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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

A POW/MIA ceremony is planned at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Anna VFW post.

Union County Fair officials have voiced appreciation to Union County, the City of Anna and the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the 2019 fair.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's 2019 homecoming activities are planned next week.

The A-JCHS Marching Wildcats band won second place honors at last weekend's Drums at Appletime competition in Murphysboro.

A-J's Abby Sartin was honored as the outstanding drum major at Drums at Appletime.

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank is planning to present its popular SPIN event for area students and their families on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Ducks Unlimited's Shawnee Chapter is planning a kids day event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Grassy Lake Hunting Club in Ware. Retriever training, duck banding, hunter safety and gun safety will be among the activities.

Justice of the Appellate Court's 5th District Justice Mark Boie is planning a formal election candidacy event at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Southern Seven Health Department has expanded its Early Head Start program.

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Chamber of commerce, economic development corporation host event

Legislative luncheon held in Union County

By Benjamin Marxer

The Union County Economic Development Corporation and the Union County Chamber of Commerce hosted a legislative luncheon event on Friday, Sept. 13, at the Great Boars of Fire banquet hall between Anna and Cobden.

Elected representatives

and business leaders from the region were on hand to discuss economic issues affecting Southern Illinois. Chris Boyd of the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative served as emcee for the event.

The luncheon, attended by about 100 people, offered an opportunity to

highlight achievements, as well as potential economic growth and development, in the Union County area.

The message was tempered somewhat by the challenges which are faced by farmers and those working in agribusiness.

The first speaker of the afternoon was John Otey

of the Illinois Department of Employee Services. Otey spoke about the desperate need the region has for qualified workers.

"From where we sit today, within five miles there are 65 jobs (needing to be filled). Within 15 miles, 82 jobs. And these are not starting-level jobs," said

Otey. "At a 25-mile radius, we jump up to 1,315 jobs listed. At 50 miles, which is roughly an hour commute, 2,454 jobs."

Otey stressed the importance of training programs to help fill this need. "We have to be very very smart, and we have to support programs like apprenticeships. Apprenticeships have taken on a whole new role, and there are so many opportunities out there."

Dr. Greg Mason, the dean of innovation, adult basic and continuing education for Shawnee Community College, was the next speaker.

Mason discussed the contributions and innovations that Shawnee is making to provide career training for the workforce of the region.

"We are focusing on creating multiple pathways. There are traditional pathways for students to take. But if you are a little bit older than a high school student and are feeling like, 'I need the training to get the next job, to get a better job, then I need to talk to Shawnee Community College,'" said Mason.

"If I'm an employer who needs a workforce, where do I get that workforce? Let me talk to Shawnee Community College."

Michelle Sirls of Rendleman Orchards in Alto Pass spoke on behalf of the agricultural community and addressed what she said is a crisis faced by Illinois farmers.

"The biggest challenge that our farms will face, possibly since the depression, is the minimum wage increase," says Sirls.

Sirls fears that Illinois farms will not be able to absorb the new expense while competing with other states.

"We're competing with South Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia. Those states are all at the federal minimum wage of \$7.25. We are already a dollar an hour higher."

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Union County CEO program students attended Friday's legislative luncheon and introduced themselves to those who were attending the event.

End of an era...

Davis Pastry in downtown Anna, home of famed 'pink cookies,' planning to close

By Benjamin Marxer

It's the end of an era for a South Main Street merchant in Anna as the Davis family has announced their plans to close the doors of Davis Pastry.

Throughout their 66 years of service to the community, Davis Pastry has grown to become a landmark in the Union County business scene.

For decades, the Davis family and their famous pastries have been an integral part in the lives and traditions of multiple generations of area residents. Especially their signature "pink cookies," a classic confection that has become a favorite for the community.

The announcement came via Facebook, with a post on the pastry shop's page proclaiming that Sept. 28 would be their last day of business.

In reaction to the news, hundreds of past and present patrons expressed feelings of shock and sadness at the news, while others shared fond memories of bygone birthday parties.

Since the announcement on Sunday, the shop has been overwhelmed with calls and orders.

"We've been bombarded," said manager Sabrina Duckworth. "Usually Monday is our slow day, but the phone hasn't stopped ringing."

Tony Davis, the son of

owners Jim and Sandra Davis, has been running the family business for over thirty years. And after three decades in the pastry game, the third-generation baker is ready for a new chapter in his life.

"Tony's just ready for retirement," said Duckworth. "He's been doing this for thirty-plus years and he wants to go back to school and do something different."

However, the retirement of the Davis family might not necessarily mean the end for Davis Pastry, as the owners are currently entertaining offers to purchase the business.

Steve Landreth through Classic Properties in Anna

is handling the sale, and according to Duckworth, they've already had a few different people making inquiries.

What all of Anna seems to want to know is, what would this mean for pink cookies and the other famous Davis family recipes?

"A lot of people are calling asking if we will sell them the recipes," said Duckworth. "But whoever buys the business, gets the building and everything in it, and the recipes. So the tradition would be carried on."

Davis Pastry's last day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28, with Friday, Sept. 27 set as the last day to place orders.

Homecoming celebration planned at A-JCHS

A fall tradition featuring football, a parade, coronation of a queen and king and many other activities is set to continue next week at a Union County school.

Homecoming will be celebrated at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The A-JCHS Student Council is planning the celebration.

Homecoming activities are planned Sept. 23-28. This year's theme is "Dancing Through the Decades."

Daily themes have been set for homecoming.

Monday will be Pajama Day. Tuesday will be Decade Day. Wednesday will be Meme Day.

Thursday will be Blue and White Day. Blue and white are the school's colors. Friday will be Class Color Day.

A homecoming parade is set for Friday, Sept. 27. Parade units will start lining up at noon at the Anna City Park.

The student council noted that the plan is for parade units to step off from the Anna City Park by Rusty's

at 1 p.m.

Units will proceed west on Davie and turn south on Main. The parade route will end at Stinson Memorial Library.

All participants will be asked to enter the park at St. Mary's Church.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this year's parade is asked to register through the Google Form linked on the homepage of the school website: www.aj81.net.

Organizers said that those who want to participate in the parade can fax the following information to 833-5931: organization, contact person, contact phone, contact e-mail address, walking or riding, and number of vehicles, if applicable.

Queen, King Coronation

Coronation of the 2019 homecoming queen and king is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Union Hall gymnasium at the school.



2019 A-JCHS homecoming court

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's 2019 homecoming celebration is planned next week. Coronation of a homecoming queen and king is planned Saturday night, Sept. 28, at the school. From left are freshmen representatives Dawson Trammel and Julia Williams; sophomore representatives Keegan Keller and Gracie Barlow, junior representatives Carson Pengress and Avery Page, and senior queen and king candidates Drake Roach, Brylee Oxford, Noah Hobson, Emma Tweedy, Josh Oliver, Cheyenne Roach, Ethan Klett, Luca Mays, Steen Vaca Diez and Lily Yana. Photo provided.



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Legislative luncheon

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The minimum wage in Illinois is scheduled to increase yearly until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2025.

In addition to payroll, the higher fuel taxes and license fees, as well as insurance and other expenses are all causing grave problems for Illinois farmers.

"These are the things that keep us up at night, and we want to make sure our legislators understand that, and also to let the community know what the ag community is facing right now," she said.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg reiterated the importance of job training for the region and supporting programs that teach a trade.

"What we are working hard to do is to get into these schools, get into these community colleges, get into these high schools, and talk about getting these trades in there," said Fowler.

"And not just talk about how we need welders and truck drivers, plumbers, whatever it may be, but talking about the salary package and insurance and the pension you can have and that you can raise a family right here in Southern Illinois."



State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg.



Dr. Greg Mason, Shawnee Community College.

"What we are going to do is capitalize on the resources we currently have to offer. If it's the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio, if it's the state parks, if it's our community colleges, if it's SIU, whatever it is we are going to capitalize on these opportunities," said Fowler. In addition to updates on past legislative sessions in Springfield, State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro



State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro.



State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis.



John Otey, Illinois Department of Employment Services.



Michelle Sirles, Rendleman Orchards.

discussed an economic issue pertinent to our area: the Tamms Correctional Center.

"In my five years in office, I've tried every year to get the conversation about Tamms jumpstarted," said Bryant.

The supermax prison located in Tamms closed down in 2013. But Bryant has called for the formation of a task force to examine the feasibility and benefits of reopening the minimum-security unit of the facility.

"The task force will be set up to have public meetings, so you will be able to go in and say if you'd like to continue to use it as a correctional facility," said Bryant.

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, was the final speaker and discussed the issue of Illinois falling population numbers.

"We are losing over one hundred thousand people a year moving out of the state," said Windhorst said.

He went on to discuss how the net population of Illinois has been falling by 40,000 to 50,000 people per

year for the last four or five years. "That is not sustainable," said Windhorst.

"A state can not continue to lose population, to lose tax payers, and continue to take on debt and other obligations, and expect to keep the remaining people, or expect young people to stay in Illinois."

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., were also on hand to invite constituents to come by their Carbondale offices to discuss any issues, economic or otherwise.

The event was sponsored by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, Anna State Bank, Edward Jones, Reppert Publications, Reppert's Office Supply and Furniture, Union County Farm Bureau, Union County Hospital, Union County Republican Central Committee and the University of Illinois Extension office.

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Abraham Lincoln impersonator George Buss and folk musician/folklorist Chris Valillo are scheduled to present a show titled "Lincoln, The Great Communicator," on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

All of the folks who were involved with last Saturday's JAKES youth outdoors event at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County are to be commended for a job well done.

John Miller is retiring after 47 years of service with Southern FS. A lunch is planned in his honor from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Farm Bureau office in Jonesboro.

Creating fall and seasonal decorations will be the theme for an event which is scheduled Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29, at the shop next to the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.

The Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution invited area churches to join in a national "Let Freedom Ring" event on Sept. 17 to

commemorate ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

A sign says that a family life center is being built at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

A "Fashion at the Farm" event is planned Saturday, Sept. 21, at Rendleman Orchards Farm Market near Alto Pass.

"Fall Colors at the Cross" is planned Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

Southern Seven Health Department is working to promote the observance of Food Safety Month during September.

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer a series of guided hikes this fall in the Southern Illinois area. The first hike is planned Oct. 5 at Jonesboro Falls in Pope County.

Believe or not, autumn begins on Monday, Sept. 23.

Seems rather ironic that as we get within days of autumn, we're experiencing the hottest weather of the summer.

Chester man found guilty in murder trial

Special prosecutor Matt Goetten and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel reported on Monday, Sept. 16, that William P. Wasmund, 48, of 1510 Hyland Rd. in Chester was found guilty Thursday, Sept. 12, after a four-day jury trial on one count of first-degree murder, a Class M felony, and one count of aggravated battery, a Class X felony.

Wasmund was arrested in February by Union County Sheriff's Office deputies following an investigation into the death of Jeffery A. Spicer, 52, of Murphysboro.

Spicer was found dead along the highway at 7625 State Route 3 North in rural Union County on Sept. 16, 2018.

Wasmund was charged with setting a shotgun with a trigger set to fire when the door of a shed opened, knowing that such act created a strong probability of death or great bodily harm to any person opening the door of the shed.

The shed was located at the 7625 State Route 3 North property.

A sentencing hearing has been set for Dec. 16 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro, where the trial took place. Wasmund faces between 26 and 90 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police Crime Scene, Carbondale Police/Southern Illinois University Carbondale Police Bomb Squad, Illinois Secretary of State Police Bomb Squad and the Union County coroner's office.

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, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 11. Traffic arrests, 13. Warrant arrests, eight. Total arrests, 40.

Cases opened, 40. Drug investigations, nine. Crash reports, 15. 911 calls received, 1,565. Miles patrolled, 11,145.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steven G. Res. Grantee: Raul Olandez. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Larry G. Gibbs. Grantee: Larry G. Gibbs, Sarah Gibbs. Name: George Barringers Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 7, 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Clara A. Cates, Gaylon F. Cates. Grantee: Raymond Butler, Clara A. Cates, Gaylon F. Cates. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Brandy Hinkle, Brian Hinkle. Grantee: Angie Smith, James Smith. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Portion 57.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jason W. Stoltzfus. Grantee: Jason W. Stoltzfus, Mary A. Stoltzfus. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1E.

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

Evans E. Sweet, Anna. Betsabel Martinez, Rowlett, Texas. Jeremy McCain, Jackson, Mo. Harold M. Daniels, Chicago. Joshua Michael David Murphy, Zeigler. Kacie R. Tanner, Murphysboro. Tuan Tran Ho, Marion. Ronald Eugene Dukes, Calvert City, Ky.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the

Plastic pollution

topic of program

The documentary film "Albatross" is scheduled to be shown Thursday, today, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The film is scheduled to be shown at 6:15 p.m. in Guyon Auditorium at Morris Library on the SIUC campus.

The evening is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments and discussion involving the groups which are sponsoring the program.

More information is available by contacting Jane Cogie by email at jane.cogie@gmail.com.

circuit clerk's office:

Dalton W. Wright, Greenville, electronic communication device, \$164. Grant Jared Depoy, Macomb, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Isaiah J. Poole, Buncombe, speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$120. Jerry L. Yates, Bloomfield, Mo., speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$120.

Nufice Williams, Stuttgart, Ark., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Joseph E. Cresto, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Kelsey Paige Johnson, Scott City, Mo., electronic communication device, \$120. Anthony Bruce Seats, Magnolia Springs, Ala., improper turn signal, \$120.

Otto Francis Lewey, Byhalia, Miss., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. James A. Thomas, Calumet Park, improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Robert E. Donelson, Creal Springs, disregard stop sign, \$164. Deleshonte L. Harden, Mounds, registration light, \$164.

Colton L. Casey, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Christian Troy Cole, Jonesboro, disregard stop sign, \$120.

Samuel A. Sands, Tamms, permit unauthorized person to drive, \$120. Cleties P. Ford, Tamms, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Anna L. Glowner, Omaha, Neb., fail to obey stop sign, \$120. Jerald E. Fox, Dongola, permit unauthorized person to drive, \$120.

Property tax

survey available

A Southern Illinois legislator is urging area residents to take an online property tax survey.

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, said in a news release that he knows his constituents are concerned about the high cost of property taxes in the State of Illinois.

The first-term lawmaker is offering his constituents the opportunity to express their opinions on property taxes on an online poll.

The survey can be found online at http://www.il-house.gov/property_tax_survey.

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

Come help John Miller celebrate his retirement from Southern FS after 47 years.
 Join us in the basement of the Farm Bureau office in Jonesboro for lunch on Sept. 25th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox
 Did you know that God named Jesus? He told Joseph by way of an angel. Belief on Jesus' name means you Trust who He is as Savior of your soul.
 Congregational Church of Alto Pass
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
 Book of Revelation

Immanuel Praise & Worship Center
 4290 Old Hwy. 51 N. • Cobden
Chicken & Dumpling Dinner
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
 Serving 4:30-6:30 P.M.
 Carry-out available. Love donations taken at the door.
 To place an order for a whole dessert or to place a to-go order, please call 618-893-4916 and leave a message.

Weather

Area experiences hottest weather of season

The hottest weather of the year was recorded during the past week in the region.

The extreme summer heat came just days before the start of autumn, which begins on Monday, Sept. 23.

High temperatures in the Union County area during the period of Sept. 10-16 generally were in the 90s. The high peaked at 95 degrees on Monday, Sept. 16.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah recorded a high temperature of 97 on Monday. That was the highest temperature of 2019 in Paducah.

“Typically, the hottest

temperature of the summer occurs in July or August. It had never occurred this late in the season before,” the weather service reported on its website.

The previous latest date for such a reading was on Sept. 13, 2008, when the high temperature reached 96. That tied for the warmest reading of the summer season.

The extremely hot weather continued on Tuesday in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service reported that the heat index may have reached near or into triple digits on Tuesday afternoon in the region. Similar readings were possible on Wednesday.

A chance for thunderstorms is in the forecast for Friday and continuing into the upcoming weekend.

The period of Sept. 10-17 was extremely dry in Union County. Only a trace of rain was recorded on Sept. 10.

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

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Tuesday, Sept. 10	92	65
Wednesday, Sept. 11	92	65
Thursday, Sept. 12	93	67
Friday, Sept. 13	90	61
Saturday, Sept. 14	84	60
Sunday, Sept. 15	93	58
Monday, Sept. 16	95	64

Scouts need place to store American flags

Boy Scout Troop 44 is looking for a place to store its American flags.

The flags are displayed in the community on patriotic holidays.

The troop is looking for a new place to store the flags and gear used for the displays.

The flags are on poles which are about 12 feet long.

Those who may have an accessible location where the flags can be stored can contact either Stan Palmer at 618-713-5981 or Tim Casper at 618-697-1788 for more information.

Rock Your School event planned at Lick Creek

Lick Creek Elementary School is planning to participate in the second annual Rock Your School event on Thursday, today.

Rock Your School is hosted by Get Your Teach On, GYTO.

Get Your Teach On is an educational movement which is working to energize the K-8 teaching community.

Educators across the country are invited to participate by creating an outside-the-box educational experience designed to engage their students and bring learning to life in their classrooms.

Participants in Rock Your School can try something new in their curriculum, or challenge themselves and their students in new ways knowing they are not alone, they are joining

a community of teachers world-wide who are all challenging themselves to find new ways to engage their students.

Lick Creek Elementary School plans to have a pirate party, where students in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be allowed to dress like pirates and rotate through educational stations in the gym.

In 2018, thousands of educators from over 1,000 schools participated in Rock Your School.

GYTO received entries from schools in all 50 states, plus entries from Canada, Australia, the Cayman Islands, Honduras, Brazil, Norway and the UAE.

Artists Paul Stanley and Nick Lachey supported Rock Your School, hosted in 2018 at Laurence School in Los Angeles, Calif.

Coach Ron to have book signing at Lick Creek School

A book signing is planned in the Lick Creek School gymnasium from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5.

Coach Ron will have his third book available to the public, with the proceeds from the sale of his book

going to the Lick Creek School Beta Club.

The title of the book is “A Good Foundation and a Fulfilled Life.”

Coach Ron talks about growing up in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s in Southern Illinois and Little Egypt.

“I have been so blessed in my lifetime,” Coach Ron said.

“There have been so many lessons learned and memories I have of growing up in a culture so different than today’s. My first 18 years were on the family farm.

“America has changed since the 1940s and 1950s of my childhood. The book will take you on a journey through my experiences farming, teaching, coaching, serving in the military and my sales career to see how the wisdom of yesterday can benefit us today.

“As I entered my teaching and coaching profession I realized this is where God wanted me.”



New state’s attorney takes office

Daniel Klingemann, right, took the oath of office as Union County’s new state’s attorney on Monday. The oath of office was administered during a ceremony which was held Monday morning, Sept. 16, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The oath of office was administered by Associate Judge Tyler R. Edmonds, left. Edmonds formerly had served as Union County state’s attorney. He resigned from the post in August to accept a judicial appointment.

Klingemann formerly had served as an assistant state’s attorney in Union County. Family, colleagues and friends were in attendance at Monday morning’s ceremony, which was held in Courtroom 1 at the courthouse.

Evening of prayer for schools planned

An evening of prayer for all Union County schools is planned Sunday evening, Sept. 22.

The evening is scheduled to begin in Anna at 5 p.m. as participants gather in the sanctuary at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located on the corner of Jefferson and South streets.

Suggested scriptures and prayer sheets will be distributed.

After a brief time of prayer at the church, volunteers will disperse to

different prayer sites around the county to pray for the 2019-2020 school year.

Organizers anticipate that all Union County schools will be visited by at least one group that will either prayer walk the school’s perimeter or gather in front to pray for safety, wisdom, compassion, integrity, achievement and hope for students, teachers, staff, administration, school board members and parents.

Students and adults are invited to participate in the evening of prayer.

The Family of Walter W. Graham

would like to express their thanks to everyone who kept us in their prayers during his brief illness and now through this time of sorrow. We appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to us over the past few weeks and know Walter will be greatly missed, not only by us, but by the many friends he made over his lifetime. Special thanks to Crain Funeral Homes for putting together a lovely memorial service, Bill Littrell and LaRue Parr for their kind and comforting words, First Christian Church in Anna and Big Creek Baptist Church for preparing a lovely meal following the funeral, the VFW Ritual Team for honoring Walter and his service, and to Hospice of Southern Illinois and the Union County Long Term Care staff for helping make Walter more comfortable in his last few days on earth.

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2019 SPIN Event!

**Wednesday, October 2nd
6-8 P.M. in the Lower Gymnasium**

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank's annual Student-Parent Information Night will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2019. The event is held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

It is open to parents and students (juniors and seniors) from all Union County high schools as well as Century and Egyptian high schools.

Information will be provided about scholarships, financial aid and further education and career opportunities.

High school counselors and representatives of colleges, universities, armed forces and local organizations will participate.

The bank will award scholarships at the event.
For questions, contact Stephanie Cox at (618) 833-4547.

Winners of scholarships at last year's event were Shawn Wells of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Noah Modicue of Century High School, Elizabeth Potter from Cobden High School, Austin Warren from Shawnee High School and Zachary O'Neal from Dongola High School.

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Shawnee Chapter

Ducks Unlimited Kids Day

September 21, 2019

Grassy Lake Hunting Club

8355 IL Rt. 146 in Ware, Illinois

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips and Drinks will be provided.

Featuring . . .

Nathan Shearer with Retriever Training

Colten Penrod from 4P Waterfowl with Duck Banding

Steve Vasicek from IDNR with Hunter Safety

Jared Blessing from Southfork Fire Arms with Gun Safety

Anyone that purchases a ticket to the Shawnee Chapter Ducks Unlimited Banquet at Duck Banding gets a free chance to win a Youth Shotgun!

Shawnee Chapter Ducks Unlimited - For more information, call Pam Needling at 618-697-0617.

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A-J hosts 2019 White Out Game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team hosted its 2019 White Out Game Friday night, Sept. 13, at The Pit. A-J welcomed Massac County for the game. The home team scored a victory over the visitors. The White Out Game helped to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Hadley's Haven. The game was dedicated to Bradley Jones; a game plaque was presented to his family. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

Wildcats post 34-29 win over Massac Friday night

After scoring only two touchdowns in its first two games of the season the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team reached the endzone five times on the way to a 34-29 win over visiting Massac County at The Pit Friday night, Sept. 13.

"Overall, it was a win that we needed," A-J coach Brett Detering said.

The Wildcats wasted little time capitalizing on a Patriot error on its first drive.

After Massac County drove to midfield, A-J's Nate Baggott picked off quarterback Bruce Neill's pass.

Wildcat quarterback Carson Pengress scored on a 5-yard run at the end of a 9-play drive. However, the run for the extra point failed and A-J led 6-0 with 2:20 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Patriots came right back and David Thompson scored on an 11-yard run after a 7-play drive. Jaylon Cruz' extra point kick put Massac County ahead 7-6 with 11:54 remaining in the second quarter.

A-J's Baggott came back to score on a 5-yard run after a 5-play drive. The drive was built around a 48-yard pass from Pengress to Baggott.

Pengress ran in the conversion points and A-J was ahead 14-7 with 9:04 remaining in the first half.

The Patriots fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and A-J's Drake Roach recovered the football.

Nashville, 3-0, set to welcome Wildcats

The Nashville High School football team has built a 3-0 record after a 47-6 win over Wesclin last weekend and is scheduled to host Anna-Jonesboro Friday night, Sept. 20.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

After three non-conference games to open the season, this will be the first Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division match up for the Wildcats.

"Nashville has scored a ton of points," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "They have a lot of offensive weapons."

Detering said the Hornets have scored 177 points this season and have had a running clock in their first three games. The game clock doesn't stop when a team gets 40 points ahead. Quarterbacking the Hor-

Pengress scored again on a 5-yard run after a 4-play drive. Noah Treece didn't get a chance to kick the extra point as the snap sailed over his head. A-J led 20-7 with 6:38 remaining in the first half.

After Eli Pecord recovered another Patriot fumble, A-J was on the move again.

Barry Johnson scored on a 1-yard run after a 5-play drive. Pengress passed to Noah Hobson for the conversion points and A-J led 28-7 with 3:10 remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats moved deep into Patriots' territory and gambled on a fourth and short yardage play that was halted.

"We didn't execute on a fourth down and gave the ball back," Detering said. "We needed to play better defense at the end of the half."

Neill connected then with Devin Scott for a 49-yard TD pass after a 5-play drive. Cruz' extra point kick pulled the Patriots to 28-14 with 26.8 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats' opening drive of the second half was lost on a fumble.

After a 92-yard drive, Thompson scored on an 8-yard run. He ran in the conversion points and the Patriots pulled to 28-22 with 1:56 left in the third quarter.

A-J came right back as Baggott scored on an 11-yard run. He was stopped on the extra point conversion run and the Wildcats

nets this season is junior Cole Malawy. His top receivers downfield are juniors Nick Miller, Jaxon Goforth and Gavin Baldwin.

The top running back threats are junior Luke Ehret and senior Julian Metcalf.

The main offensive linemen are juniors Rhyker Rees, Bryce Middleton and senior Neil Kabat.

Top defenders include Rees at defensive end and Kabat on the line. Twin brothers man the linebackers spots in seniors Jackson Aulds and Justin Aulds.

Detering noted that the Hornets' only regular season loss last season was to the Wildcats.

"I'm sure it's in the back of their minds," Detering said.

The Wildcats, 1-2, enter the game after their first win of the season over Massac County last Friday night.

led 34-22 with 7:37 remaining in the fourth quarter.

After a long pass reception, Neill connected with Scott for 40-yard TD strike. Cruz's extra point kick was good and Massac County closed out the scoring with 6:59 remaining in the game.

"A couple of those long pass plays should have been defended," Detering said. "I wish we would have finished them off sooner. But it makes the game a little more exciting."

The Wildcats' defense went to work in the final minute. Nate Belcher sacked Neill before he was then stopped on a fourth down play with 30 seconds remaining in the game.

"The defense had to make plays then," Detering said. "They were putting pressure on the quarterback."

A-J took over and the Patriots had no more time outs remaining as the game ended.

The Patriots had 213 yards rushing and 110 yards passing.

Pengress led A-J's rushing attack with 167 yards. Baggott had 47 yards rushing, Johnson 38 yards rushing and Belcher 11 yards rushing.

Pengress, who was injured late in the game, was replaced by backup Gavin Osman.

Detering said Pengress has a hamstring injury and he would be checked by a physician this week.

Pengress was 1 for 2 passing for 48 yards.

A-J/Cobden soccer posts win, tie

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden High School boys' co-op soccer team posted a win and a tie in recent action.

A-J/Cobden 8, Harrisburg 2: Nick McGrath scored the game-winning goal to lead the visitors to the win Saturday, Sept. 14.

McGrath had 3 goals and 2 assists in the win.

Ethan Carver, Mateo Vaca Diez, Kyle Hall, Bryce Henry and Romeo Godinez scored a goal apiece.

Beto Vaca Diez, Carlos Valencia and Jacob Schaefer had an assist apiece.

Schaefer played 80 minutes in goal and had 4 saves.

A-J/Cobden 1, Marion 1: Steen Vaca Diez had the lone goal for visiting A-J/Cobden Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Schaefer played 80 minutes in goal and had 8 saves.

A-J/Cobden, 4-2-2, is scheduled to play at home Saturday against Cape Notre Dame.

A-J defeats Massac County

Anna-Jonesboro defeated Massac County 34-29 in Southern Illinois high school football action Friday night, Sept. 13. A-J hosted the game, which was played at The Pit. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Noah Hobson, number 15 in white uniform, tackled a Massac County ball carrier. Also in on the play were A-J's Brandon Wright, number 22; Nate Baggott, number 5; and Drake Roach, number 24.



A-J's defense worked together to stop a Massac County play. Wildcats in the picture included Nate Baggott, number 5; Jacob Doss, number 27; Eli Pecord, number 32; Barry Johnson, number 45; Keegan Keller, number 50; and Josh Davis, number 28.



A-J quarterback Carson Pengress, number 11, looked for some running room.



A-J's Barry Johnson carried the ball.

Union County Country Club hosts Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble

Long drive professional Andrew Herbert to be featured at annual event



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

The Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble is planned Sept. 21 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

This year's scramble will feature long drive entertainment.

The entertainment will be in conjunction with the Lick Creek School Educational Foundation fund

raiser held annually. This will be the ninth year for the golf scramble.

The long drive professional is Andrew Herbert, who grew up in Union County.

A biography of Andrew's professional career is as follows:

The following are his stats: two-time Volvik World Long Drive Championship finalist.

Current world ranking 61.

Longest competition drive: 415 yards (2018 World Long Drive East Coast Classic, Columbia, S.C.)

Longest non-competitive drive: 462 yards (Mountain Ridge Country Club, hole no. 8 West Caldwell, N.J.)

Fastest club head speed: 145 mph.

Fastest ball speed: 213 mph.

Andrew will set up on

hole 18's tee. He needs to be on a long straight par 5.

As the groups come through hole 18 the groups can donate money to the cause and will receive different tiers of benefits depending on the amount they donate.

The higher the donation the better the return on the investment they receive.

A certain amount to get a long drive hit by Andrew (up to four long drives hit per group), a higher amount to have a guaranteed birdie, and an even higher amount to have a guaranteed eagle.

A volunteer will assist with collecting donations and keeping a log of who has donated and the amount donated.

Coach Ron Fulenwider said he is excited about Andrew being a part of the ninth Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Classic and he hopes to see everyone at the event.



A-J girls cross country wins Redbird Invitational

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls cross country team headed to West Frankfort on Thursday, Sept. 12, to compete at the West Frankfort Redbird Invitational. The Lady Wildcats team finished in first with 62 points. A-J was followed by Carterville with 91, Hamilton County with 97 and Nashville with 111 to round out the top four.

From left are A-J cross country team members Sally Sims, Marisol Zamora, Kristin Edmonds, Amiyah Hart, Lily Baker, Olivia Bowen, Julia Hall, Kaylee Stover and Brodie Denny.

The Lady Wildcats seemed to handle the heat pretty well on a sweltering day. The Lady Wildcats were led by Brodie Denny, who finished third with a time of 19:59. Next for the Wildcats was Kristin Edmonds in 8th in 21:59. Edmonds was followed by Amiyah Hart, who had a time of 22:50, which was good for 15th. Julia Hall had a time of 23:09 that put her in 17th place. Lily Baker came in 19th with a time of 23:21. Marisol Zamora came in 34th for A-J with a time of 24:38 followed by Olivia Bowen in 41st in 25:50. Kaylee Stover won the girls open race with a time of 23:10. On the boys side Jayden Perez finished in 15th with a time of 17:47.

The Lady Wildcats are scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at Du Quoin and then head to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville on Saturday. Photo provided.

Nashville defeats A-J in girls' golf

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team lost its first match of the season by a score of 197-223 to Nashville at the Hickory Ridge public golf center in Carbondale on Monday, Sept. 9.

Marlee Smith led A-J with 50, followed by Sydnie Ralls 52, Mary Jane Cavaness 59, Hannah Hileman 62 and Reese Reynolds 63.

The A-J girls defeated Goreville 242-188 at the Lake of Egypt Country Club in Marion on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Ralls led the way with 41, followed by Cavaness 47, Smith 49, Reynolds 51 and Hileman 54.

A-J, 5-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Pinckneyville.

A-J volleyball opens season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School volleyball team posted a 1-5 record to open the season.

Marion 19-25-25; A-J 25-13-23: Hannah DeWitt led the way in the loss with 10 digs for visiting A-J in regular season play Thursday, Sept. 3.

Julia Lasley had 8 digs and assists and 6 kills. Mikayla Bundren had 6 kills. Kaya Coleman had 4 aces.

The Lady Wildcats played in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division Tournament at Carterville Saturday, Aug. 31.

Chester 25-25, A-J 19-17: Jaley Watkins led the way in the loss with 10 digs and a block. Hannah DeWitt had 4 aces. Lasley had 4 kills and Anna Hess had 2 blocks.

Pinckneyville 25-25, A-J 15-21: DeWitt had 10 digs in the loss. Watkins had

3 assists and 3 kills. Addison Denny had 3 assists.

Murphysboro 25-25, A-J 13-23: DeWitt and Lasley had 8 digs apiece in the loss. Watkins had 3 assists. Kaya Coleman and Denny had 2 blocks apiece.

Herrin 25-25, A-J 17-16: DeWitt had 8 digs in the loss. Bundren had 7 digs. Watkins had 3 assists and Coleman 3 blocks. DeWitt and Lasley had an ace apiece.

A-J 25-25, Cobden 17-22: Watkins led the way in the regular season game for the visitors with 10 assists and 2 aces on Thursday, Aug. 29.

Bundren had 7 kills. DeWitt had 6 digs and Coleman had 4 blocks. Lasley had 3 kills and Watkins had 2 aces and 2 blocks.

A-J is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Carterville.



Anna wins conference tournament title

The Anna Junior High School baseball team won a Southern Illini Conference tournament title by edging Jonesboro 5-4 last Saturday in Vienna. The game was tied at 4-4 when Anna's Daylon Butler hit a walk-off double in the bottom half of the 7th inning. Anna advanced to the title game with a 16-0 win over Egyptian earlier in the day. Anna team members are, in the first row, from left, Rylan Frazier, Drew Sadler, Noah Chotner, Tanner Powell and Brian Wright. In the second row are head coach Justin Richardson, Jeffery Campbell, Tag Hodges, Daylon Butler, Cameron Sperry, Drew Page, Nick Hannan, Drake Hartline, Clayton Barnhart and assistant coach Aaron Robertson. Photo provided.

Schaefer fans 16 in Shawnee win over Herrin

Ryan Schaefer tossed a one-hitter to lead host Shawnee to a 7-2 win over Agape of Herrin in high school baseball Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Schaefer recorded 16 strikeouts and didn't allow a walk.

Caleb Nicholson was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs to lead Shawnee in hitting.

Schaefer was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Kaden Baltzell was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Kolby McLane and Braeden Freeman were each 1-for-3.

A-J boys' golf team wins match

Luke Lasley had a 32 to lead the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team to a three-team match win at the Red Hawk Country Club course in Pinckneyville Wednesday, Sept. 11.

A-J won with a score of 162. Herrin finished second with 164 and Pinckneyville was third with 194.

Peter Hauser was next for the Wildcats with 36, followed by Ayden Bailey 45, Hayden Ralls 49 and Dylan Holderfield and Kamden Richardson 52 apiece.

A-J, 6-2, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Pinckneyville.

Anna, Jonesboro, Lick Creek cross country teams in action



Jonesboro cross country team

Jonesboro cross country team members are, from left, Reagan Jones, Briana Hileman, Kinley Leek, Zoe Jones, Kenzie Miller and Reese Jones. Photo provided.

Anna, Jonesboro and Lick Creek cross country teams made the two hour bus ride to Smithton to compete at the Smithton Invitational on Saturday. The local teams competed against some very talented Metro East schools.

The Jonesboro Lady Bulldogs were able to outpace the entire field with a score of 56 points.

Jonesboro was followed by Smithton with 73, Mascoutah with 120 and Lick Creek in 4th with 122.

Jonesboro was led by Zoe Jones, who finished the 1.89-mile course in 4th place with a time of 13:12.

She was followed by little sister Raegan Jones, who came in 5th with a time

of 13:15. Briana Hileman was next for the Lady Bulldogs in 12th with a time of 13:37.

Hileman was followed by Reese Jones in 20th with a time of 14:05.

Next for the Bulldogs was Kenzie Miller in 23rd with a time of 14:07. Kinley Leek came in 35th with a time of 14:32.

This was the second meet win for the Lady Bulldogs this season.

"These kids have grasped this sport in the first year of competition. They work really hard and very seldom do any of them miss practice, and it is starting to show," coach Matt Denny stated.

Jonesboro doesn't have any 8th graders on their team so the future looks as

good as the present, he said.

The Lick Creek girls finished in 4th place with a very young team as well.

The Lady Eagles were led by 5th grader Jady Gerardi, who stayed undefeated on the year at 4-0. She finished the race in 1st place with a time of 12:25.

Next for the Eagles was Lydia Jerrels in 14th, followed by Kylee Myers in 22nd.

Meranda Wright was 39th followed by 3rd grader Lilliah Hoehner who rounded out the scoring in 46th place. Mya Clutts came in 49th for the Lady Eagles.

On the boys' side, Zach Henry from Anna came in 10th.

The teams head to Du Quoin on Thursday, today.

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs. Jeffrey Gipson; Anna Hospital Corporation d/b/a Union County Hospital; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS 2016-CH-16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 05/17/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on October 16, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 05-20-03-541
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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-04226. I3130363 38-40g

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

Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Melissa Johnson; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH7

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3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 1675 Bell Hill Road, Cobden. Friday, September 20, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, September 21, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, September 21, 7 a.m. to ??? 205 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro. Tons of men's & women's clothing (regular-plus), several name brands, selling out of posh online store; shoes, primitive queen-size headboard and bedside tables, movies, electronics, home decor & lots of misc. Too much to mention!

YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 20 & 21. Lots of stuff including baby & kids clothing, pots & pans, lots of misc. 206 & 208 Oak Street, Cobden.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE:

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There will be a meeting held on September 23, 2019, at 6 p.m. to discuss the church and property. Meeting will be held at the church.

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC PLAINTIFF Vs. Jeffrey Gipson; Anna Hospital Corporation d/b/a Union County Hospital; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS 2016-CH-16

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TRACT 1: A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF GREEN STREET IN SAID CITY OF ANNA, 25 FEET SOUTH OF A POINT WHERE THE EAST LINE OF GREEN STREET INTERSECTS THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 20; RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH LINE IN SECTION 20, 132 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND PARALLEL WITH GREEN STREET, 66 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 20, TO THE EAST LINE OF GREEN STREET, THENCE

NORTH 66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 2: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE NORTH 90 Degrees 00' EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 31.56 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 90 Degrees 00' EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN ALLEY THENCE SOUTH 0 Degrees 06' EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 90.23 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 18 IN LEWIS 3RD ADDITION, THENCE SOUTH 89 Degrees 49' WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 18 A DISTANCE OF 18.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 Degrees 06' WEST A DISTANCE OF 65.23 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 Degrees 00' WEST A DISTANCE OF 132.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET; THENCE NORTH 0 Degrees 06' WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PIN 05-20-03-541
Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

710 N Green Street
Anna, IL 62906

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

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

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

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

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-04226. I3130363 38-40g

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

Quicken Loans Inc. PLAINTIFF Vs. Melissa Johnson; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH7

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 06/07/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on October 16, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 4 IN LEWIS' SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN BOOK II OF PLATS AT PAGE 22 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-00-09-136 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

107 W Lewis St Anna, IL 62906 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-01808. I3130365 38-40g

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

THERESA KABAT and KENNY KABAT, Petitioners, vs. CHELSIE LEA BOYD, MOHAMMAD DALILIAN, and RYAN THOMPSON, Respondents, and IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: CYRUS MEHRZAD BOYD and WYATT JAMES BOYD, Male Children. No. 2019-AD-2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Mohammad Dalilian, that a Petition to Adopt Related Child has been commenced in this Court against you asking for a Decree of Adoption and for other relief. Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before October 15, 2019, a Degree of Adoption by Default may be taken against you for the relief asked in the Petition.

Witness: September 6, 2019

Tiffany Busby Clerk of the Circuit Court 39-41g

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 4th day of September, 2019, under the Assumed Name of Unchained Ministry with the place of business located at 101 Springfield Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Clyde Dwane Sims Jr. 501 E. Market Street Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 39-41g

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

ESTATE OF: KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, Deceased, NO: 19-P-18

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Kathryn

Louise Fox. Letters of Office were issued to Charles G. Hewitt, whose address is 310 Wilson, Anna, IL 62906, as Administrator, whose attorney of record is Bradley P. Olson, 101 E. DeYoung Street, Marion, IL 62959. (The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILES 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk). Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Administrator, or both, on or before March 12, 2020, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Administrator is required by 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Bradley P. Olson, Attorney at Law

Bradley P. Olson Attorney at Law 101 E. DeYoung Marion, IL 62959 Tele: (618)-997-5262 Email: bradolson@bradolsonlaw.com 39-41g

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of: Jamie Lynn Kelley 2019-MR-100

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Jamie Lynn Kelley to the new name of: Jamie Lynn Faulkner.

The court date will be held: on October 22, 2019, at 10 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Jamie Lynn Kelley 39-41g

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

ESTATE OF PATSY JEAN CHILDERS, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2019-P-29

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Patsy Jean Childers of 2005 Kimber Road, Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 30, 2019, to Leo Childers, 2005 Kimber Road, Dongola, IL 62926, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of

the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 12, 2020, 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 30, 2019.

LEO CHILDERS

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 I FILED September 5, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION D/B/A UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL; GAYNES W. PECORD; OCCUPANT; SANDY PECORD; RANDY ECHOLS; JACOB PECORD; THE FIRST STATE BANK OF DONGOLA; 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 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24), TOWNSHIP THIRTEEN (13) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 450 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED QUARTER QUARTER AND CONTINUING EAST ON THE SAME LINE A DISTANCE OF 118 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 260 FEET (MORE OR LESS) TO THE NORTHEAST LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE BLACK TOP ROAD FROM DONGOLA TO ST. JOHN'S; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ON SAID ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYLINE A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 260 FEET (MORE OR LESS) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 06-24-04-702

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire January 6, 2020.

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 J FILED September 5, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; CHARLES E. DIRDEN; WILLIAM BALLARD, JR.;

OCCUPANT; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; PRESTON A. DALLAS; 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:

ALL OF THE SOUTH FIFTY (50) FEET OF LOT NUMBERED EIGHT (8), IN DANIEL SIFFORD'S HEIRS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, IN THE STATE OF ILLIOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-09-389

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire January 6, 2020.

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 K FILED September 5, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; LUZ CARMONA; OCCUPANT; MARIA GUADALUPE ZAMORA GODINEZ; 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:

Lots Number 1 and 2 in Charles Durall's First Addition to the Village of Cobden, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Also a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian, situated in the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot Number 1 in Charles Durall's First Addition to the Village of Cobden; thence South 84 degrees West, 56 feet; thence South 40 degrees East 116 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Number 2 of said Addition; thence North 11 degrees West 100 feet to the place of beginning, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-277

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire January 6, 2020.

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 L FILED September 5, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; SHELBA L. REED; UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL; OCCUPANT; CLYDE W. REED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF CLYDE W. REED AND SHELBA L. REED; 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 15 IN CHERRY HILL ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-307-A15

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire January 6, 2020.

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 M FILED September 5, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; DEWEY REX GOFORTH; CHERYL R. GOFORTH; SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION; RUSSELL R. RHODES; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL; U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL-SOUTHERN DISTRICT; 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 NUMBER EIGHT (8) IN WOODBURY ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAT RECORD 5, PAGE 141, AND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-316

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire January 6, 2020.

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

TAX DEED NO. 2017TX1 N FILED September 6, 2019

TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION; JOSEPH ALLEN FLICK; RACHEL NICOLE FLICK; OCCUPANT; EMILY FLICK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.; UNION COUNTY TREASURER; 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:

General Description: Situated in and a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township Eleven (11) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.

Detailed Description: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township Eleven (11) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian; thence South 0 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East along the West line of said Section Thirty-Two (32) a distance of 857.20 feet; thence North 86 deg. 45 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 115.81 feet; thence North 4 deg. 27 min. 54 sec. East a distance of 241.37 feet; thence South 87 deg. 15 min. 56 sec. East a distance of 204.12 feet to the center of the Creek; thence North 13 deg. 09 min. 31 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 103.45 feet; thence North 49 deg. 26 min. 32 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 51.04 feet; thence North 10 deg. 03 min. 26 sec. East along the center of the Creek a distance of 73.85 feet; thence North 0 deg. 42 min. 35 sec. East along the center of the Creek a distance of 52.87 feet; thence North 20 deg. 08 min. 10 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 47.53 feet; thence North 74 deg. 04 min. 13 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 27.35 feet; thence North 57 deg. 18 min. 02 sec. West along the center of the

Creek a distance of 37.21 feet; thence North 11 deg. 47 min. 12 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 77.56 feet; thence North 19 deg. 39 min. 09 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 70.98 feet; thence North 37 deg. 57 min. 18 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 55.38 feet; thence North 22 deg. 40 min. 21 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 100.43 feet; thence North 57 deg. 02 min. 45 sec. West along the center of the Creek a distance of 16.24 feet to the North line of said Section Thirty-Two (32) thence North 89 deg. 57 min. 33 sec. West along the said North line a distance of 89.48 feet to the point of beginning; the tract containing 3.98 acres, more or less. Also including a strip of land 20.00 feet of equal width running North and South along the East side of the West line of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township Eleven (11) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian commencing at the County Road thence running North to the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of this section. This roadway to be and run with existing Roadway presently in use and will be the purpose of ingress and egress to the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of this Section, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Property Index Number 04-32-02-824

On January 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.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 8, 2017 for general taxes of the year 2015. The period of redemption will expire

January 6, 2020.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,
Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 457-4586
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY—
JONESBORO,
ILLINOIS**

**U.S. Bank National
Association
Plaintiff,
vs.
Jonathan David Plemon
aka Jonathan D. Plemon
aka Jonathan Plemon;
Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants
Defendants.
CASE NO. 19 CH 22**

**1610 Body Barn Road
Anna, Illinois 62906**

**NOTICE FOR
PUBLICATION**

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Jonathan David Plemon aka Jonathan D. Plemon aka Jonathan Plemon, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH,

RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S.00°18'58" E., 1128.98 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO A COTTON GIN SPINDLE SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CALLS: THENCE S.89° 43' 02" W., 290.22 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 12.00 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N. 00°15' 36" W., 1140.51 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S. 88°00' 02" E., 290.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 7.554 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3536, DATED 9/24/2009. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING BODY BARN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE, ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AND RECORDED DECEMBER 2, 2009 IN RECORD BOOK 324, PAGE 385, AS DOC. NO. 2932, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 636, MADE BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY-IL PROFES-

SIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3536, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
P.I.N.: 06-10-04-441

Said property is commonly known as 1610 Body Barn Road, Anna, Illinois 62906, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Jonathan D. Plemon and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 2009R3099 book 325 page 226-235 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Union County on or before October 21, 2019, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE ABOVE OR YOUR RIGHT TO MEDIATION WILL TERMINATE.

This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Steven C. Lindberg
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THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 40-42g

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Rural Health Inc. project

Work was underway last week to remove three houses along North Main Street in Anna. The houses were being removed as part of a project to create a new entrance for Rural Health Inc., which is located on grounds near North Main Street and adjacent to Union County Hospital. The work was being done by S.M. Burkey Construction of Murphysboro.



Ham radio event

The work done by ham radio operators was highlighted during an event held last Saturday in Jonesboro. The event was in the lower parking lot at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro and was presented by the Union County Amateur Radio Club and the Emergency Management Operations Center.

Lady Luck in Anna combines salon services with video gaming, more

The Union County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting event to commemorate the grand opening celebration of the Lady Luck Salon in Anna.

Lady Luck offers tanning beds and massage options, including shiatsu massage chairs and dry hydrotherapy massage beds.

Memberships costs \$20 a month for unlimited use of the massage and tanning equipment, with single 15-minute sessions also available for purchase.

A unique feature of the salon is its private gaming room with a number of gaming machines available. Lady Luck also serves canned beverages, including beer.

Manager Lisa Yates said another thing which sets the Lady Luck Salon apart are the hours.

"Every other tanning place closes at five or six and isn't open on Sundays," says Yates, "so we are really able to work around people's busy schedules."

Lady Luck is open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday and 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Sundays.

Lady Luck is offering

the first massage or tan session for free for new customers. Also, for signing up for a new membership, customers will receive a gift certificate for a free appetizer at the Blue Fish Café in Dongola.

In addition, Lady Luck is currently looking to hire a hair stylist and a massage therapist in order to

expand the services they offer. Qualified applicants can call 618-833-9833 or stop by the salon for more information.

The Lady Luck Salon can be found at 125 Leigh Ave. in Anna. For more information, you can find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/Lady-Luck-Salon-847132528986793](https://www.facebook.com/Lady-Luck-Salon-847132528986793).



Ribbon cutting

Manager Lisa Yates cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the Lady Luck Salon. The ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce. The Lady Luck Salon offers a variety of tanning and massage options, as well as a private gaming room with alcohol for sale. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Obituaries

Leonard Leon Cooley

Leonard Leon Cooley, 93, of Anna, died at 12:24 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on June 6, 1926, in Johnson County, the son of Leonard and Marie Hines Cooley.

He married Mary Nadine Parr on Aug. 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on August 14, 1982.

For over 50 years, Mr. Cooley was known as one of the most prominent painters in and around the Union County area. He was a painting contractor and started Cooley Painting in 1955. His son, Terry started in the business in 1968 and continued until 2014. He was a member and business representative for the Painters Local 141.

He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant and was a World War II veteran.

He had a huge heart for his family, especially his grandson and great-grandsons and friends. He loved helping and giving to others, never expecting anything in return.

Besides painting, he also loved fishing, woodworking and had a passion for fixing up old cars to re-sell.

Mr. Cooley was a member of the First Baptist Church and Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455.

Survivors include his son, Terry (Brenda Sue) Cooley of Anna; a granddaughter-in-law, Wendy Cooley of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; great-grandsons Kyle Cooley and Tyler Cooley, both of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; sisters Marceline (the Rev. Bill) Bohannon of Wood River, Venita Brafford of Herrin and Janelle (Lynn) Eudy of Jonesboro; a brother, Earl Cooley of Dongola; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Kevin Cooley; brothers Vurl Deleen Cooley, Lowell Cooley, Larry Cooley and Richard Cooley; and a sister, Loretta Evins.

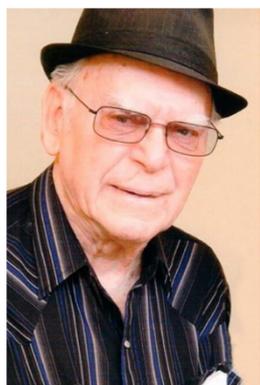
Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Pastor Steve Guined officiating.

Interment followed in the Anna City Cemetery, with military honors accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and the Illinois National Guard.

Memorials can be made to the Connect Point food pantry.

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

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



Marge Parker

Marge Parker, 82, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Grand Tower, died at 7:41 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, at Life Care Center of Cape.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1936, in Gorham, the daughter of Charles and Mary Lindsey Qualls.

She was married on April 22, 1952, to Bill Parker. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 1995.

She loved the Lord and was a member of East Cape Baptist Church. She worked as a cake decorator at Schnucks in Cape Girardeau for 22 years.

Survivors include her son, Roger (Denise) Parker of Newport News, Va.; a sister, Betty Glodo of East Cape Girardeau; a daughter-in-law, Karen Holloway of Scott City, Mo.; five grandchildren, Lindsey, Dustin, Michelle, Stephen, and Daniel; 12 great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Parker, on July 16, 1982; a daughter Elise Michelle Parker, on March 24, 1961; two brothers, Bill and Don Qualls; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Crain Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau. The Rev. Bruce Clubb officiated, with remembrances by family and friends. Music was by Marge Parker. Inurnment was Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower.

Memorials can be made to East Cape Baptist Church. Crain Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home

Darlene Magee

Darlene Magee, 62, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2019, at her home.

She was born on June 29, 1957, in Anna, the daughter of Paul Leo and Wilma Irvin Boshera.

She married Clarence Albert Magee on Dec. 3, 1987. He preceded her in death on May 15, 2010.

She is survived by her children, Laurie (Johnny) Pendely of Cherry Valley, Ark., and James (Kim) Magee of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one on the way; a sister-in-law, Barbara (James) Duckworth; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother.

There are no services scheduled at this time. 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.

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



Jack Etherton

Jack Etherton, 84, of Anna, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, at his home in Anna.

He was born on June 26, 1935, in Alto Pass, the son of William Dwayne and Lawanda Minton Etherton.

He married Patsy Bonita Barnhart on Feb. 14, 1964.

He was an excellent craftsman when it came to working with his hands. He was an award-winning taxidermist for over 60 years and in later years did wood carving, gifting much of his work. He was also a hunter and fisherman and later became a conservationist.

In his spare time he tended to his vegetable garden and showed at the fair. Jack raised emus, quail, rabbits and pigeons.

He also had a love for sports. In his youth he played basketball for the Alto Apaches and in later years followed many A-J sports.

He is survived by his son, David Etherton of Anna; daughters Jackie Etherton of Anna, Holly Lacey of Olive Branch and Becky (Steve) Fornear; grandchildren Marcus Etherton, Michael (Jessi) Rogers, Nicholas (Espy) Lacey and Davie (Debra) Lacey; great-grandchildren Christian, Averie, Annabella, Cheyenne and Henley; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. Etherton was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy, and by a brother, Paul Etherton.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Greg Etherton officiating.

Friends and family can gather from noon until the time of the service.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses.

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

Crain Funeral Home

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



Margaret Louise Lingle

Margaret Louise Lingle, 95, of Spring, Texas, and formerly of Anna, died on Sept. 13, 2019, at her home.

She was born on July 20, 1924, in Mill Creek, the daughter of Charles and Beulah Clutts Goodman.

She married Weldon C. Lingle on May 5, 1951. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2013.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce (Marla) Lingle of Spring, Texas, and Gary (Colleen) Lingle of Sugar Land, Texas; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Weldon Lingle.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, Sept. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

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

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

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



Revis Brown

Revis Brown, 93, of Anna, died Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on April 5, 1926, the son of Fred and Agnes Brown.

He married Mary Basler on Dec. 20, 1958.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, Mary Brown of Anna; a sister, Barbara Lair of Jonesboro; and a sister-in-law, Shelby Brown of Jonesboro. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Gail "Butch" Brown.

Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was wounded in action at Iwo Jima. He later reenlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then worked as a mapper for the U.S. Geological Society.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16, at the Mound City National Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Post No. 178 ritual team and the Marine Corps funeral honor detail.

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

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



Paul William Schmidt

Paul William Schmidt, the son of Bernice Spies-Schmidt and Wilbert "Smitty" Schmidt, was born on Jan. 2, 1941, and died at the age of 78 on Sept. 13, 2019, at Union County Hospital Nursing Home in Anna, Illinois after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Mr. Schmidt is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy Jo Carrington-Schmidt of Dongola; a son John P. Schmidt (Rhonda) of Jonesboro; three grandsons, Aaron (Mindy), Jared and Daniel Schmidt; and three great-grandchildren, Autumn, Michael and Oliver Schmidt.

Six of his nine siblings preceded him in death, while two brothers, Bill (Coette) of Redwood City, Calif., and David (Diane) Schmidt of Metamora, survive.

He competed and won second place at the 1958 Indiana Division AA high school state wrestling championship in the 145-pound weight class.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He completed his Certified Public Accountant license in 1979. He was a Partner in Charge with Kemper CPA Group in Carbondale and Anna until his retirement in 2003.

Paul and Nancy formed Share and Care in 1978 as a local ministry to provide assistance for the residents of Southern Illinois.

He served on the Dongola Unit School Board for a number of years.

Paul and Nancy lived on their farm in Dongola since 1976, when they moved from Highland, Ind. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran and Dongola First Baptist Churches.

Funeral services were at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6 miles south of Jonesboro, with the Rev. Nancy Jo Carrington-Schmidt and the Rev. Timothy Heinecke officiating.

Memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choosing.

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

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



Edward Earl Shelby

Edward Earl Shelby, 83, of Anna, died on Sept. 15, 2019, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He born on Aug. 22, 1936, in Harrisburg, the son of Garland and Mary Ferrell Shelby. He married Patsy McCall on July 7, 1989.

Mr. Shelby is survived by his children, Bruce (Donna) Shelby of Warren, Mich., and Brenda (Steve) Hoyle of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; stepchildren Phillip Osman of Cypress, David (Karla) Osman of Anna, Daniel (Regina) Osman of Anna, Patricia (Steve) Schnitzer of Lakeworth, Fla., Alesia (Rodger) Patterson of Dongola and Kim (Chuck) Conway of Jonesboro; grandchildren Kelsey (Dave) Allen, Daniel Hoyle, Patrick Shelby, and Shannon (Jackie) Shelby; 13 step-grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; 19 step-great-grandchildren; his twin brother, Jack (Avah) Shelby of Carbondale; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Shelby was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. He enjoyed singing and worshipping with his church family. His hobby was acting and he enjoyed being involved in theater productions.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Phil Nelson officiating. Interment will be in the Meisenheimer-Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Friends can call from 9 a.m. until the service hour at 11 a.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

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



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Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes

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

Cobden baseball goes 2-1 in recent action

The Cobden High School baseball team was 2-1 in last week's action.

Cobden 13, Shawnee 3: Landon Britt was 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden to the win Friday, Sept. 13.

Noah Franklin and Ryan Barr were each 2-for-4 with an RBI apiece for the Appleknockers. Tyler Franklin and John Fuhrhop were both 1-for-2 with an RBI apiece. Josh Burgess was 1-for-2. Dylan Lewey was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Brock Reynolds was 1-for-4.

Braden Freeman was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs to lead Shawnee. Devin Clendenin was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Koby McLane and Ryan Schaefer were each 1-for-3.

Alex Remsey and Ryan Barr pitched for Cobden. Remsey pitched 5 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with 2 walks and 11 strikeouts. Barr pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with no walks and a strikeout.

Caleb Nicholson pitched 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 2 strikeouts for Shawnee. McLane pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts. Freeman pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden 19, Meridian 0:

Remsey was 3-for-3 with 4 RBIs to lead host Cobden to the win Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Burgess was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Britt was 2-for-2 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Reynolds was 2-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Fuhrhop was 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Barr was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Tyler Franklin was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

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

Egyptian 8, Cobden 2: Burgess was 2-for-3 to lead host Cobden in the loss Monday, Sept. 9.

Britt was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Barr was 1-for-3.

Remsey, Noah Franklin, Burgess and Britt pitched in the loss and combined on 6 hits to go with 8 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 3-3, is scheduled to play Saturday in a doubleheader showcase tournament at North Clay in Louisville. The Appleknockers are scheduled to play Tee-Town at 1 p.m. and South Central at 3 p.m.

Shawnee, 1-3, is scheduled to play in a round-robin tournament Saturday at Century.



Memorial dedication planned at Shawnee

The Shawnee School District is planning a special dedication ceremony to commemorate the installation of the Shawnee Veterans Wall Memorial on its campus in Wolf Lake. The dedication is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8, to coincide with the school's Veterans Day program.

The memorial features five stone slabs on which are engraved more than 1,000 names of veterans affiliated with the Shawnee School District. A center slab features the symbols of the branches of the U.S. military and an American flag and eagle designed by Shawnee art teacher Lea Heller. The school has plans to install a flag pole to be part of the memorial in the near future.

According to a post on the school's social media, additional names will be added once a year. Forms to submit a veteran's name can be found on the school's Facebook page. The monument was installed by Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Homes and paid for by donations from the community. Photo provided.

SIU Board launches search for Carbondale chancellor

Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees chair J. Phil Gilbert has announced the launch of a search for a new chancellor for the Carbondale campus.

The timing of the chancellor search aligns with the current search for a system president.

Gilbert, speaking at the SIU Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, Sept. 12, noted that a new president should be in place in time to interview candidates and recommend

the appointment of a new chancellor.

He said the goal is to appoint a Carbondale chancellor in about six months.

The system office will move forward immediately to establish an advisory search committee according to guidelines established by the board.

Marc Morris, interim director of the SIU School of Accountancy, has agreed to chair the committee. Membership will reflect the university's many constituencies.

Current interim chancellor John M. Dunn said he welcomes the search.

"This is a great campus that deserves a permanent chancellor to guide it into the future," he said.

"We'll continue to move forward until the next chancellor is appointed. I continue to appreciate the commitment of our faculty and staff. We have momentum thanks to their commitment and hard work."

News from Union County Country Club, Anna

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

Tuesday Seniors
1st: Al Joiner, Greg Lence, Cory Miller.

2nd: Duane Bierstedt, Jim Honey, Jim Thompson, Joe Wendling.

3rd: Mike Fitzgerald, Danny Osman, Chris Whitaker.

Wednesday Ladies
1st: Sheleigh Belongi, Kelli Clutts, Michelle Hoffman.

2nd: Sally Dumas, Sherry Jenkins, Debbie Morrissey, Linda Thompson.

3rd: Jeannie Hill, Janice Johnson, LaDonna Stoelzle.

Men's Wednesday Night Scramble

1st: Eric Hoffman, Blake Miller, Lonnie Rogers, Chris Whitaker.

2nd: Brent Goforth, Cory Miller, Doug Schluter, Jim Thompson.

3rd: Kevin Conroy, Steve Hoffman, Dan Smith, Mark Willmann.



Golfer records hole-in-one

Debbie Morrissey of Anna recorded a hole-in-one on Friday, Sept. 13, while playing golf at the Union County Country Club in Anna. She aced the par 3 number 15 hole, playing 104 yards with a pitching wedge. The shot was witnessed by Ken Morrissey. Photo provided.

Shawnee Community College hosts Saints Challenge Golf Tournament



Winning players

From left are coach John Sparks, Rick Davidson, Ben Girtman, Stephen Grimes and Landon Bremer. Shawnee Community College photo.

Shawnee Community College hosted the annual Saints Challenge Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 6, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Stephen Grimes, Ben Girtman, Landon Bremer and Rick Davidson won this year's overall tournament and traveling trophy with a team score of 59.

The tournament gave local business leaders and community members an opportunity to partner with Shawnee Community College.

They also were given a chance to show support for the college's student athletes, who were on hand to serve as hosts for the event.

The college voiced appreciation to all of the tournament's participants and hole sponsors. Without their contributions, the event would not have been possible.

The college noted that sponsors included Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, Insurance Benefits, Union County Hospital, Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, Patrick Windhost.

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Wildcat breakfast

Volunteers from the United Methodist Church in Anna prepared and served breakfast Friday morning, Sept. 13, for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcat football players, coaches and cheerleaders. The volunteers who prepared and served the breakfast included Billie Henderson, Terry Henderson, Angela Lehman, Wanda Spurlock, Lynn Steveson, Amber Belcher, Sean Belcher, Emily Belcher and Shooter Belcher.



A-JCHS students visit McKendree, SIUE

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School counselors Natalie Miller and Lyndsey Walls recently took a group of 40 students to visit McKendree University in Lebanon and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Students experienced admissions presentations and went on tours at both universities. The students from Union County also had opportunities to meet A-JCHS alums on both campuses. Photo provided.



Jonesboro employee honored

As of April, Mike Ellis had been an employee of the City of Jonesboro for 30 years. A ham dinner was served recently at Jonesboro City Hall. Ellis, left, was congratulated by Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford for his special achievement. Photo provided.

A-J works to help students cope with adverse experiences

By Scott Finders
As it continues to look for ways to create a welcoming and safe environment where students can reach their full potential, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has held two professional development seminars on trauma-informed practices for its faculty and staff.

ly, we learned that there are some significant findings regarding the impact of these experiences on students, even into their adulthood. The more ACEs a child experiences, the more likely he or she is to suffer from things like heart disease and diabetes, poor academic achievement, and substance abuse later in life.

a MEd in trauma informed practices in the educational setting. Neely spent time working with faculty on strategies and interventions for the classroom. She also discussed how social emotional learning along with trauma-informed practices can work in conjunction to help all students.

really gained a lot from it, and I think others did, too.” We now know that we must do all we can to provide a nurturing, safe and stable environment. We hope we can help our students learn to cope with adversity, something addressed through our social emotional learning curriculum.

Research shows that ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) often have a long-term impact on students and their ability to thrive in school. However, there are practices that schools can implement to help students cope and give them a better opportunity at a positive school experience.

While this information is serious and sobering, the good news is that the damage doesn't have to be irreparable. Severe or frequent exposure to these types of stress can have a “toxic” effect on the body and brain of a student.

Reviews and evaluations of the training were very positive and indicated that those in attendance had some new ideas they could implement in their classrooms this year. “As we move towards becoming a trauma responsive school, it is clear our teachers and faculty are already doing so many things to develop positive relationships with the students we serve, Lyndsey Walls said.

With a caring and nurturing environment, we hope to assist students with the resilience to help minimize the effect of ACEs. (Scott Finders is director of curriculum and instruction at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.)

The research also indicates that the steps a school takes to help students who have experienced trauma can end up benefiting all students.

But these intense or longer lasting stressors can be tolerable if the student has support systems in their lives to help them cope. We were shown how to create a school climate that would be sensitive to students with this type of background.

School nurse Brooke Frank said that she really valued Mrs. Neely's presentation, adding: “From a medical/nursing standpoint, it was fascinating to be reminded that the components of our brains are somewhat determined by our childhood experiences and environment (things we witnessed growing up, basic needs that were met or unmet, situations we were in, etc.)”

“It's important to be aware of this and to also know that regardless of their home life, every student comes to school with their own set of stressors. It's my job as a school nurse to understand this so that I can holistically support students' physical, mental, and emotional health,” said Frank.

Last November, A-J hosted Jackie Hodge and Kelly Holland for an afternoon of professional development titled “Understanding ACEs & Moving Forward.” Jackie Hodge is a resource specialist for Massac County Schools who has presented for the Illinois Education Association's Resilient Southern Illinois initiative.

Often, just one positive relationship with a supportive adult can help turn things around for a student who has been impacted by ACEs. When the faculty was asked about needs for professional development for the current school year, several responded that they would like to go more in-depth on specific things we could implement to affect our climate and culture positively.

Spanish teacher Grace Darmour-Paul stated, “The curriculum set up for Spanish 1 (and adapted for all levels) is really aligned with trauma informed practices. We do a ‘Card Talk’...in the first two to three weeks of school, so that is really trying to help us establish commonalities, realize we aren't that different from one another, and establish a strong class community bond. And all of this is directly in the curriculum.”

A-JCHS improvements highlighted

A number of renovations were made over the summer on the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School campus.

The A-JCHS library received several new upgrades and cosmetic improvements, including new bookshelves, a new study area and new paint for the walls. This was phase one of a two-year project to help improve the library.

The renovations were made possible by a grant from the Illinois Heartland Library System. Phase two of the project will include replacing the bookshelves along the walls and new tables and chairs with dry erase board tabletops.

Major upgrades also were done in the lower gymnasium at the school, including the installation of a new gym floor. The gym also features a new hoist system to raise and store wrestling mats. The school plans to replace the mats on the walls of both sides of the court in the near future.

Kelly Holland is a reading interventionist for the Marion School District. We learned that ACEs include things like physical and emotional abuse, neglect, caregiver mental illness and household violence.

In addition, A-J's school counselors, Natalie Miller and Lyndsey Walls, made one of their goals for the school year to put into practice lessons they had learned regarding trauma-informed practices.

To this end, Gail Neely, a behavioral strategist for Springfield School District 186, gave a presentation to A-J faculty and staff on Wednesday, Aug. 14, about the concept of ACEs and the effects they have on behavior and learning. Neely has



New bookshelves were among the improvements in the school library.

Perhaps more important-

Funds awarded to combat opioid epidemic

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, has awarded Illinois a total of \$37,906,897 to combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

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

The State of Illinois will receive \$28,989,372 in funding through the State Opioid Response Grant Program.



A new floor was installed in the school's lower gymnasium.

The City of Chicago's Department of Public Health will receive \$3,301,970 and the Illinois Department of Public Health will receive \$5,615,555 in funding through the CDC Overdose Data to Action Funding Program.

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PAST Parlor Talk Sept. 15

Ebenezer United Methodist Church: A church with many names, one faith

A little church with names and one faith: a brief history of Ebenezer United Methodist Church was presented by Jane Aldridge Bauer at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro on Sunday, Sept. 15.

The little white framed church a few miles southeast of Jonesboro "in a beautiful quiet place amongst a grove of trees" is described in a centennial folder.

The congregation celebrated 100 years 1882-1982, but its storied past goes back to 1865 and perhaps earlier.

Regular services ceased in 1999 and now the building is owned by the Ebenezer Cemetery Board and is open only for special occasions.

The church was first named German Evangelical Ebenezer Church. It was named Ebenezer (a reference to a place of divine assistance marked in the Old Testament) by early settlers who emigrated from Austria and Germany in the 1850s and 1860s. Those early emigrants came to the United States for freedom of worship, to escape oppression of the old world rulers, and to find a new home.

It is said that as soon as they found their new land, the people made plans to build a place of worship.

A church history says that the immediate need for worship was met by having Christian services and group prayer meetings in a cottage or home.

Some names of founding families are Mayer, Hohenberger, Theiss, Khron, Krouse, Drexler, Bartruff, Bauer, Huelson, Duerkeimer and others.

A Kohler family history includes Ebenezer Church family names: Peters, Rudert, Saurbrunn, Grabow, Gattmeir, Obermeir, Fetting, Bernhard, Mayer, Durkheimer, Seeger, Weiss, Theis, Foehr, Loeb and Cerney.

The centennial folder says: "About 1876 the structure of the present church was built by the hard labor of men of the church. The lumber was hauled from a nearby saw mill located near the Kornthal vicinity."

In 1892 the church name changed to Ebenezer United Evangelical Church. At this time some English was spoken instead of the traditional German. As the United Evangelical faith grew, other churches in the

Monarch butterfly program set

Every fall, monarch butterflies migrate south through the region on their way to central Mexico.

Giant City State Park near Makanda is a stopping point for the monarchs during their migration.

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn about monarch butterflies during an upcoming free program which is planned at the park.

"Journey of the Monarch" is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5.

A short presentation about the monarch butterfly is planned.

The presentation will be followed by a visit outdoors to try to catch and tag migrating monarch butterflies.

Those who want to attend the program are asked to register prior to the event.

Registration, and more information, are available by calling 618-457-4836.

area were established with the same faith.

In 1947 there was a merger with the United Brethren Church and the name became Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In 1950 after much prayer, a shortage of ministers and little association with the Evangelical United Brethren Church, the church joined the Methodist Conference and became the Ebenezer Methodist Church.

In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren Churches and the Methodist Churches merged to form the United Methodist Church. The church then became known as the Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Jane Bauer referenced the centennial folder written in 1982 that said: "Through the years the name has changed but the doors have never closed, nor has the true faith in God changed."

Over time, numerous additions and updates have been made to the building.

Jane Bauer was assisted by the Miller "girls": Marilyn Miller, Eleanor Miller Clardy and AnnEtta Miller Seigler, who shared fond memories of attending church, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School when there were 50 children enrolled.

They laughed when they remembered that one little brother went unnoticed when his family departed to go home, and the young fellow got left at church.

The ladies remembered attending services before electricity and modern plumbing was available. "All the more to make us appreciate what we have today", someone mentioned.

They remembered a church bell by the church at one time but were sad to report it was stolen from the property.

Many of the ministers to Ebenezer Church came to serve while they were students at SIU, so their term of service here was not often long. However, Rev. Ora Davis was a pastor who served for 25 years.

There is a Kies family history that tells of a family who came from Germany in 1852. They moved around a lot, but finally a descendant, Frederick Kies was assisting the Rev. Strauss

Brimm family reunion planned

An annual Brimm reunion is planned Sunday, Sept. 22, at the home of Martha and Kevin Clover.

A church service is planned at 11 a.m. for those who want to attend.

A meal will be served starting at 12:30 p.m.

Gibbs family reunion planned

The annual Gibbs family reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Family and friends are invited to bring a covered dish and join them for the meal, which will be served at noon. Signs will be posted.

Revival planned

A revival with the Rev. Richard Whitman is planned Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28-29, at Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The church is located at 955 State Highway 127S. More information is available by calling 833-4291.



Historic Ebenezer United Methodist Church no longer has regular services and is now owned by the Ebenezer Cemetery Association Board. Photo provided.



Ebenezer Church as it looked in 1956, decorated for the Christmas season. Photo provided.



Jane Bauer and "The Miller girls," Marilyn, Eleanor and AnnEtta, shared stories about growing up at Ebenezer Church. Jane Bauer showed a New Testament that was given to her as a Christmas gift by her Sunday School teacher, Lydia Bernhard, in 1953. Photo provided.

at Ebenezer Church near Jonesboro.

It seems that a young Theresia Wimmer who worked for a Willard family in Jonesboro was introduced to Frederick Kies and they decided to marry.

Their engagement was announced in Ebenezer Church in September, 1865 and they were married in the church in October, 1865 by Rev. Strauss. That is the earliest date recorded for the church.

Finally, from the centennial folder of 1982: "We want to remember all the faithful ones who have given so much, not only in material things, but of their prayers, services, time and talents. The special gifts, steady attendance, the sacrifices made and the smaller items of the day to day Christian work, have all had their place in the life of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church."

Future Talks

Future church history parlor talks at Heritage House: Sunday, Sept. 22, United Methodist Church of Anna by Jane Bauer, Frank LaFoon and Darrell Parks; Sept. 29, Lockard Chapel Baptist Church, Lillian Milam; Oct. 6, Historic St. Anne's Church, Elaine Crain; and finally, Saturday,

Oct. 12, Kornthal Church, Duane Hileman.

PAST's Heritage House Museum will be closed after Saturday, Oct. 12, until the December luncheon events. More information is available by calling 618-697-1870.

(The accompanying article and photos were submitted for PAST by Barbara Bauer.)

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Section B

Young people learn about outdoors at JAKES event

More than 60 people had an opportunity to experience the outdoors during an event which was held last weekend in Union County.

The Trail of Tears Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, NTFW, hosted a free JAKES youth event Saturday, Sept. 14.

JAKES stands for Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship.

The event was at the ball diamond at the Trail of Tears State Forest near Jonesboro.

The day's activities included a reptile presentation; a talk about steward-

ship and responsibility; hands-on activities, such as archery, BB gun shooting, and trap shooting, also were offered.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, Conservation Police Officers Steve Vasicek and Lisa Haggerty were guests at the JAKES event.

Vasicek said that Conservation Police Officers work to protect the state's resources.

He also talked with young people about leadership, stewardship and responsibility.

IDNR herpetologist Scott

Ballard gave a presentation about snakes. He brought a Costa Rican milk snake and a timber rattlesnake to show those in attendance.

Ballard focused his talk on advising young hunters not to take non-target species when they are out in the field. Take a turkey, don't take a snake, he said.

"You take the target species. You don't take the non-target species. You don't shoot the snake. We want you to be a good outdoorsman."

A lunch featuring hot dogs and venison chili was served.



Rifles: Young people who attended the JAKES event had an opportunity to shoot .22-caliber rifles.



Archery: Hands-on help was available for those who wanted to use a bow and arrow.



Shotgun: Clay pigeons were the targets for a shotgun.



Conservation Police Officers: Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police Officers Steve Vasicek and Lisa Haggerty were guests at the event.



Remembering September 11, 2001

A banner and American flags were on display last week in front of Anna City Hall and the Anna Fire Station to commemorate the terrorist attacks on the nation which occurred on September 11, 2001. With the banner are city employees Steve Kelley, Danyelle Dodd and Austin Pender.



Talking about snakes: Illinois Department of Natural Resources herpetologist Scott Ballard displayed a nonvenomous Costa Rican milk snake.



Full moon on Friday the 13th

A full moon was shining brightly in a clear night sky over Union County on Friday night, Sept. 13.

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A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." From the Gospel of Luke

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Daily Bible Reading

1 Cor.	James	James	James	James	James	Psalm
2:1-16	1:1-27	2:1-26	3:1-18	4:1-17	5:1-20	119:1-24

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "The Watchman," with scripture from Ezekiel.

In this Old Testament scripture, God was speaking to the prophet Ezekiel with a message for the Israelites: that if they were faithful in "alerting" others, lives could be saved. If they didn't, they would be held accountable.

The sermon shared that "paraphrased to 2019,

Christians remain silent too often. We have the best news in the world and are reluctant to share it with others.

"We are the 'watchmen' of the coming judgment. We should be doing everything we can to keep our family, friends, and society in general from being banned from heaven when the end of time comes. If we fail to witness, we will be held accountable

to God."

Addison and Raelynn Bonner received the offering.

Tony Gerard is lead elder for the month of September

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 15, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message at both services.

Dee Rose led worship. Ashley Massey provided special music.

The Dig-In Children's Ministry for children 3 years of age through 6th grade is scheduled to re-

sume on Sept. 18. The program is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Titus 2 Bible study group plans to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

Birthday: Pat Schlenker, Sept. 22.

Anniversary: John and Mary "Murk" Cripps, Sept. 17, 64 years.

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

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

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs during the Sunday morning worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

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

Special music was provided by Jacob Wells.

The morning message, "Spiritual Blessings God Gives Us," was brought by Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening

worship service was the monthly missionary service in the fellowship hall.

Following a meal, a Bible trivia was conducted by local missionary president Mark Smith.

Birthdays: Reasey Shepard, Sept. 17; Robert Smith, Harley Schnaare, Sept. 19; Clayton Ramage, Sept. 20; Glenda Zaharias, Sept. 21.

Anniversary: John and Rose Reeves, Sept. 18.

Comedian Tim Hawkins is scheduled to be in Har-

risburg Sept. 21.

A yard sale is planned Sept. 28 at the parsonage, which is at 115 Mallard Ln.

A block party is planned on Oct. 5.

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

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

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the 14th Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Brock and Katelyn lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano. Layleigh collected the offering.

The congregation sang "Happy Anniversary" to Karen and David for their 53rd wedding anniversary, and the ladies' choir sang "Beyond the Sunset."

Kate, Madge and Gus

were welcomed as they attended worship for the first time.

Pastor Bobbi read scripture from Corinthians 2 about how "God's grace is bigger than any possible number we can imagine. He wants us to be happy but when we have hardships we must remember that His grace and His strength are sufficient to keep us strong throughout our troubles."

Prayers are requested for

Jim's sister-in-law Linda and her husband Mickey, and our military men and women who keep us safe.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, Oct. 4, at 11:30 a.m. at Goddard's in Anna.

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Catherine and Norman Gibbs and Sue and Steve Eudy, all of Anna, all enjoyed eating at Tom's Place in Tamms on Friday night.

Kevin and Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau were dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City attended a cookout at the home of Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro on Saturday, Sept. 7, to celebrate Brad's

birthday. Austin Pender and Allison of Anna also were present.

Judy and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited Saturday with Maxine and Fred Pender.

Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller, all of McClure, went to St. Peters, Mo., on Tuesday, Sept. 10, to visit Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin and to surprise Julie, as it was her birthday.

On Friday, Sept. 13, Shirley Miller, Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Deanie

Hinkle of Jonesboro and Dolly Jo Smith of Cahokia enjoyed lunch together.

Get-well wishes to Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville, who had surgery Monday, Sept. 9, in St. Louis.

The annual Gibbs family reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at Giant City State Park with a basket lunch at noon. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

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

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Sunday was "Food Day," with members of the congregation bringing non-perishable food items to be shared with the food pantries in Union County.

In the children's sermon, after everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Dallas Keller (who turned 5 years old on Sunday, Sept. 15).

Pastor Mark asked the kids if they had ever lost anything. He admitted that it wasn't much fun. He also asked if they had ever found something they had lost, and how much fun it was doing that.

He explained that "God wants us to look for lost people (meaning sad and angry or upset) and help them feel better. Jesus said when those people are found, everyone is happy."

Pastor told the children always to go to Jesus when they feel lost or alone.

In the main sermon, Pastor Mark said that "some people believe that everything that happens to us is pre-determined. God knows everything, but he can and sometimes does change his mind about what happens."

Pastor also asked "why we pray for things to change if we think they are already destined to be one way or another. Because God does listen to us when we pray."

After church, everyone enjoyed breakfast pizza and then went to the Anna Park for ELCA Service Day, picking up trash at the park as a community service for "God's Work, Our Hands."



Khierstin Odula from Salem Lutheran Church enjoyed children's church. Photo provided.



Katie Stegle from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church enjoyed children's church. Photo provided.

The ladies' group planned to have a night out at Gordonville Grill on Tuesday.

Next month, Randy and Mary Jane Edmonds plan to host an "Adult Night Out," with the men's and women's groups getting together for a bonfire and hot dog roast at the Edmonds' home.

Children's church has

started again for the school year at both Mt. Moriah and Salem. After the children's message, and during pastor's sermon, children up to grade 6 may go with Paula or that Sunday's teacher for lessons and activities in the classroom.

The confirmation class's first meeting is planned Sept. 29 at Mt. Moriah, after a potluck meal.

SIUC enrollment decline continues

By Geoff Ritter
Carbondale Times

A 15-year enrollment decline on Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus has continued into another academic year, with the university reporting more than a thousand fewer students on campus this fall than there were a year ago.

SIUC Chancellor John Dunn said that fall 2019 enrollment stands at 11,695 students – an 8.75 percent decrease from fall 2018. Dunn said the expected decrease wasn't quite as steep as some had anticipated.

"We graduated a relatively large class of nearly 2,600 students in the spring," he said. "We knew we were starting from a significant deficit at the same time we are reengineering our recruitment and retention efforts."

Dunn said the number of new, first-time students decreased by fewer than 100 to 1,037, an 8.47 percent decline. He suggested that new programs in nursing, business analytics and other areas will help close this gap in future years.

This fall's numbers represent the lowest campus enrollment in decades, and they fall far short of SIUC's enrollment peak of nearly 25,000 in 1991.

With limited exceptions, enrollment on the Carbon-

dale campus has been on a steady dive since 2004.

In 2018, enrollment on the SIU Edwardsville campus bested that on the Carbondale campus for the first time in the university system's history.

While SIUE saw its own modest enrollment decline this fall, far greater losses on the Carbondale campus resulted in Edwardsville nearly tripling the margin of its enrollment lead over Carbondale for the fall 2019 semester.

Dunn pointed to other positive takes on the enrollment picture.

He said the average ACT score for the new incoming class was 24.40, up from last year's more than 20-year record of 23.65.

The freshman to soph-

omore retention rate is 75 percent, compared to 71 percent in fall 2018.

"Enrollment is as much about retaining students as it is about attracting new students," Dunn said.

Other facts released by the university recently:

- New freshman and transfer students represent 42 states and 20 countries.

- The top 10 majors of new freshmen and transfer students are animal science, automotive technology, aviation flight, biological sciences, business, criminology and criminal justice, mechanical engineering, psychology, radiologic sciences and zoology.

- About 25 percent of all students are minority, and about 8 percent are international.

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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.

1st Birthday

Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended and celebrated the birthday of their first great-granddaughter Hadley Grace Rhymer on Sept. 14 at the Dongola Community Center.

It was her One in a Melon themed party. She celebrated with a host of family and friends, and her parents Alexis and Jordan and big brother Junior. She received many gifts.

Another celebration



Congratulations to Abby Sartin from A-JCHS for winning outstanding drum major at Drums at Appletime in Murphysboro Saturday night.



Congratulations to the A-JCHS Marching Wildcats on winning second place in their field competition Saturday at Drums at Appletime in Murphysboro with their field show Egypt.



Campbell Belcher with her cow: she won the grand champion division and showmanship at the Du Quoin State Fair.



Schultz family members showed sheep at the Du Quoin State Fair.



Jacob Ellis won grand champion bred and owned Hereford gilt at the Du Quoin State Fair.



Drake Penrod showed cows at the Du Quoin State Fair.



Jacqueline Wilkins, left, daughter of Liz and David Wilkins, with their niece, Katelyn Shadowens right. Jacqueline won grand champion bred and owned Hereford barrow and reserve grand champion barrow at the Du Quoin State Fair.

is also happening at the Rhymer home on Saturday, Sept. 21, when Hadley's parents Alexis and Jordan will be getting married in an outdoor wedding at the home of Willie and Terrie Rhymer followed with a reception at the Anna Heights Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Guest

Janice Lewellyn went to Evansville, Ind., and picked up her step son-in-law Jack and brought him to Anna for a visit then took him back home.

Picnic

Fred and Linda Clutts attended the union picnic at the Miners Rent One Park in Marion on Labor Day.

Trip

Tom and Natlie Clutts vacationed at the Grand Canyon.

Cape Trip

Melba Nork met Bethany Nork in Cape Girardeau for dinner Sunday after church.

Congratulations

Abby Sartin won best drum major at the Drums of Appletime band competition Saturday.

The A-JCHS Marching Wildcats won second in their field competition.

It was really hot last Saturday and the band performed at 4:30 p.m. in the heat but did a wonderful performance.

Also congratulations to the A-J football team for their win against Metropolis last Friday night. It was a great weekend for our community.

Congratulations

Several Union County

Families went to Du Quoin State Fair and showed their animals. The Ellises, Barnharts, Nances and Wilkinses packed up right after Union County Fair and showed at the swine show, which was Aug. 24-25.

Jacob and Jacqueline won grand champion bred and owned.

Several first, second and third in classes were won by these crews.

The Schultz and Browning families also showed sheep.

The following weekend was the cow show at Du Quoin State Fair.

The Belcher, Collier, Lingle, Penrod, Nance, Edleman and Browning families showed from Union County.

Campbell Belcher won grand champion showmanship in her division, many first, second and third places were won at the state fair.

Shop with A Cop and Fireman

There will be a craft fair at Anna Junior High School featuring locals vendors, crafts, concessions and a raffle on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria area of the school.

The raffle and concessions are a fund raiser for Project Stocking Stuffer. This group gives each child a stocking at the shop with a cop event held later in the year. Please show your support by attending this event.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Richard Sullins and Frank LaFoon liturgist wel-

comed everyone and read scripture from 1 Timothy and Luke.

The Corbit family brought in the light of Jesus.

Rev. Sullins' sermon was "Joy in Heaven when a lost person has been saved."

Leading the singing were Marilyn Sullins and Barbara House.

Special music was Counting Sheep by the la-

dies choir.

The children took up their special mission offering for disability awareness.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

How to pay for a wreath on line. It's best to look up Honor Wreaths For Veterans then find Anna Cemetery.

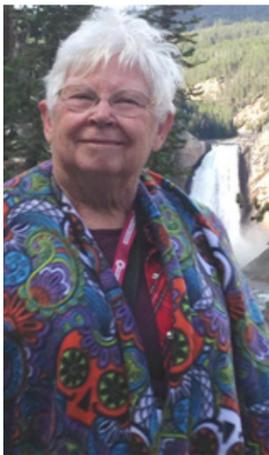
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Pete Housman said: "We did it." Black Diamond, WSIL, Anna Kroger Stuff-A-Truck for Shawnee Devopment Council food pantry in Anna. Thanks for the help from the A-J Rotary, the Union County Alliance of Churches and our community.



Charlotte Echols, a Master Gardener, demonstrated flower arranging with dried Annabelles at the Anna-Jo Garden Club's September meeting.



Marie Samuel at Little Grand Canyon of Yellowstone.



Hadley Grace Rhymer celebrated her 1st birthday Sept. 14 at the Dongola Community Center.



Pictured are Judy Guthrie and Mr. Withoft, who were getting ready to dive in at the Women of the Moose meal on Sept. 14.



Inside the Cave by Marie Samuel, left, with her granddaughter Kaydie Samuel Benevides, showing until Oct. 11 at Rend Lake College. Ecoarts watercolors and mixed media works are on display at Rend Lake College Sept. 3 through Oct. 11. This traveling show to promote appreciation for our clean water resources was at the Carbondale Science Center in June. It was seen there and requested for the solo show. Before that it was featured at Little Egypt Art Association. The large painting done inside the cave at Cave in Rock while on a sabbatical from SIC shown here is featured in the exhibit, "More Rivers & Waterways." Samuel will do a demonstration and teach a class Sept. 19 at the college at the request of Melissa Engler for her painting class.



The Anna Women of the Moose, Chapter No. 1181 made a delicious meal of open-faced roast beef on Sept. 14. Many were welcomed and enjoyed this hearty meal. Judy Pitts welcomed everyone to the event. And even though A-J Band Booster Tina Dudley was serving up the delicious roast beef, she was still supporting the AJCHS Marching Wildcats from afar by wearing this year's themed band shirt. Everyone is welcome to join them Sept. 21 at the Anna Moose Lodge for their fish fry from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ca website www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org they should search groups Honor Wreaths For Veterans and find Anna Cemetery. Make sure your credit goes to Honor Wreaths for Veterans for the Anna Cemetery.

Our Anna Cemetery is listed with Honor Wreaths for Veterans branch from the National Wreaths Across America.

You can be part of the laying of the wreaths Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Anna Cemetery. You can come and put the wreath on your loved ones grave or a volunteer will do it for you.

The wreaths are to honor our veterans and first responders buried in our Anna Cemetery.

If you would like to volunteer to help please call me at 833-5717 and leave a message with your phone number or email me.

I will have more about the volunteers later. We will need volunteers to lay

the wreaths and to pick them up in 40 days.

If you would like to buy a wreath please make your check for \$15 out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans and put your veterans name and where they are buried in the Anna Cemetery or the name of a first responder name with the check and mail to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

I will then mail them to Jim Koonce president of Honor Wreaths For Veterans, 1212 N. Garfield, Marion, Il 62959. You can also order your wreath on line by going to Honor Wreaths for Veterans then look up Anna Cemetery.

A very special thanks to Dori Bigler, Gary Dahmer, Randall Watkins and everyone who has contacted me that they will help.

Jonesboro Library

Supporting the Jonesboro Library historic depot and caboose Friday, Sept. 20, noon to 6 p.m., and Sat-

urday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Subway grounds at 3565 E. Vienna St. in Anna, Lick Creek Road and State Route 146. It will be a huge rummage and book sale.

A lady from Anna graciously donated a sizable storage unit of items. All sales from that will go to the library.

Subway employees will have tables set up as well, they are donating 10 percent of money earned to the cause.

Shawnee Development Food Pantry

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AFSCME Illinois Retiree Meeting

Maria Britton-Sipe, retiree coordinator, AFSCME Illinois Retirees, will be

at the next union meeting Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church. They meet in the room next to the chapel room. All retirees are encouraged to come hear her speak.

A-JCHS 1954 Class Reunion

A-JCHS 1954 annual class reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. at El Jalapeno restaurant.

Anna VFW Post

A chicken and dumpling dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, for a donation of \$8. This is open to the public and carry outs are available.

At 7 p.m. a ceremony will be held to honor POW/MIAs. This is a very moving ceremony.

The Queen of hearts will be drawn at 7 p.m. in the canteen.

PAWS

PAWS will have a mum sale Sept. 20-23. Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center will provide the mums. Shawnee Community College will transport them.

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Red Hat Ladies

The ladies met at Golden Corral in Carbondale.

Anna Eastern Star 522

The Anna Eastern Star meets at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park across from the swimming pool on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Military Prayer List

Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Jim Bonner, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy

Morse.

Stable Ministries Church

Clara Cates sang and played her guitar Sunday morning at Pastor Randy Wheaton's Church on Casper Church Road.

Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates were Bob and Joan Hernandez, who visited from Elwood.

Prayers Needed

Barb Bauer had a note from Bob Walker, formerly from Anna, telling about his sister, Shirley Walker Giarrita.

Shirley is an A-J class of 1953 graduate and former Anna resident.

Bob wanted to let us know that Shirley is hospitalized in Cumberland, Md., and is going to be moved to a Washington, D.C., hospital tomorrow for further treatment.

He asked Barb to phone and visit with her. Perhaps we will know more about her condition by next week.

\$900,000 grant awarded for solar project at SIU

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Energy has issued a \$900,000 grant award to Southern Illinois University Carbondale for a unique solar photovoltaic plus energy storage and communication resiliency project.

The SIU Solar + Storage project will feature more than 150kW of solar generation and 310kWh of storage capacity in a highly-visible section of campus at the SIU

College of Engineering.

As proposed, the project will: reduce SIU's demand on the grid, serve as an important educational tool to the College of Engineering and add resilience to the electricity and communications infrastructure of SIU and the surrounding Carbondale community.

The SIU Solar + Storage project is the first investment of its kind by Illinois EPA's Office of Energy.

The project is designed to be replicated and applied to other contexts and potential future investments across Illinois in and out of the higher education setting.

"The SIU Solar + Storage project will provide energy savings and emergency communications resiliency for the campus and Carbondale community as well as enhance educational opportunities for the University's College of Engineering,"

Illinois EPA director John J. Kim said in a news release.

"Illinois EPA looks forward to watching the project evolve as students engage with the technology from different perspectives."

Illinois EPA noted there are two other important components of the project.

First, solar powered long-term evolution, LTE, communication modules will sustain cellular communication for the SIU police

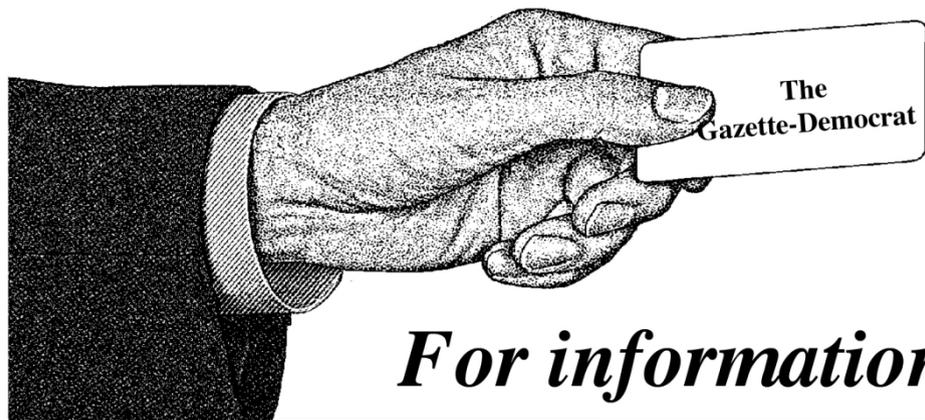
department, the Carbondale police department and the Carbondale fire department in the event of power disruption.

Second, the project intends to demonstrate that photovoltaic, PV, systems with energy storage provide a viable alternative when selecting backup power sources for small-scale applications.

This will be achieved by closely monitoring the oper-

ation of the battery storage backup in response to utility power disruption.

The Illinois EPA Office of Energy is working closely with the SIU Office of Sponsored Programs, the SIU Physical Plant Engineering Services and the College of Engineering to design an impactful project with meaningful educational opportunities for engineering and communications students.



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Opinion and Commentary

Farm safety highlighted as harvest season begins

As another harvest season begins, the Illinois Department of Agriculture reminds all farm workers to stay safe, especially during the upcoming and busy harvest season.

Each year since 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. Gov. JB Pritzker has proclaimed the week of Sept. 15-21 as National Farm Safety and Health Week in Illinois, with the theme "Shift Farm Safety into High Gear."

The latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows the agriculture sector is still the most dangerous in America. Each year the farming profession sees 581 fatalities, which equals 23 deaths per 100,000 workers.

"As a farmer, I know firsthand the hazards of the farming industry, whether in the field, on the road or with our health," said John Sullivan, the director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. "Dedicating a week each year to highlight farm safety, especially around the busy time of harvest will hopefully bring awareness and prevent accidents."

Each day during National Farm Safety and Health Week, the Illinois Department of Agriculture is highlighting emerging issues and important topics on Facebook and Twitter.

Monday, Sept. 16: Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety.

Tuesday, Sept. 17: Farmer Health & Opioid/Suicide Prevention.

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture.

Thursday, Sept. 19: Confined Spaces in Agriculture.

Friday, Sept. 20: Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture.

National Preparedness Month promotes making plans for an emergency

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September as a way to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, local emergency managers and the Southern Seven Health Department are encouraging everyone to take time to prepare for potential emergencies at home, at work and in the community.

Having a plan that includes where to go and how to communicate during disasters, building an emergency supply kit and learning lifesaving skills could help your family, friends, neighbors and employees during a disaster, IEMA noted.

"A disaster can strike at any time and anywhere: When you are at home, at work or while you are traveling on vacation," said acting IEMA director Alicia Tate-Nadeau in a news release.

"Today, preparedness is more than building a kit. Community resiliency is achieved when neighbors help neighbors plan for and respond to emergencies. Building a culture of preparedness is the cornerstone of disaster preparedness."

IEMA shared five steps to take to prepare for a disaster.

Save Early for a Disaster: Can you afford a disaster or emergency?

According to the Federal Reserve, 40 percent of Americans do not have \$400 in savings.

Operation Hope is a non-profit that provides pre-disaster preparedness planning.

They work with adults, youth and disaster survivors to equip them with the financial knowledge and tools to create a secure future. These programs and services are offered at no cost to a client.

Learn Lifesaving Skills: Every day citizens can be first responders.

This is a great time to learn lifesaving skills, such as CPR and first aid techniques, in order to provide immediate aid until help arrives.

Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes: Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area, and know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated.

Teach Youth How to Prepare for Disasters: Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts should take into account the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population.

Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Make sure to include your child's favorite stuffed animals, board games, books or music in their emergency kit to comfort them in a disaster.

Get Involved in Community Preparedness: Check in with your neighbors to see how you can help each other before, during and after a storm.

You can also bolster your community's resiliency efforts by joining a Community Emergency Response Team, CERT. CERTs train volunteers to prepare for various emergencies.

IEMA offers disaster preparedness information on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

The website is 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.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



As often happens, a photo, especially in black and white, doesn't really do justice to the beauty of the bluffs at LaRue-Pine Hills. Snake Road is at the base of the bluffs.

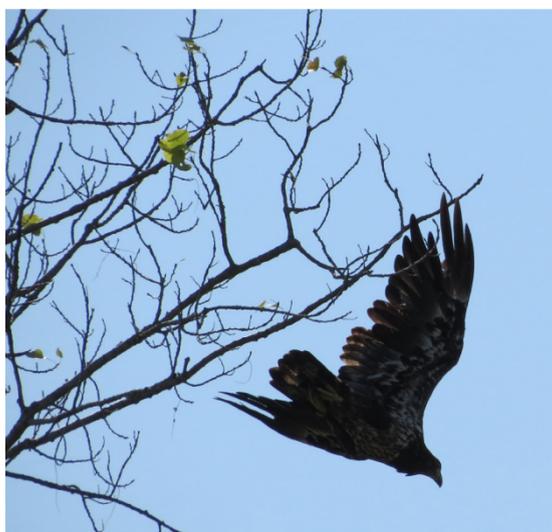
No snakes to be seen on Snake Road...

As promised, this week is Part 2 of your writer's sort of adventures in Southern Illinois.

Last week, in Part 1, as you may recall, was about goats and cliffs and other such things. In Part 2, we intentionally go looking for snakes. Really. "We" would be a visitor we welcomed over the Labor Day weekend.

Our adventure took us on a journey to LaRue-Pine Hills, which is in suburban Wolf Lake out in the western lands of Union County, along the Big Muddy River, and not far from the Mississippi River.

The water level on the Big Muddy River, by the way, was down, as in down a lot, from the last time I had seen it just a couple of months ago.



Time for it to fly...can't tell you exactly what kind of bird this was...too far away.



A toad...by the road...in a shadow...among plants and fallen leaves.



A dragonfly was kind enough to pose for a photo.

LaRue-Pine Hills is a gem of a natural landmark which has international significance and is located right here in Union County. If you've never been, it's time to go.

More specifically, we motored to the Snake Road at LaRue-Pine Hills. Snake Road gets its name from the snakes who like to cross the road...to get to the other side.

The critters cross the Snake Road twice each year, in the spring and in the fall, for a seasonal migration. During the migrations, the U.S. Forest Service closes the Snake Road to vehicle traffic. The idea is to give the critters at least a fighting chance during the journey.

While the road is closed to vehicles, foot traffic is allowed. We happened to pay a visit on the first day that the Snake Road was closed for this year's fall critter migration.

A fair number of other folks were paying a visit to Snake Road on the hot and sunny afternoon when we went on our little adventure. A couple of folks said they actually had seen a snake along Snake Road.

We didn't spot a snake. We did see a toad along the road, a lizard (maybe), a rather creepy looking spider, a dragonfly, a butterfly which appeared to have had a bit of a rough day and what we think was a raptor which we could not identify...too far away.

I didn't realize it, but thanks to modern technology, my travel companion said that we ended up walking about 2 miles during our adventure. Didn't seem that far.

After we left Snake Road, we did a little bit of fossil hunting. Mostly, though, the journey was about being in the outdoors. Even if we didn't see a snake on Snake Road.

Next time...your writer actually sees a snake...

...ALERT...if you don't like snakes, you might want to skip the back page of the paper next week...

...one last thing...belated happy birthday wishes to my sweetheart...



Believe it or not, this butterfly, with what appeared to have been a bite out of a wing, could still flutter by without too many problems.

A Page from the Past

Thursday, Sept. 18, 1969

A proposal to form a Unit School District in eastern Union County failed to pass Saturday, Sept. 13, when it was defeated in the unincorporated areas by a vote of 324 to 272. A majority of favorable votes was required in all three areas in order to pass.

One of Anna's oldest companies will make its third move to a new location this Friday, Sept. 19. If this seems like a record of new locations for a company, readers must take into consideration that this company is 84 years old and has remained in its present location for the past 56 years. The Anna Building and Loan Association and the Sifford Insurance Agency will move into the offices recently vacated by Dr. Berry V. Rife, retired. The new headquarters will be located at 102 Lafayette Street, Anna.

Despite last minute efforts of both Senator John Gilbert and Rep. Gale Williams to prevent the closing of the Illinois Youth Commission camp at the Union County State

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Forest, the closing took place September 1.

Students will begin arriving at Shawnee College at 8:30 a.m. today for a two-day student orientation.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Fisher of rural route 2, Dongola, will be honored at a Golden Wedding open house in their home Saturday, Sept. 27, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats won their first football game since October of 1967 last Friday night by defeating Carterville 30 to 8. Tomorrow night A-J plays the Chester Yellowjackets here at the A-J field, game time 8:15.

A low temperature of 47 was recorded Wednesday, Sept. 10, with the high of 84 recorded Saturday, Sept. 13.

Several members of the World War I Barracks of Anna No. 355 and their Auxiliary attended the First District meeting at West Frankfort in the 4-H Building September 14.

Homecoming will be held Sunday, Sept. 21, at Water Valley Christian Church, with a basket dinner at noon.