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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

A worship service is planned Thursday night, Sept. 20, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

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Folks from Union County had been planning to attend a now-cancelled rally for President Donald J. Trump which was scheduled for Thursday, today, in Cape Girardeau.

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The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have a fall perennial plant sale Saturday, Sept. 15. The sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park, across from the former Bunny Bread building.

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The popular wiener dog race and wiener dog fashion show is planned Oct. 13 at the Anna City Park. The events are hosted by the Children's Medical Resource Network.

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## Trump rally in Cape cancelled

President Donald J. Trump has cancelled an appearance at a rally in Cape Girardeau which was scheduled to take place Thursday, today.

The Trump campaign released the following statement about the cancellation:

New York, NY – As Hurricane Florence approaches the east coast this week, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. announced that the Make America Great Again rally scheduled in Cape Girardeau, MO this Thursday, September 13 is cancelled.

“Regrettably, we must cancel the planned Make America Great Again rally in Cape Girardeau, Missouri this Thursday,” said Michael Glassner, Chief Operating Officer of Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

“With Hurricane Florence on its way, we determined that this is the safest decision.”

## Flood warning in effect for Mississippi River

A flood warning is in effect this week for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes.

The warning, which was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah, includes Alexander, Jackson and Union counties in Southern Illinois. Union County is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River.

The warning also includes Perry and Scott counties in Southeast Missouri.

As of early this week, the Union County Sheriff's Office reported there were not any flood-related problems in the county's river bottomlands.

The flood warning is in effect until Sunday evening, Sept. 16, at Cape Girardeau.

The weather service reported on Sunday that heavy rainfall had fallen over the Upper Mississippi River basin, combined with several inches of rainfall which fell during the previous 72 hours, was causing flooding along the river.

Nearly 4 inches of rain fell during the past week in the Union County area.

Water levels continued to

slowly rise along portions of the Mississippi River.

The river was expected to reach flood stage overnight Sunday at Cape Girardeau and on Tuesday at Thebes.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the river stage at Cape Girardeau was 32.7 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet. Minor flooding was forecast.

The river is expected to rise to near 34.5 feet, and

crest, by Thursday morning, today.

The flood warning is in effect through late Friday night at Thebes.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the river stage was 31.3 feet at Thebes. Flood stage is 33.0 feet. Minor flooding was forecast. The river is expected to rise to near 33.5 feet, and crest, by Thursday afternoon, today.

## Lincoln portrait unveiling scheduled

To commemorate the bicentennial of the state of Illinois, a recent reproduction of a celebrated Abraham Lincoln portrait is scheduled to be presented to the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The portrait is scheduled to be unveiled during a ceremony set for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, today, at the courthouse, which is located at 309 W. Market St.

Union County Presiding Judge Mark Boie is scheduled to lead the ceremony, which is open to the public.

Presentation ceremonies also are planned today at three other area courthouses: the Pulaski County Courthouse in Mound City, the Johnson County Courthouse in Vienna and the Massac County Courthouse in Metropolis.

Distinguished 19th century photographer Alexander Hesler captured the image in Springfield in June 1860 for Lincoln's presidential campaign.

The Illinois State Historical Society, ISHS, now owns the glass-plate positives of the portrait.

The ISHS leads the statewide campaign to place a framed copy of the portrait in courthouses in each of the 102 counties in Illinois.

ISHS has partnered with The Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and their respective foundations, the Illinois Judges Foundation and the Illinois Bar Foundation, to make the project possible.



## Spoon River on stage

Darryl Parks and Elizabeth Corbit dressed in early 20th century attire for their roles as citizens of Spoon River. Published in 1915, the “Spoon River Anthology” is a collection of poems by Edgar Lee Masters. Through the use of free-verse poetry in the form of epitaphs, the anthology portrays the lives of over 200 characters from the fictional Illinois town of Spoon River. The picture was taken at Sunday's performance of “Illinois Poets on Parade” at the Anna Arts Center. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

## Arts center presents ‘Illinois Poets on Parade’

The Illinois bicentennial celebration occurring across the state throughout the year has given rise to numerous events looking back on the history of the state and the many milestones and achievements over the past two centuries.

One such event was “Illinois Poets on Parade,” which was presented by the Shawnee Hills Arts Council at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. The performances took place Sept. 7-9 at the arts center.

The production featured dramatic readings of poems by eight of Illinois' most celebrated writers, including Carl Sandburg, Gwendolyn Brooks, and perhaps the most famous Illinoian of all, Abraham Lincoln.

Included in the event was a section of poems for children, with works by Illinois children's authors Eugene Field and Shel Silverstein.

Local performers brought the poems to life with staged readings, using props, costume, music and dance in their performances.

Joining the cast were two members of Carbondale's Stage Company. Charlie Hope Dorsey read selected works by Gwendolyn Brooks. Jeff McGoy performed “The Congo” by Vachel Lindsay.

Selections for “Illinois

Poets on Parade” were chosen by the director, Dr. Lynn Steveson.

In the director's notes section of the show's program, Steveson describes the importance of live performance in the enjoyment of poetry:

“Poetry is BEST when heard aloud, or, out loud. When the cadences and nuances reach the ear, not just words on a page. When the imagination is fired up! Poetry comes ALIVE when heard!”

## Bicentennial Talk scheduled

The PAST organization of Union County continues to present a series of Bicentennial Talks.

The talks are being presented on Sunday afternoons at PAST's Heritage House Museum.

The museum is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jones-

boro. The talks begin at 2 p.m. There is no charge to attend the programs and reservations are not needed.

On Sept. 16, the series is scheduled to feature Brock and Alexa Buckner, the Davie family and a Union County business sign collection.

## A-J football team set to host Whiteout Game

The community will have an opportunity to help support a special project at this week's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School varsity football game.

A-J is scheduled to host Nashville in the Wildcats' 2018 Whiteout Game. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Friday at The Pit.

In keeping with tradition, the game will help to generate revenue which will support the Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA.

This year, the proceeds also will support a project which is being planned at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The project is being called Hadley's Haven, and is named in honor of Hadley Chase Ashby, who was 19 months old when she passed away in December 2017.

Hadley was born with a birth defect in which a part of her esophagus was missing.

Her mother, Lenore

Keller Ashby, recalled that in the first days of her life, Hadley faced a number of complications and had to undergo corrective surgical procedures.

After nearly 80 days in the hospital, Hadley was able to come home. She came home with a shunt, a reservoir and a feeding tube.

On Dec. 12, 2017, the shunt had a catastrophic failure. Three days later, Haley's parents decided to shut down the machines which were keeping their daughter alive.

On the day after she left the hospital, Lenore recalled that she had a feeling in her heart that she needed to do something to keep Hadley's legacy alive. She thought about a park – an all-inclusive playground for all children, no matter what kind of challenges they may face.

The dream of a park is now moving closer to re-

ality – and will be called Hadley's Haven. A non-profit organization, Hadley's Haven Inc., has been established to oversee the project.

Plans call for the project to be developed at the Anna City Park in Anna. The project is expected to cost in the range of \$700,000.

A lot of support already has been shown for the project from local businesses, civic groups and organizations.

In early August, Ashby and Hadley's Haven, Inc. vice president Amber Detering presented information about the proposed project to the Anna City Council.

Detering, who had watched Hadley grow up, has a child with a disability. Detering sees the playground as a way to leave a legacy to honor Hadley, her own child, and all children who may face special challenges in their lives.

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Whiteout Game t-shirts distributed  
Lenore Keller Ashby and Amber Detering were distributing Whiteout Game t-shirts at Monday evening's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School junior varsity football game.



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## Whiteout Game

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At the August meeting, city officials voiced their strong support for the project. "I think we'll be blessed by this," Mayor Steve Hartline said at the meeting.

Friday night's Whiteout Game at A-J gives the community a chance to help plans for the development of Hadley's Haven to move forward. The Whiteout Game is in its sixth year. Over the years, the game

has generated \$109,000 to help support MDA.

Thirteen hundred Whiteout Game t-shirts were made available for fans to wear to the game. A silent auction featuring donated items is planned.

(Editor's note: information about the challenges which Hadley faced originally appeared in a story which aired on KFVS television in Cape Girardeau. The story also was posted on the station's website.)

## News Notes

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A hearing regarding confirmation and approval of the county's 2018 election judges is set for 9 a.m. Sept. 26 in Union County Circuit Court in Jonesboro.

The Illinois Department of Transportation was doing some work along old U.S. Route 51 in Cobden on Tuesday.

A Shawnee Community College volleyball team took to the court for the first time in nearly 10 years on Aug. 23. Melanie Ballard is the head coach of the team, which has a home match set for Thursday, today, against Vincennes.

**Look for yard sales in the classified ads.**

An Illinois Nature Preserves Commission meeting was scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The Illinois fall trout fishing season is scheduled to open on Oct. 20.

Just in case you were wondering: the first day of autumn is Sept. 22.

With autumn rapidly approaching, leaves are already falling, as well as showing some slight changes in color.

This is the time of year when migrating monarch butterflies can be seen.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that by the year 2030, older people (those over 65) are projected to outnumber children for the first time in U.S. history.

# Anna City Pool's future discussed

The future of Anna's swimming pool has been a focus of concern for city officials in recent years.

The pool's future again was discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was Tuesday evening, Sept. 4, at Anna City Hall.

The pool, which is located at the Anna City Park, was open for the 2018 season, which recently came to an end.

A review of the pool's summer season was presented to the council by city public works administrator assistant Carolyn Ury.

The pool was open for a total of 43 days during the 2018 season. The report noted that the pool opened five days late this year.

The late start was related to local schools having to be in session to make up snow days. Pool employees are local students. The pool had 11 lifeguards this summer. During discussion about the pool, it was noted that it is becoming harder to find trained, qualified lifeguards.

The pool was closed due

to low attendance on 11 days. Fifteen swimmers must be present for the pool to open. The pool closed for two days due to rain.

The report showed that total attendance at the pool for 2018 was 2,812. Attendance was down from 3,818 in 2017 and 4,813 in 2016.

Total revenue generated by the pool for the summer was \$12,625. Expenses totalled \$57,042.31.

City officials voiced their appreciation to Ury for the report.

Concerns about the current condition of the pool, which dates to the 1970s, were discussed. The pool has needed many repairs in recent years.

Leaking, coating the bottom of the pool and filtration technology are among the concerns.

Construction of a new pool has been discussed, and was talked about again at the meeting. Council member Martha Ann Webb has voiced a desire to see a pool which could be used year-round.

A key issue related to a new pool would be gener-



## Anna City Pool

The Anna City Pool recently closed at the end of its 2018 summer season. The pool is located at the Anna City Park.

ating the revenue for such a project. Levying of a city sales tax is seen as one way to generate income. Such a tax would have to be approved by voters.

In other business at last week's meeting:

An increase in city water rates was approved. The rates are expected to increase about \$1 a month. The new rate reflects an increase from the city's supplier, the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission. The new rates started Sept. 1. The city has about 2,000 water customers.

The council approved an ordinance which establishes a uniform schedule of fines

for the violation of city ordinances which regulate such matters as junk, trash, tall grass and weeds. The matter has been discussed for some time.

Fines for violations will be \$75 for a first offense, \$150 for a second offense and \$225 for a third and fourth offense. Appeals in such matters will be made to the city council.

The city council approved a request by Pets Are Worth Saving, PAWS, Inc. to waive the fee for a building permit. The fee was \$700. PAWS is building a new facility in east Anna.

# Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

### Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Harbour Portfolio VII LP. Grantee: National Asset Mortgage LLC. Name: Rendleman Subdivision. Block G. Lot 4.

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Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Harbour Portfolio VII LP. Grantee: WM Capital Partners 68 LLC. Name: Rendleman Subdivision. Block G. Lot 4.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeffery P. Henderson. Grantee: Carrie Barnett, John Barnett. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Larry L. Ridenhour, Marsha G. Ridenhour. Grantee: Bradley K. Ridenhour, Taylor D. Ridenhour. Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 1. Portion 22.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Joyce Grant, Larry Grant. Grantee: Christopher Grant. Tract Section 13 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jonathan D. Plemon. Grantee: Janice K. Plemon, Joseph O. Plemon. Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 20.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda K. Curry, David E. Curry. Grantee: Amber L. Sturgeon, Dylan S. Sturgeon. Tract Section 31 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tammie D. Aden. Grantee: Courtney Martin, Joel A.

## Man indicted on child porn charges

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on Sept. 6 that Charles Edward Gordon, 58, of Cobden has been indicted by a Union County grand jury on 42 counts of child pornography, all Class 1 felonies.

Gordon is charged with possession of photographs containing children under the age of 13.

Gordon was arrested in August following an investigation by the Cobden Police Department, with assistance of the Illinois State Police.

Gordon is being held in the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro on \$100,000 bond.

The matter has been set for arraignment at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

Martin. Name: George W. Norris 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Scott Tripp. Grantee: Christine M. Tripp. Village of Alto Pass. Block 8. Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ashney R. Cast, Scott A. Cast. Grantee: Steven D. Craig. Tract Section 14 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gladys Earlene Highfield. Grantee: Gladys Earlene Highfield, Horace Ray Highfield. Name: S.A. Walton's 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Stone Financing LLC. Grantee: Caleb Wade Davis, Gina Lynn Davis. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Richard M. Holden, Richelieu Holden. Grantee: Brenda K. Curry, David E. Curry. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bridget M. Glasco, Louann Glasco, Paul Michael Glasco. Grantee: Charity L. Williams, David E. Williams. Tract Section 7 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lloyd R. Dunn. Grantee: Dianna K. Myers, George P. Myers. Tract Section 3 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alto Pass Water District. Grantee: Bradford Randolph, Linda Sue Randolph. Tract Section 3 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Eric C. Massey. Grantee: Charlotte K. Massey. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Beverley A. Vandergraph, Beverley A. Vandergraph, David W. Vandergraph. Grantee: Anthony Stein. Name: Lewis 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 13.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Betty S. White, John M. White. Grantee: Ellen Morgan, Charles F. Morgan Jr. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Portion 19.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Trina Gold. Grantee: David Gold, Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub. Block 1. Lot 33.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Frances Kathleen Manus. Grantee: Jo Beth Harvel, Jaymes David Manus. Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 27.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jill B. Clover, Jill B. Mainer, Kingsley Mainer, Jill B. Sexton. Grantee: Austin S. Treece, Maggie J. Treece. Name: Rendleman Subdivision. Block G. Lots 6, 7.

**Traffic Citations**  
The following people were

cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Jose Antonio Guzman, Austin, Texas. Melinda A. Dunford, West Frankfort. Levi Joseph Flute, Dongola. Meghan N. O'Daniel, Anna. Devin James Farless, Cape Girardeau.

John Marshall Malek, Vero Beach, Fla. Nora Joyce Skelton, Abbeville, Miss. Lindsay E. Akes, Marion. Lori A. Armstrong, Tunnel Hill. Donald R. Gibson, Dongola. Dewey Lester Hiler, Leadville, Colo.

Peter G. Nkolo, Cape Girardeau. Javier Rodriguez, Chicago. Dustin Ryan Newberry, Cobden. Jakeith Qwaumane Smith, Douglasville, Ga. Joshua Taylor Fellows, Edinburg, Texas. Lyndsey R. Adams, Carbondale. Michael B. Ruge, Bensenville.

Michael A. Whitaker, Carbondale. Neely E. Otten, Cobden. Nika F. Beck, Belleville. Jennifer Gay Harris, New Albany, Miss. Dustin Tyson Rasnick, Carterville. Heinz O. Klemm, Kankakee. Brent D. Whitaker, Kankakee.

Joseph David Piccola, Anna. Trevor J. Rohlf, Georgetown, Ind. Charles A. Rubey, Columbus, Ky. Harley S. Wren, Dongola. Christopher J. Tunget, Marion. Connor Joseph Oetzel, Carbondale.

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

Michelle M. Simmons, Cobden, driving under influence, \$2,861. Nathan A. Nance, Dongola, driving on suspended license, \$388.

Kenyatta L. Weaver, Wyoming, Mich., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120. Jack Aidan Binkowski, Swansea, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Wendal A. Duplessis, Detroit, Mich., CMV unqualified driver, \$120; fail to reduce speed, \$120. Louise Phillip A. Lepaopao, Omaha, Neb., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Ebony Lashelle Jefferson, Tunica, Miss., seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Toby Jane Erlenmeyer, Water Valley, Ky., unlicensed, \$120.

Emad T. Albarati, Decatur, unlicensed, \$150. Abdjalil Mohamed Ali, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Christopher Cody Brown, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Monica R. Dunbar, Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

John M. Brimm, Jonesboro, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Brenda C. Mayberry, Anna, improper turn at intersection, \$120.

Klay A. Greenwood, Cobden, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Brian S. Young, Spring, Texas, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Robert M. Thompson, Marion, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Sally A. Ward, Creal Springs, improper use of designated lane, \$120.

John C. Fowler, Murphysboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Stephanie Kaye Creecy, McClure, electronic communication device, \$120.

Danielle Nicolle Wallenmeyer, Jonesboro, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Maria Elizabeth Nunez, Ironton, Mo., child restraint violation, \$65.

Jessica R. Rarrick, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; child restraint violation, \$65. James J. Dyszczakowski, Johnston City, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Alexander C. Reh, Cobden, registration expiration, \$120. Lacy T. Jordan, Dongola, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Thomas P. Smith Jr., Jonesboro, no valid registration, \$120. Glenn C. Stewart, Alto Pass, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Christina M. Heffner, Dothan, Ala., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Chris Allen Morris, Lebanon, Tenn., overweight on axle, \$420.

Jamie Nichole Pickel, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Veniamin Milentii, Inman, S.C., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Mohammed A. Abu Sharekh, San Antonio, Texas, log violation, \$120.

**Marriage Licenses**  
The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Nicholas W. Quigley, 30, of Murphysboro, and Jessica N. Moore, 25, of Ava.

Richard Wayne Reed, 43, of Cape Girardeau, and Victoria Ann Bracken, 43, of Cobden.

Caleb Richard James Chaney, 21, of Jonesboro, and Samantha Renae Kiper, 26, of Jonesboro.

Dustin K. Newman, 38, of Anna, and Candice B. Kelley, 35, of Anna.

Seth Michael Watson, 24, of Goreville, and Jenna Shay Collier, 23, of Dongola.

Isaac James Taylor, 23, of Cedar City, Utah, and Anne Elizabeth Rutledge, 22, of Cedar City, Utah.

Jeffrey Allan Tweedy, 51, of North Carolina, and Shari Ann Renfro, 49, of North Carolina.

Seth William Wakefield, 28, of Anna, and Sarah Dawn Gardner, 27, of Anna.

Matthew Glenn Strickler, 25, of Edmond, Okla., and Jennifer Leigh Russell, 29, of Cobden.

Warren Lee Masters, 50, of Cape Girardeau, and Renee Martha Ghering, 51, of Olive Branch, Miss.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration and voting aids are available under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance. (10ILCS 5/12-1)  
Dated September 4, 2018.

*Vonda Benefield*

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Union County Clerk/Recorder

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made by Vonda Benefield, Union County Clerk for confirmation and approval of Election Judges for Union County.

The hearing is set for September 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Circuit Court located in Jonesboro, Illinois.

A list of judges is available to the public at the Union County Clerk's office.

*Vonda Benefield*

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# Summer in region warmer than normal, with high humidity

The summer season in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky was warmer than normal.

The National Weather Service office at Paducah reported that temperatures finished above normal by 1.5 to 2 degrees across the region.

Summer warmth got off to an early start in May, and continued through June and the first 20 days of July.

A break in oppressive heat and humidity came during the latter part of July.

Although there were many days in the 90s in August, the humidity was

slightly lower, helping to ease how uncomfortable it felt.

June finished as the third warmest on record in Cape Girardeau and the fifth warmest in Paducah.

The seasonal average temperature was approximately 2 to 3 degrees warmer than it was back in summer 2017, but still cooler than in 2016.

## Humidity Levels Quite High

Humidity levels were quite high this summer, especially during June and July.

In Paducah, the summer season ended with 34 days

of dewpoints reaching at least 75 degrees, which is generally considered oppressive and miserable.

This was the third highest number of days since 2002, only behind 2010 (40 days) and 2016 (42 days).

"Remember it's not all about the heat, but also the humidity," the weather service office in Paducah reported on its website.

"So when factoring in the high humidity, this probably was one of our top 10 most uncomfortable summers on record, dating back to 1938."

## Summertime Precipitation

As is common with summertime precipitation it varied quite a bit across the region.

This is largely due to the scattered nature of convective precipitation in the warm season, the weather service reported.

Northern parts of Southeast Missouri (northern Wayne through Perry counties), much of southwest Illinois (Jackson through Wayne counties) and some areas of western Kentucky east of the Lakes region finished the summer wetter than normal.

One of the hardest hit areas was Perry County, Mo., with 16.43 inches observed at the Perryville COOP station.

Another zone of heavier precipitation was focused in portions of Massac, Pope and Hardin counties in Illinois, with a CoCoRaHS station near Golconda observing 18.41 inches.

On the flip side, a drier than normal summer was observed across southern portions of Southeast Missouri (Ripley and Butler east to New Madrid County), much of the Jackson Purchase area of Western Kentucky and portions of southeast Illinois (Johnson to White counties).

The most pronounced dryness was across portions of Carlisle, McCracken, Graves, and Hickman counties in Kentucky, where radar estimates showed less than 7 inches occurring for the entire summer.

## August Climate Review

Temperatures during August finished near normal for the month.

"It was a nice change after the above normal temperatures that dominated much of the May through July period," the weather service observed.

On Aug. 24, much of the region only managed to reach the low to mid 70s for highs, which were the coolest high temperatures since early May for many areas.

Humidity levels were also not quite as oppressive as they were through much of June and July.

In Paducah, the dewpoint only reached 75 degrees or higher on four days, after reaching this threshold 15 days each in June and July.

However, it is all relative, because Paducah still managed to reach a dewpoint of 73 or higher on 16 days, which was still quite uncomfortable, the weather service noted.

## August Rainfall

As for rainfall, it was essentially an even split across the region.

Much of Southeast Missouri and portions of Southern Illinois from Jackson

County northeastward into Wayne County finished wetter than normal.

Bollinger, Wayne and Perry counties in Missouri were among the areas that observed the most rain.

Greenville, Marble Hill and Perryville all reported over 7 inches of rain for the month, which is 2 to 3 times more than what would typically be expected in August.

On the flip side, much of southeast Illinois to the east of I-57 and south of I-64, and portions of western Kentucky observed near normal to drier than normal conditions.

## August in Illinois

The statewide average temperature for Illinois in August was 74.9 degrees, 1.3 degrees above normal.

The statewide average rainfall was 5.25 inches, 1.66 inches above normal, according to Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

The warmest daily high temperature was 97 degrees, which was reported at the Chicago Botanical Gardens (Aug. 5), Chicago O'Hare (Aug. 4), Jerseyville (Aug. 7), and Pittsfield (Aug. 29).

The coolest reading was 42 degrees reported at Rochelle on Aug. 22.

## 12th Wettest on Record

August was the 12th wettest August on record in Illinois.

Rainfall was heaviest in the west and southern portions of the state, with some areas 5 to 8 inches above normal.

Meanwhile, parts of east-central and northeast Illinois had below-normal

## Weather

### 3.68 inches of rain, milder temperatures

The Union County area received near 4 inches of rain during the period of Sept. 4-10.

The rain was accompanied by milder temperatures, with the high reaching only 67 degrees on Sept. 9.

Precipitation recorded in Jonesboro included .65 of an inch of rain on Sept. 6, 1.28 inches on Sept. 7, 1.74 inches on Sept. 8 and .01 of an inch Sept. 9.

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

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Tuesday, Sept. 4	93	68
Wednesday, Sept. 5	92	67
Thursday, Sept. 6	87	71
Friday, Sept. 7	90	71
Saturday, Sept. 8	78	64
Sunday, Sept. 9	67	62
Monday, Sept. 10	79	57

rainfall.

The largest monthly total was in Arlington Heights with 10.22 inches.

## Summer in Illinois

In the summer (June, July and August), the statewide average temperature was 75.0 degrees, 1.4 degrees above normal.

The statewide average precipitation for the summer was 14.86 inches, 2.99 inches above normal and the 13th wettest summer on record.

Rainfall was heaviest in the northwest and south with some areas reporting totals that were 6 inches or more above normal.

Meanwhile, a few spots around the state were persistently dry, as in the area around Kankakee.

The largest summer rainfall total was 24.50 inches at Rockford.

One of the lowest summer rainfall totals was 5.92 inches reported at Ashkum in Iroquois County, south of Kankakee.

The rainfall total was about half the normal summer rainfall for that area.

## ColorFest

### is coming

Union County ColorFest is right around the corner. The event has celebrated the fall season for many years during October.

Those who are planning ColorFest activities are asked to share information about their events.

Information can be shared with the newspaper in a variety of ways:

By bringing the information to the newspaper office at 112 Lafayette St. in Anna.

By emailing the information to news@annanews.com.

By faxing the information; the fax number is 833-2158.

By traditional mail; send items to The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Please try to send information by Friday, Sept. 21.

## Sheriff issues

### monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for August.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 10. Misdemeanor arrests, 22. Traffic arrests, 44. Warrant arrests, six. Total arrests, 82.

Cases opened, 34. Drug investigations, five. Crash reports, 15. 911 calls received, 467. Miles patrolled, 14,027.

## Conservation

### workshop set

University of Illinois Extension reports that registration is open for the first Southern Illinois Conservation Workshop.

The workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The workshop is scheduled to include numerous speakers with expertise on different aspects of land-owner conservation.

Registration for the workshop is \$20. Lunch is included.

Registration is available online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=18980>.

Information about the workshop is available by calling the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center at 618-695-3383 or by emailing Chris Evans at [cwevans@illinois.edu](mailto:cwevans@illinois.edu).

## Name change, new look for business

### By Benjamin Marxer

Family, friends, customers and community supporters were on hand to celebrate the grand (re)opening of Annabelle Market.

For 15 years, Rhonda and Terry Bittle's vintage store, This N That Resale, has been a mainstay for South Main Street shopping in Anna.

Over the years, antique seekers, treasure hunters and consignment shoppers from all around have come by to peruse their wares.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony, held on Friday, Aug. 31, marked the store's official rebranding as Annabelle Market.

With the new name, the Bittles pay homage to their hometown of Anna and to

the Annabelle Festival that has become a yearly tradition in the downtown Anna area, including South Main Street.

But the name is not the only thing that's new. The look of the store has been completely overhauled, with dramatic changes done both inside and out.

The storefront received a face lift, with a new black and white paint job that gives the building an updated look, but retains the store's retro, diamond-design details.

The aging awning was replaced, and a new sign now proudly displays the store's updated brand.

There are changes inside as well, with reclaimed space expanding the show

room to allow even more merchandise. The market is home to 24 different vendors with a wide range of items.

The renovations began earlier this year, with family and friends pitching in with the reconstruction. With the exception of the sign, all the work was done locally.

The reopening was done in conjunction with The Union County Chamber of Commerce and the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau as part of a continuing effort to boost Anna's Main Street.

For more information, visit the Annabelle Market Facebook page at [facebook.com/AnnabelleMarket](https://www.facebook.com/AnnabelleMarket).



### Ribbon cutting

Owners Rhonda and Terry Bittle cut the ribbon with family and friends to commemorate the grand reopening of the Annabelle Market consignment store.

# A-J Wildcat White-Out Game

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# Sports

## A-J outscores Massac County

### 28-7 for first win of season

In the third game of the season, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team was able to pull ahead early and held on to the lead in a 28-7 win over host Massac County Friday night, Sept. 7.

"I was pretty pleased how we played," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "We needed to get on the winning side of things."

The game was ended early in the third quarter because of continued lightning across the sky.

"It wasn't my call," Detering said. He said that both coaches had to agree on a call to end the game. "We would have liked to have played a little more, we were experiencing success."

A-J improved to 1-2 and Massac County fell to 0-3.

It didn't look good for the Wildcats early in the game.

After being forced to punt on their opening drive, the Patriots recovered the football on an A-J fumble.

Massac County then gambled on a fourth down play and was halted and A-J took over.

The Wildcats' offense then began clicking.

Quarterback Conner Jerolds scored a touchdown on a 58-yard run after a two-play drive.

The Patriots were off-sides on the ensuing extra point kick.

Fullback Damian Chrisp then scored on an extra point run to boost A-J to an 8-0 lead it would not relinquish with 2:16 remaining in the first quarter.

On the Patriots' next drive, Nate Belcher recovered a fumble to set up the next Wildcat score.

Running back Reid Morrison scored on a 4-yard run at the end of a 4-play drive. The extra point kick was off and A-J pulled ahead 14-0 with 10:46 remaining in the first half.

On the Patriots' next drive, quarterback Ethan Parks connected with Isaiah Hart for a 20-yard TD pass after a lengthy drive.

The drive was fueled around 30 yards of penalties committed against the Wildcats.

Ethan Parks' extra point kick was good and the Patriots pulled to 14-7 with 1:59 remaining in the first half.

On the next A-J drive, Morrison broke loose for a 51-yard run to move the ball to the Patriots' 1-yard line.

However, an offside penalty pushed A-J back to the 6-yard line.

Chrisp then scored and

Noah Treece's extra point kick was good for a 21-7 A-J lead with 58 seconds remaining in the opening half.

The Wildcats' offense continued rolling to open the final half.

After a 6-play drive, quarterback Jerolds connected with Garrett Fabec with a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Treece's extra point kick was good and A-J was ahead 28-7 with 9:20 remaining in the game.

The game was then suspended because of lightning.

Morrison led A-J's 192-yard rushing attack with 87 yards on 4 carries.

Jerolds added 60 yards on 5 carries. Chrisp had 33 yards on 6 carries. Nate Kisat had 12 yards on 4 carries.

"It was good to see some big plays for us," Detering said. "We've been struggling with having big plays."

Jerolds was 2 of 4 passing for 43 yards. Fabec made both receptions.

The Patriots were held to 85 yards rushing.

"We hope this game gives us a little confidence," Detering said. "We hope it will grow from this game."

## Lick Creek cross country looking for third straight state title

Lick Creek School is coming off its second straight state cross country championship, looking to try to make it three straight, but with an extremely young team.

Lick Creek only has two 8th graders in Brodie Denny and Kaylee Stover, and only one 7th grader in Meranda Wright. Kenzie Stover is the lone 6th grader. Lick Creek has no 5th graders.

Jadyn Gerardi and Kylee Myers are 4th graders who should be extremely competitive at the varsity level. Running JV for Lick Creek are Mya Clutts and Natilyn Corbit.

Lick Creek started the season off by winning the Murphysboro Invitational with 53 points, outscoring Pinckneyville St. Bruno and Evansville, which both had 68, Herrin with 122 and Du Quoin with 156.

Lick Creek was led by Brodie Denny, who finished first overall with a time of 12:38. Jadyn Gerardi was

second just behind Denny at 12:39.

Kaylee Stover was 9th, Kylee Myers 19th, Meranda Wright 22nd, Kenzie Stover finished 26th.

Payton Denny was the lone boy competitor for Lick Creek, finishing 23rd.

Lick Creek traveled to Pinckneyville for the Pinckneyville Invitational, where they finished second with 87 points just behind Freeburg, which had 69. Evansville was third with 118, Carterville with 130 and Salem at 140.

Lick Creek was led by Brodie Denny in third place, Jadyn Gerardi in 5th, Kaylee Stover in 15th, Kylee Myers in 29th, Kenzie Stover in 34th and Meranda Wright in 37th.

Lick Creek next traveled to Creal Springs to the Adams School Invitational.

Lick Creek ran all of its younger runners in the JV race, where they won first place over Harrisburg, Eldorado, Adams School,

Unity Point, Crab Orchard and Unity Christian.

Jadyn Gerardi won the JV race, followed by Meranda Wright, Kenzie Stover, Kylee Myers, Mya Clutts and Natilyn Corbit.

Brodie Denny won the varsity race for the Lady Eagles as the only runner entered for the Eagles in that race.

Lick Creek next headed to West Frankfort, where team scores were not kept, but Lick Creek dominated the race, placing 4 in the top 10.

Teams included were Benton, Herrin, Massac County, West Frankfort, Nashville and Pope County, to name a few.

Brodie Denny led Lick Creek with a first place finish. Jadyn Gerardi was second, Kaylee Stover was 6th, Meranda Wright was 10th, Kenzie Stover 12th and Kylee Myers 13th.

Lick Creek heads to Marion next for the De Mattei-Elliott Cross Country Relays.

## A-J/Cobden, Marion tie in soccer action

Blake Pena scored the lone goal to lead the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op high school boys' soccer team in a 1-1 tie against Marion Tuesday, Sept. 4. Nick McGrath had an assist. Goal keeper Jacob Schaefer played 80 minutes in goal and had 4 saves. A-J/Cobden, 1-4-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Harrisburg. The accompanying photos featuring A-J/Cobden players, in dark uniforms, are from the Sept. 4 match. Photos provided.



Noah McFarland and Nick McGrath.



Jackson Laster.



Nick Bussey and Steen Vaca Diez.

## A-J football team set to host unbeaten Nashville Friday

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team will have its work cut out for it this week.

The Wildcats, 1-2, host Nashville, 3-0, for the annual Whiteout Game to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Hadley's Haven Friday, Sept. 14.

Game time is set for

### A-J boys' golf team in action

Carson Reynolds and Luke Lasley scored 40 each to lead the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team in a three-team match played at the Red Hawk Golf Course in Pinckneyville on Sept. 5.

A-J finished second with 170. Herrin won with 154 and Pinckneyville was third with 201.

Others scoring for A-J were Peter Hauser with 41, followed by Ayden Bailey 49, Dylan Holderfield 53 and Trent Mason 63.

A-J, 8-2, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at the Red Hawk Golf Course in Pinckneyville.

7 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

A-J head coach Brett Detering said he has watched Nashville on game film. "They've got a pretty good team. We've got our work cut out for us," he said.

In their first three games this season, the Hornets have only given up one touchdown. Nashville defeated Wesclin 54-0 last Friday. Carlyle lost to Nashville 35-6 in the first game of the season and in their second game the Hornets defeated Massac County 33-0.

"So far, so good this season," Nashville coach Stephen Kozuszek said. "But, I think A-J will be the best team we've played so far."

Quarterbacking the Hornets are senior Daymeon Baugh, 6-0, 150 pounds, and sophomore Cole Malawy, 5-9, 150 pounds. Both players have been switching off at quarterback.

Junior Gavyn Novak, 6-2, 260 pounds, has been the main downfield target this season.

The backfield corps is led by junior Jullian Metcalf, 5-8, 160 pounds. He's been averaging 100 yards a game. Baugh is also one of the team's top rushing threats.

Anchoring the offensive line is senior Dylan Kwiatkowski, 6-3, 270 pounds, a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference selection returning from last season.

Another key offensive linemen is senior Isaac Sexe, 6-3, 220 pounds. Sexe was a second team all-conference selection from last season.

Last year's leading tackler, junior Justin Aulds, 5-11, 175 pounds, also returns. Kwiatkowski and Sexe also double over on the defensive line.

"It will be a big challenge for us," Detering said. "We've got to find a way to slow them down. We'll have to give our best."

"A-J's a really good team and I'm a little surprised by their record," Kozuszek said. "To beat them, we can't let A-J play ball control. They've got an option offense and it's tough to play against."



### A-J football breakfast

The First United Methodist Church in Anna hosted a breakfast for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders last Friday morning. Those who helped to prepare and serve the breakfast included Eric Boreup, Wanda Spurlock, Marilyn Sullins, Angela Lehman, Thomas Corbit and Emily Belcher.

## Century 2, Shawnee 0

Koby McLane was 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Shawnee in a 2-0 loss to host Century in high school baseball Friday, Sept. 7.

Justin Kaufman was 1-for-2 for the Redskins' only other hit.

Ryan Schaefer was the losing pitcher, scattering 7 hits to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

Shawnee, 0-3, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Meridian.

## A-J defeats Nashville in girls' golf

Emma Ray scored 47 to win medalist honors and lead the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team over Nashville 206-208 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Sydney Ralls was next for A-J with 49, followed by Hannah Hileman 53, Marlee Smith 57, Mary Jane Cavaness 63 and Kamryn Glasco 65.

A-J, 4-0, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

What a pleasant surprise. I know. A loss is a loss, but there are definitely two types of "losses" in all sports.

SIU's 76-41 football loss at Ole Miss last week was a positive happening in that the Salukis attracted a lot of attention throughout the game and later after it was decided.

Yes, the host Ole Miss team scored the fifth most points ever in its long and impressive football history, but SIU's coaching staff and players also came in for many positive comments from all around.

The Salukis learned a number of positives in the game.

Sam Straub is a fine quarterback. It's not that there has ever been any doubt about that, but still it was a positive happening to watch him post the big numbers against a highly-respected opponent.

Keep in mind that SIU was 4-3 a year ago when Straub was on the field. It was 0-4 following his injury.

Obviously, the key to the Salukis' 2018 season is Straub's health and for their

running game to produce a consistent ball carrier or two.

Yes, we are slightly prejudiced about some things, but of all the positives that resulted from the game were the many kind words about SIU's coaching staff.

We particularly noted after reading that Ole Miss had placed much emphasis on stopping SIU's running game after it had carried the load in the Salukis' opening game win at Murray State.

So what happened at Ole Miss? SIU opened the game by throwing five consecutive passes. Good job, Coach Hill.

The Salukis scored 38 points in the first half and led 38-35 at the intermission.

And, we are aware that there are four quarters to the game, etc., and that Ole Miss outscored SIU 41-3 in the second half. However, it was fun while it lasted.

With that being said, one positive game has little, no, nothing, to do with the remainder of the 2018 season. And, the Missouri Valley Football Conference has shown that it will be as difficult as expected earlier to survive in, much less prosper.

Only three of the league's 10 members are still undefeated after just two weeks of play.

Don't let that fool you, however, and there's no doubt that the Salukis are well aware of what is in store for them once Southeast Missouri State is put aside this weekend. And, that's important. Non-league or not. Anticipated win absolutely.

It's an important game for a number of reasons and history has produced some unusual happenings anytime the two teams collide in any sport.

We're concerned about another factor this Saturday night. The crowd.

Fortunately the positive aspects of last week's game should help. And, too, opening home game of the season normally produces fans who may not return the remainder of the season.

However, it's not a given. SIU is in the middle of unusual happenings far too complicated for us to solve. And, Saluki athletics is trying desperately to avoid anything similar.

A noisy crowd at Saluki Stadium Saturday night probably won't accomplish all that is needed, but it certainly would be a step in the right direction.

## Lady Eagles softball team overcomes 11-run deficit to defeat Giant City

The Lick Creek School Lady Eagles overcame an 11-run deficit to defeat the Giant City Lady Giants 19-13 in recent softball action.

On a great day for softball the Lady Giants started the game with a barrage of hits to take a large command of the game in the top half of the 1st inning.

As the Lady Giants batted around it appeared the Lady Eagles had their work cut out. The Lady Eagles gave up four walks, two singles, a double, a triple and an error.

The Lady Eagles showed great composure as they began their come back.

First up was Brinley Corbit in the bottom half of inning one. Brinley led off with a single as Matt Houseman grounds out.

Following two stolen bases by Brinley Corbit, Shea Thorn pounded out a long triple to score Corbit.

Following a fly out by Morgan Smith and a strike out by Sammi Turner the first inning ended with the score still very lopsided 11-1.

Morgan Smith, the Lady Eagles pitcher, started the game looking like a rusty gate hinge.

As the second inning got under way she warmed up quickly and became a well oiled pitching machine.

The team began to assert themselves in the top of the second inning. Giant City started with a single but Morgan Smith forced

Giant City into two ground outs and a strike out.

The confidence was now growing as the bottom half of the second inning begins with Danielle Dunaway flying out and Kylie Tripp striking out.

Things began to take on a grim look, however. The Lady Eagles momentum started to pick up with two outs as Macie Hoehner walked, followed by singles by Brinley Corbit, Matti Houseman, Shea Thorn, Sammi Turner and Morgan Smith. The grimness disappeared quickly. Lick Creek was able to pick up 5 runs to stay competitive.

In the top of the 3rd Morgan held Giant City to 2 flyouts followed by a strike out.

The bottom of the 3rd inning saw Lick Creek continue to exert themselves with singles by Kiley Dailey, Brinley Corbit, Matti Houseman and Sammi Turner. Shea Thorn doubled and Morgan Smith singled to power Lick Creek to seven critical runs on some nice base running to grab the lead 13-11.

The top of the 4th saw the Lady Giants scoring only 1 run as the Lady Eagles are now soaring high. Smith is now in the groove striking out 2 players coupled with a fly out to centerfield.

Lick Creek cooled off in the bottom half of the 4th as Dailey flied out and Tripp and Hoehner struck out. The game now has devel-

oped into a nail biter with Lick Creek leading 13-12.

The Lady Giants tied the score in the 5th picking up one run on two walks and a single. Smith retired the Lady Giants on two fly balls and a strike out.

In the bottom of the 5th the Lady Eagles turned up the after burners and scored four insurance runs on a lead off single by Corbit followed by a Houseman double and two singles by Thorn and Smith.

Three stolen bases by Corbit, Houseman and Thorn produced the runs needed to widen the Lick Creek lead to 17-12. Lauren Ecker got some baserunning experience and scored as a pinch runner for Morgan Smith.

In the 6th and 7th innings Morgan Smith was overpowering the Lady Giants as she forced the Lady Giants into three fly outs, one ground out and two strikeouts.

Lick Creek picked up two final runs on a walk by Tripp and singles by Hoehner, Corbit and Houseman to run the final score to 19-13.

Top hitters for Lick Creek are as follows: Brinley Corbit 5-5, Matti Houseman 4-5, Shea Thorn 5-5, Morgan Smith 2-5, Kiley Dailey 2-4, Macie Hoehner 2-3.

Extra base hits: Matti Houseman, double; Shea Thorn, 2 doubles, 1 triple; Kiley Dailey, double.

## Eureka College plans to name ball field in honor of Karen Sweitzer

Eureka College in Eureka plans to dedicate its on-campus softball facility for former longtime head coach Karen Sweitzer at a Sept. 15 ceremony.

Sweitzer is the winningest female head coach in Eureka College athletics history and has been a member of the Eureka College faculty in physical education, health and kinesiology since 1990. She is a former Cobden High School standout athlete.

Sweitzer Field is scheduled to be dedicated on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 11:30 a.m., prior to the Red Devils' home football game versus Finlandia.

Sweitzer was the head coach of the EC softball program from 1991 until 2008 and was the winner of 310 games, the most by a female head coach in the history of the institution.

The Red Devils earned their first NCAA Division III Tournament bid

in school history under Sweitzer's guidance when EC went 21-15 in 2002 and received an at-large bid to the Bloomington, Ill., regional.

She remains the only female head coach to take a Eureka College team to the national postseason.

"Karen Sweitzer is a major part of the fabric of women's sports at Eureka College," Eureka College interim director of athletics Bryan Moore said.

"Her contributions to the college on the softball field and in the classroom have been unmatched. She is most deserving of this honor and we're elated to dedicate our softball facility in her name."

EC went to the NAIA District 20 playoffs twice (1992, 1994) and Sweitzer was voted NAIA District 20 Coach of the Year in 1994.

Eureka also placed third in the NAIA Great Lakes sectional tournament in

1995, one season before the College made its transition to exclusive NCAA membership.

The Red Devils won 15 games or more in 11 of her 18 seasons, including a school record 30 wins in 1996 in which the Red Devils were ranked sixth in the Central Region of Division III.

She won her 300th game in a 1-0 victory over St. Mary-of-the-Woods on March 29, 2008. Including a three-year tenure as head coach at her alma mater MacMurray from 1986 through 1988, Sweitzer won 334 games as a collegiate softball head coach.

"We are thrilled to dedicate our softball field for Karen Sweitzer, a truly well-deserving, iconic coach who achieved an impressive litany of historic institutional firsts that raised the visibility of softball at EC," Eureka College president Jamel Santa Cruze Wright said.

"In addition to being an extraordinary coach and role model to countless students on the field, we acknowledge and celebrate Sweitzer for positively shaping our students in the classroom as a member of our top-notch faculty."

Sixteen student-athletes who played softball for Sweitzer have been inducted into the Eureka College Hall of Fame, including the program's all-time hits leader Allyson Carter Hattermann (1994-1997) and all-time Eureka knockout leader Donita Williams Wightman (1989-1992).

In addition to the wealth of individual accolades, Sweitzer's 1996 and 2002 softball squads were also inducted into the Eureka College Hall of Fame and her Red Devils continue to hold single-season team records in triples, walks, stolen bases and earned run average.

(Editor's note: this article originally appeared on the Eureka College website.)



### A-J golf invitational action

Anna-Jonesboro's Sydney Ralls putts during a match played Thursday, Sept. 6, at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna. Anna-Jonesboro was hosting the 2018 McDonald's girls' golf invitational. The event featured golfers from 11 Southern Illinois high schools.

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# Illinois Department of Natural Resources announces waterfowl hunting season dates

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has announced waterfowl season dates and bag limits for the 2018-2019 seasons.

The seasons include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state's four waterfowl hunting zones, along with 107 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the North and Central zones (15 days in September, two days of youth hunting and 90 days of "regular" goose season), 100 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Central Zone, and 88 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Zone.

Goose season lengths are shorter in the South Central and South zones to coincide with duck season dates and to match hunter preferences.

The 2018-2019 Illinois season dates are the third year of a five-year plan that was developed in 2015.

This year, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose, and snow goose seasons on Oct. 20 in the North Zone, Oct. 27 in the Central Zone, Nov. 10 in the South Central Zone and Nov. 22 in the South Zone.

White-fronted goose (specklebelly) seasons will open Oct. 22 in the North Zone, Nov. 5 in the Central Zone and with duck season in the South Central (Nov. 10) and South zones (Nov. 22).

The daily duck bag limit is six and may include no

more than four mallards (two hens), three wood ducks, three scaup, two redheads, two black ducks, two canvasback, two pintail and one mottled duck.

The daily bag limit of mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers.

The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit by species and sex.

Canada and white-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two, with a possession limit of six.

The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit, during the fall and winter season.

The spring conservation order light goose season will open Jan. 18 in the North Zone and Feb. 1 in the Central, South Central, and South zones, ending March 31 in all zones.

There is no daily bag or possession limit on snow, blue and Ross' geese during this season.

The September 2018 early Canada goose season began on Sept. 1 and continues through Sept. 15.

The daily limit is five, with a possession limit of 15 geese in the North and Central zones, and a daily limit of two and a possession limit of six geese in the South Central and South zones.

Illinois' 16-day 2018 statewide teal hunting season was scheduled to begin Sept. 8 and continues through Sept. 23, with a

daily limit of six and a possession limit of 18.

Shooting hours for the September teal season are different from the regular season, starting at sunrise (a half-hour later than regular season) until sunset.

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and anticipated seasons dates for the 2016-2020 seasons are available on the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/WaterfowlZonesDatesFinal20162020.pdf>.

The application period for public duck and goose hunting area permits is scheduled to be open through Sept. 14 for the second lottery and Sept. 15-28 for the third lottery. The first lottery application period was in August.

Permits remaining after the third lottery will be available on a first-come, first-served basis online starting Oct. 1.

More information, including online applications, instructions and a list of participating sites is available on the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Waterfowl/Pages/OnlinePermitApplication.aspx>.

Additional details about the duck, goose and other migratory bird hunting seasons are available on the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov) and in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2018-2019, which is available on the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf>.

# Appleknocker baseball team overpowers Meridian

Brayden Clark was 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Cobden to a 32-1 win over host Meridian in high school baseball Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Zane Nance was 3-for-4 for the Appleknockers. Dylan Lewey, Chandler West, Alex Ramsey, Juan Amezquita and Riley Gearhart were each 2-for-2. Cody Wieseman was 2-for-3 and Ryan Barr was 2-for-5.

Landon Britt and Amon Ingold were each 1-for-2. Bryce Reynolds was 1-for-3 and Mason Dean was 1-for-4.

Remsey, Barr and Britt pitched in the win. Remsey pitched 2 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and 5 strikeouts. Barr pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts. Britt pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 1-3, is scheduled to play a doubleheader at North Clay Saturday, Sept. 15.

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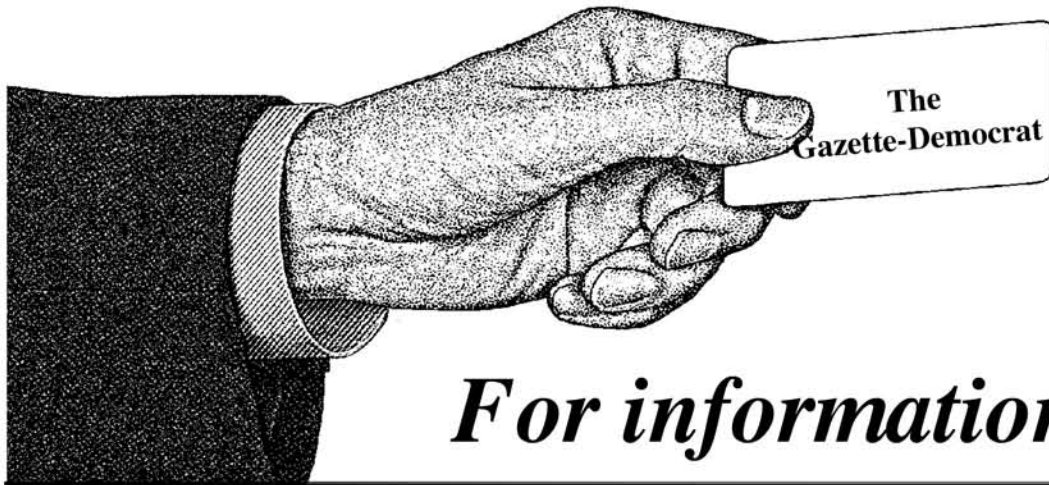
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# Obituaries

## Gilbert R. Swoboda Jr.



Gilbert R. Swoboda Jr., affectionately known as "Rags" by his family and friends, of Cairo, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at the Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, at the age of 98.

Born on June 1, 1920, "Rags" lived his entire life on 18th Street in Cairo. He was the son of Gilbert and Alice Swoboda and was self-employed in his family business, Gilbert R. Swoboda and Company Inc. until his retirement.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army on Sept. 22, 1941, and served in the infantry and as a specialty heavy machine gunner.

He achieved the rank of staff sergeant. "Rags" fought in the Aleutian Islands, the Eastern Mandates, the South Philippines and the Ryukus Islands (Okinawa).

He was awarded four Bronze Stars, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. He was wounded in the head in a battle at Leyte and was awarded the Purple Heart on Feb. 20, 1945.

He also earned the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Campaign Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the American Defense Service Ribbon, as well as four overseas bars.

He was released from service to his country on Sept. 18, 1945, to come home to his family business.

"Rags" also followed in his father's footsteps as a director for First American State Bank; he served in that capacity for 40 years.

In 2017, he was honored by the Cairo Elks Club as the longest living member of that organization with a membership of 72 years. He was also a member of the VFW of Mounds.

"Rags" was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Gussella Walston, Alice Johnson, and Marie McRoy.

Also preceding him in death were his wife of many years, Dimples (Patterson) Swoboda, as well as his son, Gilbert R. (Gibby) Swoboda III.

Surviving "Rags" are one daughter, Nancy (Edward) Doss of Mounds; three grandchildren, Burton (Angie) Doss of Madison, Miss., Stephen R. Swoboda and Gregory R. Swoboda of Cape Girardeau; as well as two great-grandchildren, Jackson Moran Doss and Harper Maryn Doss of Madison, Miss.

He is also survived by one nephew, Lewis F. McRoy Jr. of Marion, as well as two nieces, Patricia (Stan) Johnson of Indianola, Miss., and Laurie Johnson of Vicksburg, Miss., as well as one daughter-in-law, Linda (Bucher) Swoboda.

"Rags" will also always be remembered by his dear friends, Brooks High and Tom Hoffmann.

An Elks service was held at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center in Cairo.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with the pastor, the Rev. Larry Potts, officiating.

Interment followed in Spencer Heights Cemetery at Mounds, with military honors accorded by area veterans and the Illinois National Guard.

Memorials can be made to the church or to the Cairo Public Library.

Crain Funeral Home of Cairo was in charge of arrangements.

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

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Thank you to Norman and Catherine Gibbs of Anna for renewing their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Happy anniversary wishes to my husband, Steve Eudy. We will be celebrating 56 years on Saturday, Sept. 15.

On Labor Day, Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna went on the Route 61 yard sale in Missouri. They also visited with Lucille Choate at Lake of Egypt.

Jack and Dolores Reynolds celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Jack and Dolores Reynolds and Gracie Wilson of Cape Girardeau helped Titan Cobin of Grand Tower celebrate his 6th birthday Sunday at the Grand Tower Park. His birthday is Thursday, Sept. 13. His mother is Lara Reynolds of Grand Tower, grandparents, Rodney and Vicky Reynolds of Wolf Lake, great-grandparents, Jack and Dolores Reynolds.

Penny Hill and Shirley Miller of McClure enjoyed eating in Cape Girardeau on Friday.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited Sunday with Shirley Miller.

Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro and Austin and Allison Pender of Anna were supper guests of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City on Friday night. They were celebrating Brad's birthday, which was Friday, Sept. 7.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited Monday with Maxine and Fred Pender. Belated happy birthday wishes to Gary, whose birthday was Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The annual Gibbs family reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Giant City State Park. All relatives and friends are invited to bring a dish and join us for a potluck meal at noon. Signs will be posted.

Happy belated birthday wishes to my uncle, Wilburn Gibbs, on his 82nd birthday on Sept. 12.

You are welcome 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.

## Rev. Federico C. Higuera

Rev. Federico C. Higuera, 77, of Anna, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on March 4, 1941, in Mexico City, Mexico, the son of Federico Higuera Fernandez and Elena Vidal Ortiz.

Survivors include his sister, Susana Higuera Vidal of Mexico City, Mexico; nieces and nephews Marissa, Gonzalo, Susana, Ana, Martha, Antonio, Lorena, Pablo, Fernando, Arturo, Maria, Jose and Francisco Higuera; great-nieces and nephews Mariana, Elena, Justin, Montse, Martin, Maite, Jade, Francisco, Ximena, Victor, Emilia, Brenda, Iker, Valeria, Anthony, Camila and Fernando Higuera; great-great-niece and nephew Isabel and Jack Higuera; other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by brothers Jaime Fernando Higuera and Gonzalo Arturo Higuera.

Rev. Higuera began his service with the church as a deacon. During that time he was actively involved in Hispanic ministries throughout Southern Illinois.

He was ordained to the Catholic priesthood on June 5, 1982. That same year, he became the associate pastor of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Cahokia.

In 1983, he relocated to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna and oversaw the resident Hispanic ministry.

He moved to St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro and was the parochial vicar for St. Joseph Hospital.

In 1988, he went to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, serving the Spanish ministry and he continued to serve the community until he became pastor in 1991.

In 2008, he went back to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, serving as pastor until his passing.

He was loved dearly by his family; one of his favorite quotes was "Jesus I Trust in You" "Jesus que en ti confio" Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with the Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D. STD, as principal celebrant.

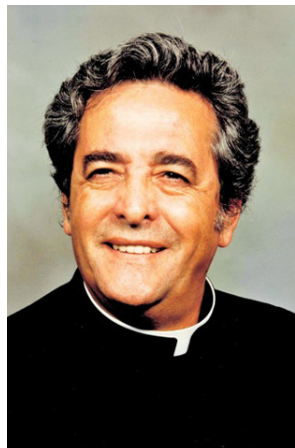
The Rosary was said in Spanish at 8 p.m. Friday. The Rosary was said in English at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to Spanish Ministries.

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

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



## Brian Glen Goins

Brian Goins, 54, of Cobden, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

He was born on Aug. 23, 1964, in Anna, the son of William Glen and Barbara Johnson Goins.

He married Karol Osorio Barbosa on Oct. 31, 2016, in Cobden.

He is survived by his wife, Karol Osorio Goins of Bucaramanga, Colombia; children Ben (Erica) Goins of Cape Girardeau, Christian and Leah Goins, both of Cobden; stepsons Juan Osorio Barbosa and Jose Osorio Barbosa, both of Bucaramanga, Colombia; his father, Glen (Jane) Goins of Jonesboro; a brother, Mike (Patricia) Goins of Cobden; a sister, Glenda (Randy) Little of Cobden; step-sisters Tracy (Tom) Smith of Anna, Kim (David) Prater of Anna and Leigh Burns of Jonesboro; a stepbrother, Daniel (Mandy) Page of Anna; other family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother.

He attended the Connect Point Church in Anna. He enjoyed a career in aviation of over 30 years, in which he was able to see parts of the world many only dream of.

He never shirked from an opportunity to provide for his children, spending the latter years of his career flying contract in Afghanistan and then in Nigeria.

He always made the best of every situation and frequently went out of his way to help others. He made friends wherever he went and touched the hearts of many people across the globe.

Funeral services for Brian Goins will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Dongola Pentecostal Church, with Tom Wall officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Friends can call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Dongola Pentecostal Church.

Memorials can be made to the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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



## Virginia Lee Boyd

Virginia Lee Boyd, 90, of Anna, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on July 18, 1928, in Anna, the daughter of Lawrence A. and Mae Pitts Boyer.

She married Ernest Leon Boyd on Oct. 5, 1945, in Anna. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2014.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Hight and Beverly Boyd, both of Anna; three grandchildren, Kimberly (Todd) Hawk, Kenny (Lacey) Hight and Kendra (Rodney) Seip; seven great-grandchildren, Gabrielle, Ashton and Jacob Hawk, Kaetlyn and Keira Hight, Dalton and Payton Seip; one sister-in-law, Joyce Boyer of Cape Girardeau; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ernest Leon Boyd; a son-in-law, Ken Hight; and two brothers, Kenneth Boyer and Lawrence Boyer.

She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Anna for many years. She was an amazing cook and very family oriented, enjoying spending time with her daughters and grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Todd Hawk officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Anna.

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

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



## Rhett Kay Copeland

Rhett Kay Copeland, 61, of Cobden, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1956, in Anna, the daughter of Herchel Wilmer and Oglia Evalee Andrews Chapman.

She married Larry Copeland. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons, Samuel Yates of Vienna and Justin Cunningham of Buncombe; four sisters, Martha (Leroy) Lemmons of Cape Girardeau, Norma (Bill) Burke of Scott City, Mo., Nancy (Allen) Austin of Buncombe and Emma Lou (Odie) Hutchinson of Metropolis; two brothers, Herchel Chapman of Port Richie, Fla., and William Chapman of Wolf Lake; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Herman, Charles, Charles Eugene and Donnie Chapman; and one sister, Irma Chapman.

It was her wish to be cremated. There will be no services held.

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

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



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Thanks to the Class of 1952 and also the Big Creek Baptist Church.

We appreciate all the memorials to Southern Illinois Hospice and the Anna VFW Post in honor of our mother. Another special thanks to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home for their kindness and compassion. Your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leib-



### Vacancy Notice

Shawnee District #84 is accepting applications for the following position for the 2018-2019 school year:

#### Kindergarten Teacher

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference and current teacher licensure to:

Amy Reynolds, Elementary Principal  
Shawnee CUSD #84  
3365 State Route 3 North  
Wolf Lake, IL 62998

Positions will be filled as soon as possible.

Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 2, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 21, 2018.

MELISSA CALHOUN

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY NO. 6244394  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
37-39g

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

**ESTATE OF RUSSELL F. DAVIS, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2018-P-43**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Russell F. Davis of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2018, to Lisa L. Livesay, 409 S. Main St., Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 2, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with

the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 21, 2018.

LISA L. LIVESAY

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
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37-39g

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

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.**

**MICHAEL A THETFORD A/K/A MICHAEL THETFORD; HALIE L THETFORD A/K/A HALIE LEA PEARL, A/K/A HALIE THETFORD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; CITY OF ANNA, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 5**

**506 SOUTH STREET ANNA, IL 62906**

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE**

**UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 20, 2018, Sheriff of Union County will on October 3, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TRACT 1: THE EAST HALF OF LOT 38 AND ALL OF LOT 39 IN WINSTEAD DAVIE'S ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW THE CITY, OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2: LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, ALSO A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) AFORESAID; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE-FOURTH DEGREES EAST (S 35 1/4 DEGREES), TWO AND THIRTY-ONE (2.31) CHAINS; THENCE SOUTH ELEVEN AND THREE FOURTHS DEGREES WEST (S 11 3/4 DEGREES W), ONE AND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.35) CHAINS; THENCE NORTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE FOURTH DEGREES WEST (N 35 1/4 DEGREES W); THREE AND TWENTY

HUNDREDTHS (3.20) CHAINS; THENCE FIFTY-THREE AND THREE FOURTH DEGREES EAST (53 3/4 DEGREES E), ONE AND ONE HUNDREDTH AND ONE-FOURTH (1.01 1/4) CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (27/100) ACRES, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4 SE 1/4 ) OF SECTION NINETEEN (19), IN TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD (3RD) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-00-08-015 Original Tax ID: 14-00-08-13 & 14-00-08-14 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 506 South Street Anna, IL 62906 Description of Improvements: Tan vinyl siding, two story single family home with attached garage The Judgment amount was \$75,959.44. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 254291 PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3096787 37-39g

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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 10th day of August, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Skyline View Cabins with the place of business located at 2625 Skyline Drive, Alto Pass, Illinois 62905 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Dwayne Brinkmann  
11031 Huey Road  
Carlyle, IL 62231

Vonda Benefield  
Union County Clerk  
37-39g

**PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2014-00037**

To: **CAROLYN R HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; REBECCA A HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; DAVID J HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; REBECCA E SHIRRELL A/K/A REBECCA E HORECKER, STANLEY HARRIS, JANE HARRIS, LISA MADIGAN, IL ATTORNEY GENERAL; CONSTANCE BEARD, IL DEPT OF REVENUE, VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK**

and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, as Case Number 2018-TX-10. On January 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at 309 W Market, Rm. 116, Jonesboro IL 62952, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Union County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S19T12R1WPT LOT 19 PT NE SE 67 1/3 X 145 1/2 PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 05-19-03-431- and was sold on 2/11/2016 for general taxes for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 1/4/2019.

SCOTT SIERON,  
PETITIONER  
38-40g

**UNION COUNTY LOW INCOME MEETING**

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. will hold a meeting of the Low-Income residents of Union County. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a representative and alternate to their governing board of directors. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the Union County Office located at Shawnee Development Council, Inc., 100 North Main Street, Anna, IL 62906. All person voting will be required to sign an affidavit of income eligibility. 38p-39g, 41p-42g

**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 7th day of September, 2018, under the use of an Assumed Name of The Flock Farm with the place of business located at 460 McDuffee Lane, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

April Glays  
460 McDuffee Lane  
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield  
Union County Clerk  
39-41g

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

**ESTATE OF JAY PATRICK BUCKNER, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2018-P-46**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Jay Patrick Buckner of 600 McKinley Street, Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 4, 2018, to Kristen Hodges, 240 Barringer School Lane, Anna, Illinois 62906 and Brock Buckner, 705 E. Heacock Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 13, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KRISTEN HODGES  
BROCK BUCKNER

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY NO. 6244394  
ATTORNEY FOR CO-PETITIONERS  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
39-41g

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

**ESTATE OF BRIAN G. GOINS, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2018-P-48**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Brian G. Goins of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 6, 2018, to Benjamin Goins, 178 F Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 13, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 6, 2018.

BENJAMIN GOINS

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
39-41g

**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX22 FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; ROGER D. ACUFF; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

Situated in and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois. Detailed Description: Beginning at an iron pipe in the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 13 South, Range 1 East, Third Principal Meridian; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 41 seconds West along the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 32 a distance of 566.92 feet to an

iron pipe; thence North 24 degrees 02 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 797.20 feet to an iron pipe in the Westerly right-of-way line of a public road; thence South 47 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 323.74 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the said public road to an iron pipe in the East line of said Section 32; thence South 00 degrees 36 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 502.79 feet along the said Section 32 to the point of beginning.

Property Index Number 03-32-01-970-A

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX23  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; TERRY LEE SHADOWENS; RUTH SHADOWENS; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS ALSO A PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 72, PAGE 564 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF ARILDIA D. SHADOWENS AND TERRY LEE SHADOWENS, DATED AUGUST 1, 1990. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION, BEING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND SET BY E.M. WEBB, I.P.L.S 1595, PER SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 90 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE. THENCE S 89 DEGREES 48'11" W 972.93 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VINES ROAD AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRACT II PER SAID BOOK 72, PAGE 564, AT 960.99 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET, THIS BEING IN THE SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE N 81 DEGREES 27'58" W 44.26 FEET ALONG SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT II AND THE SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 33 DEGREES 35'43" E 52.71 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT II TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 27 DEGREES 00'52" W 181.13 FEET ALONG A NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID PARCEL; THENCE N 27 DEGREES 00'52" W 162.37 FEET CONTINUING ALONG SAID NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 78 DEGREES 28'08" E 224.74 FEET ALONG SAID NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE EAST LINE OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 127, PAGE 200 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE

NAME OF ALFREDO E. CORREA, DATED DECEMBER 4, 1995; THENCE S 11 DEGREES 34'52" E 118.84 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID CORRETO AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 58, PAGE 93 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DEWEY REX GOFORTH AND SHERRY GOFORTH, DATED JANUARY 26, 1989; THENCE S 66 DEGREES 45'11" W 185.36 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOFORTH PROPERTY AT 100.00 FEET, THEN CONTINUING ON A NEW LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 0.651 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY OF MITCHELL R. GARRETT, ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, DATED 7/17/1996.

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

Property Index Number 04-31-02-784-D2

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX24  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; VICTOR METZGER; VICTOR METZGER II; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 19, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as: Beginning at an iron post on the West line of Spring Street, in the City of Anna, said iron post being the Northeast corner of Miller Heights Addition to the City of Anna; thence South 85 degrees 45 minutes West along the North line of said Miller Heights Addition 132 feet to a stake (this line is also the North line of Dickinson Street in said Miller Heights Addition); thence North 7 degrees West 60 feet to a stake; thence North 85 degrees 45 minutes East 132 feet to a stake on the West line of Spring Street; thence South 7 degrees 60 feet along the said West line of Spring Street to the place of beginning; situated in Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 05-19-03-355

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX25  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD,**

**UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; FRED STEARNS; PAULA STEARNS; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

A PART OF THE EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY (20), TOWNSHIP TWELVE SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING FIFTY FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FIVE IN ANDREW M. FINCH AND MARY B. FINCH'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS; THENCE NORTH 132 FEET; THENCE EAST 66 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 132 FEET; THENCE WEST 66 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 20/100 OF AN ACRE, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF ANNA, COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 05-20-03-572

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX26  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; VICTOR METZGER; VICTOR METZGER II; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

Lot 27 in McElhaney's Heir Second Addition to the Town (now City) of Jonesboro, Illinois, except 30 feet of equal width off the West side thereof, Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 14-00-07-483

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX27  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC; CATHY FREEMAN; OCCUPANT; MIKE FREEMAN; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

LOT NUMBERED 38 IN McELHANEY'S HEIRS SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-07-497

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
39-41gc

**TAX DEED  
NO. 2018TX28  
FILED September 5, 2018**

**TAKE NOTICE**

**TO: VONDA BENEFIELD, UNION COUNTY CLERK; MYRTLE E. SCIVALLY; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES; MATTHEW ENBRING; WILLIAM E. SCIVALLY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF MYRTLE E. SCIVALLY AND WILLIAM E. SCIVALLY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED;**

**AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

THE WEST ONE-HALF (W1/2) OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (E1/2) AND THE WEST ONE-HALF (W1/2) OF LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SEVEN (37) IN ISAAC HARTLINE'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF SOUTH PASS, NOW VILLAGE OF COBDEN, ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING THEREFROM: A PART OF THE WEST ONE-HALF (W1/2) OF LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SEVEN (37) THENCE SOUTH 107.58 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST 150 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 125 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SEVEN (37) 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-083

On January 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 11, 2016 for general taxes of the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire January 7, 2019.

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If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you that the Bible is way too complicated for you to understand. It has all those unpronounceable names, like Nebuchadnezzar (II Kings 24:1) and Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:1). Besides, the Bible is confusing on other levels. Good guys, people who are God's servants, do terrible things. David committed adultery and murder (II Sam. 11 & 12). Solomon had all that wisdom, but left God for idolatry. Judas claimed to be one of the faithful apostles, but yet betrayed his lord for 30 pieces of silver (Matt. 26:14&15). On top of this, there's the book of Revelation with all its imagery. Too complicated!

If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you that if you live as well as most people, you're OK in God's eyes. After all, this works in many areas of life. Most employers don't fire their average workers. What's more, if I were on the devil's payroll, I'd convince you that you're even better than most people! This lie of Satan works on the assumption that the majority of people are spiritually OK with God, and that if we're at least as good as they are or better, then we'll go to Heaven when we die. Satan would have you believe that Hell is only for "the really bad." After all, won't most people be saved?

If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you that you deserve complete happiness right now, and all the time. I'd tell you that you have the right to anything in life you may want. I'd hope that you would blame God when disappointments come. Job's wife told her husband to "... Curse God and die" (Job 2:9). I'd hope that you'd forget Isaiah's description of the Messiah as "a man of sorrows" (Isa. 53:3).

If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you that sin isn't all it's cracked up to be. I wouldn't deny that sin is bad, that's too unbelievable. Romans 6:23 and 3:23 are too clear to deny. I'd just try to persuade you that sin has been handled. In fact, I'd twist Romans 3:23 in your mind so badly that you'd think God expects you to sin and that you'd be disappointing Him if you didn't.

If I were on the devil's payroll, I'd tell you whatever you needed to hear to reject God's offer of life in Christ. If I worked for the devil, I'd hope that you never had the wisdom to search the Scriptures and learn God's truth for yourself.

The truth is, I'm not on the devil's payroll - I work for God. Some days I'm a better employee than others, but I'm trying. God's truth is that He doesn't want anyone to suffer eternally in hell (II Peter 3:9). He wants mankind to be saved, and He's made the way for us to do that by the sacrifice of His only Son on the Cross at Calvary, but we have to do our part as well. Have you done yours?

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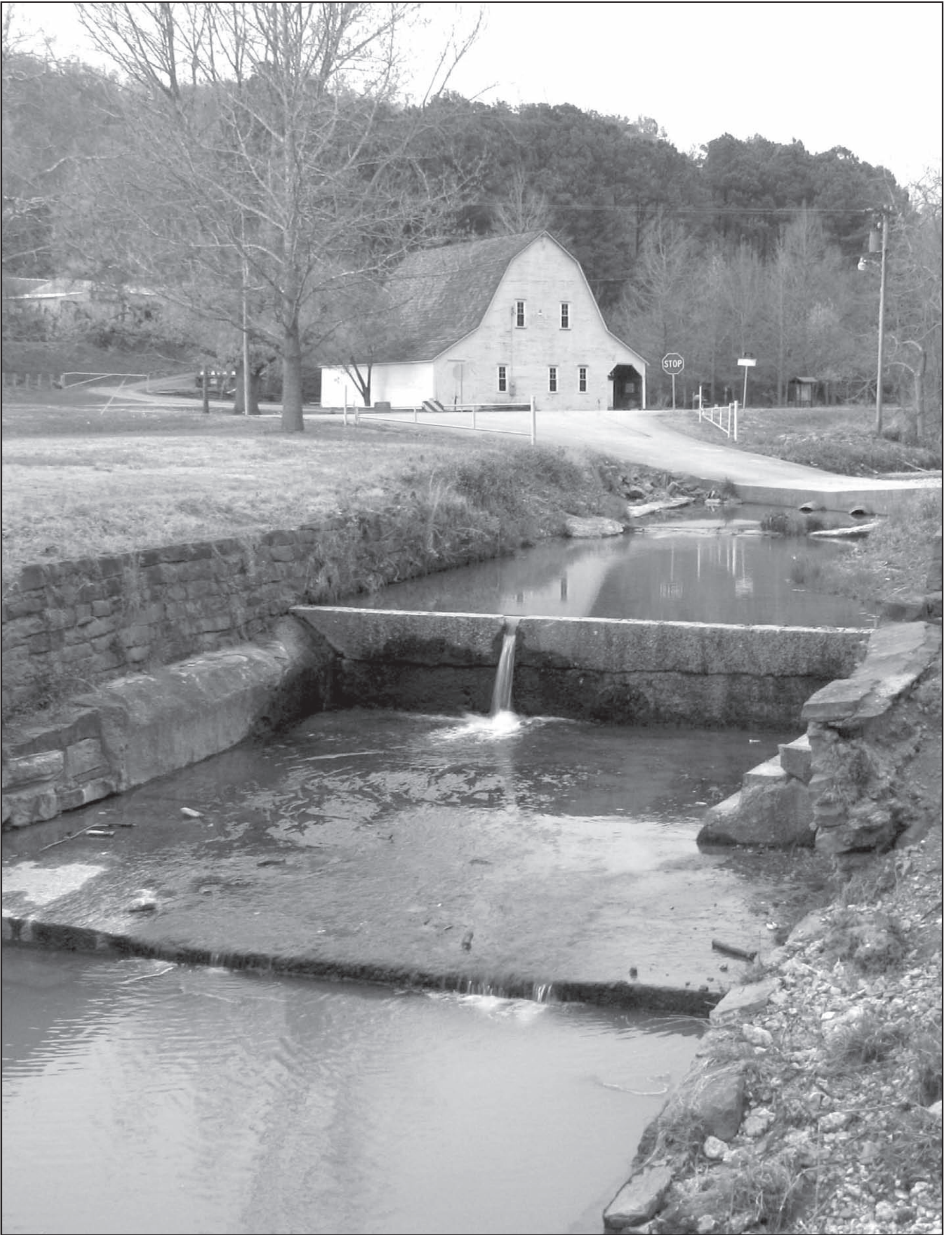
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# Grant program helps schools take students to Lincoln Library, Museum

Good news is being shared for schools that want to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield but lack the money.

Thanks to the Winnick Family Foundation, schools can apply for grants to help them cover the expense of a visit.

The grants are for grades 4 through 12 in public and private schools with a low-income enrollment above 30 percent. The application deadline is Oct. 15.

The Winnick grants help defray the cost of transportation to the presidential library and museum. Groups receiving a grant

also get free admission to the museum.

The Winnick Family Foundation offers the grants through the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum's Department of Education, a not-for-profit organization that raises money to support the presidential library's mission.

Grant applications can be found online at [bit.ly/Winnick2018](http://bit.ly/Winnick2018). Applications must be postmarked Oct. 15 or earlier. The grant awards will be announced later this year.

For more information, call 217-558-8935 or email [Genevieve.Kaplan@illinois.gov](mailto:Genevieve.Kaplan@illinois.gov).

The field trip grants, which must be used between Jan. 2 and Dec. 21, 2019, are coordinated through the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum's Department of Education, which provides educational opportunities for learners of all ages to explore Illinois and American history and the legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

The department offers a variety of programs that use history to teach students about the Civil War, President Lincoln and STEM topics.

The department also provides lesson plans, including teacher resources built around oral histories in the presidential library's collection.

## A-J 1961 class reunion slated

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1961 are planning to have a reunion during the weekend of Oct. 12-13.

Activities are planned on Friday, Oct. 12, at the Brick House Restaurant in Anna.

The schedule includes a meet and greet at 5 p.m. and a class photograph at 5:45 p.m.

Those who want to attend the Oct. 12 events are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 27, to Ron Knupp or Nancy Brown.

The schedule of events on Saturday, Oct. 13, begins with breakfast at 9 a.m. at Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

A gathering is planned at 1 p.m. at Blue Sky Winery near Makanda.

The celebration will be completed with a gathering at 5 p.m. at John and Julie Davis's barn.

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.



## Candidate welcomed

From left are judicial candidate and Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, Congressional candidate Brendan Kelly and former Union County Sheriff Jim Nash.

# Congressional candidate unveils plan to restore faith in political system

The Democratic Party's candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives 12th Congressional District seat made a campaign stop in Union County Friday afternoon, Aug. 31.

Brendan Kelly of Swansea paid a visit to the Dixie Bar-B-Q in Jonesboro. He was accompanied by judicial candidate and Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.

The candidate's stop in Union County came with only 67 days until the November general election.

During a noon-hour visit, Kelly took an opportunity to introduce himself to the many people who were at the popular Jonesboro restaurant.

Kelly also talked about his recently released campaign plan: "Restore Faith in Southern Illinois."

In the plan, the candidate shares that he's done a lot of traveling in the 12th Congressional District, which spans an area from Cairo to Alton.

He's held numerous town hall meetings, including one earlier in the summer in Jonesboro.

"What I hear is heart-breaking. It's not just the real issues that folks in Southern Illinois face every day - there is a sense of quiet desperation, a sense that no matter what anyone says, no matter what anyone does, nothing will ever change. Folks are losing faith," he stated.

"To restore faith in our democracy, we must rescue it from those who allow the consolidation of political and economic power in the

hands of fewer and fewer people. We have to choose leaders we can trust, leaders we know are working for the people - not special interests.

"We must restore faith in the essential American ideal: the power of the vote."

His "Restore Faith" plan offers 12 key points, including:

Getting money out of politics, stopping gerrymandering, term limits, pension reform for Congress, stopping the abuse of taxpayer-funded mail, holding town halls, a "no budget, no pay" proposal, expanding public corruption enforcement at all levels of government, cutting useless layers of government, posting his daily calendar, automatic voter registration at the age of 18 and ending the "Congress to Lobbyist Pipeline."

In the plan, Kelly declared that "there is too much money in our poli-

tics." He said he won't take money from big banks "and I will never accept money from the Big Pharma companies whose opioids are killing our people."

The candidate said he will support legislation which would stop people, corporations and political action committees (PACs) "from hiding the identities of their donors."

He stated the practice of gerrymandering needs to be stopped and non-partisan ways to draw fair legislative maps "based on fair math" need to be found.

"We need to put a limit on the amount of time that legislators are allowed to stay in office, instead of letting them hang around different seats of power for 20 years or more," the plan states.

Kelly said he has been holding town hall meetings for a year. "Town halls are a critical way to answer to the people of Southern Illinois," he stated.

## Southern Illinois Candidates Showcase set at Shawnee

A local bipartisan committee is planning to host a Southern Illinois Candidates Showcase event on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The event will be at Shawnee Community College's main campus near Ullin.

Organizers said the event is open to every candidate in the 13 Illinois counties which comprise the 59th State Senate District. Part of Union County is in the district.

Some of the same counties make up the 118th State Representative District. Part of Union County is in the 118th District.

Five of the counties are within the region of Shawnee Community College.

The committee released the following information about what is planned at the candidates showcase:

The event is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, and is set to end at 7 p.m.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., the four candidates for state legislative offices in the districts, including Dale Fowler, Steve Webb, Patrick Windhorst and Natalie Phelps-Finnie, each will be given an opportunity to respond to three issues which the public in attendance at the event have identified as the most important.

Each of the four candidates will have approximately 15 minutes to independently comment on the issues which have been selected. This part of the program is scheduled to end shortly before 5:30 p.m.

All other local candidates will have total, open access to the general public before and after the main part of the program.

An area will be identified for residents of each county to meet with any and all of the local candidates who choose to attend.

## IDNR News Bits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

**Bobcat Permits:** Hunters and trappers may apply for a 2018-19 Illinois bobcat hunting and trapping permit online through Sept. 30.

Applicants must submit a \$5 non-refundable fee. A total of 1,000 permits will be allocated during a lottery and mailed to successful applicants.

Season dates are Nov. 10 through Feb. 15, 2019. The season will close prior to Feb. 15, 2019, if the 2018-2019 harvest limit of 375 bobcats is reached.

Bobcat hunting is closed during firearm deer season in counties open to firearm deer hunting.

To apply for the permit, go to the DNR Direct license and permit system at <https://www.il.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php>.

**Resident Archery Deer Permits:** Resident combi-

nation and antlerless-only archery deer permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors.

Vendor links can be found online at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

**Youth Deer Permits:** Resident and non-resident Illinois youth firearm deer permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors.

The youth deer hunt is scheduled during Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 6-8.

**Firearm Deer Permits:** Over-the-counter sales of remaining 2018 Illinois firearm deer permits is scheduled to begin Oct. 16.

Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted or until the close of the season, whichever occurs first.

Individual hunters can purchase one or more permits beginning Oct. 16, subject to availability.



## Afternoon tea planned

Marian George of Cobden poses with some of the teapots she has on display at the Union County Museum. The museum is located in downtown Cobden. A dozen teapots from a variety of locations including Japan and China are on exhibit.

The display is in conjunction with an afternoon tea that will be served by Marian from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. Marian plans to serve a proper afternoon tea, including sandwiches, cake and trifle, and she will discuss the history of tea-making in England.

The cost is \$15 per person and proceeds go to the museum. Seating is limited; anyone who is interested in participating is asked to call Patrick Brumleve at 893-2067. Photo provided.

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Section B

## 'Flaughtown Revisited' presented at PAST Heritage House Museum

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2, Emily Jane Flaugh Lingle was a central character of a "Flaughtown Revisited" presentation at PAST's Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro. The program was part of PAST's Bicentennial Talks presentations.

The Jonesboro pioneer's family was so honored, because the researcher and storyteller was her namesake and great-granddaughter, Emily Jane Boyd Meyer.

At PAST's weekly Sunday open house story time, Meyer used family trea-

tures such as Flaugh family photos and Bibles from 1800.

She also displayed an old wooden bucket from Flaughtown to recall life in the 1800s community that was located south of Jonesboro.

The now-extinct community centered around a grist mill run by the Christian Flaugh family, and was a very important part of Union County life and economy of the day.

Upcoming presentations, which are at 2 p.m., topics and presenters include:

Sept. 16, Davie family and sign collection, Brock and Alexa Buckner.

Sept. 23, Knupp Family Pieces of the Puzzle, led by Stan Palmer.

Sept. 30, the Grammer Donation, presented by David Karraker.

Oct. 7, Pat Brumleve on inventor Parker Earle.

Oct. 13, Elizabeth Wohlwend about early roads.

Oct. 14, Jeff Kliningfuss on the Ethics of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Jonesboro.



### History program

Emily Boyd Meyer's Heritage House presentation on Sept. 2 was "Flaughtown Revisited." In the picture can be seen a Flaughtown wooden bucket in the foreground. Photo provided.



### Gift presented to PAST

Patty Morrison, right, of Goreville, recently visited the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro to present a gift to the PAST organization. Morrison is the graphics art chairperson for the Little Egypt Arts Association.

Linda Hileman, left, accepted a framed photo collection of Union County historical buildings. The collage was part of an exhibit done recently by the Little Egypt Arts Association as the association's Bicentennial commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Illinois and of Union County. The focus was on historic structures and machinery.

On behalf of PAST, Hileman voiced appreciation to the Little Egypt Arts Association and will place the item on exhibit at Heritage House Museum. Photo provided.



### CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY ED & DIANE ANNABLE, PUBLISHED 2017

SIX YEARS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, 1812-1818  
WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

### Stories of the Pioneers

**James & Sarah Lusk,** a pioneer family, predates the creation of Old Johnson County. James is without doubt one of those men who, not intending to do great things for the country, did so in his own private efforts to capitalize on the movement west.

Major James Lusk, a Revolutionary War veteran came to Kentucky from South Carolina. In 1797, he was allowed to begin the operation of a ferry from the Kentucky side of the Ohio River to the site where Golconda, Illinois would establish itself. One of his daughters wrote the following:

"...during his absence in the service, having suffered the loss of his first wife, who was murdered by one of his negro men, soon after the close of the war, in utter abhorrence of the race, and became a pioneer settler in the Western portion of Kentucky, having previously married a second wife, the daughter of Major McElwayne, also a distinguished soldier of the Revolution. Capt. Lusk saw his share of Indian troubles, and died before many years had elapsed, at his ferry on the Ohio river..."

To make his ferry more useful, Lusk had a road built across what would become Illinois, to the Mississippi River at a place known as Green's

Ferry. That road would be known long afterward as the Lusk & Green Ferry Road. It was little more than a marked trail, guiding travelers through the unsettled wilderness, as they made their way west. The point at which Lusk chose to establish his ferry was also the point from which a road had been marked to Kaskaskia, also on the Mississippi River, and which would also become the capital city of Illinois Territory. While working on the road to Green's Ferry, Major Lusk died. The road laid out by Lusk crossed the Illinois Country, specifically one mile south of the Johnson County courthouse when it was moved to Elvira.

At the time of his death in 1803, Lusk had established his ferry service to the Illinois Country, then a part of the Indiana Territory. Sarah, the wife of James Lusk, took over the business and became, perhaps, even more successful than her husband.

Sarah Lusk did not remain single long afterward, as might be expected and customary in those days. Thomas Ferguson, a long-time friend of James Lusk, had harbored a desire for Sarah Lusk for quite some time. They were married in April 1805. Thomas and Sarah ran the business of the ferry and the tavern at the place that would later become Golconda. The town was first named Sarahsville by Thomas Ferguson in honor of his wife.

It might be noted that some have championed the idea that it was Sarah Lusk who established the ferry business; although history has long held that it was James Lusk who established the ferry. Considering the times that they operated the ferry, it would be customary for James to have had the credit with Sarah pictured as his faithful companion supporting him. Because of the way records were recorded, it is doubtful that it can be determined who was the motivational person. It is known, however, that in December 1803, just two or three months after her husband's death, Sarah requested permission to operate the ferry from the Indiana Territory.

A letter from William Henry Harrison, granting a license to operate the ferry was granted to Sarah. At the time, the area was under the control of Randolph County in the Indiana Territory.

Some say that it was Sarah, herself, that named the town "Sarahsville," and not her husband, Thomas Ferguson. There is no doubt that Sarah Lusk was one of the early pioneers that made a mark on the history of old Johnson County.

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## Anna Arts Center has busy calendar

A wide range of activities are on the calendar through November at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. Information about the upcoming events is available by contacting Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or vabchlee@gmail.com.

Here's a look at what's on the calendar (fees are charged for some of the programs):

Through Sept. 30: Strict-

ly Digital Photography Highways and Byways exhibit held in conjunction with the Illinois bicentennial observance in 2018.

Sept. 27, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 11: Artistic Beginnings arts class for children ages 4 to 7 and Artistic Journeys for young people ages 8 to 16.

Sept. 27, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Sign language class.

Oct. 4, at 3:30 p.m., or Oct. 6, at 10 a.m.: Smokey the Bear poster contest

workshop. The free workshop is being held to enter a national poster contest. The workshop is being cosponsored with the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club.

Oct. 11-31: Exhibit of the painting of Kama Talukder, who was a deaf artist from Bangladesh. The exhibit is cosponsored with For Kids' Sake, a non-profit organization which has headquarters in Carbondale and raises funds for orphans and students in Bangladesh. A reception is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 14.

Oct. 18 and 20, at 7 p.m., and Oct. 21, at 2 p.m.: the Monty Python musical "Spamalot" will be performed.

Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27 and 31, Fridays and Saturdays and Halloween, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Haunted House of Horrors.

Nov. 5, 6 p.m.: Celebration of Freedom: Salute to Veterans.

Nov. 8, 9, 10, 7 p.m.: "The Rhythm of Battle, The Rhyme of War." Music, stories and poetry of World War I.

Nov. 18, 2 p.m.: Las Posadas, a play celebrating Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

Nov. 18-24: 4th to 8th grade and high school art show. A reception is planned from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 18.

Nov. 24, 8 a.m.: Fifth annual Reindeer 5K Run/Walk. Kids' fun run at 9 a.m.

Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Holiday bazaar.



### Heirloom quilt featured

The priceless heirloom quilt and treasured family photos are an important part of Sandra Armstrong Montgomery's ancestral legacy. But the journey she has been on to track her heritage is what seems to give her the most joy.

She shared her treasures and her stories at PAST's Heritage House Museum Bicentennial open house on Sept. 9. Montgomery is from rural Dongola, not far from where her ancestors lived on Bradshaw Creek.

The vintage basket pattern quilt was given to her by her grandmother. It was made by Paralee Bradshaw Armstrong in the early 1800s. Paralee's Bradshaw family lived in what is today western Union County.

Sandra Montgomery is still looking for the "missing piece of the puzzle" to establish the relationship of Paralee to the early pioneer leader John Bradshaw, who is well-documented in Johnson-Union county history.

Other guests at the lecture found that they, too might have some common ancestors. The quest for ancestral connections goes on. Photo provided.



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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On Sunday, Sept. 9, Miss Paula gave a Power Point presentation about Vacation Bible School this summer.

The message for the children's sermon shared that everyone can pray for God's help to make their days better.

The sermon was based on the scripture that tells us "we are saved by grace through faith, apart from works."

Martin Luther, in his 95 Theses, explained that faith is what matters. He struggled with the thought that people had to pay indulgences to the church in order to get to heaven.

However, because part of the scripture says "faith without works is dead," some people choose to believe that they have to do good deeds to be saved.

The pastor explained that people need to read the "before and after" scripture to get the entire message and that "we can't just pick out verses and tune them to our personal needs."

Essentially what the scripture "faith without works is dead" means is that "if we do not have a faith that inspires to help others, our faith is dead. God's favor and mercy are unlimited. We do good works to show the power of God. Both are very important in our Christian lives, and being a good neighbor is not an endless burden; it is an endless joy."

The congregation offered prayers for LaShawn Masania, Kevin Klump, Sandy Procter, Everet Rhine, Teresa Ramage, Gary Davis, Donna Bunyard, Ricky Wright, Ron Tomme, Terry Reynolds, Kohen Moore, Jean Wise, Ruth Pommier, Natilyn Hepburn and Carol Holderfield.

The church also prayed for those grieving for Mary Francis Sheeley, Phyllis Tweedy and Janet Verble.

Children's church began on Sunday. The senior high youth group met at Mt. Moriah on Sunday, with each member encouraged to bring a friend.

Mt. Moriah congratulates Gladys Freeze, a long-time member of the church, who celebrated her 94th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Ladies night out is planned Tuesday, Sept. 18. They will meet at the

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 9, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was provided by Robert and Margaret McCain.

The first youth meeting of the year is planned at 5 p.m. on Sept. 16.

A new children's program, Dig In (Digging into the life of Jesus) is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 19. The program is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is for children ages 3 years through 5th grade.

A Women on Mission meeting is planned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Brandon Bierstedt, Patsy Shelby, Sept. 10; Jaime Wright, Sept. 12; Shaylee Sadler, Sept. 13; Rhonda Brumitt, Sept. 14. Anniversaries: Robert and Margaret McCain, 46 years, Sept. 9; Bill and Lois Dillow, 59 years, Sept. 12.

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. on Sunday.

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

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the 15th Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Regan and David Cook lit the altar candles during the musical prelude played by Johnathan Cauble on piano. The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Regan.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from James about good deeds. The message shared that "our true faith must be go hand-in-hand with good deeds to help others."

Pastor Bobbi also read a letter from Illinois Great Rivers Conference Bishop Beard regarding how each church can develop projects for giving.

The conference has embarked on a mission to fund the spiritual programs at each of the four conference child service agencies that transform the lives of children and youth.

Our Conference Our Kids will endow these ministries with \$2.5 million from gifts from the many churches in the conference.

The Cook family, Carolyn Moore and her son Greg all attended church.

Prayers were requested

for Carolyn Moore and her family, Grace's sister Joanne and her son Stan, the Rev. Ray Long, Sandy and Gary Hartline, Steve and Jennifer Brown, Karen and David Lamer and Pastor Bobbi.

The church ladies met for lunch at Giant City Lodge near Makanda last Friday. The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, Oct. 5, at a location to be determined.

The church's 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.

Estate planning seminar slated

SI Elder Law LLC attorneys plan to talk about the importance of having the correct estate planning documents in place at an upcoming free seminar in Marion.

The seminar is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Pavilion of the City of Marion.

SI Elder Law owner and attorney Tiffany H. Sievers plans to review the importance of having an estate plan work in

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. James Smith filled the pulpit Sunday. His sermon was titled "Who is Jesus to You?" Scripture was from Matthew. The selected verses were the account of Peter's acknowledgment of Christ being the Son of God. The message shared that "Jesus had taken the disciples to a place away from distractions and was 'evaluating' their level of understanding of Him. Christ knew the disciples were not yet mature enough in their understanding to share with them of His future death and resurrection."

Rev. Smith closed with

a challenge: "Who is Jesus to you?"

Receiving the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vondra Gerard, assisted by their father Tony.

The session had its bi-monthly meeting following morning worship.

Camp Ground's elder for the month of September is Tony Gerard.

Celebrating a wedding anniversary on the 7th were Collin and Lara Crane. Lane and Ashley Patterson will have an anniversary tomorrow, the 14th.

Camp Ground wishes a speedy recovery to Walter Menees and Joe McMahan, who both recently underwent major surgery.

Dwight and Sandy Boaz spent the past two weeks in Morris caring for their grandchildren while their parents were in Ohau, Hawaii. Mark was fulfilling his two-week active duty at Pearl Harbor. His wife joined him for nine days.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in 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.

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Proverbs 1:1-33	Proverbs 3:1-35	Proverbs 4:1-27	Proverbs 14:1-35	Proverbs 15:1-33	Proverbs 16:1-33	Proverbs 17:1-28
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## Wednesday evening fellowship program set at Anna Presbyterian church

The First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna plans to resume a Wednesday evening fellowship program beginning on Sept. 19.

Wednesday evening fellowship is open to the public and free of charge.

The evenings are scheduled to begin with dinner at the Main Street Center at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are not required; however the church asks those who plan to attend to call the church office at 833-5225 to let those preparing the meal know ahead of time.

At 7 p.m. there will be groups for all ages. Tami Ury and Pam Teeter will lead a group for elementary school age children, while church youth director Brad Stamp will lead a group for junior high students.

Senior high students are invited to join adults for one of three groups:

•Raising Kids: A Christian Approach, led by Maryanne Fischler. She is a long-time director of church children's ministries, as well as an advisor to parents experiencing difficulties in child-rearing.

•God and Money, led by ruling elder Joe Plemon. He is a trained financial

counselor through Dave Ramsey Ministries, and will be using as his text the book "God and Money," which he co-wrote with Bob Lotich of the SeedTime.com financial blog.

•The Way of Joy: A Study in Philippians, led by Pastor David Fischler. He has been at First EPC since June 2017, and before that had served since 1983 in churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

## Tupelo Trail hike planned

A Tiptoe on the Tupelo Trail hike is planned Saturday morning, Sept. 15.

The hike on the trail near Belknap will be led by Kimberly Rohling.

The hike will go through rolling upland forest and the low-lying swamp habitat of Little Black Slough. The focus will be on spotting wildlife.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at the Marshall Ridge Access area at the end of Sunflower Lane in Belknap.

For more information, contact the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center by phone at 618-657-2064.

## Storm spotter training sessions planned at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Plant and Service Operations is pairing with the National Weather Service to offer Skywarn training sessions on campus.

The Skywarn training is led by meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

Participants will learn: The fundamentals of a storm structure. How thunderstorms develop.

How to identify potential severe weather features. Basic severe weather safety. What information should be reported and how.

Two separate training sessions are scheduled on Sept. 18 in the SIU Student Center Auditorium. Sessions are scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone age 18 or older can participate. Emergency responders, faculty, staff, students and community members are welcome.

The workshops are free but preregistration is required.

## School Menus

### Jonesboro School Breakfast

Daily alternative: Choice of cereal, muffin, paired with string cheese, graham cracker, or yogurt.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Pancakes with syrup, chilled fruit cocktail, apple juice.

Friday, Sept. 14: Biscuit and gravy, chilled pineapple tidbits, orange juice.

Monday, Sept. 17: Breakfast sausage pizza, rosy applesauce, apple juice.

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Pancakes with syrup, chilled peaches, fruit punch juice.

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Turkey ham and egg on flatbread, fresh banana, grape juice.

### Jonesboro Elementary Lunch

Thursday, Sept. 13: Chicken nuggets with ranch/roll, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, orange juice.

Friday, Sept. 14: Classic pepperoni pizza, baked oven fries, marinated cucumbers, rosy applesauce.

Monday, Sept. 17: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, fresh carrots, baked apple slices.

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Beef taco nachos, tater tots, refried beans, chilled peaches.

Wednesday, Sept. 19: Mini-corn dogs, oven curly fries, fresh broccoli florets, mandarin oranges and pineapples.

Preregistration information can be found online at <https://www.weather.gov/pah/>, and then click on NWS Paducah Fall Skywarn Spotter Training Classes.

All who complete the workshop will receive a certificate.

The National Weather Service uses information from trained volunteers to supplement data provided by Doppler radar and other technology when severe storms, flooding and/or tornadoes threaten. These volunteers help save lives.

## Friends of Stinson Library has more than 150 members

The Friends of Stinson Library organization had more than 150 members as of this summer.

The organization works to support Stinson Memorial Library in Anna in a variety of ways.

Friends' activities were highlighted in the organization's most recent newsletter.

Some of the things that the Friends do include:

Holding used book sales on a regular basis to raise money and to recycle books.

Give a book to every child in the Southern Seven Head Start program.

Support library programs. Raise funds for new books and library improvements. Develop community library awareness.

Offer volunteer opportunities. Encourage donations. Maintain memorial funds. Manage endowed funds.

### Annual Board Meeting

The annual board meeting of the Friends of Stinson was held in July. Annual reports were presented and elections were held.

The terms of Susan Hase, Marilyn Keller and Janet Hunter were renewed for another three-year term.

With the resignation of Sandy Davis and Bruce Agne, new board members were elected, including Tammy Woodrum to a three-year term and Terry House to a one-year term.

Board members and officers include Jackie Beatty, president; Carole Larsen, vice president; Alice Kerns, secretary; Janet Hunter, treasurer; Earl Miller, assistant treasurer; Marilyn Keller, Susan Hase, Allen Stanley, Andrea Witthoft, Tammy Woodrum and Terry House.

In the newsletter, appreciation was voiced to Sandy Davis and Bruce Agne for their time and commitment to the board of Friends.

Sandy Davis had been a member of the board since 2004, giving 14 years of service. Bruce Agne joined the board in 2013 and gave five years of service.

The Friends of Stinson meet each month. Meetings are set for 10 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in library's auditorium.



## Bohannons married 70 years

Bill and Marceline Bohannon of Rosewood Heights are celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Bill and the former Marceline Cooley were married on Aug. 31, 1948, at the Church of the Nazarene parsonage in Anna. The Rev. Clifford Green officiated.

Bill has been a minister and has been employed with the Roxana School District. Marceline is a homemaker.

Their children are Linda Borth of Normal and Debbie Beasley of Godfrey. They have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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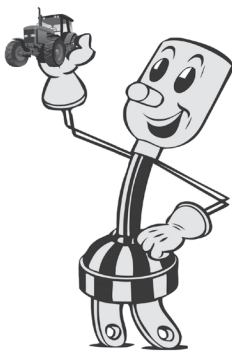
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Many farm electrical accidents involving power lines occur when loading or preparing to transport equipment to fields, or while working on farm machinery near power lines. Sometimes a power line is closer than it looks. When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter to help insure that proper clearances are maintained.

Farmers may want to consider moving or burying power lines around buildings or busy pathways where many farm activities take place. If planning a new out building or farm structure, contact SIEC (1-800-762-1400) for information on minimum safe clearances from overhead and underground power lines.



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## 79 pounds of catfish

Wyatt Gibbs, 5, is shown with 79 pounds of catfish that were caught on a Sept. 4 fishing trip. Wyatt is the great-grandson of Norman Gibbs of Anna and the son of Luke Gibbs of St. Peters, Mo. Photo provided.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## An Honor

What an honor. If all goes as we planned I will be in Cape Girardeau today along with Barbara House, Brenda Allen and many others from our area at the Show Me Center to see our President Donald J. Trump.

## Anna Arts Center

Another wonderful performance at the Anna Arts Center. Illinois Poets on Parade, A Bicentennial Celebration, written by Dr. Lynn Steveson. Thanks to everyone. It was wonderful. Dr. Lynn and Pete Housman were presented roses at the end of the last performance.

## Karen Sweitzer Honored

Karee Sweitzer's oldest sister, Karen Sweitzer, has been teaching and coaching softball at Eureka College for almost 30 years.

She retired from the coaching aspect a couple of years ago but is still a

professor there for another couple of years before she retires.

She has been such a great coach and role model that they are honoring her by naming the Eureka College softball field after her. Karee is so proud of her and excited for her.

They are doing this at a ceremony at the college on Sept. 15. What a great way to honor a great athlete, coach and professor.

## Congratulations

To the Hollerboys for winning the Josie Music Award.

## 89th Birthday Celebration

Joan Graves Edwards celebrated her 89th birthday Sept 3.

As I talked to Joan she wanted me to share her thoughts going toward 90, at 21 said 89 was a long way off. Then along came 50, well 89 is a little closer but

not so close I really care.

Then one day woke up with sore arms and muscles all over, I said but OK I'm only 64.

Time went on 70s. Then the 80s come along and one morning everyone was saying "Happy Birthday" you're 89 today.

Oh my, sit down to think. It was only yesterday I was 24. As my mind wondered back through the years. All I could say is life's been good even the ups and downs because I've had a life filled with friends who cared and helped me through and yes family was always there.

In closing I want to say I miss all who have gone before but so thankful who comes through my door as I head toward 90 and with luck a few more years.

Really appreciate the cards, calls, flowers and family dinner that Jason cooked with Quinn's help. I know I'm heading for another great year, Joan.

## 90th Birthday Party in Harahan, La.

A total of 50 people gathered at the home of Harold (Curley) and Alice McMillion on Sunday, Sept. 2. They are both turning 90 in September and October.

There were quite a few people from Union County, Jackson County, Arkansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Texas there to help them celebrate.

## Thebeau Family Reunion

Kay Johnson attended her family reunion in Farmington, Mo. It was at the home of her nephew Randy and Sarah Thebeau. The family of Joe and Mildred Thebeau.

## Labor Day

Donna Pitts spent Labor Day in Los Angeles with her daughter. Had a great time. They shopped and sunned and had great meals together. Life is good.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Lillian Milam, Alice Kerns, Darlene Corzine and Earl



A celebration to honor 89 years for Joan Graves Edwards was held Sept. 3. Those in attendance were sons Jason and Quinn Edwards, granddaughters Kameron and Savannah, and special friends Tina and Zachary Dudley. Lunch was enjoyed and then a birthday Dairy Queen ice cream cake decorated by Kameron was shared. Faithful canines BoJax and Louis added to the festivities as well. Happy 89th birthday Joan.



Betty Caraker, holding Boon Champion Show ribbons, with Brian Caraker, for his goat Ritz and the Missouri State Fairground.



Illinois Poets on Parade, a Bicentennial Celebration, followed by meet the playwright, Dr. Lynn Steveson was Sunday. Other performances were Friday and Saturday at the Anna Art Center. Dr. Lynn was presented roses by her cast.



The Sadler family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 2, at Trail of Tears State Forest. All had a wonderful time. Some weren't able to come but the weather was awfully hot. Those present were Kenneth and Sara Sadler, Jim and Mariann Jackson, Wes and Debbie Sadler, Leonard and Connie Sadler, Bill and Sue Abernathy, Bob and Mary Sadler, Denise Reynolds, David and Christen Jackson, Blake and Marshall, Deven Sadler, Tony and Sharith Gaddis, (TJ) Gaddis, Jeffery Sadler and Lori. All are looking forward to one next year.

Miller for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## Day Trip

Bessie and Elijah Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed going to Flamm's Orchard and getting apples and home grown tomatoes. They always enjoy the ice cream and pie.

Then they went to Rendleman's Orchard and got peaches, apples and apple slushes. They enjoyed the chickens and petting the little black fuzzy one.

Then they went to Bald Knob Cross of Peace. There were cars from several states visiting.

## Birthdays

Sept. 3 Tammy Gurley Hagler, 4 Angel Wiseman 5 Debbie Ayers, 6 Thomas Carter, Jenna Herbst, Erica Morgan, 7 Rebecca Mize, 8 Cherry Connolly, Brenda Kelley, Brandy Girtman, Cheyenne Trambley, Jesse Wright, Jason Wyatt, Robert Carter, Gretchen Robinson, Julie Yana, Mike Meisenheimer, 14 Randy Tucker, Sept. 13 Larry Bentley.

## Wedding Anniversaries

Sept 4 Thomas and Jessie Watson 14 years, 7 Beverly and Dan Gibbons 38 years, Darla and Jason Lingle, Connie and Leonard



Larry Bentley is celebrating his birthday today, Thursday, Sept. 13.

Sadler 50th.

## Noah and Sydney

Gaylon and Clara Cates were delighted when they received their Brayer Donkey magazine.

Their little donkeys Noah and Sydney were featured in the magazine for their story about the Bald Knob Cross.

When the walk to the cross for the fund raiser was happening Noah and Sydney led the people into Alto Pass.

The story honoring our Lord, the little donkeys

and the cross was in the magazine.

## Election Judge School

Election judge school was held this week at the Union County Courthouse. Hope everyone is making plans to vote in November or early vote at the Union County Courthouse or by absentee ballot.

We live in a country where we have the privilege to cast our vote and not worry about someone shooting us for doing this or telling us how we have to vote.



Loving companions Carol Gordon with Mickey Jo, Lynne Pettis with Angel, Janice Lewellyn with Chipper, taken in West Dundee, where Lynne and Angel live. The trip was earlier this month. Please keep Carol in your prayers. She had a bad fall last week and broke her left hip and shoulder.



Sarah Hileman Song gives a treat-ride to her horse barn crew at the Union County Fair, her children Abigail and Joshua Song from Fort Worth, Texas. Perhaps they might grow up to be showmen like their mom, grandparents and other ancestors.



Motherhood triumphed at the recent Union County Fair. Sarah Hileman Song had depended on good friend "baby sitters" to back her up while she showed in the horse classes. But motherhood won hands down when she took a final lap around the track. Ten-month-old Gideon Boyd Song took his rightful place in the scene. "Actually, this is how pioneer women did it," Sarah said.



Honoring our president: Cheryl Milam, Kay Johnson, Paula Stairs, and Lillian Milam were honored to attend the Trump rally and see our president in Evansville, Ind.



Lauren Jackson of Anna celebrated her 10th birthday at GCS Ballpark, a minor league baseball facility in Sauget, that serves as the home ballpark for the Gateway Grizzlies of the Frontier League. Lauren got to throw out the first pitch at the Friday night, Aug. 31, game. Cody Livesay, Grizzlies left fielder and Lauren's hero, caught Lauren's pitch. Cody is originally from Jonesboro and has played for the Grizzlies the last four years.



Sandy, Jim, Jonathan, Dylan, Lakelyn and Karynna Carter enjoyed the Cardinals game in St. Louis.



Jonathan and Dylan Carter enjoyed the Cardinals game with their family in St. Louis.



My prayer is that everyone in our United States realizes what a freedom this is and votes in this and every election.

**2018 Cache Champion Award**

Virginia Street of Simpson has been recognized by Friends of the Cache River Watershed with the 2018 Cache Champion Award.

The newly created award was presented on Aug. 30 at the Cache annual meeting in Carbondale by Friends' chair, Dr. Michael Jeffords, who said the intent was "to honor the efforts of those often-unsung heroes who love the Cache River Wetlands and put their passion into action as volunteers and advocates."

Street began her involvement in 2006 as a member of the Cache Corps of Discovery, a group with the

objective to record present and future changes in the wetlands through photography, descriptive writing and illustration.

She went on to become an active volunteer at the Cache River Wetlands Center in Cypress, where she has logged almost 900 hours, greeting visitors, preparing and organizing educational supplies, and doing whatever else is needed, right down to cleaning and filling the hummingbird feeders.

Street regularly helps with events such as Nature Fest, the fall monarch tagging program, the spring frog and toad survey, and the Cache annual meeting, and also shares responsibility for creating and maintaining one of the ten garden plots on the Pollinator Interpretive Trail at the

Wetlands Center.

A retired medical microbiologist, Street is a proud graduate of the first cohort of Southern Illinois Master Naturalists in 2013.

She has also shared her time and talents with other community organizations, such as Daughters of the American Revolution, Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Johnson County Ambulance Service.

Friends of the Cache River Watershed is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting, enhancing and sharing a unique natural and recreational resource, the Cache River Wetlands.

For more information, contact Paula Havlik at phavlik@illinois.edu or 217-649-4326.

**A-JCHS Football Game**

White Out Game is Friday night, Sept. 14, at A-J. There will be a silent auction at the game. It is to raise money for MDA and Hadley's Haven the new future handicap playground at the Anna City Park. If you would like a t-shirt to wear to the game give the school a call to order yours.

**Class Reunion**

Class of 1963 how many of you are going to ride on the homecoming float? You can ride on the float even if you didn't sign up to come to the dinner. Please give me a call at 833-5717. We need to meet at the Anna Park at noon Sept. 28. Our float is behind the A-J Marching Wildcats band and van. The parade starts at 1 p.m. I may need help with the float please.

That evening we will meet at the high school for a tailgate party at 5 p.m. at the homecoming football game and also watch the A-J Marching Wildcats band perform their field show.

Saturday we will be at Starview Vineyards at 5100 Winghill Rd. near Cobden for a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Special music "Chariot's a Comin'" was by the ladies choir.

Rev. Richard Sullins sermon was Faith Rewarded, with a gospel reading from Mark.

The children's special mission offering Sunday, Sept. 16, will be for disability awareness.

**Connect Point Church**

Food pantry and outreach is on the third Saturday at



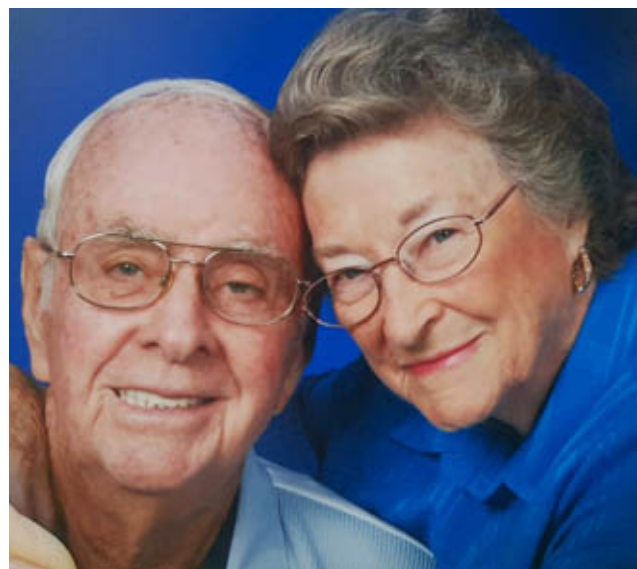
Thomas, Rebecca, Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla, Owen, Corbit and Carol Hindman enjoyed a trip to Holiday World.



Brothers and sisters Kay Johnson, Sue Alley, Bob Thebeau, Ray Thebeau and Gary Thebeau attended their family reunion in Farmington, Mo.



Virginia Street of Simpson has been recognized by Friends of the Cache River Watershed with the 2018 Cache Champion Award. The newly created award was presented on Aug. 30 at the Cache annual meeting in Carbondale by Friends chair Dr. Michael Jeffords, who said the intent was "to honor the efforts of those often-unsung heroes who love the Cache River Wetlands and put their passion into action as volunteers and advocates."



Harold (Curley) and Alice McMillian both celebrated their 90th birthdays with a party given for them at their home in Harahan, La.



Photo from the 90th birthday of Gladys Freeze, retired long-time teacher at Davie School. She is pictured here with retired elementary teacher Kathy Stegle. Gladys will celebrate her 94th birthday this week, Sept. 11. Send her best wishes at River to River Residence, Anna.



Christy Acuff caught over 50 fish in 2.5 hours of fishing for walleye, rainbow, brown and cutthroat at White Rivers, Ark.

10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

**Anna Eastern Star**

They will meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

**Free Community Dinners**

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Anna fellowship hall.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Immanuel Praise and Worship Center, Cobden**

A chicken and dumplings dinner will be served Sept. 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Military Prayer List**

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett



Shirley Ray's dog Scout earned his master standard agility title Saturday, Sept 1. They train with Carol Ely from De Soto. They have traveled to Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Indiana to run agility trials. Handlers get to walk the run but the dogs do not see it until they enter the ring. It a fun sport to do with your dog says Shirley.

Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitmountain.



**Clouds on a summer evening**

Clouds covered the sky over Union County as the sun was setting on Thursday evening, Sept. 6. The picture was taken at the Immanuel Praise and Worship Center near Cobden. The image was created by using the solarize tool in Photoshop.

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# Popular movies scheduled to be shown during fall at SIU

Popular movies and new releases will be shown this fall at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. SPC Films has announced its fall movie schedule, which was scheduled to begin last Friday with "Avengers: Infinity War."

All movies are open to students, faculty, staff and the general public.

Plans call for two outdoor locations and one indoor venue: Saluki Stadium, Shryock Auditorium lawn and the SIU Student Center auditorium.

SIU students are admitted to all of the movies for free with a valid ID.

In addition, two of the movies are free for everyone. For the remaining movies, admission for faculty and staff, with ID, is

\$2, while tickets are \$3 for the general public. The cost for children ages 4 to 10 is \$2 and those ages 3 and younger are admitted free. Popcorn and beverages will also be available for \$1 each.

Debit Dawg or cash are acceptable forms of payment.

The complete fall movie schedule, along with times and dates, locations, notice of free admission for everyone, ratings and brief descriptions of the movies, includes:

Sept. 20: "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," 7 p.m., Shryock lawn, PG-13, 128 minutes.

Sept. 28: "Incredibles 2," free show, 6:45 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m., Saluki Stadium, PG, 118 minutes.

Oct. 12: A twin bill will

be shown at two different locations:

"Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation," free movie for all, 6:45 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m., Saluki Stadium.  
"A Quiet Place," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., SIU Student Center auditorium, PG-13,

## Illinois Farm Bureau announces endorsement of area candidate

The Illinois Farm Bureau on Aug. 28 announced its endorsement of U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., for re-election.

Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR trustees representing each county Farm Bureau recently voted unanimously to endorse Bost in the Nov. 6 general election.  
"As a member of the

90 minutes.  
Oct. 26: "Halloween-town," 7 p.m., Shryock lawn, PG, 84 minutes.  
Nov. 2: "Love, Simon," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., SIU Student Center auditorium, PG-13, 110 minutes.  
Nov. 9: "The Spy Who Dumped Me," 7 p.m. and

House Agriculture Committee, I'm proud to have Illinois Farm Bureau's endorsement," Bost said in a news release.  
"Farming and agriculture are vitally important to both the culture and economy of Southern Illinois," he said.  
"We are completely behind Mike's bid for re-election because he continues

9 p.m., SIU Student Center auditorium, PG-13, 117 minutes.  
Nov. 30: "Home Alone," 7 p.m., SIU Student Center auditorium, PG-13, 103 minutes.  
Movie titles are subject to change, based upon availability. Organizers

to be a strong supporter of Illinois agriculture," said ACTIVATOR trustee committee chairman Ken Taake of Pulaski County.  
"His perfect voting record with Illinois Farm Bureau policy is just one example of how he has proven he represents agriculture's interests and those of his district, in Washington, D.C."

"Congressman Bost understands why tax reform is important for the economy and our bottom line. He has also been a supporter of opening and expanding new export markets for our products, which is critical. Finally, he made sure harmful crop insurance amendments were defeated and has supported the Farm Bill," Taake said.

# Television Listings

### THURSDAY

Table with 11 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM to 11 PM.

### SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

### FRIDAY

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### SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

### SATURDAY

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### SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

### SUNDAY

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### SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

### MONDAY

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### SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

### TUESDAY

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### SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

### WEDNESDAY

Table with 11 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM to 11 PM.

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

## Wildlife, wild places photo contest accepting entries

The Friends of Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge report that entries are still being accepted for a wildlife and wild places photography contest.

All photos must be taken south of I-64 and be in one of the following categories:

Landscape/scenic, wildlife, flowers/plants/trees/fungi, youth (17 and under) or photos taken at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Photos are to be submitted at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center near Marion by Sept. 30.

The visitors center is located along Route 148, south of Route 13. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Cash and gift certificates are given for best of show and for first, second and third in each category.

Each photographer may submit up to five entries. There is a \$5 charge for

each entry for adults. Youth (up to age 17) may be submit up to five photos for \$5.

Contest rules and entry forms are available at the visitors center and on the Friends of Crab Orchard website at [www.friendsof-conwr.com](http://www.friendsof-conwr.com).

For more information, call 618-998-5933. The Friends of Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge is sponsoring the contest.



### Logging in for some sunshine

A turtle found a spot on a log in a pond in Union County to catch some bright sunshine on a recent summer afternoon.

## Grasses, wild plants featured

Grasses and wild plants will be featured at two programs which are scheduled Saturday, Sept. 15, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

**Identifying Grasses:** The program is set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Erin Medvecz, who is with University of Illinois Extension, is scheduled to present the free program.

Medvecz will share tips and techniques which can be used to help identify 30 different grasses which grow in Southern Illinois.

A hike is planned following the presentation.

Registration is requested to attend the program.

**Wild Plants of Giant City:** Giant City State Park is home to hundreds of species of plants.

Extension forester Chris Evans plans to lead a wild plant hike on the one-mile-long Giant City Nature Trail from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The program is free. Registration is requested.

To register, or for more information, call 618-457-4836.

## Trigg's Tours program set in Vienna

Trigg's Tours is scheduled to be the topic of a program to be presented at an upcoming meeting of the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society.

The meeting is planned Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Vienna Public Library. The library is located on the public square in Vienna.

The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The public is welcome. Admission is free.

Todd Carr is scheduled to present the program. Carr has done considerable research and writing about the tours.

Trigg was an early promoter of the scenic and natural areas of Southern Illinois.

He wanted others to know about, and appreciate, the beauty of Southern Illinois.

He personally arranged and conducted annual tours of various locations throughout the area in the 1950s and 1960s.

For more information about the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society or the Sept. 16 program, call 618-771-6877.

# The Big Eight

**The director of two community economic development associations in Utah compiled the following tongue-in-cheek list of sure fire ways to "Ruin Your Town":**

**1. Stay away from town meetings and be sure to criticize the way things run. You don't have to be there to know that somebody else is not doing it right.**

**2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.**

**3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.**

**4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.**

**5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.**

**6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?**

**7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.**

**8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.**

**Most people interact with 10 or more people every day of their lives. That's 310 individuals this month alone. Think of the good you could do by keeping a more positive attitude when talking about your community.**

# Opinion and Commentary

## World issues and their impact here at home

By John Reppert

There is an interesting trend going on, primarily on the West Coast, that has interesting implications for education.

The trend seems to be to allow factors other than grades to influence which students get academic honors and even scholarships.

The basis for this seems to be that the academics involved argue that not all students are equally qualified to compete. Therefore, in some schools with, for instance, a significant Latino population, they have determined that because of their environment at home (for example, the parents may not be fully fluent in English, then a Latino student with an 89 grade point average should be awarded academic honors or even a college scholarship ahead of a native American with well educated parents from the United States).

On the one hand, there is a logic to this. They would argue that the Latino started with an educational handicap and that for him or her an 89 grade point average shows more accomplishment than a native born student with a 91 grade point average.

At this point, however, the argument becomes very contentious. In part, the extra points for the disadvantaged student are based on the parents' education.

If a native born student with parents who went only to grade 12 scores a 90 and a native born student with parents who are both college graduates scores a 93, should the child of parents with only 12 years of education receive the award over the child of the parents who finished college? Should the difference in the education of these two sets of parents be 2 points, or 4 points? As you can see, the application of this principle can be quite contentious.

Because of the extreme ethnic diversity in California, for example, (white Caucasian, blacks, Latinos and orientals) some schools have decided that each group will get a proportional number of students awarded honors and in some cases school sponsored scholarships.

In some cases schools of higher education have discounted high school grades and honors and have insisted on independent testing to select students for admission. Again, no easy answer.

However, the extent to which this is being considered and adopted on the West Coast and, perhaps, other geographical regions, means it is worthy of consideration everywhere.

My memory of attending school in Anna was that we took tests, the teachers marked the correct and incorrect answers and we got our grades. Are there other ways to address the clear discrepancies which have always existed?

I understand that some schools offer additional classes for those who are identified in the early years as "educationally disadvantaged." In others, tutors are assigned to help lower scoring students close the gap.

Each of these has advantages and challenges. How do you factor in the indisputable fact that each of us is born with different capabilities in both the physical and mental realms? I was in high school at a height of 5'10". For some reason the basketball coach gave preference to those taller than 6 feet.

I regret that I can not offer you a formula for fair and equitable solutions to these challenges. My intent here is that I see a wave coming toward us from the West Coast on these issues and we should be crafting our responses now.

I guess my moral of this challenging issue is that when such things arise the earlier we start preparing and the more transparent we are with our responses the better off we will be. I would welcome your insights.

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## A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, September 12, 1968

The Shawnee Junior College Board held their regular monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 9, at which time the Board met with the architects to discuss plans for the construction of the new college.

There will be no draft call for the Union County area for the month of September, according to the local selective service office; however, there were nine who reported for physical examinations.

The Anna City Hall offices closed Wednesday, Sept. 10, in order to move into their new quarters adjacent to the former building.

The fund raising drive launched by the people of Southern Illinois to complete the Bald Knob Cross project has been underway for a week. The Cross Committee at Makanda has reported that \$4,000 had been received as of September 9.

A new event will be added to the annual Sportsmen's Contest this year: the Shawnee Hills National Marksmen's Contest will be held for the first time. The big sporting event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6.

"The Hixoil" will play at Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town Saturday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 until 11:30 p.m.

If Coach John Davis was superstitious, he would be a bit leery about the football opener at Cairo this Friday. The '68 Wildcats will make their debut against the Pilots on Friday the 13th. But instead of throwing salt over his shoulder or wearing a rabbit's foot, Coach Davis has been putting his young squad through their paces in preparation for their first game.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



A killdeer appeared to be taking a bow while maintaining its balance on a railroad track one morning in Cobden.

## A frog in the window, a balancing bird...

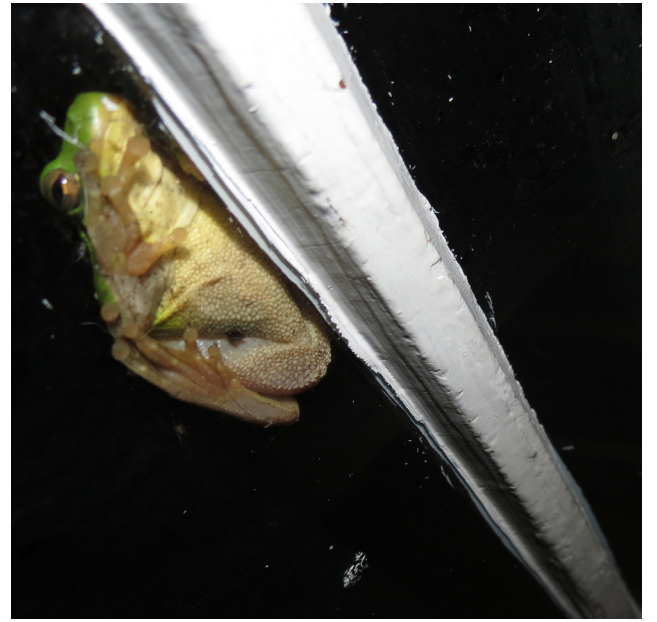
Words are pretty much escaping me this week. Such things happen. That's why you get to see so many pictures. For whatever it's worth, the images were captured during the past couple of weeks, while yours truly was wandering from here to there, and back again.



A dragonfly found a nice place to stop at the tip of a branch. The dragonfly would leave for a moment and then come right back.



The Other Half spotted a very green preying mantis wandering through one of her tomato plants last Sunday afternoon. After the picture was taken, the preying mantis ate the photographer.



How much was this froggy in the window? The bright green frog showed up at our humble abode on a rainy September night. Ours cats were fascinated by the frog's presence.



This was one of several hummingbirds yours truly saw flying around some bright, orange/red flowers.

### Commentary

## Not good journalism

By Mike Estel

I've been in the newspaper business since 1973 and something happened recently that to me shouldn't be a part of this industry.

The President, in a recent news story in the New York Times, was raked over the coals by an article. The main thing I have problems with and anyone else should who heard about it is that the source of the story remained anonymous.

In my opinion, it's a slap in the face to what the newspaper business is all about. It's a whole lot like the National Enquirer publication, which apparently spends a lot of time in court fighting over these kind of articles because of using unnamed sources.

You lose all credibility when you report a story without naming a source.

Maybe the article is truthful, but then maybe it was completely manufactured. Who knows for sure when a source is not identified?

I've always disagreed that fake news was out there, but this is definitely a form of it.

If a person doesn't particularly care for someone they can write anything they want to about them without naming a source and have it printed in a national publication. I've never been associated with a newspaper that would sanction something like this.

This is really kind of crazy. If you don't like someone and disagree with what they're doing, you just state that in an article and have it printed and fail to mention your name as a source for the story.

That's just not the way this business should operate.

I'm really surprised that the editors of such a well-known publication would allow something like this to appear in their publication. It does sound to me like someone in charge was sleeping on the watch.

The powers that be had to have known something of this magnification would stir up a controversy.

I just have a lot of trouble with something like this happening in any publication in this country. This is just not the way any type of article in newsprint should be written without crediting a source.

## Be prepared

September is Preparedness Month in Illinois. Gov. Bruce Rauner issued a proclamation in commemoration of the observance on Sept. 6 during closing ceremonies of the 2018 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Training Summit in Springfield. More than 600 first responders and emergency workers were in attendance.

Rauner underscored the importance of family and community preparedness in his address, held in conjunction with what is also National Preparedness Month.

The theme for this year's National Preparedness Month campaign is "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How."

The state is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, in the month-long campaign that encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.

Having a plan that includes where to go and how to communicate during disasters, as well as an emergency supply kit, could save the lives of your family, friends, neighbors and employees.

"This is a great time to learn lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for hazards such as floods, earthquakes and tornadoes," acting IEMA director William Robertson said.

In this day and age of families constantly on the go, it is critical for people to have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings.

FEMA offers a free mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service. The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide. The mobile app also can help locate open shelters and disaster resource centers near you in an emergency.

IEMA offers disaster preparedness information on the Ready Illinois website ([www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov)), a one-stop resource for detailed information about what to do before, during and after disasters.

During large-scale disasters, IEMA uses the Ready Illinois website, Facebook and Twitter pages to provide critical information about the incident, including shelter locations, road closures, safety information, photos and more.