Today the women and men take turns filling the choir. When it's the Sunday for the women's choir, all women present get up to sing and the men do the same for the men's Sunday.

Another record falls at state fair

The 2019 Illinois State Fair broke another grandstand record, surging past the record for ticket sales.

As of Thursday, Aug. 15, 59,023 grandstand tickets had been sold, breaking the all-time ticket sales record set in 2017 by 661 tickets and counting.

The Illinois State Fair announced Tuesday, Aug. 13, that it had set a record for grandstand ticket revenue, which was up to \$2,155,344.

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Heritage honored

Doug Hileman of rural Anna, takes pleasure in driving his team of Haflinger horses “Duke” and “Les.”

Hileman honors the heritage of multiple Union County farm families from whom he is descended, as well as the legacy of former fair president Jacob Hileman and other founders of this time-honored Union County institution.

The buckboard wagon has been lovingly repaired and restored by the Hilemans. Riding along is Steve Haldeman from Jonesboro. Together the men represent past Union County farmers who brought their prized products to the Union County Fair.

Stories abound of farm families who worked hard to “turn the melon vines” and “lay by” the crops in time for the fair. Families still come to the fair, anxious to compare their products with those of their neighbors. Fun and competition keeps them returning year after year, and generation after generation. The Hileman grandkids and friends “going to the fair” represent generations of youngsters who have thrived on its fun and “friendly competition.”

Doug Hileman and Steve Haldeman and family reenacted generations of farm families “coming to the fair” for that long anticipated fun day together with friends and families. Photo provided.



Remembering the past

Sarah Correll Plott was the first licensed nurse mid-wife to serve Union County families in the late 1800s.

Sarah Correll Plott is represented today by her six times great-granddaughter Sarah Hileman Song. Sarah Song reenacts the experienced, sensitive nurse mid-wife as she travels to assist at the next “birthing.” Sarah commands her Haflinger “Dusty” as he spritely pulls her replica “doctor’s buggy.”

Sarah Plott was the wife of Balcom farmer George Franklin Plott. After his death, she maintained the Plott family farm that is owned and operated today by their descendants.

Sarah Hileman Song is a ninth generation Balcom farmer who strives to share her love of animals and the legacy of the land with her children.

The Song family lives on a small farm in Texas, but comes back to Union County regularly for the Union County Fair.

Sarah Hileman Song recalls something of our county’s past that helped to develop and provide the good life which people have here today. Photo provided.



History lesson

Most events of the county fair are happy ones, but some historic lessons, or stories from the past like the Trail of Tears, are lessons to be learned...if not admired.

Beth Hileman, her quarter horse Donna and her granddaughter Abigail, recall such a regretful but notable time from American history.

In 1838, scores of Native Americans were forced to migrate from their homes in the east, to reservations in the west. The Cherokee Trail of Tears crossed right through Union County. History records the grievous and tragic time, but it also tells of acts of kindness by area residents.

Educational and historic classes of the fair help to tell such stories... “lest we forget”... to resolve “never again.” Photo provided.



Wagon loaded

Doug Hileman and grandson Joshua Song have the wagon loaded to go to the fair with their Haflinger team of Dusty and Les. Photo provided.



Going to the fair

Sarah Hileman Song and her daughter Abigail, leave the 5-H Ranch to “go to the fair” in an 1800s buggy drawn by Haflinger horse team Donna and Dusty. (As they recall the past, they leave behind, the modern farm tractor.) Photo provided.

‘Going to the Fair’

2019 Union County Fair events recall past and make memories for the future

For 139 years, area families have used the annual Union County Fair in Anna to showcase agriculture products, share artisan’s crafts, and provide educational experiences.

For generations, families have worked hard to “turn the melon vines,” “lay by” crops and prepare livestock for the much-anticipated goal of “going to the fair.”

In the past, families packed picnic lunches and joined neighbors for a fun day of visiting and playing games at the fairground.

History books tell how farm families traveled in horse-drawn wagons and buggies over long distances for the day at the fair, and often returned home at night to do chores even after dark.

A lot has changed over time, as far as mechanization, electrification, and technology is concerned.

Over time, equipment and food vendors have come to provide exhibits and services to please fairgoers.

But the same concentration to make preparations, and the excitement and anticipation for “going to the fair” still exists today.

Classes and competitions add interest and exhilaration to everyday projects and activities. There still is extra work and preparation for sharing those exhibits and making time for fun fair events.

For Union County Illinois residents, the 2019 County Fair is an extraordinary time because it is an opportunity to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Union County and the State of Illinois.

Special classes were organized to focus on history of the area, such as the Americana class in the heavy horse department.

Participants in the heavy horse department focused on

moments from area history to exhibit how they and their animals might have performed in the past.

Area equestrian families represent many generations of Union County residents who love and care for their animals and appreciate the legacy of the land.

The county fair gives opportunity for folks to compare and share their passion for their animals and the camaraderie they enjoy.

The Union County Fair and its participants are proud of the past, and are hopeful for the future generations “going to the fair.”

(Editor’s note: the accompanying story and pictures were submitted for the Hileman and Hall family exhibitors by Barb Bauer.)



Past meets present

The past meets the present, going to the fair and making memories. The Hileman family travels to the fair with horse-drawn wagon and buggy for participation in the heavy horse classes at the Union County Fair. Photo provided.

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“People don’t actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath.” Marshall McLuhan

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“I’d love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers.” Luis Bunuel

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Trip

Elaine Crain spent the month of July in Croatia, Albania, Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece on a tour.

Lots of beautiful scenery with ocean and mountains ever present.

It was a small group tour with people from Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland and Canada plus my friend and I from the United States, Elaine said.

We travelled by small busses and had to manage our own luggage, she said. We were told to pack light and tried. A month is a long time but we made it fine, even climbing every day and miles of walking. Southern Illinois looked very good to come home to!

19th Birthday

Birthday wishes to Christa Wheaton, who celebrated her 19th birthday Aug. 18.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Delta Kappa Gamma Women and the Arts Committee member Marie Samuel who is an exhibitor in the Ella Elizabeth Hise Museum of Regional Art Grand Opening at SIC. The opening reception is Aug. 23 with a 10 a.m. reception.

Marie will also serve as coordinator for a possible WIA Special School Project in conjunction with the

museum this spring.

Birthday

Wayne Skoglund was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner given by his wife Nancy and family.

Welcome Home

It's always good to see Justin Day and Steve Huey, Hueys Concessions from Eldorado, at the Union County Fair. Justin grew up in Anna and attended Anna First Baptist Church.

51st Wedding Anniversary

Randy and Alice Tucker celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary Sunday.

90th Birthday Celebration

Joan Graves Edwards, and Jason Edwards attended the 90th birthday party of Dr. Carroll Loomis in Cobden.

Joan and Carroll were classmates and life time friends. Joan will also celebrate her 90th birthday Sept. 3.

Joan talked about things from their childhood and how much she liked Carroll's parents. They enjoyed seeing Carroll's family and many friends.

Shirley West and Jane Bauer from Anna also attended his birthday party.

Honoring Military

A new name is being added to the military prayer list: Lindsey Keene, Indiana National Guard. Her mother enjoyed spending

four days with her before she was deployed.

Bringing Happiness to Children

There will be a craft/vendor fair at Anna Junior High on Sept. 28 as a fund raiser for Project Stocking Stuffer.

This is a group of co-workers trying to bring a little added cheer to children in Union County.

They do this by being present at Shop with a Cop/Fireman events and distribute full Christmas stockings to children in need.

The items in these stockings range from personal hygiene items to hats and gloves to small toys and sweets.

This project is strictly nonprofit. Every dollar raised goes to the children accompanying the police officers/firefighters/municipal staff.

Please attend this event to help the needy children of our great county and help our local crafters/vendors at the same time. More information will be added each week.

Pumpkin Town

It's almost time for Pumpkin Town 2019. If you are interested in doing a display please contact the tourism bureau 833-9928.

Displays need to be up for viewing Oct. 11 to 20 at Choate Mental Health. Choate is also celebrating 150 years so let's make Pumpkin Town really great this year.

If you are retired from Choate why not put up a display in honor of all the years you worked there? Schools, churches, organizations, stores be thinking of a great display.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club is celebrating 125 years of being a club.

Their first meeting for the new club year will be a birthday celebration Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center. There will be a clown and lots of fun and Barbara Bauer will tell the history of the club.

Lee Hackney is the hostess. Clara Nell Butler has a surprise. Martha Ann Webb will tell current events. Barbara House will do the devotion.

Attending this meeting will be a good way to find out about what the group does for our community. Everyone is welcome to come join them. They are always looking for new members.

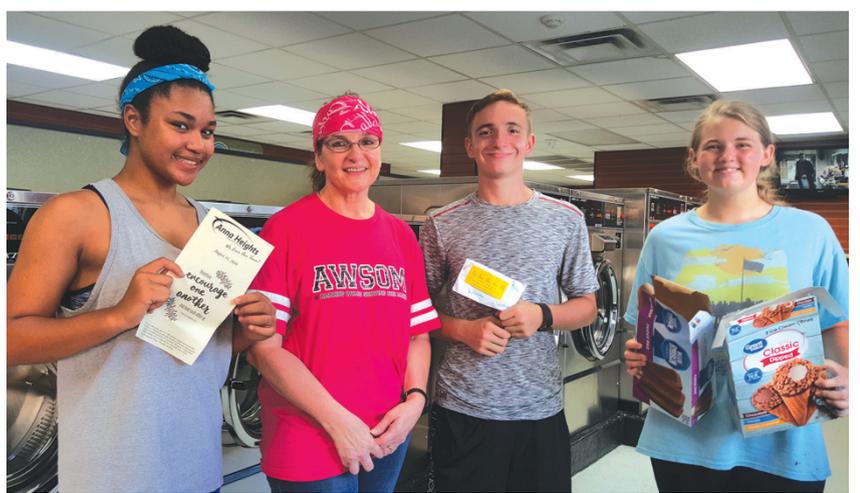
I have to laugh about



Rev. David Fischler, First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, welcomed everyone and opened with a prayer at the worship service Sunday evening at the Union County Fair sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.



Kayla Rutherford, Mark Dimock, Brien Moore, Danny Norman, James Rutherford and Markella Rutherford: thanks for singing at the Union County Fair Alliance of Churches worship service Sunday evening.



Acts of Kindness and smiling faces: Chaya Holmes, Judy Halter, Will Halter and Jolie Barger, part of Anna Heights Baptist Church youth group, went to the laundromat with ice cream bars and money to help people with their wash. Before that they had been helping a lady with yard work. What a blessing.



Lila Thompson from Mt. Vernon visited her son, Sam O'Neal, for his grand opening and ribbon cutting at Union County Market last Wednesday.



Rev. Richard and Marilyn Sullins, Jane Bauer and Kay Johnston passed out erasers at Davie and Lincoln Schools' back to school events.



Alaska trip: Richard and Tanya Pengress recently went on a 14 day Alaska cruise. The itinerary included Ketchikan, Alaska, scenic cruising of Tracy Arm, Juneau, Alaska, Icy Strait Point, Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska, Homer, Alaska, Kodiak, Alaska, Hubbard Glacier, Alaska, Sitka, Alaska, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, and Seattle, Wash. Highlights included the glaciers, lots of humpback whales, sea otters and other various animals, the beautiful scenery, and visiting the small coastal towns. The picture is of Richard and Tanya Pengress at Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau, Alaska.



Julia Hall sang the National Anthem Sunday night at Union County Fair before the queen pageant.

looking back at old records getting rid of farm animals from inside city limits was something the early women were very proud of.

I said I bet my grandfather did not like this group because they lived just two houses down from where I live now on Warren Street across from Lincoln School.

He had a big red barn behind his house and raised chickens. At one time I remember my Uncle John having turkeys and those ran all over the yards. I was scared of them when I was little.

One day my grandfather was taking down the fence around the chickens to put up a new one. I was not very old and didn't realize what he was doing.



Jerod Schaefer graduated from the Academic Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood on June 11. He was in the top three of his class out of 114 classmates. Those who attended were Jon and Beverly Schaefer, Dee and Sharon Toler, Brian Allison, Maximus, Natalie Toler and Jennifer Ames. Then he returned to Hawaii on July 7.



It's always good to see Justin Day back in his hometown with Steve Huey, Hueys Concessions from Eldorado at the Union County Fair.

I was making fun of the rooster crowing and when grandpa laid that fence down that old rooster came running after me.

I ran down the alley screaming and just about the time the old rooster had me grandpa caught him.

I think he killed him and grandmother fixed chicken and dumplings out of him. I never told Grandpa I was making fun of the rooster.

Then where Union County Hospital is there used to be a big two story house. There was a fence around it and they even had horses.

I don't remember that but my Aunt Lena told me about it. She and Uncle Mark lived down the street on Warren right behind the big two story house and they got woke up one night with the sky lit up.

Aunt Lena said she thought the world had come to an end but the big house had caught on fire and burned to the ground. I think that is when they sold that property to the hospital.

Our group donates to Shop with the Cop and Fireman for Anna and Jonesboro, to the schools, summer reading program for Stinson Memorial Library, lunch backpacks, conservation and other

groups. Our club president Jane Bauer is also the District 25 president. The district joins the State of Illinois and the state joins all the Woman's Club in the USA.

VFW The VFW and Auxiliary have a recruiting booth set up at the Union County Fair ending Aug. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night.

If any post and/or Auxiliary member would like to work please contact the post.

Friday at 2 p.m. is bingo at the Anna Veterans Home. Saturday, Aug. 24, Brian Pender will be at the post to entertain everyone from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ohio Trip David and Carrie Howard enjoyed a trip to Ohio to visit David's family.

Anna Vista Is now taking donations of Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, and decorations that are in good condition until Oct. 15. Also accepting artificial sunflowers and red, white and blue decorations.

All money raised goes to the tenant council. Please call Brenda Kelley 618-614-8350 to donate.

Sympathy Cathy Ziegler wanted to tell everyone how much she and her family appreciated

all the kindness they were shown while her husband Howard was sick the last few months and in his passing. He is at peace now in heaven. Please keep them in your prayers.

United Methodist Church

Rev. Richard Sullins and liturgist Barbara House welcomed everyone.

Rev. Richard Sullins gave a blessing and said a prayer for each child who came to the altar for their school year.

Special music was by Clayton Bridgeman. Rev. Sullins' sermon was Exhort with scripture from Luke, Isaiah and Hebrews.

The children's special offering will go toward Anna

food backpacks.

People took a name off the prayer list and came to the altar and prayed for them.

Jane Bauer, Emily Belcher, Kay Johnston, Rev. and Mrs. Richard and Marilyn Sullins passed out erasers at Davie and Lincoln Schools back to school event.

Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is Friendship and Sewing/Happy Scrappers.

Loaves and Fishes met this week. The UMC joined the Union County Alliance of Churches to prepare and host the annual luncheon for the carnival workers at the Union County Fair.

Debbie Janowski is happy her grandbaby girl

Kayla Elizabeth Dunn was scheduled to come home from St. Louis hospital Monday after being there for 5 1/2 months. Kayla now weighs 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Debbie also asked for prayer for a little baby she met at the hospital, Phillip, who was born with no heart valves, so he will be having surgeries.

Debbie also asked for prayers for Wilma Turner who was scheduled to have a pace maker.

Beautiful Service
Sympathy to Joan Graves Edwards and Jason Edwards.

Jackie's dog Bojac, who would have been 20 in Oc-

tober, went to heaven.

Bojac was buried in Crain's Pet Cemetery. Joan said Bryan had a beautiful service for her with a farewell talk and prayer. She was buried in a little white casket and next to another one of their pets Ginger.

Sympathy to Joan and Jason. Our pets are family also.

The African Childrens Choir

The first Choir performed in 1984 and since then 50 choirs have toured, acting as the ambassadors for Africa's vulnerable children.

Music for Life, the official fund-raising charity for the choir, have educated over 52,000 children and

hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by their international relief and development programs.

They will be coming to Evangelical Presbyterian Church to perform on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

Casper Church

Pastor Randy Wheaton is preaching at Casper Church. Sunday service is at 10 a.m. and Bible study is Thursday at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

There was a good crowd Sunday morning.

AFSCME Union Meeting

If you are a retired state worker and not a member you are welcome to join us Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m.

at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

Military Prayer List

Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odum, Jim Bonner, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Baseball 2019 Little League World Series "Game 26"	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney Sydney	"Crazy Rich" Tonight	(5:10) "Solace" (08)	★★½ "Blaze" (18) <i>Song-writer's life.</i>
7 PM :30	Holey Moley (HD)	Bang (HD) Young	NFL Preseason Football Jacksonville vs Miami (Live) (HD)	The Wall (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	"The Old Man & the Gun" (18)	"Prisoners" (13) <i>Father searches for missing daughter.</i>	"Mile 22" (18) <i>CIA unit rescue.</i> (R)
8 PM :30	Holey Moley (HD)	Big Brother (HD)		Hollywood (HD)	MLS Soccer (Live)	Chasing the Cure	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	(3:5) Righteous (HD)		"David Bowie: Finding Fame"
9 PM :30	Reef Break (HD)	FBI "Identity Crisis"		Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	Queen of the South	Coop & Cam Coop & Cam	Succession "Vaulter"	★★½ "The Take" <i>Pickpocket helps.</i>	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Conan	Pearson "The Donor"	Raven	Killed Garrett Phillips? "Part 1"		"The House That Jack Built"
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	Queen of the South	BUNK'D			
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night							

AUGUST 22, 2019

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
8:35pm											
HBO The Righteous Gemstones											"The Righteous Gemstones" After a pastor, his father and his brother come back from China for a baptism marathon, a group of blackmailers attempt to tarnish the pastor's reputation. TVMA (HD)
9:00pm											
CBS FBI											"Identity Crisis" A judge sentences a man to life in prison before she and her daughter are murdered; Dana's shared history with the victim makes her interested in the case. TVPG (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	The Herbies (HD)	Burgers Burgers	★★½ "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" (09) <i>Robots seek relic.</i>	Sydney Sydney	"First Man"	"Black Swan" (10)	"Marie Antoinette"
7 PM :30	Housewife Boat (HD)	NFL Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at Detroit Lions (Live) (HD)	BH90210 (HD)	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	MLS Soccer (Live) (HD)	★★★ "Wedding Crashers" (05) <i>Womanizers at work.</i> (HD)		"Descendants 3" (19) <i>Isle of the Lost.</i>	"Just Like Heaven" (05) <i>Man loves ghost.</i>	"Dragged Across Concrete" (19) <i>Criminal cops.</i> (R) (HD)	(05) "Peppermint" (18) <i>Woman's revenge.</i>
8 PM :30	What Would You Do?		MasterChef (HD)								
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)		Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	MLS Soccer Seattle vs Portland (Live) (HD)	★★½ "What Women Want" (00) <i>Man hears thoughts.</i> (HD)	Family	Just Roll	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Traffic" (18) <i>A travelling couple.</i>	ShoBox: New Gen. from Main Street in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			Family	Raven	Sketch		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local	(3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Andi Mack	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Tomb Raider" (18)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night			Chrisley	BUNK'D	Sketch		

AUGUST 23, 2019

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
FOX BH90210											"The Photo Shoot" Tori feels pressure from dealing with the cast members' various requirements; Jason and Ian face hardships in their marriage; Jennie meets another bodyguard. TV14 (HD)
7:30pm											
ABC Fresh Off the Boat											"Driver's Eddie" Louis is eager to teach Eddie how to be a good driver; Evan becomes jealous when he learns that Grandma only invites Emery to her new garage apartment. TVPG (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local News	College Football Florida Gators at Miami Hurricanes (Live) (HD)	"Wedding Crashers" Womanizers at work.	★★★½ "Red" (10) <i>A retired CIA agent fights for his life.</i> (HD)	Raven Raven	"Fantastic" (18) (HD)	"Monte Cristo" (02)	(5:30) "The Help" (11) <i>Unlikely friendship.</i>
7 PM :30	A Million Little Things	NCIS "Destiny's Child"	Think You Can Dance	America's Got Talent "Quarter Finals 2" (HD)				"Finding Dory" Dory's parents.	"Mortal Engines" (18) <i>City on wheels.</i> (HD)	★★★½ "Empire of the Sun" (87) <i>Youth in POW camp.</i> (HD)	
8 PM :30	A Million Little Things	FBI (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)								"Hitsville: The Making of Motown" (19)
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Football Is US (T)		"Red 2" (13) <i>Frank searches for a nuclear device.</i> (HD)	(40) "Zootopia" (16) <i>Idris Elba. First rabbit.</i>	(10) Righteous (HD)	(3:5) ★★★ "Darkest Hour" (17) <i>Invasion looms.</i>	City on a Hill (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	MasterChef Junior	Local	SportsCenter (HD)			Andi Mack	Succession "Vaulter"		"Black 47" (18) (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		"Greek 2" (16) (HD)	Steve	BUNK'D	Sketch		
11 PM :30							Steve	BUNK'D	"Mortal"	"Next Kin"	

AUGUST 24, 2019

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
8:40pm											
DISN Zootopia											★★★½ (2016, Adventure) Idris Elba, Ginnifer Goodwin. In Zootopia, the first rabbit to join the police force tries to prove herself by taking on a case, but she must work with a sly fox, who makes her job harder. PG
9:10pm											
HBO The Righteous Gemstones											"The Righteous Gemstones" After a pastor, his father and his brother come back from China for a baptism marathon, a group of blackmailers attempt to tarnish the pastor's reputation. TVMA (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Man (HD) Man (HD)	America's Got Talent	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers (Live) (HD)	"This Is 40" (12) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	(5:45) "Mortal Engines" (18) <i>City on wheels.</i>	(5:10) "Solace" (08)	"Hitsville: The Making of Motown" (19)
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons What Just	NFL Preseason Football Pittsburgh vs Tennessee (Live) (HD)		★★★ "The Intern" (15) <i>Older man takes position as intern.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	★★★½ "Zootopia" (16) <i>First rabbit.</i>		"Johnny English Strikes" (18)	
8 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	Instinct "Grey Matter"	Fam Guy What Just				Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Succession "Hunting"	"Game Night" A murder mystery.	The Affair (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) To Tell the Truth	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "This Is Where I Leave You" (14) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Mickey	Righteous Ballers	God (HD) On Becoming a God	
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)		Family Family	Raven Andi Mack	Succession "Hunting"	"Friday Night Lights" High school football	(3:3) The Affair (HD)
11 PM :30	(3:5) Local		Local		SportsCenter (HD)	"This Is 40"	Family	BUNK'D	Righteous Ballers	God (HD)	

AUGUST 25, 2019

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:30pm											
FOX What Just Happened??!											with Fred Savage "Neighbor" Fred has difficulties talking about a strange cliffhanger and speaking with guests due to a noisy neighbor; actors Eric Stonestreet and Randall Park come by. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm											
CBS Instinct											"Grey Matter" The gruesome aftermath of a young man's murder is left for all to see at a nearby city pond; Andy helps one of Dylan's students out of a legal situation. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy Fam Guy	Family	Sydney Sydney	(5:30) "Aquaman" (18, Action) <i>Ancient power.</i>	"Inception" (10) (HD)	"Peppermint" (18)
7 PM :30	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	Neighbor. Bang (HD)	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 8 Perform"	American Ninja Warrior (HD)		Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Pup Academy		"Closer" (04) <i>Emotional revenge.</i>	The Affair (HD)
8 PM :30		Bang (HD) Mom (HD)				Fam Guy Fam Guy		Raven	Our Boys (HD)		Escape "Part 3" (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Grand Hotel (HD)	Bull "Bounty" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam Coop & Cam	Our Boys (HD)	(4:5) "Black Swan" (10) <i>Dancers' dark sides.</i>	God (HD) On Becoming a God
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan	Steve	Raven	Succession "Hunting"	(3:5) "Natural Born Killers" (94)	(3:5) The Affair (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Family Family	Andi Mack BUNK'D	Real Sports (HD)		(3:5) God
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	BUNK'D			

AUGUST 26, 2019

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
8:45pm											
MAX Black Swan											★★★½ (2010, Thriller) Natalie Portman, Vincent Cassel. Two rival ballet dancers compete and challenge each other but turn into friends, and one of the dancers learns about her sensual side from the other. R (HD)
9:00pm											
NBC Dateline											NBC Investigative reports, breaking news stories, profiles of leading newsmakers and other features explore current events and topics of special interest. (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2019 U.S. Open Tennis "First Round" (Live)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Family	Sydney Sydney	Real Time Tonight	"The Prince & Me"	(5:25) ★★½ "Dick" (99)
7 PM :30	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	NCIS "Judge, Jury..."	The Resident (HD)	America's Got Talent "Quarter Finals 3" (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	★★★ "Justice League" (17) <i>Global threat.</i> (HD)	★★½ "Twins" (88) <i>Brothers search.</i>	God (HD) On Becoming a God
8 PM :30		FBI "Scorched Earth"	Responders (HD)			Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Raven		(5:0) ★★ "Jingle All the Way" (96)	"Best Friend's Wedding" (97)
9 PM :30	Bless Mess black-ish	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Bring the Funny		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Miz & Mrs Growing Up	Coop & Cam Coop & Cam	Hard Knocks (HD)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Raven	Righteous	"A Thousand Words" Importance of words.	On Becoming a God
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl New Girl	Family Family	Andi Mack BUNK'D	"Unmasking Jihad: John: An"		On Becoming a God
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	BUNK'D			

AUGUST 27, 2019

TUESDAY

Opinion and Commentary

Back to school, back to work, but first get permit

It's the law that children under 16

need a permit to work at most jobs in Illinois
SPRINGFIELD – School either has or is about to start for Illinois students. Lots of those young people will do more than homework. They'll get a job. And if you're under 16 years old and you get a job, you also need to get a work permit.

Minors who are 14 or 15 may work in Illinois, but they must first obtain an employment certificate. Illinois' child labor law is designed to protect the physical safety of children on the job as well as to make their education a priority.

"It's very admirable to see young people who want to go to work, but child labor laws are necessary to make sure kids stay safe and don't let their jobs get in the way of their school work," said Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor.

Fourteen- and 15-year-olds seeking employment need to start by getting a letter of intent to hire from their prospective employer. The letter should describe the type of work and the hours to be worked.

The young person and a parent or guardian must take the letter to their school or school district office to request an employment certificate. The issuing school administrator will review criteria and any safety issues to determine whether to issue the work permit.

Employers who employ teens under 16 without having a work permit on the premises are subject to fines by the Department of Labor.

Children 14 and 15 years of age may work up to three hours per school day and up to 24 hours per week when school is in session. The combined hours of school and work cannot exceed eight hours per day. When school is not in session – summer vacations, holidays and weekends – the restrictions are no more than eight hours per day, no more than six days per week and no more than 48 hours per week.

These young people can work between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. except between June 1 and Labor Day when the evening hours can be extended to 9 p.m.

Some exceptions to the Illinois Child Labor Law do exist. The law does not apply to the sale and delivery of magazines and newspapers outside the hours that school is in attendance. Likewise, jobs in private homes such as baby-sitting or yard work are exceptions and do not require a work permit.

The law also seeks to keep younger workers safe. It prohibits 14- and 15-year-olds from working in businesses where alcohol is served, on construction jobs, at service stations and other places that might include dangerous work or machinery.

Employers or anyone else with questions about the Illinois Child Labor Law can call IDOL's Child Labor Hotline at 800-645-5784. The entire contents of the Child Labor Law can also be found at www.ilga.gov.

Commentary

Automatic weapons

By Mike Estel

There is a lot of controversy surrounding the recent shootings throughout the country.

Stricter background checks should definitely be top on that agenda to keep weapons out of the hands of convicted felons and people with any type of mental problems.

I know the NRA (National Rifle Association) will not agree with me, but something also has to be done about easy access to these semi-automatic weapons for these heartless would be assassins.

They are not machine guns, but semi-automatic and a whole lot similar. These AK47 and AK15 weapons shoot about as fast as someone can pull the trigger.

In one of the recent shootings in the country in Dayton, Ohio., this type of weapon was used and caused a lot of casualties in a very short period of time.

For the would be shooters, they are definitely the way to hit a lot more people you're shooting at.

I really don't believe it's infringing on the 2nd Amendment rights of any Americans to keep these weapons of mass destruction off the streets and out of the hands of these potential killers.

There is a big argument by the NRA that once regulations start on guns they will not quit. However, I don't believe that will happen because there are just too many hunters in this country that would voice a very strong opposition to that type of legislation. I don't believe there will be more and stricter gun regulations if those weapons are outlawed.

The people are demanding something be done to curb this violence.

I really believe these weapons are something we need to keep in check.

You can't hunt with them in this country and about the only thing they're good for is target practicing.

The majority of people polled in the nation are for some changes being made to try and stop these weapons from being so easily available to these deranged shooters. They want action taken right now in an attempt to curb some of this wanton violence.

The politicians in Washington need to get something accomplished in this regard and not wait for another shooting catastrophe to occur.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



This photo has absolutely nothing to do with frozen brain waves. I just liked the image of a quiet Union County Fair in Anna and the hill off in the distance. The photograph was taken early Saturday morning from the grounds of the nearby Union County Country Club.

In the heat of summer, brain freezes...

Over the weekend, my brain waves froze. Seems like I came down with a bad case of the rockin' pneumonia. Or some other ailment that might give a person the boogie, woogie blues.

Before we get to that: a follow-up. A couple of weeks ago, I made note of the frustration of dealing with an online bureaucracy. We ended having actual human contact with the bureaucracy. All turned out well. As a matter of fact, the experience was quite pleasant. Moving on...

Sometime early Sunday morning, like when it was still dark, I felt a twinge, or some such thing, in my throat. Maybe you've experience the same thing. Didn't give it much thought. For a little while, anyway.

It didn't take long for the twinge to develop into a full-fledged sore throat, which was not a very pleasant way to spend the remainder of the night.

Sunday became pretty much of a wash. That was because my brain waves seemed to have frozen. To be honest with you, just moving from Point A to Point B was a bit of a struggle.

I did try to figure out where I might have acquired whatever ailment deemed it necessary to become a part of my life.

The Other Half had dealt with some summer sinus stuff last week. She insisted that it was the result of paint fumes and other things related to painting our front porch.

In my case, I figured there have been a couple of op-

tions which might have been related trying to be in about a thousand places over the course of Friday and Saturday. Maybe I had contracted...

...Too Much Time in the Summer Heat and Humidity Syndrome. Seemed possible. Went for a walk in the summer heat and humidity last Saturday afternoon. Didn't give it much thought at the time.

...Photo Opportunity Flu. This also seemed possible. Over the past couple of weeks, I've taken about 400 photographs as part of my duties at The Paragraph Factory. August is a busy time of year, so all the pics were really no surprise.

...Fair Flu. Probably not. I did spend a lot of time at the Union County Fair, though.

...Cat Scratch Fever. Another possibility. Bob, our busy cat, has sharp, pointy parts, although not as many as he used to have.

I did manage to make it through attempting to cook dinner on Sunday evening without trying to pick up a dish out of a 350-degree oven with my bare hands. But it did take some extra brain power to make sure I did not repeat that dumb move.

Can't be sure what got me, but it sure slows a person down. Add that to the summer heat and humidity, and it kind of puts a damper on the start of the week.

Things did seem to be getting better Monday morning. We'll keep our fingers crossed. Got lots to do.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, Aug. 21, 1969

Who will be Miss Union County Fair Queen for 1969? That is the question many area residents are asking as the time for the selection of this year's Fair Queen nears. The new queen will be chosen at ceremonies to be held Friday evening, Aug. 22, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Anna stores will close Thursday afternoon, Aug. 21, at 4:00 p.m. in order that employees may attend the fair. They will close at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, rather than the usual closing time of 8:00 p.m. in order that employees may attend the coronation ceremonies of the new Miss Union County Fair, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

A crowd of more than 500 persons attended the Vesper Services Sunday evening, Aug. 17, heralding the opening of the 89th Annual Union County Fair.

The Cobden Peach Festival, which was to have been held this past Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15, was the victim of mother nature again this year.

Two years ago, the second night of the Festival was rained out, as it was this past Saturday; although the Festivities Saturday evening were "rained out," it did not dampen the spirits of the Cobden Lions Club, sponsors of the event. The Festival re-opened Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and the queen was crowned at 9:00 p.m. that evening.

The new Miss Cobden Peach Festival Queen is Miss Kathy Flamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Flamm.

Although the Cairo Weather Bureau had issued severe weather warnings for the Union County area following Hurricane Camille's disastrous journey, the area was fortunate inasmuch as the storm blew itself out before it reached this far north. Warnings of flash flooding with rains up to eight inches were forecast.

The Annabelle Division of Florsheim Shoe Company, located on West Davie St., Anna, will cease the manufacture of women's shoes at that facility September 15, and will be moved to Mt. Vernon. According to Joe Schicke, superintendent of the Annabelle plant, the Annabelle division will be converted to the manufacture of men's cement processed shoes. Approximately 250 persons are currently employed at that facility.

Union County schools will open with short sessions today, Thursday, Aug. 21, with regular classes beginning Monday, August 25, at all schools.

Approximately 800 persons attended the Open House

Friday, Aug. 15, at the new drive-in banking facility at the Anna National Bank.

The area has been struck by an influx of crickets since the high winds of Saturday, Aug. 9, at Hurricane Camille's appearance.

The Union County Picnic Association of California will hold their annual picnic at O'Neill Park on Live Oak Canyon Road in El Toro, Calif., September 14.

Flamm Orchards to host Farm to Fork dinner

Flamm Orchards near Cobden plans to host its first Farm to Fork dinner on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the farm.

Organizers Parker and Austin Flamm, part of the sixth generation of Flamm farmers, hope to establish this as an annual event to celebrate the harvest and help guests form a greater connection and enjoyment of their farm experience.

The family-style farm-to-table gathering will feature a buffet of carefully chosen dishes that use only locally sourced ingredients from the orchards and area farms.

In the spirit of supporting all things from the farm and local, Flamm Orchards has teamed up with StarView Vineyards near Cobden to serve local grown wine and beer.

The shared-table dinner will be in front of the retail store and fruits and cream stand at Flamm Orchards.

Guests are invited to come mingle with one another while seated at one long table together. There will be live music on site for the event.

Tickets for this event are still on sale online through Eventbrite.com or the Flamm Orchards Facebook page. You can also purchase tickets on the farm during retail business hours.

Tickets include a multi-course dinner, complimentary beverage and logoed glass for \$40 each.

Seating is limited, and tickets will sell out. Organizers recommend purchasing tickets right away. More information is available by calling 893-4241.

Be a part of a local tradition. Attend the 2019 Union County Fair in Anna.