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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



Sign of the times: A River to River Relay exchange point in downtown Cobden has been highlighted. The relay is set for this Saturday.

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The annual Blessing of the Bikes is planned April 30 at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

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Angela Knupp of Jonesboro has been hired as Union County's new human resources director. She is scheduled to begin work this coming Monday. The hiring was announced Tuesday morning at a special meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners in Jonesboro.

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County commissioners Bobby Toler Jr. and Max Miller have been conducting quarterly roundtable discussions with the county's officeholders. Meetings with county employees also are being planned.

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## Programs set at Cobden, Egyptian, Giant City Schools

# Rural education issues to be addressed

Residents of Southern Illinois will have three opportunities this month to discuss challenges and opportunities facing public schools in predominantly rural communities.

Illinois Humanities, in partnership with the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, plans to present "The Future of Rural Public Schools," consisting of free public programs in Alexander, Union, and Jackson counties during the last week of April.

"The Future of Rural Public Schools" is scheduled to include town hall events at Egyptian High School in Tamms on Tuesday, April

25, at 6 p.m., and at Cobden High School on Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m.

A roundtable discussion-based program is planned at Giant City School in the Boskydell area, just southeast of Carbondale, on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Each of the two town hall programs will feature a brief keynote presentation by Gary Funk, director of the Rural Schools Collaborative, an organization that seeks to strengthen the bonds between rural schools and communities.

A longtime educator, scholar and philanthropy specialist, Funk has taught

at Missouri State University and directed the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. He has led several nationally recognized rural education initiatives.

After his presentation, everyone in attendance will be invited to participate in small-group discussions featuring Funk; David Ardrey, director of the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, based in Carbondale; and local public school leaders, including superintendent Brad Misner and board of education member Lamar Houston at Egyptian on April 25 and superintendent Edwin Shoemate at Cobden on April 26.

The town hall events will examine questions such as:

What are the distinctive strengths of our rural schools?

What are they uniquely suited to contribute to society?

What risks and obstacles do they face, and how should they be addressed?

How can we ensure that rural schools and the communities they serve sustain robust, mutually beneficial relationships?

During the April 27 roundtable-based program at Giant City School, a panel which is scheduled to include Illinois Secretary of Education Beth Purvis,

Funk, Ardrey and various local leaders and stakeholders in public education will discuss the essential purposes of public schools, past and present, with particular emphasis on those that serve predominantly rural communities.

The conversation will draw upon a brief excerpt from an essay by influential education philosopher Robert Maynard Hutchins.

Belinda Hill, superintendent and principal of Giant City School, will also offer remarks, and members of the audience will have opportunities to comment, as well.

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## State police report on March activities

An activity report for the month of March has been released by Illinois State Police District 22.

The officers in District 22 patrol and handle calls for service in the Southern Illinois counties of Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander.

The district has its headquarters at Ullin.

During March, District 22 officers:

Responded to 108 calls for service.

Issued 515 citations and 639 written warnings.

Arrested five motorists for driving under the influence.

Handled 35 crashes; one of the accidents involved a fatality.

Conducted 232 motor carrier safety inspections. Nine of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

Assisted 119 motorists on the side of the road.

Made 20 criminal arrests.

Citations issued for "Fatal Four" violations included:

DUI: five. Speeding: 255. Occupant restraint: 63. Distracted Driving: 25.

During the month, the District 22 safety education officer:

Conducted 69 presentations, with 4,117 people in

attendance, to area students, school staff, parents and residents.

The officers of District 22 remind the public that while they are traveling on the roadways of Illinois to follow Scotts Law, "The Move Over Law," which requires motorists to:

Reduce the speed of your vehicle.

Yield the right of way by changing lanes away from the authorized emergency vehicle.

Proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

## Weather High 84, low 41

The high temperature reached 84 degrees during the period of April 11-17 in Union County. The low was 41.

Precipitation for the period included .08 of an inch April 11, a trace April 15, .19 of an inch April 16 and .22 of an inch April 17.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, April 11	69	48
Wednesday, April 12	76	41
Thursday, April 13	83	48
Friday, April 14	84	55
Saturday, April 15	83	61
Sunday, April 16	79	62
Monday, April 17	65	57

## Propane gas fire training held

Nearly 40 area firefighters gathered last Thursday night to participate in a special training program.

Instructors from the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign presented training which focused on handling a blaze involving propane gas. Three instructors presented the training.

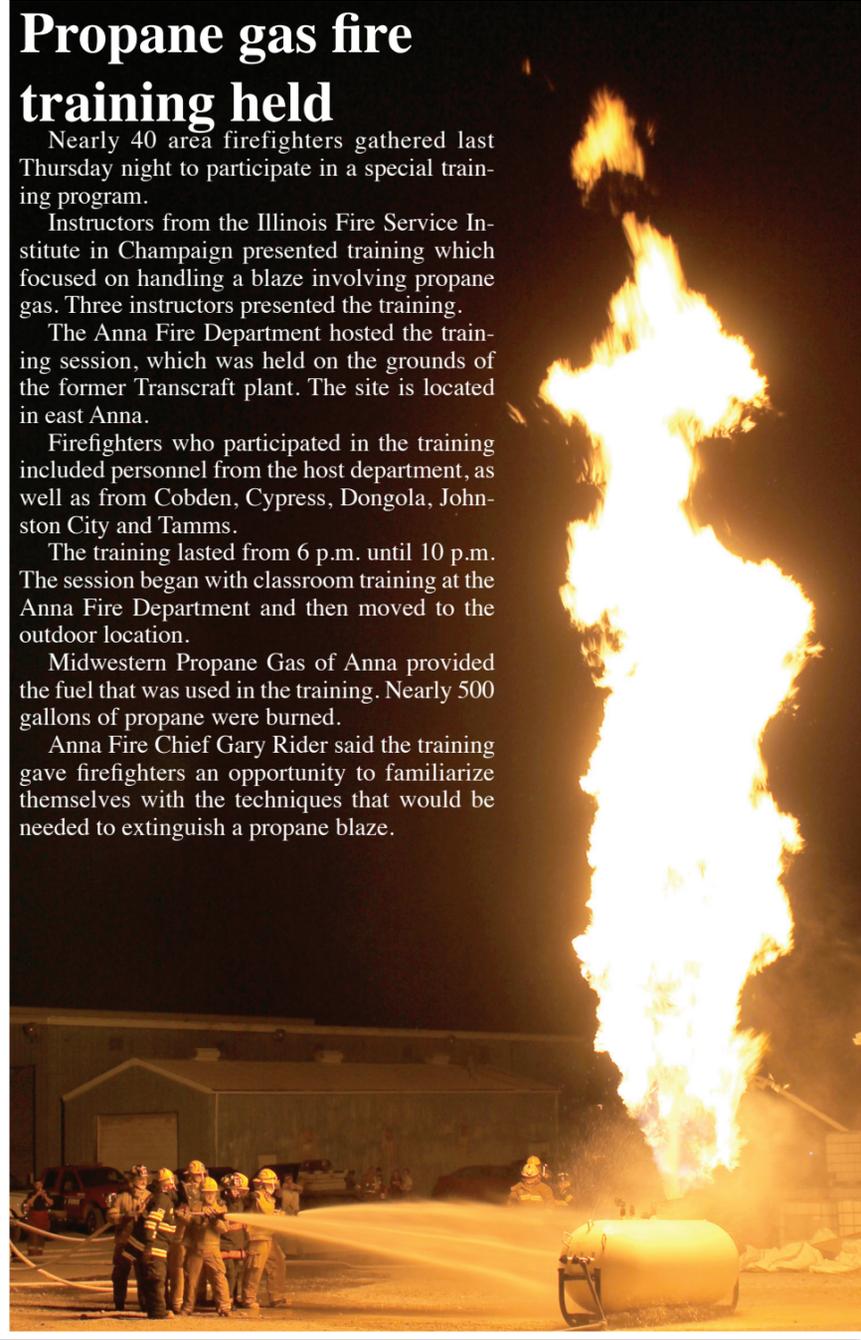
The Anna Fire Department hosted the training session, which was held on the grounds of the former Transcraft plant. The site is located in east Anna.

Firefighters who participated in the training included personnel from the host department, as well as from Cobden, Cypress, Dongola, Johnston City and Tamms.

The training lasted from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The session began with classroom training at the Anna Fire Department and then moved to the outdoor location.

Midwestern Propane Gas of Anna provided the fuel that was used in the training. Nearly 500 gallons of propane were burned.

Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider said the training gave firefighters an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the techniques that would be needed to extinguish a propane blaze.



## Medical cannabis seminar presented in Anna



### Seminar presented in Anna

More than 30 people attended a medical cannabis educational seminar which was presented last Saturday morning at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The seminar was presented by Caprice Sweatt (standing near the center at the top of the photograph), the founder of Medical Cannabis Outreach.

Medical Cannabis Outreach Pain Management & Wellness Clinics hosted two educational seminars last weekend in Southern Illinois.

The first of the two seminars was held Saturday morning at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. More than 30 people attended the seminar, which was in the auditorium at the library.

A second seminar was scheduled Saturday afternoon in Metropolis. Both events were free and open to the public.

Information shared at Saturday's seminar in Anna showed that Medical Cannabis Outreach, MCO, Pain Management & Wellness Clinics have locations in Harrisburg, Pekin, Fulton, Shelbyville and Melrose Park.

Harrisburg and Anna also are the home of Thrive dispensaries, which provide medical cannabis products to patients.

The clinics work to assist patients with the application

process needed for the use of medical cannabis. The clinics provide medical cannabis friendly physicians.

The clinics evaluate, counsel, certify and register patients for the Illinois medical cannabis program.

They also offer a customized cannabis therapy program which is designed to help first-time cannabis users with medicating.

Caprice Sweatt, the founder and CEO of Medical Cannabis Outreach, who has suffered with Crohn's disease for 33 years, said in a news release which announced plans for the seminars in Anna and Metropolis that she has used only medical cannabis for her illness for the last 25 years, all while staying prescription drug free.

She shared that message in person at the seminar in Anna, declaring that medical cannabis is "almost an instant game changer" in terms of its benefits for a patient.

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# Chamber honors area legislator

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has honored 206 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and 45 members of the U.S. Senate with its annual Spirit of Enterprise Award, given in recognition of their support for pro-jobs, pro-growth policies in the first session of the 114th Congress.

Among the legislators honored was U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill.

Bost was presented with the award during an event held Monday afternoon, April 17, at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden. The event was hosted by the Union County Chamber of Commerce.

This marks the 28th year that the U.S. Chamber has formally honored the accomplishments of what it described in a news release as a "select group of members of Congress."

"We are pleased to recognize this group of legislators for engaging in pro-business policymaking that helps strengthen our nation's spirit of enterprise," said Tom Donohue, president and



**Chamber representatives, legislator**  
 From left are Union County Chamber of Commerce representatives **Bonnie Little** and **Brooke Miller**; U.S. Rep. **Mike Bost**; and chamber representatives **Greg George** and **John Nimmo**. Photo provided.

CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"The Spirit of Enterprise Award honors those members of Congress who are committed to ensuring that American businesses can continue to operate and succeed in a free enterprise system."

The Spirit of Enterprise Award is given annually to members of Congress based

on their votes on critical business legislation as outlined in the chamber publication, *How They Voted*.

Members who supported the chamber's position on at least 70 percent of those votes qualify to receive the award.

During the first session of the 114th Congress, the chamber scored members on 14 Senate votes and

20 House votes, including votes reestablishing Trade Promotion Authority, reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank, and lifting the crude oil export ban.

Also scored were votes in support of the first long-term transportation law in a decade and votes to make permanent tax provisions that would have regularly expired.

## News Notes

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U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., was presented with a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Spirit of Enterprise Award Monday afternoon in Cobden.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to host Ladies Night Out this evening from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at the center.

"Scenes from Alice," a children's production, is planned April 28-30 at the Anna Arts Center.

An unused drug prescription take back day is planned April 29 in Cobden.

A Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail event is planned May 6-7 in Union and Jackson counties. Ten potters will be featured.

### Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for March. Highlights from the report follow:  
 Felony arrests, nine. Misdemeanor arrests, 14. Traffic arrests, 57. Warrant arrests, 11. Total arrests, 91. Cases opened, 45. Drug investigations, seven. Crash reports, 11. 911 calls received, 1,108. Miles patrolled, 15,927.

### Cannabis seminar presented

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 "I love to get out and tell people what's happening to me," she said during the course of a presentation which lasted for about an hour. The seminar closed with a question-and-answer session.  
 "We want to see cannabis as a first option...not a last option," Sweatt stated in a message which was shared several times during the seminar.  
 Sweatt said she is working to erase a stigma which can be associated with the use of medical cannabis. Sweatt and her team at MCO work to provide a statewide service to qualified patients. MCO has gotten thousands of qualified patients approved to the medical cannabis program, Sweatt stated prior to the seminar. The seminar offered a Power Point presentation explaining the rules and regulations of the Illinois medical cannabis program. The seminar also offered information about the medicinal benefits of medical cannabis. Sweatt emphasized the role of medical cannabis as a

### Presidential candidates interviews set

Interviews were scheduled this week for the remaining two candidates for the president of Shawnee Community College.

The college reported in a news release that Peggy F. Jackson Bradford was scheduled to be interviewed on Monday, April 17.

Deborah A. Garrett was scheduled to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19.

Open forums for Shawnee Community College students, alumni and residents of the college district were planned on both days.

Bradford currently serves as the interim provost and vice president of academic affairs at the State University of New York Westchester Community College in Valhalla, N.Y.

Garrett currently serves as the vice chancellor for student services at Arkansas State University.

### Barn destroyed by fire Tuesday

Fire destroyed a barn early Tuesday morning east of Anna.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire, which was reported at about 6:20 a.m.

The Anna and Dongola fire departments responded to the call.

The structure was located along Cain Road. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

Firefighters were at the scene for about two and a half hours.

## 'Pioneer Sketches of Union County, Illinois'

New edition of local history book written, signing reception planned

Local historian and author Darrel Dexter has written a new edition of the book titled "Pioneer Sketches of Union County, Illinois."

The 200-plus page book is an edited and annotated update of the book Dexter published in 1986.

The collection of articles written by Dr. Sidney Smith Condon was originally published as a weekly series in the Jonesboro Gazette newspaper in 1871.

The 1986 book was no longer in print, so the PAST organization of Union County encouraged Dexter to update the content for a new edition. Plans called for the new edition to be printed and released by PAST in 2017.

PAST noted in a news release that Dexter has added pictures and many footnotes from his vast knowledge, and years of research on Union County and its early families.

He expanded on Condon's original pioneer biographies, with detailed family ancestries that provide generations of information.

He is the author of more than 30 historical and genealogy books that make

historical data readily available to everyone. He teaches history at Egyptian School in Tammis.

The new 2017 edition of "Pioneers" is dedicated to the memory of the late Geneva Davie Wiggs.

Wiggs was a local photographer who not only shared many historical photos with Dexter, but also bequeathed her historical photo collection as a legacy to all of the people of Southern Illinois.

Through a donation from Friend of PAST LuAnn McGinnis of Hattiesburg, Miss., and the help of many other Friends of the PAST, those involved with the publication said that it is hoped the book will appropriately lead into the 2018 bicentennial commemorations of Union County, the City of Jonesboro and the State of Illinois.

### Book Signing Reception Planned

A book signing reception is planned starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

(Entry to Stinson on the day of the reception will

be through downstairs side door at the library.)

During the program, the book will be introduced and Dexter will be welcomed to talk about his research.

In addition, PAST plans to honor McGinnis, who has ancestral roots in the area and who spurred the publishing of the book.

Other honorees are expected to be Mary Kay Sullivan and Billie Kay Hamlin, the daughters of the late Geneva Wiggs.

The book will be available for \$25 at the reception.

## Indiana man sentenced to nine years for burglary

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Thursday, April 13, that Dejun Deneil Booker, 36, of Indiana has been sentenced to nine years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to two counts of burglary, both Class 2 felonies.

Booker burglarized a tavern near Ware in the early morning hours of Sept. 5, 2016.

Booker was arrested the following day by Union County Sheriff's Office deputies after an extensive

search in the vicinity of Morgan School Road between Jonesboro and Ware.

While he was being sought, Booker also burglarized a vehicle at a residence on Morgan School Road.

Agencies which assisted the Union County Sheriff's Office with the search included the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, Illinois Conservation Police, the Anna Police Department, the Jonesboro Police Department and the Cobden Police Department.

## Rural education addressed

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All three programs will feature brief performances or presentations by students from the host schools.

"The Future of Rural Public Schools" will be part of a series of programs organized by Illinois Humanities titled "Continuing Ed.: Parents and the Future of Illinois Public Schools," which began in April 2016 and is scheduled to continue through May 2017.

The series also is scheduled to include events in Decatur, Elgin and Chicago.

The programs are designed to give people involved in education at the local level, especially families of students, opportunities to discuss education policy issues that are of national or statewide significance but also impact their own schools and communities.

In conjunction with the series, Illinois Humanities has produced a publication titled "What About Us?: A Compendium on Equity in Public Education," which will be available at the three events.

The publication includes a wide variety of data, articles and commentary relevant to the schools and communities where programs in the series are taking place.

Copies of the compendium will be available, free of charge, at the three "Future of Rural Public Schools"

events. Illinois Humanities hopes the publication will serve as a useful resource for area residents who wish to contribute constructively to the futures of their local schools.

"We're honored that the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools and our friends in the Egyptian, Cobden and Giant City school districts have joined us to offer these discussions of one of our most important community resources, our public schools," said Matt Meacham, program manager for access with Illinois Humanities and a native of Southern Illinois.

"We hope residents of Jackson, Union, Alexander and surrounding counties will find them to be good opportunities for learning and exchanging ideas about how to make local public education the best it can be."

Illinois Humanities is an independent, nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, with a mission to strengthen society by fueling inquiry and conversation about the ideas and works that shape our culture.

Illinois Humanities engages communities across the state in conversation in a variety of humanities programs that focus on public policy, media and journalism, business and art.

## Corruption tip line created

A Southern Illinois Public Corruption Task Force Tip Line has been launched.

On Monday, April 10, Donald S. Boyce, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, and Brendan F. Kelly, state's attorney for St. Clair County announced the introduction of the tip line. The tip line number is 618-589-7353.

A billboard campaign is planned in connection with the Tip Line.

Authorities said that anyone with information concerning public corruption occurring within the 38 counties that make up the Southern District of Illinois is encouraged to call the Tip Line.

Agents from the FBI, IRS Criminal Investigations and Illinois State Police will professionally and swiftly investigate any information provided, authorities noted.



Please join us in supporting the  
**MARCHING APPELKNOCKERS!**  
 This Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-7 pm

The Marching Appleknockers have been invited to represent southern Illinois in the  
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 on Historic Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC

The band is raising their own money for all the kids to get to Washington  
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There will be a **FISH FRY** at St. Joseph's Church in Cobden  
 this Friday, April 21 - from 4pm to 7pm

**Cost: Whatever you can donate!**  
 (All proceeds go to helping the band pay for the trip to Washington)



**Author speaks at Heritage House**

Several members of the community visited the PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro on Tuesday, March 28, to hear author Reg Ankrum speak about his book *Stephen A. Douglas the Political Apprenticeship, 1833-1843*. From left are John Schwegman, Joan Graves Edwards, Judy Smith, Reg Ankrum, Mary Nell Chew and Pat Jones. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

**Heritage House hosts author**

Author Reg Ankrum spoke at the PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro on March 28 about Stephen A. Douglas, one-half of the famed 19th century pair of politicians who on Sept. 15, 1858, honored Jonesboro with the third of the seven Lincoln-Douglas debates that year.

Ankrum is a historian who has studied and written about both men.

The first of three books Ankrum is writing about Douglas was recently published and is titled "Stephen A. Douglas the Political Apprenticeship, 1833-1843."

The state historical society recently published a piece Ankrum wrote about the pressures Abraham Lincoln faced during his 1858

contest for Douglas' U.S. Senate seat.

Ankrum is from Quincy and was superintendent for CIPS at Herrin for seven years in the 1980s.

A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam conflict, Ankrum received his bachelor's degree from Illinois College in Jacksonville and his master's degree from the University of Kansas.

**A-J Elks Lodge adopts motto, elects officers**

"Elks Care. Elks Share." is the motto of the Illinois Elks Association.

The Anna-Jonesboro Lodge has adopted that motto and has just elected officers for the new fiscal year.

The new officers Exalted Ruler Carter J. Lacy, Leading Knight Bruce McCommons, Loyal Knight

Timothy Simpson, Lecturing Knight Cody Tellor, secretary Roni Jean Lacy and treasurer Kenneth Bowman.

The new officers and members of the lodge are planning and coordinating many activities.

The activities include an Easter egg hunt (which

was held last Saturday), Hoop Shoot, Children Care Clinics, drug awareness and scholarship programs for academics and physical therapy, and a Christmas basket program.

The Elks' benevolent programs help the Southern Illinois community in many ways.



**Paint the Town**

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center hosted Paint the Town in the parking lot across from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank in downtown Anna on Saturday, April 8. The community was invited to paint a picture in a four-foot by four-foot square. Kids also played in a bounce house. Lera Hoehner added some petals to her flower. She and her sister Jenna attended Paint the Town with their grandmother Carla Osman. Photo by Amber Skelton.

**Southern Illinois Power Co-op president shares safety message**

An important message was shared during the annual meeting of the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, SIPC.

The meeting was March 30 at SIPC's headquarters at Lake of Egypt near Marion.

SIPC president/CEO Don Gulley told members that "Safety First...Always" was more than a slogan for the cooperative's employees, management and board of directors.

Gulley said that improving the safety culture at the generation and transmission cooperative is the foundation on which all other improvements have been built.

In addition to safety, the G&T (generation and transmission) cooperative has met rate, cost reduction, environmental compliance, reliability and plant performance goals.

Employees have gone more than two and a half years without a lost time accident.

"Our safety culture enabled us to build a solid level of trust with our employees, which translated into many successes in 2016," Gulley said in a news release.

"Despite many changes and uncertainty, our people have responded and morale is at an all time high.

"We closed 2016 with an extension for five years to our labor agreement, with unanimous support from every employee here at SIPC.

"We've created not just a safety culture but a solid culture of family with people working together to meet the challenges, celebrate the successes and support each other day in and day out. I could not be more proud to be a part of this organization."

Secretary-treasurer Cary Dickinson shared in his report that the cooperative was able to meet the critical challenge of rate and financial stability in 2016.

"Despite a \$4 million rate increase, members' rates remained stable since the power cost adder component was \$4 million less than expected as a result of lower fuel and purchased power costs," Dickinson said.

He added that no change to the base rate is expected in 2017.

However, the G&T cooperative will see a loss in revenue when the wholesale power contract with Norris Electric Cooperative expires on Dec. 31, 2017.

"Management has outlined a plan to maintain rate stability for the members, once Norris Electric is no longer a customer,

by balancing margin requirements, implementing a forward fuel purchase plan, and strategic utilization of deferred revenues," Dickinson said.

He added that the G&T is meeting financial performance ratios, but the co-op still has a goal of increasing equity to between 17 and 20 percent.

In his report, chairman Jamie Scherrer said a mild winter translated into lower revenue during 2016.

A larger industrial load also did not come online as quickly as planned, also lowering revenue projections.

He said cost cutting is helping address both short term and long term revenue issues.

"At the end of the day, the temporary rate increase wasn't needed because of all the cost savings the SIPC staff implemented," Scherrer said.

He added that the G&T completed the Carrier Mills 161 kV transmission line and substation, which will improve reliability.

The Lake of Egypt plant also continues to set performance records and significant improvements have also been made at the Prairie State Generating Campus.

Southern Illinois Power is one of nine owners of the mine mouth generating plant.

**Airman Cavins completes basic training**

U.S. Air Force Airman Kyefer W. Cavins has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Cavins is the son of Clifford Cavins Jr. of Lick Creek and Bobi Cavins of Goreville.

He is the grandson of Louis Anne and Robert Mighell of Copperas Cove, Texas, and brother of Madison Kramp of Vista, Calif. He is also the brother of Kyle Cavins and Morgan Sellers.

The airman graduated in 2014 from Goreville High School in Goreville.

Prairie State Generating Campus president/CEO Don Gaston echoed Gulley's emphasis on safety.

"We are off to the best start in our history starting with safety," Gaston said.

"We've had zero notices of violation on the environmental side for several years and our asset performance is also off to our best start. And, we've been meeting our generation targets and our budget targets."

Gaston thanked the SIPC staff for their help with strategic planning.

He also recognized several SIPC board members for their national leadership.

Don Gulley is currently chairman of the Prairie State board of directors. SIPC board member Phil Carson is now serving as the board president for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"It is encouraging to me to see the Southern Illinois values not only help us at Prairie State but also help at the national level," Gaston said.

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative is a member-owned and locally controlled autonomous electric power supply system.

**Airman Goines completes basic training**



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Goines is the son of Erica C. and Rodger D. Goines of Anna.

He is a 2016 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

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And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; His leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:3

# Sports

## A-J girls' track team competes in meets at Chester, Massac

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' track team has competed in two recent meets.

The Lady Wildcats won the Chester freshman/sophomore invitational Thursday, April 6.

First place efforts for A-J

were recorded by Addison Osman in the high jump with 4-8 and Julia Lasley in the pole vault with 9-6.

Second place for the Lady Wildcats was posted by Osman in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.5.

A third place effort for

A-J was recorded by Carsen Clements in the high jump with a 4-6.

Fourth place efforts for A-J were posted by Karyn Glasco in the discus with 56-11; Jade Marks in the long jump with 14-0, 800-meter run in 3:00.7 and the triple jump with a 29.9.5; Osman in the 100-meter dash in 13.7; 800-meter relay team of Brayden Fitzgerald, Ashley Detering, Olivia Wilkins and Andersyn Frick in 2:06.3 and the 1600-meter relay team of Fitzgerald, Detering, Clements and Marks in 4:47.8.

Fifth place efforts were recorded by Fitzgerald in the triple jump with 29-2 and the 400-meter relay team of Fitzgerald, Detering, Wilkins and Clements in 58.6.

The Lady Wildcats opened their season by winning the Massac County Meet Tuesday, March 28.

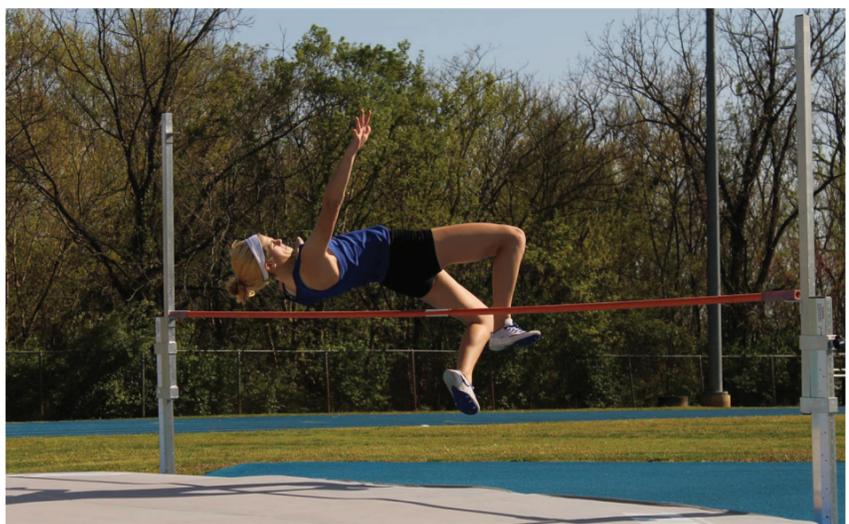
A-J won with 55 points, with its closest challenger Goreville, coming in with 46.

First place efforts for A-J were recorded by Brook Miller in the 300-meter hurdles in 51.9; the 4x400-meter relay team of Fitzgerald, Marks, Julia Lasley and Miller in 4:37 and the 4x100 meter relay team of Fitzgerald, Detering, Osman and Wilkins in 56.11.

Second place finishes for A-J were recorded by Clements in the 300-meter hurdles in 59.03; the 4x800-meter relay team of Miller, Madison Lingle, Andersyn Frick and Clair Boget in 2:40; Alivia Miller in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.6 and Marks in the 400-meter in 1:09.9.

Third place efforts were recorded by Meghan Smith in the discus with 78; Osman in the high jump with 4-7; Miller in the 300-meter hurdles in 59.15; Abby Sartin in the 100-meter hurdles in 20.2; the 4x200-meter relay team of Fitzgerald, Osman, Detering and Lasley in 1:59.8 and Boget in the 800-meter run in 3:03.

A-J's Madi Lingle had a 4th place finish in the 1600-meter run in 6:50. Detering was 5th in the 200-meter run in 30.7.



### High jump

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Brook Miller competed in the high jump event at a track meet on Wednesday, April 12. The meet was at the Union County school. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

## A-J boys' track takes third at Massac Meet

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team finished in third place at the Massac County Meet to open the spring season Friday, March 28.

Harrisburg won the meet with 91 points, followed by West Frankfort with 37.5, A-J 35, Massac County 23.5, Vienna 23 and Goreville 17.

First place efforts for A-J were recorded by Trenton

Turner in the shot put and discus toss with throws of 43-7 and 144-8, respectively, and Arieh Hart in the 200-meter dash in 24.3.

The Wildcats' 4x200-meter relay team of Jaryt Tripp, Dylan Fox, Kyle McMahan and Hart finished 2nd in 1:40.

A-J's 4x400-meter relay team of Drake Roach, Michael Brimm, McMahan and Tripp finished in third place in 4:01 and McMahan in the 300-meter hurdles.

Sixth place efforts were recorded by Bryce Massey in the 1600-meter run in 6:04 and the 3200-meter run in 13:00 and Tripp in the 100-meter run in 11.7.

Hart finished in 7th place in the 100-meter run in 11.9 and Patrick Gibbs took 7th in the 1600-meter run in 6:10.

## Appleknocker Glow Run set in Cobden

An Appleknocker Glow Run 5K and kids fun run are planned Friday, April 21, in Cobden.

Proceeds will support the Cobden High School volleyball program and junior high school basketball program.

Race time is 7:15 p.m. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. on the soccer field at the new Cobden Community Park.

The kids fun run begins at 6:30 p.m. The fun run is free.

Registration is \$30, with checks made payable to Cobden High School. Glow sticks will be provided to runners during check in.

Refreshments will be served for participants after the race. Awards also will be presented after the race.

Registration forms are available at Cobden High School and at Cobden Village Hall.

For more information, contact Nathan Emrick at Cobden High School by phone 893-4031 or by email at nemrick@cusd17.com.

## Tunnel Hill Bike Trail ride planned

A Tunnel Hill Bike Trail ride is planned Sunday morning, April 23.

The event is being sponsored by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club.

Those who want to go on the ride are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the visitors center on the bike trail in Vienna.

The ride will be on the trail to the tunnel, about 9.3 miles (uphill) and 9.3 miles back (downhill).

Riders will need to bring their own bike and a helmet is required. Water and appropriate clothing also are needed.

Those who want to go on the ride are asked to contact Bob Mulcahy, the outing's leader at 618-942-6342, in order to attend the outing.

## Lady 'Cats softball team posts three victories in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team posted a 3-1 record in recent action.

**A-J 9, Nashville 6:** The visiting Lady Wildcats had three home runs in the 4th inning on their way to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division win Friday, April 14.

It was the first time in several years that A-J has claimed a win over the Lady Hornets.

Hailley Abernathy led the way for the Lady Wildcats by going 3-for-4 with a home run. Makenzie Carter was 2-for-4 with a home run. Lexi Macy was 2-for-4.

Morgan Wendling was 1-for-2. Kenzie Conway and Katie Williams were each 1-for-4 with a home run apiece. Lexi Smith, Jasmin Foster and Payton Alsip were all 1-for-4.

Winning pitcher Carter scattered 10 hits to go with 9 strikeouts.

**A-J 11, Cobden 1:** Wendling was 2-for-2 with a double, triple and 3 RBIs to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Thursday, April 13, in a game featur-

ing Union County rivals.

Macy was 2-for-2 with a triple and a stolen base. Foster was 2-for-3 with a triple, a stolen base and 3 RBIs. Alsip was 2-for-3 with 2 stolen bases and 2 RBIs.

Smith was 1-for-2 with a triple. Williams was 1-for-4 with a double.

Molly Ellis was 1-for-2 to lead Cobden. Brooke Bailey was 1-for-3.

Carter was the winning pitcher with a two-hitter to go with a walk and 9 strikeouts.

Meredith Flamm and Ellis pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 12 hits to go with 5 walks and no strikeouts.

**A-J 19, Sparta 1:** Carter was 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Tuesday, April 11.

Abernathy was 2-for-2 with a home run and 2 RBIs. Macy was 2-for-2. Foster was 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Wendling was 2-for-3.

Williams was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs. Toby Treece was 1-for-1. Alsip and Conway were each 1-for-2.

Smith was 1-for-4.

Winning pitcher Carter tossed a two-hitter to go with 6 strikeouts.

**Du Quoin 3, A-J 0:** Despite tossing a three-hitter, Carter was the losing pitcher in the conference loss at Du Quoin Monday, April 10. She had 4 strikeouts.

Carter, Abernathy and Foster were each 1-for-3.

A-J, 8-8, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Du Quoin.

## Shawnee baseball loses two

The Shawnee High School baseball team lost twice in recent action.

**Century 8, Shawnee 2:** Dawson Johnson and Nick Baltzell were both 1-for-3 at the plate to lead host Shawnee in the South Egyptian Conference loss Thursday, April 13.

Trenton Matlock, Baltzell and Johnson pitched in the loss for Shawnee.

**Murphysboro 9, Shawnee 0:** Pitcher Kenny PETEREIN tossed a one-hitter to lead the host Red Devils to the win in non-conference action Wednesday, April 12.

Chapman Hill was 1-for-2 for the Redskins' lone hit.

Nick Baltzell and Ryan Schaefer pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 8 hits.

## Trail Society guided hike set at Giant City

The River-to-River Trail Society announces a guided hike which is planned on Saturday, April 22, at the Red Cedar Trail at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at shelter number 4 at the park.

The shelter is just north of the visitors center at the park, on Giant City Road.

The hike is free and open to the public. The trail society stated that the hike will be moderately strenuous and is intended for people in good health who have done some walking.

Boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended by the trail society.

The society advises hikers to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

For more information or directions, call 708-471-7500.

## Wildcat baseball team goes 2-2 in recent play

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team posted a 2-2 record in recent action.

**Marion 12, A-J 0:** Bryce Osman was 1-for-2 with a double to lead the host Wildcats in the non-conference loss Saturday, April 15.

Jake Wright and Sean Plott were each 1-for-2. Conner Jerolds and Hunter Ralls were both 1-for-3.

Ralls, Kyle Clover, Ross Pinnon, Kylan Grant and Wyatt Johnston pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 9 hits to go with 5 walks and 7 strikeouts.

**Nashville 11, A-J 1:** The visiting Wildcats were limited to a pair of hits in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division loss Friday, April 14.

Damian Chrisp and Osman were each 1-for-3 for the only hits for A-J.

Osman and Sean Plott pitched in the loss. Osman pitched 3 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts. Plott pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with no walks or strikeouts.

**A-J 13, Sparta 1:** Osman was 3-for-4 with a triple and 2 RBIs to lead the host Wildcats to the win Tuesday, April 11.

Jerolds was 2-for-3 with a triple, 2 RBIs and a stolen base. Chrisp was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Plott was 1-for-2 with a triple and 2 RBIs. Wright and Johnston were each 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI apiece.

Chrisp and Grant pitched in the win. Chrisp pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Grant pitched 2 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts.

**A-J 3, Du Quoin 0:**

Pitchers Ralls and Osman combined on a four-hitter to lead Anna-Jonesboro to a 3-0 win over host Du Quoin in conference action Monday, April 10.

Ralls pitched 6 innings and allowed four hits to go with 2 walks and 9 strikeouts. Osman pitched the final inning and recorded three strikeouts.

Ralls was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the hitting. Wright was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Pinnon and Jerolds were both 1-for-3. Plott, Carson Reynolds and Johnston were each 1-for-4. Osman had an RBI and Dalton Goddard had a stolen base.

A-J, 7-4, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Du Quoin.



### Wildcat scores run

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Conner Jerolds scored a run during a high school baseball game against Sparta on Tuesday, April 11. The Wildcats defeated Sparta 13-1. The game was played at Kiwanis Field at Anna City Park. Photo by Amber Skelton.

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# Cobden baseball records three wins

The Cobden High School baseball team went 3-2 in recent action.

**Goreville 12, Cobden 2:** Josh Burgess and Zane Nance were each 2-for-3 to lead the visiting Appleknockers in the first game of a doubleheader loss at Goreville Saturday, April 15.

Bayden Ditterline was 1-for-3 with an RBI for Cobden. Dylan Duty was

1-for-3 with a double. Trevor Middleton was 1-for-3. John Russell was 1-for-4. Austin Lewey had an RBI and a stolen base.

Russell, Ditterline, Middleton, Chandler West and Josh Burgess pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 11 hits to go with 7 walks and 4 strikeouts.

**Okawville 15, Cobden 2:** Austin Lewey was 2-for-2 with a stolen base to lead the Appleknockers in

the loss in the final game Saturday.

Burgess was 1-for-1 and Russell was 1-for-2.

Middleton, Cody Weisman, Burgess and Nance, pitched in the loss, combining on 13 hits to go with 7 walks and 7 strikeouts.

**Cobden 11, Joppa 0:** Weiseman was 2-for-2 with a stolen base and 3 RBIs to lead the host Appleknockers to the South

Egyptian Conference win Tuesday, April 11.

Russell was 2-for-3 with a stolen base and 3 RBIs for Cobden. Austin Lewey was 2-for-3 with two stolen bases. Ditterline was 1-for-1 with a triple and a stolen base. Middleton was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Nance was 1-for-2. Burgess was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Wieseman was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with a walk and 6 strikeouts.

**Cobden 8, Egyptian 2:** West was 2-for-2 with a double to lead host Cobden to the doubleheader sweep Tuesday.

Russell was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles, a stolen base and 2 RBIs. Austin Lewey was 2-for-4 with a stolen base. Ditterline was 1-for-2 with 2 stolen bases and 2 RBIs. Middleton was 1-for-2 with a triple and 4 RBIs. Duty was 1-for-3 with a double. Burgess and Nance were each 1-for-3.

Middleton and West pitched in the win, combining to scatter 5 hits. Middleton pitched 3 2/3rd innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks and 6 strikeouts. West pitched 3 1/3rd innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 6 strikeouts.

**Cobden 17, Meridian 7:** Duty was 3-for-3 with 5 RBIs to lead host Cobden to the win Monday, April 10.

Austin Lewey was 2-for-2 with 5 stolen bases. Burgess was 2-for-3 with a double, a stolen base and an RBI. Carlos Morales was 1-for-1. Middleton was 1-for-2 with 3 RBIs. Russell was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Wieseman was 1-for-2.

Ditterline, Morales, Wieseman and Alex Rensay pitched in the win, combining on a three-hitter to go with 4 walks and 7 strikeouts.

Cobden, 6-5, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Elverado.

# Cobden softball team scores wins over Egyptian, Meridian

The Cobden High School softball team posted a 2-3 record in recent action.

**Hardin County 10, Cobden 5:** Meredith Flamm was 3-for-4 with a double to lead visiting Cobden in the first game of a doubleheader loss at Goreville Saturday, April 15.

Megan Rhodes was 2-for-3 for the Appleknockers. Lauren Sweitzer was 1-for-1. Jamison Cowart was 1-for-2. Alaina Hartline was 1-for-3.

Molly Ellis was the los-

ing pitcher, scattering 11 hits to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

**Goreville 17, Cobden 5:** Flamm was 3-for-3 to lead Cobden in the first game loss Saturday.

Rhodes was 2-for-3 with a double, Harleigh Braden and Cowart were each 1-for-2. Sweitzer and Inna Kinsey were both 1-for-3.

Flamm and Ellis pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 17 hits to go with 5 walks and no strikeouts.

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**theran 7, Cobden 2:** Ellis was 2-for-3 with a double and triple to lead host Cobden in the loss Wednesday, April 12.

Braden, Lexi Miller and Jenna Hartline were each 1-for-3.

Ellis was the losing pitcher, scattering 11 hits to go with 3 walks and 5 strikeouts.

**Cobden 16, Egyptian 0:** Cowart was 3-for-3 with a double and 3 stolen bases to lead host Cobden to the South Egyptian Conference win Tuesday, April 11.

Braden was 3-for-4 with a double and 2 stolen bases. Miller was 2-for-3 with 2 stolen bases.

Laurn Mitchell was 1-for-1. Jenna Hartline was 1-for-2. Alaina Hartline, Rhodes and Kinsey were each 1-for-3.

Flamm was the winning pitcher with a one-hitter to go with 2 walks and 11 strikeouts.

**Cobden 13, Meridian 2:** Flamm was 3-for-3 with a home run and a triple to lead host Cobden in the conference win Monday, April 10.

Ellis, Cowart and Miller were each 3-for-3. Braden was 3-for-4. Addy Aspen was 2-for-2. Rhodes was 2-for-3.

Ellis was the winning pitcher with a four-hitter to go with 4 walks and 11 strikeouts.

Cobden, 5-6, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Elverado.

# 2017 River to River Relay set Saturday

This year's River to River Relay is scheduled to be run Saturday, April 22. The relay begins in Union County and ends in Golconda.

The event is coordinated by the River to River Runners Club.

The club noted on its website that due to logistical issues on the relay course, the number of teams in the event has to be limited and is 250 in 2017.

"In 2016 we received over 370 applications in the first 10 minutes," the club reported.

Teams of eight runners compete on an 80-mile course.

Each runner completes three sections that range in length from 2.5 to 4 miles.

Teams are started in groups every 30 minutes beginning at 6:15 a.m. and continuing until the last group is started at 8:45 a.m. The finish line closes at exactly 8 p.m.

The relay starts in western Union County at McGee Hill in LaRue-Pine Hills on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River valley.

The course follows country roads (mostly paved but some stretches of gravel) through the Shawnee National Forest to its finish at the Ohio River in Golconda.

Among area teams fea-

tured on the website for 2017 are:

Finish the Task, Cobden. Hellacious Chaos, Cobden. Kings of Taper, Buncombe. Second Childhood, Cobden.

Buns on the Run, Goreville. Brown Electric, Goreville. Simpson Gray Gang, Simpson. Smart Runners, Vienna.

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The Village of Cobden once again will be welcoming runners. One of the relay's exchange points is located in the heart of downtown Cobden.

Village officials ask that residents along the relay route refrain from parking along the street on Saturday morning.

The route through Cobden includes Mountain Glen Road, South Centennial Street, West Ash Street, Appleknocker Drive to Oak, North Front to East Poplar and Bell Hill Road.

Residents also are asked to make sure that their dogs are under restraint or confined at the time of the relay.

The First Baptist Church of Cobden traditionally has had a refreshment stand for the runners which is located in the downtown area of the village. The church plans to have the stand for this year's relay.

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# Local students receive honors at recent college art show

Shawnee Community College has announced winners from a recent high school art show.

Area students competed in the show, which was hosted March 11 by the college.

Students from Union County were among those who received honors at the show.

The show featured entries in the following art categories: drawing, painting, pastels, photography and sculpture/other.

The show also featured

best of show honors and two Purchase Awards.

Students from Union County who received honors at the show included, by category:

Purchase Award number one: Jurnee Brown, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

Purchase Award number two: Andy Sharp, Dongola Unit School.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**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 28th day of March, 2017, under the Assumed Name of Buford Beard Company with the place of business located at 480 Shawnee Meadows Lane, Anna, IL 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Charles Blake Goforth  
 480 Shawnee Meadows Lane  
 Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff  
 Union County Clerk  
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**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an As-

sumed 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 31st day of March, 2017, under the Assumed Name of White Rabbit Whimsy with the place of business located at 18708 County Line Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Deborah Shepard  
 18708 County Line Road  
 Jonesboro, IL 62952

Terry Bartruff  
 Union County Clerk  
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**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 17th day of March, 2017, under the Assumed Name of Hangry Hut with the place of business located at 2370 Dogwalk Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Jenifer Eddleman  
 2370 Dogwalk Road  
 Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff  
 Union County Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,**

**v. JOHN D. HAND, ANGELA R. HAND a/k/a ANGI R. HAND, DISCOVER BANK, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, (STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND LIEN UNIT), and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2015-CH-17**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on March 29, 2017, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on the **3rd day of May, 2017, at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

#### EXHIBIT A

##### Tract 1:

A parcel of Land being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, All in Section 10, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the third principal Meridian. Said parcel is also intended to be the same property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 322, in the Union County Courthouse in the name of Angela R. Glidewell and Marla S. Rendleman, dated September 30, 1992. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, same being the Southwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, being marked by an iron rod set; Thence S 0°-02'-00" W

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5.90 feet along the west line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to an Iron Rod Set, this being the Northwest corner of said parcel and the point of beginning; Thence N 64°-22'-46" E 323.82 Feet, Passing into the said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to an Iron Rod set at the Northeast corner of said parcel; Thence S 0°-02'-00" W 200.00 feet, passing into the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, to an iron rod found at the Southeast corner of said parcel; Thence S 64°-22'-46" W 323.82 Feet, passing an iron rod set at 229.53 feet, passing an iron rod found at 322.25 feet, to an iron rod set in the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, this being the Southwest corner of said parcel; Thence N 0°-02'-00" E 200.00 feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to the point of the beginning. Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and Easements, recorded or other-

#### Tract 2:

A perpetual, Non-Exclusive Easement for the benefit of Tract 1 described as follows: An Easement for right of Ingress and Egress and for all utilities, being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10 and a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 9, All in Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said Easement is also a part of property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 318. In the Union County Courthouse in the names of Lee Roy Rendleman and Marla S. Rendleman dated September 1992. Said Easement being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter. Being marked by a roof bolt found; Thence N 0°-02'-00" E 659.69 Feet along the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, same being the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, to an iron rod set, this being the point of beginning; Thence along the South line of said Easement the following three calls: Thence S 48°-58'-39" W 83.53 feet; Thence S 37°-08'-47" W 128.14 Feet; Thence S 57°-02'-00" W 75.35 Feet to an iron rod set in the East right-of-way line of F.A.S. Route 923; Thence N 24°-12'-06" W 50.59 feet along said East right-of-way line to an iron rod set; Thence leaving said East right-of-way line the following three calls: Thence N 57°-02'-00" E 58.87 feet; Thence N 37°-08'47" E 124.55 feet; Thence N 48°-58'-39" E 132.26 feet to an iron rod set in the West line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; Thence N 0°-02'-00" E 443.90 Feet along the West line of Said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of property described and recorded in Book 96, Page 322, In the name of Glidewell and Rendleman; Thence N 64°-22'-46" E 94.29 feet along the South Line of Said Glidewell and Rendleman property to an iron rod set; Thence S 02°-02'-00" W 477.00 feet, leaving last said line, passing an iron rod set at 410.69 feet, to an iron rod set, This being the Southeast corner of said Easement; Thence S 48°-58'-39" W 112.72 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Tiffany Busby  
 Circuit Clerk

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a Anna National Bank, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,**

**v. RONALD W. MAYS, SHELLEY M. MAYS, n/k/a SHELLEY FIELDS, ILLINOIS**

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LIEN UNIT, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2017-CH-10**

### PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Ronald W. Mays and Shelley M. Mays, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

**EXHIBIT C**  
 LOT 12 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 13 IN D.W. BROWN'S FOURTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**EXHIBIT F**  
 TRACT I: LOT 12 AND THE WEST HALF OF LOT 13 IN D.W. BROWN'S FOURTH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**TRACT II:**  
 A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 123, PAGE 1058 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF JUDITH ANN MUZIK (FORMERLY NOWAK), DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1994. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A STONE FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 89°-28'-10" E 12.43 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 00°-36'-00" E 392.05 FEET ALONG NEW LINE, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 372.05 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF HOWELL LANE; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER

LINE, ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH CHORD BEARING N 86°-31'-20" E, 229.76 FEET, A RADIUS OF 502.22 FEET, AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 231.81 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE ALONG THE KRAATZ PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CALLS: THENCE S 16°-50'-08" E, 227.01 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 73°-09'-52" 450.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE S 00°-23'-05" E, 114.21 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 11°-47'-20" W, 53.79 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 08°-10'-06" E, 72.71 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 19°-05'-48" E, 77.45 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH LINE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89°-28'-09" W, 755.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 4.983 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, DATED 05/08/2002.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants Ronald W. Mays, Shelley M. Mays and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before **May 17, 2017 (30 days after publication)**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**In re the Estate of: ELIZABETH DEE MERKLEY, Deceased. No. 2017-P-8**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ELIZABETH DEE MERKLEY of 4 Fairview Avenue, Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Brooke Miller whose address is P.O. Box 492, Cobden, Illinois, on April 12, 2017, as Independent Executor of the estate, whose attorney is H. Wesley Wilkins, 602 South Main Street, P.O. Box 691, Anna, Illinois 62906.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that an Order was entered by the Court on April 12, 2017, admitting the Will to probate. Within six (6) months after the effective date of the original Order of Admission of the will, you may file a Petition with the Court to contest the Will and/or the appointment of the Independent Executor, pursuant to Sections 6-21 and/or 8-1 of the Illinois Probate Act.

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

Claims against the Estate of Elizabeth Dee Merkley must be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at 309 West

Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before October 20, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before that date is forever barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: April 17, 2017.

Tiffany Busby  
Union County Circuit Clerk

Law Office of  
**H. WESLEY WILKINS**  
Atty. Reg. No. 3127822  
Attorney for the Executor  
602 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 691  
Anna, IL 62906  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**IN THE INTEREST OF TEMPEST VANDEGRAPH, a minor NO. 2013-JA-15**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at 1 p.m. on May 18, 2017, I will present a Petition in the said Court praying for the change of my name from Tempest Vandegraph to Tempest Williams pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated: this 13th day of April, 2017.

J. Jeremy Lloyd  
Attorney for Petitioner

J. Jeremy Lloyd  
Attorney at Law  
Guardian ad Litem  
P.O. Box 455  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618)-658-2889  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**ESTATE OF STEVEN M. HAFERTEPE, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2017-P-9**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Steven M. Hafertepe, of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2017, to Marina Newberry, of 101 Bainbridge St., Cobden, Illinois 62920, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL UNKNOWN OR ALLEGED HEIRS THAT LETTERS OF OFFICE WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 11, 2017, FOR THE ESTATE OF STEVEN M. HAFERTEPE, UNION COUNCIL, ILLINOIS, CASE NO. 2017-P-9.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or

both, on or before October 20, 2017, 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: April 12, 2017.

MARINA NEWBERRY  
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK,**  
an Illinois Banking Corporation,

**Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**MARY O. RANDOLPH, DECEASED,**  
**WILLIAM RANDOLPH, DECEASED,**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,**  
**STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,**  
**UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,**  
**Defendants.**  
**Case No. 2015-CH-25**

#### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Amended and Nunc Pro Tunct, entered in the above captioned matter on February 10, 2017, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on the **17th of May, 2017 at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

#### EXHIBIT A PARCEL NO. 1:

THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO STATE ROUTE NUMBER 146, SUCH LINE BEING 50 FEET NORTHERLY OF THE SURVEYED CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD, AND THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION THIRTY (30), FROM WHICH THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF BEARS NORTH 1000 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1476 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 84 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE IN A DIRECTION NORTH 9 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 22 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CONTAINING 0.505 ACRES;

#### PARCEL NO. 2

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 14 FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION BEARS EAST 3831.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°-37' WEST, 676.77 FEET; THENCE NORTH 3°-01' EAST, 817.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A 0.617 ACRE TRACT HERETOFORE CONVEYED TO ROLLA E. BAKER BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 102, PAGE 42, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE NORTH 5°-29' WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 139.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 14°-48' WEST 458.2 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 32°-16' WEST 201.3 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°-54' EAST, 156.7 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32°-15' EAST, 176.9 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50°-04' WEST, 157.9 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CONTAINING 0.680 ACRES, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS. ALSO, THAT PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 14 FROM WHICH THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION BEARS EAST 3831.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°-37' WEST 676.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 3°-01' EAST, 817.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A 0.617 ACRE TRACT DEEDED TO ROLLA E. BAKER (BOOK 102, PAGE 42); THENCE NORTH 5°-29' WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 139.47 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 14°-48' WEST, 458.2 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF A 0.680 ACRE TRACT ORIGINALLY CONVEYED TO JACK BAKER FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 50°-04' WEST, 312.65 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN A DITCH; THENCE NORTH 3°-57' WEST ALONG SAID DITCH, 178.54 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 11°-02' EAST ALONG SAID DITCH, 121.89 FEET TO A CORNER IN SAID DITCH FROM WHICH AN IRON ROD BEARS NORTH 58°-54' EAST, 12.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58°-54' EAST, 141.6 FEET TO AN IRON ROD AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF SAID JACK BAKER TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 32°-16' EAST, 201.3 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALL SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

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

Tiffany Busby  
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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JACKSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**FIRST SOUTHERN BANK,**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**KATIE GOSS**  
**A/K/A KATIE D. GOSS**  
**F/K/A KATHIE DUTY**  
**F/K/A KATHIE SHORT**  
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1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the Case Number are identified above.

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4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

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5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 502 East Heacock Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

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b. Name of Mortgagee: First Southern Bank

c. Date of Mortgage: June 7, 2013

d. Date of Recording: June 20, 2013

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Cindy R. Svanda  
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During the webinars, scientists and specialists from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will provide information about the planetary alignment phenomenon, the first total solar eclipse to occur since 1979 over the United States.

April 27 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. is geared toward educators of children in grades 7-12.

Participants will discover how to create 3-D models of the earth, moon and sun to use in simulating an eclipse, as well as other learning activities.

"We are extremely grateful for Erin McKinley, Elaine Lewis and Susan Kohler, our NASA partners, and their commitment and service to the Southern Illinois community," Harvey Henson, interim director of SIU's STEM Education Research Center, said.

SIU is the closest university to the point of greatest duration of the eclipse, which will occur a few miles south of the campus and last for 2 minutes and 38 seconds.

"These NASA-sponsored webinars and workshops provide important educator professional development opportunities and help to fulfill the mission of the STEM Education Research Center."

The first webinar, a live, hour-long interactive program was planned Wednesday, April 19, and offered eclipse details and an overview of the two additional webinars.

Webinar participants can log in individually to participate in the learning opportunities.

Both of the additional, interactive webinars will highlight age-appropriate, hands-on eclipse activities educators can use with children.

However, organizers encourage schools, museums, libraries, amateur astronomers and other organizations to gather in viewing groups to share the learning experience.

The sessions will also include a demonstration of the safe use of solar viewing glasses.

To access webinar viewing information or set up a viewing group, contact Henson at [henson@siu.edu](mailto:henson@siu.edu).

A webinar set for 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25 is designed for educators who work with children in grades K-6.

SIU is partnering with NASA Eclipse 2017, the Adler Planetarium of Chicago, the Louisiana Space Consortium, the Science Center of Southern Illinois and other groups to present Eclipse Day at Saluki Stadium, an event featuring discussions, special activities and much more.

They will learn how to make an eclipse cereal box viewer, a device for safely indirectly viewing the eclipse, and discuss additional activities.

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### Bank directors elected

Stockholders of Anna State Bank elected directors for the coming year at the annual meeting last week. Standing, from left, are Willard C. Cunningham, Collin G. Boyd, Christopher S. Boyd and Dr. Charles W. Haire. Seated are Donald W. Denny, Richard P. Vicenzi and Jonathon D. Vicenzi. In addition to the election of directors, president Jonathon D. Vicenzi gave a report on the condition of the bank and detailed a very successful year.



### Recognized for service

R. Edwin Eddleman, left, was recognized for his 24 years of service on the board of directors of Anna State Bank at the stockholders annual meeting last week. Eddleman has retired from the board and was succeeded by Christopher S. Boyd. President Jon Vicenzi, right, praised Eddleman for his dedication. Eddleman was presented with a two gold coin set marking the years he served on the board.



### 50 years of service in community bank

Richard P. Vicenzi, left, former president of Anna State Bank, was recognized last week at Anna State Bank's annual stockholders meeting for his 50 years of involvement in community banking. He was given a statue by Jon Vicenzi. Richard Vicenzi first was employed at the bank in 1967 and later served 32 years as its president. He will be featured in the monthly magazine of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois. He continues to serve on the bank's board of directors.

### Jazz concert set

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Section B

## Coach Ron's second book signing fundraiser set at Lick Creek School

Coach Ron Fulenwider's second book signing fundraiser is planned at Lick Creek School April 29 at 2 p.m.

Coach Ron Fulenwider has been inspired by the recent success of the Lick Creek Lady Eagles Southern Illinois State Champion Cross Country team.

The decision was made to do a second book honoring the cross country team. The title of the book is "Cross Country and How to Succeed in Sports and Life."

Coach Ron shared the following thoughts and information about the book and the April 29 event which is planned at Lick Creek School:

### The Contents

Contents include the cross country team and the training required, starting our first ever cross country team, the track program, the girl's testimonials, the media and mentors, and the quotes from the top cross country runners in the world, plus the conclusion.

### What I Want the Readers to Understand About the Book

The main theme of the book is to honor our outstanding team of girls for their successes.

Some of the book will talk about the problems in America, and what's happening to our culture. It will address adversity and how to deal with it.

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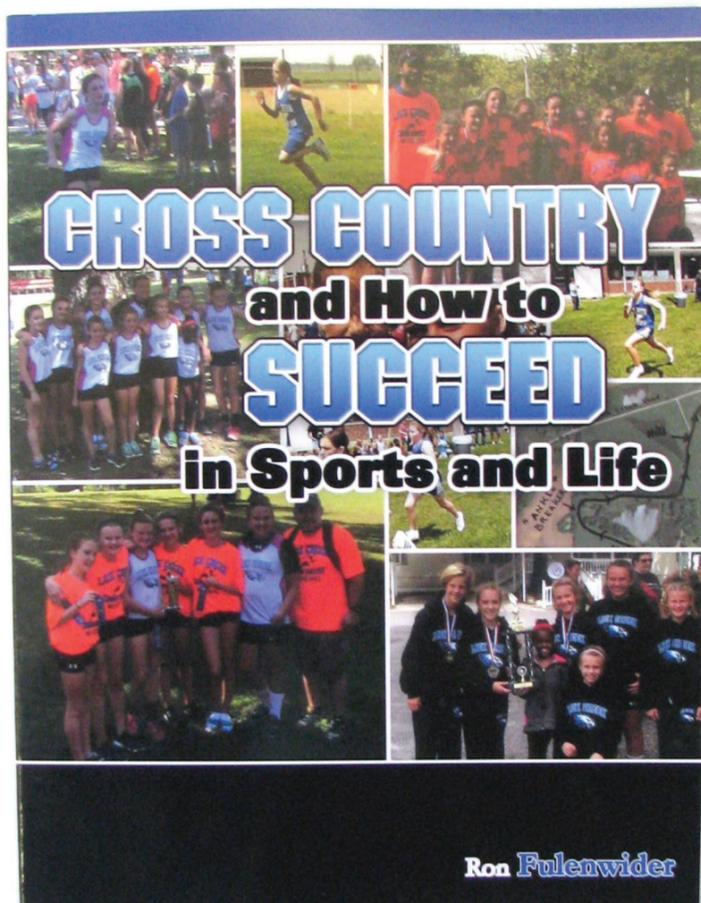
The importance of attitude. Developing the winning attitude. Harnessing the power of words. Having the happiness attitude. Make every day a great day.

The book will deal with both positive attitudes, as well as the negative aspects of life that are creeping into our society.

On the positive side, how many athletes are dealing with adversity compared to the lack of resilience we are now witnessing in the United States.

There will be testimonies that seven of our cross country girls wrote on why they performed as they did. In those testimonials were ingredients mentioned above.

Our coaches, Matt Denny and Ryan Vicenzi, helped build the winning attitude in these young athletes. The book will tell how they accomplished the task.



### New book

The cover of Coach Ron Fulenwider's second book, which is titled "Cross Country and How to Succeed in Sports and Life."

Inspirational quotes and sayings from some of the great runners of the past and present century on running and the greatest game of all-life.

### The Conclusion

Emotional problems developing over trivial matters.

Declining student resilience (Trouble across America among college students dealing with adversity).

Many adults requiring counseling after presidential election.

A story of resilience, grit and refusing to be the victim in the roller coaster life of one of the NBA's great players, Mr. Bob "Butterbean" Love.

### Celebrity Guests

Bob Love, Chicago Bulls is the third all-time leading scorer and current director of Community Affairs for the Chicago Bulls.

Love was the Bulls All-Time Career leader from 1966-1985. Current All-Time leader that surpassed most of Love's records is Michael Jordan.

Bob's stats: Points 12,623; rebounds 3,998; free-throw percentage .816; averaged 22.6 points per

game from 1969-1976.

His playoff stats: games played 47; field goals attempted 1,323; free throws attempted 246; points 1,076; minutes played 2,046; free throws made in playoffs 17-17, which is still a record.

Bob will be the keynote speaker at the book signing on April 29 at 2 p.m.

Willie Smith is a three-time Olympian, 1984 gold medal winner and a five-time All-American from Auburn University.

Willie's accolades include 1997 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, 1986 World Masters Record in the 400m, 1978 and 1979 American Champion 400m, 1978 NCAA Champion 400m (I was in attendance to witness Willie's Championship run), and 1974-78 10 time All-American in long sprints and relays.

Willie conducts the annual speed camps in Jonesboro. This coming summer will be Willie's 24th year to conduct the Sports Speed Development Camp. The camps are currently held in Jonesboro.

Willie was a member of the 1984 4x400 relay team that won gold in the L.A. games.

Willie was named National High School Athlete of the Year while competing in track and football in his home state of New York. Willie also was named to the High School All-American football team.

Willie's high school track records still stand in the 100 and 20 yard sprints at Uniondale High School in New York.

Dana Ford of Tennessee State University is another celebrity guest. Dana is

a native of Tamms and is the youngest Division I coach in America, and was the Minority Coach of the Year in the United States in 2015-2016.

Dana was an All-State basketball player at Egyptian High School and played basketball for Illinois State where he excelled in defense.

Dana was an assistant to Greg Marshall while at Winthrop and Wichita State and spent time as an assistant at Illinois State prior to taking the Tennessee State position.

Dana is a bright newcomer that has tremendous promise of becoming one of America's top coaches. Marshall has stated how much promise Dana has. This is a statement coming from one of America's top Division I coaches.

Bernard Thompson is a former NBA player with the Portland Trail Blazers, Phoenix Suns and the Houston Rockets.

He played college basketball at Fresno State University. His Fresno State team won the NIT in 1984.

Bernard was selected in the first round (19th) overall of the 1984 NBA draft. He is a 6'6" forward-guard from Phoenix, Ariz.

Bernard played five NBA seasons from 1984 to 1989. Bernard's best year as a professional came during 1985-86 as a member of the Phoenix Suns, appearing in 61 games averaging 8.5 ppg.

After the close of his NBA career, Bernard played in the Continental Basketball Association for the Columbus Horizon, Grand

Rapid Hoops, Rockford Lightning, Oklahoma City Cavalry and the Fargo-Moorhead Fever. He averaged 18.4 points and 4.7 rebounds per game for his CBA career.

He was an outstanding shooter. His free throw percentage was 78.9 and his FG was 43.9 percent. Bernard was the assistant coach of the Arizona Rhinos of the ABA for two years.

### The Book Signing

The event will be held at the Lick Creek School on April 29 at 2 p.m.

The event will start with introductions of the celebrity guests, followed by recognition of our state champion teams.

The 1983 state softball champion team and last fall's 2016 state champion cross country teams will be recognized as well as their coaches.

Two new 4'x8' wall boards will be displayed depicting the roster of each team.

Bob Love will talk about all the adversity and problems he encountered growing up in the South during the 1940s and 1950s in Bastrop, La.

You definitely don't want to miss his speech. I have introduced Bob 40 times and I've never gotten tired of hearing his story.

Following the introductions and speech the book signing event will take place at approximately 3 p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria throughout the book signing.

## Statewide campaign underway to reunite residents with property

A statewide newsprint advertising push is underway to reunite Illinois residents with approximately \$2.8 billion in unclaimed property, Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs said.

Frerichs drew attention to the advertising blitz to reassure residents that the unclaimed property effort is legitimate.

The treasurer's office never charges money to search and return unclaimed property.

"This money does not belong to the State of Illinois. It belongs to Illinois residents, businesses and local governments and we want to make every effort to return it," Frerichs said in a news release.

"With the state's current

fiscal challenges, getting this money out to the community is more important than ever."

Since January 2015, the Illinois treasurer's office has paid out more than \$250 million to the public.

The Illinois treasurer's office is the custodian of unclaimed property including lost bank accounts, insurance policy proceeds and unpaid rebate cards.

Items are surrendered after private entities tried for at least five years to locate the owner.

For example, if an individual forgot to pick up a final paycheck, the employer typically would attempt to contact the individual before surrendering the paycheck to the treasurer's

office. Once surrendered, the treasurer's office continues to locate the individual through direct mail, telephone calls and events.

State law also requires newspaper advertising to occur twice each year in every county.

Given the evolving ways residents consume news and advertising, the treasurer's office will incorporate digital and social media channels to inform the public.

Because thousands of items are surrendered each year, residents are advised to check every six months.

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Books available at event for \$25, or may be ordered by sending check made to P.A.S.T. and mailed to Linda Hileman at 1370 Kaolin Rd., Cobden, IL 62920.

Please add \$3 if you would like your book mailed.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Tab Beechler from Bluffton, Ind., provided the music for the Easter morning worship service.

Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman, Heath Brooks and Mark Smith served as ushers.

Special music was provided by Tab Beechler, Randy Wright, Johnathon Cauble and Pastor McBride.

The morning message, "When Jesus Meets You On The Road," was brought by the Rev. Jamie McBride, based on scripture from Acts.

The message shared that "salvation doesn't depend on the fallen will of man but on the sovereign will and power of God. What road are you on today? Where has your journey taken you?"

"Sometimes life takes us down a dark road, and we wake up one day wondering how we got this far. But the good news this morning is Jesus has traveled the road and meets us on our road. No matter where you are on your road, Jesus can meet you. Jesus can change you and set you in the direction you need to be going."

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Vance's Easter message was titled "The Resurrection - Two Questions: What Does It Mean? Why Does It Matter?" The main scripture selection was from the Gospel of Luke.

Rev. Vance asked: "What does it mean? Nearly all history records that there was the resurrection of a man named Jesus. His resurrection means Jesus is who He says He was; He has the power He claimed He had; and it means His promises to us are true."

"Why does it matter? Our past can be forgiven; our present is manageable, and our future is secure."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Rodney Miller and Tanner Roach. The elder for April is Rodney Miller.

The annual community egg hunt and wiener roast was well attended and all seemed to have a great time.

Services each Sunday are Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.

News from

First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday, April 16, was titled "From Humiliation to Exaltation," based on scripture from 1 Corinthians. His message was that "Paul defines, defends and declares the gospel."

The church plans to again have a hospitality booth at the River-to-River Relay on April 22.

Vacation Bible School is planned Sunday through Thursday, July 23-27. Family Fun night is planned Friday, July 28.

College students plan to participate in a Color Run on May 6.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 16, Pastor Mike Turner's message, "The Way of the Cross," was based on passages from Mark, Luke and John.

Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon. The Celebration Choir presented special music for Easter.

The Titus 2 ladies plan to meet Saturday, April 22, at 9 a.m. at HeBrewz Coffeehouse in Jonesboro.

On Sunday, April 23, there will be a churchwide potluck after the late morning service, followed that evening by a Solemn Assembly at 6 p.m.

Birthdays: George McCommons, April 17; Aaron Smithey, April 19; Christine Dirden, April 20; Ludine Copeland, April 21; Braden Bennis, April 22; and Melinda Goodman, April 23.

Anniversary: Gerry and Cynthia Boehne, married 39 years on April 22.

The schedule for wor-

ship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Men meet for Bible study on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Awana for children age 4 through 6th grade is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Adult Bible study/prayer meeting and youth is on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "The Resurrection: What's the Big Deal?" Scripture was from 1st Corinthians.

Student night is planned from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the student lounge. Student night is for students in grades 6 through 12.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Easter Sunday, the church was filled with family members and many children. The Easter bunny had stopped by to leave some chocolate eggs for everyone.

The altar was graced with lilacs and red and white dogwood flowers. Olivia and Brock lit the altar candles. The congregation shared in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Carolyn Moore reported that another new grandchild had been born.

Prayers were requested for Gerry Brown, Karen Lamer and Jeannette Fear and her family.

The Rev. Ray Long read scripture from John and talked about "The Case for Christ." He said that "Christianity is the one religion that has a living God that was raised from the dead. We are the most blessed people, in that we can find new life in the risen Christ."

The next ladies' lunch will be on Friday, May 5,

at a location still to be determined.

Sunday services start at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

Immanuel Praise, Worship Center

Sunday's message shared that "the Bible tells us that we are always in the foremost of Jesus' thoughts, but does your daily walk keep Jesus close to you thoughts?"

A Vacation Bible School meeting is planned after the service on Sunday, April 23. A light lunch will be provided.

A chicken and dumpling dinner is planned Saturday, April 29. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be for Harrison and Lane Smith, who each have severe health issues. They are the sons of Wes and Shelbi Smith of Carbondale.

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# IDOT introduces redesigned 'Getting Around Illinois' website

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, has introduced a redesigned GettingAroundIllinois.com that provides continually updated information in a mobile-friendly format that's more convenient for the motorist in Illinois.

## Earth Day, eco-artist celebrated

The public is invited to a free event to celebrate Earth Day and a reception for eco-artist Marie Samuel which is planned in Herrin.

The events are set from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hartley Gallery. The gallery is located at 100 S. Park Ave.

The gallery is hosting an exhibit titled "More Blooms for Pollinators," which is a series of floral quilted wall hangings featuring large flowers and a few pollinators, such as bees and butterflies.

The series continues work displayed in 2015 at the visitors center at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The works promote appreciation for both area plants and the essential pollinators which are needed for gardens and wild flowers, as well as food crops.

The exhibit is on display through April. On Saturdays, parking is available at People's National Bank, just north of the gallery. For more information, contact Marie Samuel at 889-4145.

## Spring plant event planned

A spring plant sale is planned Saturday, April 29, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The sale is planned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the patio behind the library.

Hanging baskets and bags, potted plants, tomatoes, herbs, bedding plants and Knock-Out roses will be available.

Plants are provided by Buck Run Nursery.

## Sustainability recognized

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's long-standing commitment to sustainability has again earned national recognition.

For the second time, SIU earned a silver ranking from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.

The Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education uses a point-based benchmarking system that considers sustainability efforts in four comprehensive areas: academics, planning and administration, operations and engagement.

## Cybersecurity addressed

Illinois officials have announced a comprehensive state cybersecurity strategy as a key step toward a cyber secure state.

The plan gives five goals with specific action plans to protect state operations and the personal information of Illinois residents.

The goals include protecting state of Illinois information and systems, reducing cyber risk, best-in-class cybersecurity capabilities, enterprise approach to cybersecurity and a cyber secure Illinois.

"We are very excited to provide this new-and-improved resource for travelers," IDOT Secretary Randy Blankenhorn said in a news release.

"GettingAroundIllinois.com is a great place to get important information, from winter road conditions to construction site locations to road or bridge closures, for any trip, any time of the year.

"The new mobile-friendly format will get travelers the information they need quickly and conveniently."

In keeping with the demands of today's users, the new website includes the ability to identify and zoom

## Heron Pond hike planned

To celebrate Get Outside Day, a hike at the Heron Pond Trail in Southern Illinois is planned Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The hike will be guided by John and Martha Schwegman.

Hikers are asked to meet at the parking lot for the Cache River State Natural Area, Todd Fink-Heron Pond Trail Access at 9 a.m. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

## Cemetery association plans to serve dinner

The Grand Chain Cemetery Association is planning to serve a chicken and dumplings dinner on Saturday, April 22.

The dinner is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grand Chain Learning Center (the old Grand Chain School).

Proceeds will help to pay for cemetery maintenance, including mowing and upkeep.

For more information, call 618-638-5523.

## Auxiliary to VFW to serve dinner

The Auxiliary to the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a chicken and dumpling dinner Friday, April 21.

The dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post home, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

An \$8 donation is requested. The public is welcome and carry outs will be available.

All proceeds go to community service and veterans projects.

in to a location, travel route or destination.

The former site offered a static map that provided a broad view of a user's overall location.

Additionally, the new website is operated by a cloud-based system, creating a better opportunity to provide real-time information and reducing potential system downtime, Blankenhorn said.

As construction season gets underway in Illinois, work zone information throughout the state is accessible by selecting the map's "road construction zone" layer to see where a work zone is located, how long it will be in place and what type of work is being done.

Blankenhorn said that one of the more popular features of GettingAroundIllinois.com is the winter road conditions map, which averages more than 2 million visitors during snow-and-ice season and is regularly used by news media and shared widely on social media.

The new map features an enhanced color scheme that better aligns with current map technology used by surrounding states, creating a more seamless travel experience for truckers and tourists, and is easier for color-blind individuals to discern.

GettingAroundIllinois.com debuted nearly 10 years ago and has experienced a tremendous growth in traffic.

The site is a one-stop shop for visitors seeking traffic counts, gas station and hotel locations, weather radar and other travel-related information.

## Cobden fish fry to help band

A fish fry is planned Friday, April 21, in Cobden.

Serving is planned from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Donations will be accepted for the dinner.

The fish fry will help to support the Cobden High School marching band.

The band is planning to participate in a Memorial Day parade in Washington, D.C.



## Boat, motor on display

A boat and motor were on display recently in front of The Gazette-Democrat's office on Lafayette Street in Anna. The boat and motor are being given away as part of Reppert Publications subscription promotion. All new and renewed subscriptions to the newspaper will be entered into a drawing which will be held on May 26.

## Genealogical society meeting planned in Vienna

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to meet Sunday, April 23, in Vienna.

The meeting is set for 2:30 p.m. at the Vienna Public Library. The library is located on the square in Vienna.

The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Zach Garrett plans to present a program titled "Dialect in Southernmost Illinois."

For more information about the program or the activities of the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society, call 618-771-6877.

## Masonic Lodge to serve breakfast

Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 plans to serve a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 22, in Anna.

The breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oasis Shrine building at the Anna City Park.

A \$5 donation is requested. Proceeds will help to support the lodge's activities.



## Students of the month

Shawnee Elementary School in Wolf Lake announces its most recent students of the month. The students include Tinley Qualls, pre-kindergarten; Isaiah McLane, kindergarten; Matthew Wills, 1st grade; Aniston Nicholson, 2nd grade; Rayah Huffman, 3rd grade; Gracie Davisson, 4th grade; Carolyn Schaefer, 5th grade. Photo provided.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Guests

Finlay Hileman, Joshua Song, Abigail Song and Emmie Hileman, grandchildren of Doug and Beth Hileman, have been visiting the Hileman farm and taking advantage of outdoor activities which included John Deere rides on the lawn, moonlight hayrides in the country and planting strawberries in the garden.

The Hilemans' Easter Saturday guests included Bill and Bonnie Hileman, aunt Emma Hileman, and Norm and Barbara Bauer of Anna, Matt, Sarah, Joshua and Abigail Song from Milford, N.H., Jacob, Nadia, Finlay and Emmie Hileman from St. Louis, and Lucas and Rachael Hileman from Fort Branch, Ind.

The family gathered on Easter Sunday at the home of Norm and Barbara Bauer in Anna.

## Guests

Guests of Roger and Darlene Crews were Roger's dad Bob Crews from Carbondale, Roger's sister Judy Calcutta, her husband Nick Calcutta and daughter Nicole from Magnolia, Del.

They all went to church with Roger and Darlene then out to eat and back to Roger's dad's house to enjoy the rest of Easter day.

## Guests

Patty and Randy Frank enjoyed their family being at their home for Easter dinner.

## Birthday Celebration

Celebrating Geneva Elkins' birthday were her twin sister, Eva Anderson of Normal, her daughters, Cathy Freeman of Jonesboro and Sheryl Netherton of St. Joseph.

Also celebrating with them were Geneva and Eva's sister Valarine Thomas and her daughter Linda Macniff Kolb of Inverness. Their meal of choice was Golden Corral.

## Fiber Show

Marie Samuel volunteers with the Little Egypt Arts Centre on the Tower Square in Marion. The annual fiber show entitled Sew and So is currently on display.

Several artists participated including Helen Co-



Welcoming a beautiful baby boy. Jeremiah Starling was born March 10, 2017, to Tanner and Halie Starling of Ullin.



Two of the nuns, Christa Wheaton and Maggie Cripps, in "The Sound of Music" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.



Some members from Anna attended Eastern Star training in Zeigler.

per of Norris City, Lynn Gross and Peggy McPhillips of Goreville, Idella Edwards and Jeri Palmer of Marion, Marie Samuel of Carterville and several others.

One special quilt on display by Ann Collins is a circular quilt and in a spiral format, a snuggie by Marie Samuel and quilt by Lynn Gross.

In addition, there are quilted snuggles, lap quilts, picture quilts and paintings, photography and poems relating to fiber.

This event enhances the north wall display which is of a variety of barns.

The closing reception will be on Monday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For further information, contact the art center at 618-998-8530 or mgraffics@midwest.net or go to their website at littleegyptarts.com.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Sharon Hall for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## Easter Dinners

Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen and Curt Ellis, Martha Ann Webb and Earl Miller enjoyed an Easter meal together in Carbondale. They celebrated Bessie Mae and Curt's 18th wedding anniversary at Giant City Lodge.

## 65th Birthday

Sherry Rix celebrated her birthday on Easter. Sherry and her husband Allen enjoyed a weekend in Alabama visiting family and friends. Allen also celebrated his birthday.

## Easter

Fred and Linda Clutts went to Bald Knob Cross of Peace for the Easter morning sunrise service.

## VFW

Alejandra Lopez was the first place winner with his picture from Cobden High School. A cash prize will be awarded. No picture is available.

Friday, April 21, the auxiliary is hosting a chicken and dumpling dinner with dressing, green beans and



The grandchildren of Doug and Beth Hileman have been visiting the Hileman farm. In the first row are Abigail Song and Emmie Hileman. Finlay Hileman and Joshua Song are in the second row.

more from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for only an \$8 donation. Saturday, April 22, Wild Willie Karaoke from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The auxiliary will be smoking pork butts on April 29 for \$35 each and will be ready for pick up after 5 p.m. that day. They are still taking orders.

## Blue Ribbons for Kids

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The annual WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign continues this week with a Courage Collection Day this Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna. Small toiletry items, books and toys will be collected to fill courage bags for kids going into protective care.

## Child Abuse Awareness Month

Shelly Glasco Pearl is a recruiter of homes for foster children and the need is great since it's Child Abuse Awareness Month. Shelly's work number is 993-7620.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning everyone brought flowers to the altar to put on the cross that was laying down. After everyone put their flowers on the cross it was raised to represent Jesus rising from the tomb.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today was sung. Maggie Johnston signed the whole service. The call to worship was performed by Barbara House. Barbara also led the singing.

The children sang special music The Hosanna Song. Special music the



Ella and Ed Earnhart celebrated their wedding anniversary April 18.



Easter morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna, special music was presented by a quartet singing "Easter Song": Marcy Morris, Muriel Zachary and Emily Goins; not pictured was Carla Anderson, who was singing and playing the piano.



Hostesses for the Anna-Jo Garden Club were Virginia Housman, Nancy Skoglund, Martha Ann Webb, Elaine Dunn and Charlotte Echols.



Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois Nancy Brown received a check from the VFW Auxiliary of Anna in the amount of \$500. The money was donated from the flea market that was held April 1 at the Anna Post. Pictured are Peggy Jerrell, Linda Jackson, Maggie Musgraves, auxiliary president Dianna Robertson, Ty Walker, Nancy Brown and Vicki Astin. Several people contributed to the fundraiser but were not available for the picture.

Easter song was by the quartet of Carla Anderson, Emily Goins, Marcy Morris and Muriel Zachary.

The gospel lesson was from Matthew. Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was "Three Levels of Security."

Holy Communion was taken. Shirley West's grandson was visiting.

Terry and Barbara House celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary April 14.

Loaves and Fishes, the free community meal, was served Tuesday night.

Sunday morning, April 23, Nancy Hooks will be teaching a new Sunday School class on the Gospel of John in the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## A-J Marching Wildcats

The A-J marching band plans to host an Earth Day plant and yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at A-JCHS, rain or shine.

Plants have been provided by McNitt growers. If you would like to donate an item, give to a band booster parent. There will be treasures, clothes, household items, toys and wonderful items for all ages. Please come help support the Marching Wildcats.

## A-J Women's Club

Members will meet at 2 p.m. at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna to play bingo with our veterans. They will also take them a snack and drinks.



Alexis Houseman and Elijah Glen Ellis were puppets in "The Sound of Music" musical at A-JCHS.

## Anna Star Chapter No. 522

Anna Star is taking applications now from high school seniors for a \$500 scholarship. The forms can be picked up at all Union County high schools.

The Anna Eastern Star meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. with meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna City Park.

## Art Show

An art show for Marie Samuel, "More Blooms for Pollinators Eco," is planned April 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Hartley Gallery in Herrin, 100 S. Park Ave., south of People's Bank. You may park at the bank.

Marie said the back-



Barbara and Terry House celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary April 14.



Lillian Milam is looking for the names of the people in the picture. If anyone knows any of the ladies, give her a call at 833-8187. They have two names. In the first row on the left is Margie Brown and the second from the right is Dorothy Dodd. Any help would be appreciated.



The children's choir at United Methodist Church of Anna sang "The Hosanna Song." Kathie Watkins is their teacher with Carla Anderson on piano.



Carolyn Miller, left, with a fiber creation by Marie Samuel called "Zen Garden," which is part of her April show at the Hartley Gallery in Herrin.



Easter bonnets at Sunshine Inn. From left are Jane Bauer, Connie Harvel and Monica Bellee.

# Anna News

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birthday and how you celebrated in the paper email me or give me a call. Leave on my answering machine if I am not home.

## Free Community Dinners

Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community meal the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes, a free community meal, is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Anna fellowship hall.

Salem Lutheran Church's free meal is on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Cobden Church

Immanuel Praise and

## Cobden

## Women's Club plans to meet

The Cobden Women's Club plans to meet at 2 p.m. Friday, April 21.

The meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden. The club welcomes all women of the community.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Patrick Brumleve. He plans to talk about the Cobden Medical Clinic building, which has been acquired by the Union County Historical Society.

At the club's last meeting, a report was given about last year's club activities.

The women's club was given a donation of \$1,000 by the Cobden Lions Club.

The donation was presented in recognition of the women's club's help at the peaches and cream stand at the Cobden Peach Festival. The festival is presented by the Cobden Lions Club.

During 2016, the club spent \$1,592 on projects, which included six donations totaling \$450 to the Village of Cobden, \$400 for three Christmas projects, \$92 to a food pantry and \$650 for nine other projects.

Worship Center in Cobden has a chicken and dumpling dinner the third Saturday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donations for the meal.

## Connect Point Church

The church delivers food to homes Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

## Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the military prayer list. If you have a loved one in the service email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore, please let me know.

Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Beta Sigma Phi chapter meeting held

Zeta Psi Sorority's Beta Sigma Phi chapter had its April meeting at the home of Sue Abernathy.

The meeting was called to order by chapter president Linda Warren. Minutes were read and approved. Committee reports were given.

Members voted to donate money to PAST for the use of St. Anne's Church in Anna for their Founders' Day brunch April 29 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker is scheduled to be Pam Hodges.

Programs were given by members Sue Abernathy, Jo Vonna Noble and Linda Warren.

Decorating for Founders' Day is planned at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at St. Anne's Church.



## Easter egg hunt

Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 sponsored the fourth annual Theresa Pearl McKinney Easter Egg Hunt last weekend. The event was held Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Elks Lodge in Anna. The egg hunt also included prizes, snacks and refreshments for the many who attended the event.

## Upcoming event will support Alto Pass Veterans Memorial

The Big Muddy Fish Friers plan to serve fish dinners for the Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial fundraiser on Saturday, April 29.

Serving is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The dinners will be served in downtown Alto Pass in the pavilion in the park, or in the community center in case of rain.

Dinners will include fish, sides, dessert and a drink. Tickets are \$10 per plate. Children 12 and under are \$5 per plate. Carry-outs will be available.

Proceeds will go to-

wards the Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Wall.

Live music will be performed by the Keystone River Rats.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is

responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial that honors U.S. military veterans who have died and are from the Alto Pass area. Veterans from the Alto Pass area are

invited to become members.

Tickets and information are available from memorial group members or by calling Bob Lindsay at 618-534-6567 or Keith Herold at 618-893-1425.

## Dalaney Plott inducted into honor society

Dalaney Plott of Anna has been initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Plott is currently pursuing a degree in nursing at Southeast Missouri State

University in Cape Girardeau.

Plott is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

# Television Listing

### THURSDAY

### APRIL 20, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter Special (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	"Narnia"	(5:00) "The Ring" (02)	"Tears of the Sun" (03)
7 PM	Scandal "The Trail" (HD)	Big Bang	MasterChef Junior (HD)	Supernatural	Special	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid.	"Suicide Squad" (16, Action) Villains team-up. (HD)	"The Conjuring" (13, Horror) Family terrorized. (HD)	Guerrilla (HD)
8 PM	Scandal "Trojan Horse"	(01) Mom	(01) Kicking & Screaming	Chicago Med (HD)	We the (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Good Luck			Billions (HD)
9 PM	The Catch (HD)	Amazing Race (HD)	Local Programs	Blacklist: Redemption	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Andi Mack	(05) Veep	(55) "Species" (95) Human-ET hybrid.	Dark Net
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Jessie (HD)	(35) The Leftovers (HD)	"Wonderland" (03) Porn and murder.	Dark Net
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Jessie (HD)	(45) Eyez Only (HD)	"Resurgence"	Billions (HD)
	Nightline	(37) Corden		Late Night		Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds			

### FRIDAY

### APRIL 21, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Tangled	"Gods Egypt"	(5:00) "Max Payne" (08)	"Triple 9" (16) Rookie cop must stop Russian Mafia.
7 PM	The Toy Box (HD)	MacGyver "Pili-ers" (HD)	Rosewood (HD)	First Dates (HD)	2017 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	"Liar Liar" (97) A dishonest lawyer finds he can't lie.	2017 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	Stuck in the Middle (HD)	"Mamma Mia!" (08, Musical) Bride seeks dad. (HD)	★★★ "Warcraft" (16) Human realm and orcs face war.	"Burn Motherfcker, Burn!" (17) LA uprising. (NR)
8 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) You the Jury	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		ELEAGUE		"Strange Magic" (15) Battle for poton.			
9 PM	(01) 20/20 Caitlyn Jenner.	Blue Bloods "Mob Rules"	Local Programs Local info.		2017 NBA Playoffs "Group B" (HD)			Real Time w/Bill Maher	"Waterworld" (95) Futuristic refugees seek dry land.		Guerrilla (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		★★★ "Your Highness" (11)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Andi Mack	Animals	"Kindergarten Cop" (90)	★★★ "Big Eyes" (14) (HD)
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)				Liv Maddie	Real Time w/Bill Maher		
	Nightline	(37) Corden		Late Night				Liv Maddie			

### SATURDAY

### APRIL 22, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	NBA Countdown (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	"The Matrix Revolutions" (03) Humans vs. machines.	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	"Slumdog Millionaire" (R)	"The Transporter" (02)	Guerrilla Two are targeted.
7 PM	Housewife	NCIS: L. A. "Black Market"	MasterChef Junior (HD)	2017 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live)	2017 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang		Bizaardvark	"Life of Henrietta Lacks" (17) (NR)	★★★ "Death Race" (08) Prisoner road race.	Billions Inside information.
8 PM	black-ish	Training Day (HD)	You the Jury "Aruba"			Big Bang	"John Wick" (14) Kingpin's son kills ex-hit man's pup.	★★★ "The Emperor's New Groove" (00)	(35) Veep	(45) ★★ "Mechanic: Resurrection" (16) The impossible.	Showtime Boxing from Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York (Live)
9 PM	20/20 Investigative news.	48 Hours	Local Programs Local info.		2017 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Frontal (HD)	"The Matrix" (99) A hacker fights to free humankind. (R)	Bizaardvark	(05) Girls	(25) ★★ "Warcraft" (16) Humans vs. orcs.	"Burn Motherfcker, Burn!" LA uprising.
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local programming information.	Kicking & Screaming (HD)	Local		The Detour		Stuck Mid.	(40) "Henrietta Lacks" (17) (HD)		
11 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	(29) Saturday Night Live Sketch comedy.		A. Tribeca	"Duplex"	Liv Maddie			

### SUNDAY

### APRIL 23, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Funniest Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Little Big Shots (HD)	Baseball (Live) (HD)	(4:45) "Blended" (14) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	(7:20) "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" (17) (HD)	"The Bone Collector" (99)	Billions Inside information.
7 PM	Once Upon a Time (HD)	NCIS: L. A. "Battle Scars"	History (HD)	Little Big Shots (HD)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at New York Mets from Citi Field (Live)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	"Black Mass" (15) Johnny Depp. Corrupt deals. (R) (HD)	Circus (HD)	Circus (HD)
8 PM	Match Game (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Family Guy	Chicago Justice "Drill" (HD)		Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"16 Wishes" (10) Wish goes wrong. (HD)	The Leftovers (HD)		Guerrilla (HD)
9 PM	American Crime (HD)	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs Local programming information.	Shades of Blue (HD)		Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	(05) "We Were Soldiers" (02) The first battle of the Vietnam War. (HD)		Billions Family disturbance.
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "The Heartbreak Kid" (07) Husband finds love. (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Oliver (HD)		Billions Family disturbance.
11 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott		Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Sil Valley	Veep (HD)	Circus (HD)
							Mod Family	Andi Mack	Leftovers	"Hoosiers"	Guerrilla

### MONDAY

### APRIL 24, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates from PNC Park (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	Mod Family	Undercover	Oliver (HD)	(4:40) "Waterworld" (95)	"Furnace" (HD)
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars An elimination. (HD)	Big Bang	Gotham (HD)	The Voice "Live Top 12 Performances" (HD)		Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Stuck Mid.	★★★ "Independence Day: Resurgence" (16) (HD)	"Lampoon's Animal House" (78) (HD)	Guerrilla (HD)
8 PM		Superior 2 Broke	(01) APB "Ricochet" (HD)			Family Guy		Good Luck			Billions (HD)
9 PM	(01) Quantico "MHORDER"	Scorpion Bat threat. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Taken "Gone" (HD)	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Am. Dad		Liv Maddie	BUNK'D	Canelo (HD)	"Popstar: Never Stop! Failed popstar."
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Friday Night Tykes: Street	Jessie (HD)	(20) The Leftovers (HD)		Billions (HD)
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott	A. Tribeca	Mod Family	Jessie (HD)	Girl World	Last Week John Oliver	Circus (HD)
	Nightline	(37) Corden		Late Night		Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds			"Twin Peaks"

### TUESDAY

### APRIL 25, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	We the (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Silver War" (HD)	Undercover	Real Time	(5:10) "Wanted" (08) (HD)	"The Boy" (16) A nanny's charge is a life-sized doll.
7 PM	The Middle	NCIS "Keep Going" (HD)	Brooklyn	The Voice (HD)	We the (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Good Luck		"Life of Henrietta Lacks" (17) (HD)	Billions (HD)
8 PM	Speechless	Bull Wife takes hostages.	Prison Break (HD)	Great News	Great News	Big Bang		Good Luck			
9 PM	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	48 Hours "NCIS"	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago Fire (HD)	We the (HD)	Big Bang	Team Ninja Warrior (HD)	Liv Maddie	(35) Veep	★★★ "How High" (01) Stoners in Harvard.	Guerrilla (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	BUNK'D	★★★ "Men in Black II" Kay & Jay return.	(20) "Term Life" (16) Vince Vaughn. On the run. (HD)	Dark Net
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott	The Detour	Mod Family	Jessie (HD)	Girl World	"Stories Women" (16)	"No Country for Old Men" (07) Money and murder.
	Nightline	(37) Corden		Late Night		Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds			"The Exorcist" (73) Possessed girl. (R)

### WEDNESDAY

### APRIL 26, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox from Fenway Park (Live)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Family Secret" (HD)	Undercover	"Ride Along"	(5:10) ★★ "Lincoln" (12) Civil War.	
7 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	Shots Fired (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates from PNC Park (Live)	Seinfeld	2017 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	Stuck Mid.	"Suicide Squad" (16, Action) Villains team-up. (HD)	"The Purge: Election Year" (16) (HD)	"Blue Crush" Girl questions her passion for surfing.
8 PM	black-ish	Criminal Minds (HD)	Empire "Love Is a Smoke"	Law & Order: SVU (HD)		Big Bang		Andi Mack			
9 PM	Designated Survivor (HD)	Borderlands	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Big Bang		Liv Maddie	BUNK'D	(05) The Leftovers (HD)	"No Country for Old Men" (07) Money and murder.
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal (HD)		Jessie (HD)	(05) The Leftovers (HD)		Dark Net
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott	Conan (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Girl World	Sil Valley	"The Exorcist" (73) Possessed girl. (R)	★★★ "The Bank Job" (08)
	Nightline	(37) Corden		Late Night		The Detour	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Best Frnds	"Deadpool"		

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# National Poetry Month

According to poets.org, National Poetry Month is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, book-sellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in culture. While poets and poetry are celebrated year-round, the Academy of American Poets was inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), and founded National Poetry Month in April 1996 with an aim to: highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets; encourage the reading of poems; assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms; increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media; encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books; and encourage support for poets and poetry. Below are poems written by students in the community.

## Lick Creek Elementary School

Lick Creek Elementary School wrote and submitted several poems for National Poetry Month.

### 7th Grade Poetry

"Cows"

By: Campbell Belcher  
Cows  
Sassy, Classy  
Walking, Mooing, Stomping  
In the ring to be the best,  
to win  
Showing

"Cinquain Poems"

By: Kristin Edmonds  
Jackrabbit  
Fast, Quick  
Jumping, Running, Moving  
Between the field and forest  
Hare

"Grey Cat"

By: Gracie Cook  
Creeping in the dark  
With your purple eyes at night  
Climbing trees so high

"Sunflowers"

By: Addison Denny  
The sunflowers grow  
Wherever your feet may go  
Along the ways home

"Living"

By: Kollyn Grant  
Before you can see  
Weather changes very quickly  
Almost like our lives

"The Rose"

By: Erin Overstreet  
Flowery beauty  
Flowers with dangerous thorns  
Loved by all on Earth

"Hunting In the Dark"

By: Will Smiley  
Silently walking  
Black as night swiftly moving  
The panther awaits

"The Light of a Rose"

By: Brooke Starr  
Lightning strikes loudly  
A rose blooms very slowly  
Now it sits pretty

"Shoes"

By: Kaleb Brown  
Jordans  
Comfortable, Cool  
Cushioning, Perfecting,  
Outstanding  
On the floor at P.E.  
Shoes

"Ocean"

By: Bryce Ecker  
Ocean  
Shimmering, mysterious  
Relaxing, daring, everlasting  
What's beneath the ocean waves  
Unknown

"Money"

By: Ethan Minckler  
Money  
Green, Flimsy  
Taking, Making, Faking,  
Money Doesn't Grow On  
Trees  
Benjamin

"Music"

By: Savana Rambeau  
Music  
Loudly, softly  
Playing, Singing, Speaking  
It is more than just words and sounds  
Lovely

"Dogs"

By: Jude Smith  
Dogs  
Furry, Kind  
Loving, Caring, Amazing  
In their mouth a treat  
Animals

## 6th Grade Haiku poems

"Spring"

By: Kiley Dailey  
The birds are chirping  
Wind is blowing peacefully  
Flowers everywhere

"Gobblers In The Morning"

By: Hunter Chapman  
He gobbles at dawn



Tree blossoms in Alto Pass.

He flies off right at daylight  
He's about to die

"Dandelion"

By: Brodie Denny  
Sitting in the sun  
White and flowing through the breeze  
Planting more of me

"Sunflowers"

By: Danielle Dunaway  
Sitting in the field  
Looking pretty as always  
Watching the raindrops

"Silent Pond"

By: Shayden Heath  
An old silent pond  
A frog jumps into the pond  
Splash, silence again

"Tornados"

By: Timothy Plott  
Tornados give fright  
They also rip through the ground  
They can hurt people

"Waters Fright"

By: Morgan Smith  
The water cries out  
The waves crash against the rocks  
The water's frightful

"The Tree"

By: Shealyn Thorn  
The beautiful tree  
Swaying slowly in the wind  
So peaceful, so still

"My Dog"

By: Madison Tweedy  
A dog named Lucy  
She is such a cute Poopsie  
A loveable dog

"Flowers"

By: Louis Van Muylder  
Blossoming in light  
Colors bright, like kryptonite  
Waving in our sight

"Komodo Dragon"

By: Reimi Elsner  
Eats dead animals  
They eat the dead all day long  
All that's left are bones

"Turkey Hunting"

By: Wyatt Pinnon  
You can never move  
You have to wait silently  
Wait for the right time

"The Night Fox"

By: Kaylee Stover  
Its beautiful eyes  
Glow so bright in the night sky  
Fluffy tail so red

"Spring"

By: Kiley Dailey  
The birds are chirping  
Wind is blowing peacefully  
Flowers everywhere

## 8th Grade Poetry Haiku and Diamante

"Chocolate and Vanilla"

By: Levi Moutria  
Chocolate  
Sweet, Brown  
Tasting, Enjoying, Savoring  
Candy, Cake, Ice Cream, Pudding  
Eating, Sampling, Devouring  
Smooth, White  
Vanilla

"Good & Evil"

By: Eli Cripps  
Good  
Democracy, Just  
Helping, Saving, Giving  
Freedom, God, Imprisonment, Satan  
Killing, Destroying, Hating  
Death, Dictatorship  
Evil

"Wealth & Poverty"

By: Hannah Miller  
Wealth  
Productive, Arrogant  
Achieving, Pleasuring,  
Heartbreaking  
Fame, Fortune, Vagrant,  
Indigent  
Suffering, Quitting, Losing  
Lackadaisical, Truthfulness  
Poverty

"Snow and The Rain"

By: Jaiden Foster  
Snow  
Soft, Cold  
Glistening, Chilling,  
Sparkling  
White, Outside, Dark,  
Clear  
Drizzling, Soaking, Falling  
Gentle, Wet  
Rain

"The Breeze"

By: Julia Hall  
Breezes Dance Around  
Its Wild Ways Make My  
Heart Race  
Pushing Me Further

"Summer And Winter"

By: Grayson N. Heath  
Summer  
Hot, Sunny  
Running, Playing, Swimming  
Beach, Life, Snow, Dead  
Sitting, Freezing, Skating  
Cold, Cloudy  
Winter

"Clouds"

By: Kyleigh Matuszewich  
White, fluffy, a cloud  
Soon night comes, it can't be found  
Never making sound

"Aged"

By: Miranda Miller  
The elderly man  
Withered and waiting for joy  
Broken down with age

"The Fox"

By: Cierra Thorn  
Your red fur shimmers,  
Your golden eyes are watching,  
You cannot be found.

"Painting"

By: Abbie Edwards  
Blending Smearing Paint  
Always Improvements needed  
Create Masterpiece

## 4th Grade Couplets

"Titanic"

By: Lindsay Elsner  
The Titanic made its final stand  
But it went so deep it hit the sand  
The ship shot so many flares  
It was called the ship of nightmares  
I'm not sure how long it will last  
But it brings me to the

English past

"Dogs"

By: Roddea Jackson  
I like big, fluffy dogs  
They eat so much they act like hogs  
Some dogs are scared of the dark  
When they are they usually bark  
Dogs have sharp claws  
Underneath their cute paws

"Hunting"

By: Clayton Smith  
I like to hunt when I can  
I cook my deer in a pan  
When I shoot a duck I think yum  
Many others ask for some  
When I get a turkey  
I make tasty jerky

"Gymnastics"

By: Katie Starr  
My favorite sport is gymnastics  
I really think it's fantastic  
Your run and flip and do cartwheels  
And hope you land on your heels  
Gymnasts also can do backflips  
They try not to break their hips

"Elephants"

By: Sophie Smiley  
Elephants are the biggest of all  
They are also really tall  
An elephant has a long, long, trunk  
With it they could dunk  
They have floppy ears  
And they have memories that last for years

"A Play"

By: Kenzie Stover  
This Spring I'm in a play  
I go through my lines each day  
I practice every night  
The lights are very bright  
I've made lots of friends  
I'll be sad when the play ends

"Plays"

By: Brinley Corbit  
In plays I love to act  
I will even say that is a fact  
The director loves being in charge  
Sometimes the cast is very large  
Most of the actors have lines to say  
They practice them everyday

"Trains"

By: Kady Grant  
Trains can be long  
But some can be strong  
Trains can haul weight  
But sometimes can be late  
Trains can be slow  
But some have to go

"Soccer"

By: Kaitlyn Matuszewich  
I like to play with soccer balls  
In the game the referee makes the calls  
You run fast to the pole  
Your team helps to make a goal  
Soccer can be played by a girl or boy  
Playing soccer gives

people great joy

"Teeth"

By: Macie Hoehner  
Sometimes teeth are shining bright  
Especially in the light  
I brush my teeth in the day  
So in the night I can play  
Sometimes teeth are healthy  
Kind of like people who are wealthy

"Pandas"

By: Kayla Matuszewich  
Pandas are black and white  
They are heavy and not light  
They have small, short, sharp claws  
They also have big black paws  
They nibble on green bamboo  
They put it in their mouth to chew

"Grateful Dead"

By: Luke Vaughn  
Their piano player is really good  
His piano is made of wood  
The lead singer is really neat  
He also keeps a very jazzy beat  
The main guitarist is really cool  
I bet he even has a pool

## Anna Junior High School

Anna Junior High School wrote and submitted several poems for National Poetry Month.

### Free Verse, 8th Grade

By: Anonymous  
He walked straight down the path.  
His arms were heavy, shoulders weak.  
Back hunched, could hardly walk-  
Partway home, just a little further.  
Home visible in his eyes, but not enough strength to make it there.  
He collapsed and shut his eyes.

By: Ethan Myers

He runs free when alone. At school he acts with a mask. He forgets the truth, to act the lie.  
After long enough he couldn't tell the difference.

By: Lilly Evers

Forgotten  
They have taken my memory, of my hopeful defender and of my guardian angel. Their hatred flowing over my love, I am not afraid anymore. Their presence made me strong. But when they left, I became a god

By: Marie Red Cloud

When the chaos of war shakes the core of Mother Earth; A hero made from bronze, arrives alongside her steed of rage.

As the enemy looks on, however with both fear and awe, they retreat from the battle, cursing the warrior who has buried their NAME

By Kaden Mayberry

When I almost gave my speech,  
they started to talk and wave.

Then it went from waving to leaving.

It just got stranger as the night went on.

I had to wait, so I turned. They were all gone and it really pulled my strings.

By: Andrew Odem  
Honestly, I think about you all the time. My thoughts, scattered unintentionally. I'm disarmed when I gaze at you. My vivid thoughts just make me stop.

By: Haden Web  
Before you start to find a college,  
Follow your heart to analyze yourself.  
You will find that you will get a better view of yourself.

"Live Long, My Warrior"  
By: Peyton Otey  
On that frigid winter night, your hands were littered with splinters from the shovel you used to bury your emotions. You told yourself that emotions are a disease- they cripple, they wound, they plague

You felt deceived on that night when you gazed in the mirror, seeing your present self, but desiring the past.

You felt like a puppet, When everyday became a task, rather than an experience.

Time went too slowly, and it seemed worthless to even crawl out of bed because you knew that you would have the same monotonous day as before.

You felt devastated when the last drop of love flowing, pumping, rushing, through your veins turned out to be a lie- one that you foolishly believed.

worthless, damaged, nothing at all- And I'm still proud of you for going back the next morning.

I'm still proud of you for grasping that shovel, courageously digging until your feelings resurfaced.

I'm still proud of you because now, instead of dreading the passing days, you, live, them.

I hope that, the scars you received from the shovel's splinters make you feel like a warrior.

## 7th Grade

"Kingdom Lost"

By: Alex Little  
His heart weighs heavy with blame and despair. Even though he used to live without a care. For she was gone his only weakness. Now one with the air "How could this be?" he wondered For their love used to span vaster than any sea "I guess it was simply not meant to be."

"Stars"

By: Clohie Powell  
The sun falls beneath the soil into a fine slumber.

Darkness sweeps the night, the town is filled with silence.

All of a sudden the sky fills with tiny glimmers of light.

They paint a portrait in the sky. So small in size, big in numbers.

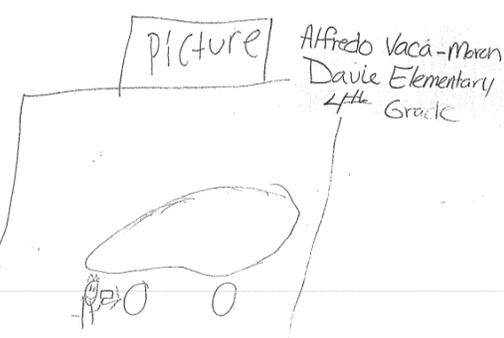
By: Ariel Nekola  
All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. So cherish the moments you have while young, life goes by in the blink of an eye.

# Shape Poems by Davie Elementary School

Grammar Poem

Title The Best Dad

- 1 My great D.a.d.
- 2 Caring and hard working.
- 3 Works hard to bye me stuff.
- 4 Like the best dad I could have.
- 5 If only ne could spend mor time with me.



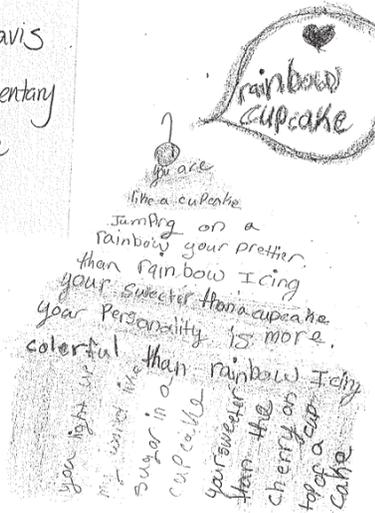
Alliteration poem  
Funny animals

Conwardly cows call cardinals.  
Destructive dogs damage Detroit.  
Five frogs fly far.  
Worthy whales wander.  
Perty penguins putie.  
Smart seagulls sail.  
Big bison bofi.  
Rude rhinos ride rangers.  
Annoying alligators optize.  
Huge horses hide.



Shape Poem

Jordyn Davis  
Davie Elementary  
4th Grade



Acrostic Poem

Things about David

Brylee Hartline  
Davie Elementary  
4th Grade

Dedicated to his job

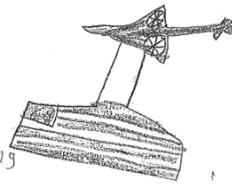
Awesome person

Very nice

Intelligent, knows everything

Dad you are an awesomedad

Fam lucky you are my dad



Alliteration poem Brooklyn

Title: My family

Jogging Jennifer Juggles Jokes  
Big hearted Brooklyn bounced  
Magnificent Madelynn marches  
Girly Gwen giggles  
Awesome Adam acts  
Pretty Piper poses  
Mischievous Marvin moves  
Goopy Ginger Gallups  
Vigorous vicky visits  
Silly Scot smiles

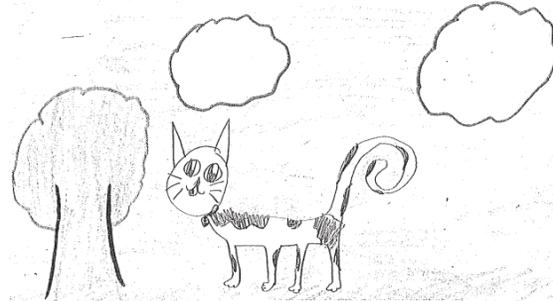


Brooklyn  
Eastman  
Davie Elementary  
4th Grade

Haiku Poem

Cats

Cats are super cute  
Always purring and looing  
Really cuddly



Halsey Aragon  
Davie Elementary  
4th Grade

## Jonesboro Beta Club student receives 3rd place for poem at state event

Lilly Hancock, an 8th grader at Jonesboro School, received 3rd place at the Illinois Jr. Beta State Conference in February.

Lilly was given one hour and the prompt, "Living in a Dollhouse."

The following is her award winning poem.

"Living in a Dollhouse"

By: Lilly Hancock

All sad and alone, no-

where to go

And no real place to call

home

All I have is a cardboard

bed

And nowhere to rest my

tired head

The little girl, the human

with pigtails and ribbons,

always does my voice

sarcastic

Did I mention I eat ham-

burgers made of plastic?

All alone and scared in my

little dollhouse

No pets, no friends, not

even a little mouse

All this time spent alone

and answering

that plastic phone.

When really no one

Is on the other end that

little girl still makes me

pretend.

There's a closet that is as

big as a ballroom

My clothes are sparkly,

and oh so pretty; all of it

Doesn't even fit me.

Can this be more terrible?

All my life spent in a plas-

tic house with plastic food

and toys.

Never to ever have time to

enjoy

But now I've complained,

wasted my time, because

making that little girl

happy is my life.



### Nice day for a walk

Three geese went for a stroll one day recently along a walking path at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. A small group of geese can be seen regularly at the picnic grounds in Union County.

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**National Autism Awareness Month**

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# Opinion and Commentary

## Alcohol Awareness Month observed during April

Alcohol Awareness Month was established in 1987 by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc. as a way to help reduce the stigma that often is associated with alcoholism.

The April 2017 month-long awareness campaign has a theme of "Connecting the Dots: Opportunities for Recovery" and is hoping to draw attention to prevention opportunities individuals, families and communities have to help in preventing teen alcohol use.

### Did you know?

Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States.

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21.

Drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, yet people ages 12 to 20 drink 11 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States.

The typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18.

A supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents.

Kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

### So, how can you connect the dots?

Parents, talk to your kids, start conversations much earlier than you think you should. You are who your kids trust the most. Kids need to hear what you think about the use of these substances.

They trust you more than anyone, even if they act like they don't. What you say matters. Set guidelines, expectations and consequences.

Youth, take a stand. Never be afraid to be "alone" in your choice not to use. The truth is you are not alone, the majority of teens really do choose not to use.

Please, think about your future. Your decision to take a stand could give others the courage to do just the same.

Community, get involved with local prevention efforts. Union County has a substance use/abuse prevention coalition through The Fellowship House called Rising Up for Change of Union County.

For more information, visit Facebook at [www.facebook.com/risingupforchange](http://www.facebook.com/risingupforchange) or call the prevention office at 833-4460.

Most importantly, never be afraid or embarrassed to seek help for you or for someone you love, including your teenager if you think there is a problem.

Use your resources, your local counseling and treatment services, such as The Fellowship House.

*(Editor's note: this message was shared by The Fellowship House Prevention Program in Anna.)*

## Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, April 20, 1967

Voting in the Cobden election held Tuesday at the Village Hall was active as five candidates competed for three Trustee posts.

Amid a lovely setting, with the theme "April Showers," the entire student body at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School will choose their prom queen for the Year of 1967. This year's prom will be held Saturday, April 22, in the Boy's Gymnasium at A-J.

The Annual Membership Drive of the Women's Auxiliary of the Union County Hospital is now underway, according to Helen Griffith, president of the Auxiliary.

A low of 40 degrees was recorded Tuesday, April 19, and a high of 84 degrees was recorded both Friday and Saturday.

The Broadway Musical "Annie Get Your Gun" will be presented at Shawnee High School on Friday night, April 28th, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Illinois Central Railroad said today it will begin accepting Midwest Bank Cards for charge purchases of tickets and meals, effective May 1.

The Latin students of A-J-C-H-S are observing National Latin Week April 17 to 21. Several students have made posters showing how Latin is useful today and how the ancient Roman civilization has affected our own culture.

From the Wolf Lake News: The Shawnee FFA Parent and Son Banquet was well attended Thursday evening.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: The electric power was off two hours last Friday morning, due to a line being down.

## Symphonic works inspired by rivers

The Southeast Missouri Symphony and the Southern Illinois Symphony plan to combine to perform three large-scale symphonic works inspired by three great rivers, the Rhine River, the Moldau River and the Mississippi River, on Monday, April 24, in the Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall on the River Campus of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, contact the River Campus box office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by phone at 573-651-2265 or online at <http://rivercampus.org/great-rivers-symphonies/>.

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Looking for Easter eggs? Checking out the pantry? A groundhog, AKA as a woodchuck, was spotted in our backyard early Monday morning. The critter didn't seem to have a worry in the world.

## Chuck OK? Groundhog? Woodchuck? Check.

So, I'm going through the Monday morning routine, getting ready to start another week at The Paragraph Factory.

I glance out the back door. Much to my surprise, I spot the back of a furry brown head, streaked with a fair amount of gray (hmmmm...just like mine), which belongs to a critter taking a break on the top step to the porch in front of our shed.

Moments later, the critter turns its head, and I can confirm my first thought: "I'm not ready to go back to work this week."

Actually, when the critter turned its head, I was able to determine that the pudgy fur ball in our backyard was not the Easter bunny, a day late and two short ears too short.

The critter was a groundhog. AKA woodchuck. And that was a good thing.

You see, late last week, I had made a mental note of sorts to ponder how I had been missing my buddy Chuck. After I made that mental note, the weekend came. Time passed. The mental note vanished into the dust bin located between my ears.

Sometime during the wee hours of a dark Monday morning, I awoke, and tried to remember that mental note. To no avail. Thanks to a miracle involving a rodent, the topic of my mental note came back.

My buddy Chuck doesn't even know he's my buddy. Truth to be told, Chuck doesn't even know his name is Chuck.

As best as I can tell, Chuck inhabits some property near the railroad tracks in Anna. I had seen Chuck a lot during the past year, out enjoying the grass and trees in his neighborhood. Lately, though, I hadn't seen Chuck. I was a little worried that Chuck might have met a bad end, as sometimes happens.

One day last week, though, I caught a brief glimpse of Chuck, doing whatever Chuck does during the day.

Chuck, you see, is a groundhog. A groundhog also is known as a woodchuck. With a little bit of help from a cousin which showed up in our backyard on Monday morning, I was able to remember that I wanted to share some thoughts about Chuck.

Pondering Chuck's fate, and the unexpected appearance of the Monday morning fur ball, led me to do about 47 seconds worth of research about groundhogs, or woodchucks, to prepare this week's colyum.

### Commentary

## April has bad memories

By Mike Estel

I just can't believe how quickly time has passed.

It's been 50 years this month since I received some of the worst news a person could possibly get.

I was overseas in the service and a telegram arrived from my mother informing me my father didn't have long to live and I needed to come home as quickly as possible.

Taking the telegram to my captain, I showed it to him and I'll never forget those hurtful words he said.

"I'm sorry but you won't be able to go home at this time," said the captain, showing little or no remorse at all. "I didn't get to go home for my father's funeral in World War II either."

But, I stressed to the captain that this wasn't like in World War II and we were involved in a police action and not a declared war.

Regardless, he reiterated you will not be able to leave at this time. He informed me that he was my commanding officer and that the issue was settled.

Needless to say, I walked out of the meeting feeling very disappointed.

A visit to the chaplain was on deaf ears and didn't do much good either in my request for a hardship home leave.

I had to report back to work and continue my duties as if nothing was happening. It was some of the most stressful time I've spent in my life and I really believe at that time I wasn't able to concentrate on my job and do a lot of work. It was sort of like being in a daze.

I received another telegram from my mother informing me that my father had passed away.

That was probably the most depressing time of my life up to that time.

The only good thing happening out of it was I didn't get to see him suffer. I remember him in good spirits and good health the last time I saw him when I was home on leave.

I did finally get to come home several months later and visit his grave.

It was very depressing to say the least and something I will never forget. I really have never held the military responsible, just a very insensitive captain.

Since that happened that many years ago, April has not always been one of the better months of the year for me. I always look forward to May and it can never come soon enough.

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