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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Banners in Downtown Anna are helping to promote June's Annabelle Festival.

Congratulations to the Union County high school seniors who are scheduled to graduate this Friday and Saturday.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Honor Guard is planning to participate in Memorial Day observances on May 26 and May 28.

A successful Family Fun Night was held Monday evening in Downtown Anna. Activities were coordinated by The Fellowship House and youth advisory committees from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Anna Junior High School. More on this to come...



A male cardinal found a nice place to make a stop. (continued on page 2)

State police highlight district activities for April

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for April.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The following statistics were included in the report for the month:

District 22 officers responded to 86 calls for service.

Officers issued 534 citations and 1,096 written warnings-arrested.

Five motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

District 22 officers handled 32 crashes during the month.

A total of 638 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 37 inspections led to either the driver or

the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 128 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 25 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as "Fatal Four" violations:

DUI, five. Speeding, 216. Occupant restraint, 99. Distracted driving, 57.

The District 22 safety education officer made 15 presentations to 465 people, including area students, school staff members, parents and residents.

Scott's Law

District 22 continues to remind motorists who trav-

el on area highways about Scott's Law, "The Move Over Law."

The law requires motorists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

A-J Water Commission open house set

The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission is planning to host an open house Saturday, May 19, at its water treatment facility.

The open house is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is located at 495 Water Plant Rd., which is west of Jonesboro, off of Illinois Route 146.

The commission has recently finished a complete renovation of the facility.

Visitors will have an opportunity to see the renovated facility and to learn more about what it takes to provide drinking water.

Kornthal service set

A monthly worship service is planned Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church in Union County.

The service is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. A sing-spiration is planned.

Kornthal Church is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.



Making a special gift

Children who attended an event last Friday afternoon at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna had an opportunity to make a special gift for mom. Members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club were on hand to help children with a project which involved decorating a flower pot – and putting a plant in the pot. The library and garden club worked as partners to present the "paint and plant" event. Garden club member Marge Selinger helped Lillian and Weston Belmont, both of Tamms, with the project. Lillian, 9, and Weston, 5, are the children of Emily and Nathaniel Belmont. Dr. Nancy Kucera and Linda Karraker, both members of the garden club, also were on hand to help with the project.

Board meets Friday morning

New county commissioner takes oath of office

A new Union County commissioner has been appointed and taken the oath of office.

David Gould took the oath of office as a new Union County commissioner last Friday morning.

The ceremony was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The oath of office was administered by Union County Presiding Circuit Judge Mark Boie.

Gould, of Anna, filled a vacancy on the county board which was created by resignation of Alex Foeller

of Anna. Foeller resigned from the board, effective May 11.

The oath of office for the new commissioner was administered following a regular meeting of the county board which was held Friday morning.

Gould is a Republican, as was Foeller. Gould is the retired president/CEO of the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

The new commissioner's wife, Sondra, and daughter, Erin, stood by his side when the oath of office was administered. The Goulds

also have two grown sons. Gould is active in a variety of community and church activities.

As a county commissioner, Gould said he will work to "continue to make Union County a place we can all be proud to call our home and raise our families.

"I will continue to address the important issues that will face us now and in the upcoming years."

Gould said he will use his business and management talents to continue to work to improve the county.

He will be a candidate

for the county board in the November general election.

Gould's appointment as a commissioner was formally approved by the county board during its meeting on Friday morning.

County board chairman Bobby Toler Jr. said Gould's appointment to the post had been recommended by the Union County Republican party central committee.

Other Business

In other business at last Friday's meeting:

Union County Highway Department engineer Kevin Grammer reported that a

bridge replacement project is planned this summer on Alto Waterworks Road near Alto Pass.

The county approved a declaration designating a number of pieces of Union County Highway Department equipment as surplus property. The items, which will be sold at auction, have been deemed as obsolete or no longer of use to the highway department.

Regional office of education superintendent Cheryl Graff presented a quarterly report.

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David Gould took the oath of office as a new Union County commissioner Friday morning. The oath was administered by Union County Presiding Circuit Judge Mark Boie. From left are county commissioner Danny Hartline; county commissioner Max Miller, who is vice chairman of the board; new county commissioner David Gould; Judge Boie; county commissioner Bobby Toler Jr., who is chairman of the board; and county commissioner Dale Foster.



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Road to be temporarily closed

Motorists are advised that part of old U.S. Route 51 (West Vienna Street) at Kirk Street in Anna is scheduled to be closed starting at 6 p.m. May 18 and continuing through 6 a.m. May 21. Work on a culvert project is planned.

County board

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Graff is superintendent of a region which includes Union, Alexander, Jackson, Perry and Pulaski counties. One of the regional superintendent's offices is located in Anna.

Graff shared information about training for bus drivers, renewal of teachers' licenses and services for students.

The regional superintendent also voiced concerns about an ongoing teacher shortage, particularly in the field of special education.

The commissioners approved awarding of local tourism grant funds to four local applicants.

The funds are generated by a county hotel/motel/lodging tax. A committee appointed by the county board makes recommendations to the commissioners regarding awarding of the funds.

Funds which were approved by the county board included:

\$10,500 to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. \$7,755 to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail Lodging Association. \$5,500 to the Cabin Rentals in Southern Illinois Association. \$1,500 to the Jonesboro Bicentennial Committee.

The funds will be utilized to help promote local tourism efforts.

News Notes

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Six students from Jonesboro School received recognition at a Short Story Spring Celebration in Carbondale. The event was sponsored by the Southern Illinois Reading Council. More on this to come, as well...

WIBH radio in Anna reports that its stuff-a-truck food drive was successful.

JuneFest is planned June 2 in Jonesboro.

Joey Ferguson has been appointed to a post on the Union County 911 Board.

The Village of Cobden's liquor advisory board plans to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 21. The meeting will be at Cobden Village Hall. The agenda includes a request for a beer garden and outdoor dining at Appleknocker Pizza.

Union County Highway Department personnel have

started mowing work and are patching potholes.

The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission had a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was at Jonesboro City Hall and was held for the purpose of interviewing job applicants for an open position at the commission's water treatment plant.

Work was being done on a levee road slide which occurred along the Big Muddy River in Union County.

Union County Counseling Service plans to have an open house at its facility at 311 W. Vienna St. in Anna from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 18.

The Cobden Village Board of Trustees has approved a bid for inspection of water tanks in the Union County community.

The Friends of Stinson Library are making plans to sponsor a summer book sale. The event is planned June 8-10 at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Elks orthopedic clinic scheduled

The South District Elks Lodges, in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, plan to sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Friday, May 25, in Du Quoin.

The clinic is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Marshall Browning Hospital and is by appointment only.

To make an appointment, call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Weather

High of 92 degrees; only a trace of rain

Summer-like conditions highlighted weather in Union County during the period of May 8-14.

The high temperature for the period reached 92 degrees. A trace of precipitation was recorded on May 14.

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

Tuesday, May 8	82 46
Wednesday, May 9	87 59
Thursday, May 10	88 59
Friday, May 11	88 60
Saturday, May 12	88 69
Sunday, May 13	90 61
Monday, May 14	92 63

A-JCHS District 81 Board approves bid for roof work

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, May 10.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on bids for a roofing repair project for the A-JCHS building.

Ryan Dodd of Baysinger Architects presented the bids to the board. The top two bids were both submitted by D.E. Martin Roofing of Lebanon.

One bid was for \$164,953 and included a 20-year warranty.

The second was for \$185,625 with a 30-year warranty.

The board discussed the value of the longer warranty versus the relative age of the school building and whether the building will still be in use in 30 years.

The board approved the bid of \$185,625 by D.E. Martin Roofing for roofing repair and a 30-year warranty with all present members voting yes.

The project will take between two to three weeks to complete and is scheduled to begin in early June.

Clark & Son will be closed for maintenance and inventory June 4th and re-opening June 13th.

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methamphetamine, which is a Class 3 felony, and after admitting to a petition to revoke probation for the original offense of unlawful purchase of methamphetamine precursors, which is a Class 4 felony.

Negrete was charged in both cases following investigations by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

James Douglas Cable, 46, of Indiana, was sentenced to 18 months after pleading guilty to obstructing justice, which is a Class 4 felony.

He also will serve a one-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Cable furnished false information to a Union County Sheriff's Deputy during a February 2018 investigation.

Matthew Eric Otten, 33, of Jonesboro, was sentenced to 30 months after pleading guilty to one count

of aggravated identity theft, which is a Class 3 felony.

Otten also will serve a one-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Otten was arrested in April following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff issues monthly report

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

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 12. Misdemeanor arrests, 27. Traffic arrests, 39. Warrant arrests, eight. Total arrests, 87.

Cases opened, 37. Drug investigations, 12. Crash reports, eight. 911 calls received, 1,256. Miles patrolled, 12,550.

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What Shall Your Answer Be? #3

We conclude our study today of possible excuses God will hear on Judgment Day with our final one:

4) Will you say you followed your parents and/or the preacher? "Denomination X was good enough for my folks!" Or, "I'm just doing what the preacher said." Indeed, Paul did say "Be ye followers of me," but he didn't stop there. He continued by saying, "even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). We follow men only when they follow the Scriptures. The people of Berea "...were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Every person is responsible for himself. Rev. 20:12, John saw that the dead were judged "...according to THEIR works." In Ezekiel 18:20: "The soul that sinneth, IT shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."

There is going to be a judgment one day just as sure as you're reading this right now. For "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). You will be there and cannot escape it! Therefore, let no one be found in rebellion against God, trying to argue with Him by offering excuses.

Let us be among those who will stand before the Lord as sheep and not as goats (Matt. 25:33). Therefore, let us live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12) "and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13).

What possible excuse might you offer? Whatever it might be, it won't work! Instead, stand before God on Judgment Day confident of your salvation (1 Jn. 5:13). Make sure you're in a right relationship w/God by hearing and believing His word, repent of your sins, confess your faith in Jesus as the Son of God, and be baptized.

Let us help you at the Anna church of Christ. We're concerned about your soul and invite you to study with us any time at 104 Nile St. Call us at 833-5815 or contact us at annachurchofchrist@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you soon. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ

Prevention Rocks await discovery at various locations in community

The Fellowship House Prevention Program and the Anna Junior High School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School youth advisory committees worked together to present Family Fun Night activities Monday evening, May 14, in Anna.

Activities for families were held at several locations in Downtown Anna.

Family Fun Night was presented in conjunction

with the observance of National Prevention Week, which is May 14-19.

National Prevention Week aims to raise awareness about behavioral health issues while encouraging schools, communities and families to develop or strengthen bonds that will help to protect young people from substance use. During National Prevention Week, Prevention Rocks are being hidden and are ready to be found after school at various locations in Union County. Prevention Rocks feature special messages.

Rocks were hidden on

Tuesday at the playground area at the Anna City Park and on Wednesday at the park in Jonesboro.

Plans call for rocks to be hidden on Thursday, today, at the playground area at the Cobden Community Park/soccer field.

Rocks will be hidden again on Friday at the playground area at the Anna City Park.

Those who find the golden rocks will be able to claim a prize. Those who find a golden rock are asked to contact Teresa at The Fellowship House prevention office in Anna, phone 833-4460.

90th birthday celebrated



Mary McGowen

A 90th birthday party celebration for Mary McGowen was held by her friends May 4 at Country Village Apartments in Anna.

Mary also had a birthday party with her family on May 6. Photo provided.

Graduation ceremonies planned

Commencement ceremonies are scheduled this week at each of Union County's four public high schools.

Here's a look at the schedule:

Cobden High School, May 18, 7 p.m.

Dongola High School, May 18, 6 p.m.

Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake, May 18, 7 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

VFW dinner set

The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a chicken and dumplings dinner Friday evening, May 18.

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.

The menu will include chicken and dumplings, dressing, green beans, rolls, desserts, tea and coffee for an \$8 donation.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available. Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



'Do Gooders' honored

Shawnee Junior High School in Wolf Lake and Southern Seven Health Department's CATCH program partnered to begin a Do-Gooder-Anti-Bullying Campaign. The students are asked to do things throughout their day that go above and beyond what is asked of them. When a staff member witnesses the do-gooder act, the student is awarded a coin. Students who collect the most coins become the Do-Gooder of the month. The winners for the month of April are 8th grader Lane Matlock, 7th graders Dustin Barnes and Jasper Rohlifing and 6th graders Karsynne Livingston and Allie Myers. The April winners are with the Union County sponsor of the program, Amber Toler, and Shawnee physical education teacher LaDonna Bachmann. Photo provided.

Illinois bicentennial project unveils state's top historic sites

The list of top Illinois historic sites chosen by voters in the Illinois Top 200 project covers more than 1,000 years of history, from Cahokia Mounds to Abraham Lincoln's home to Route 66.

The list also honors the state's French heritage, industrial might and national leaders. Geographically, the sites range from deep Southern Illinois to the prairies of Central Illinois to Chicago's South Side.

No. 1 on the list is Lincoln's New Salem, a state-run historic site that recreates the village where Lincoln lived as a young man trying to decide what to do with his life.

Next comes Pullman, which is simultaneously a Chicago neighborhood, a national monument and a state historic site. It was an early planned community, the focus of a historic strike and an important manufacturing site.

The John Deere site in Grand Detour and Lincoln's Home in Springfield came in at 3 and 4.

"Historic sites let us connect with the past in a direct, personal way. We literally walk in the footsteps of those who came before us," said Dr. Samuel Wheeler, the state historian.

"Illinois is fortunate to have dozens of fascinating sites, and this list reflects that. A Native American city, French forts, Lincoln, Reagan, labor battles – the variety is amazing."

The Illinois Top 200 project lets Illinoisans vote every two weeks on the most inspiring leaders, greatest books, top businesses and much more. By the state's 200th birthday on Dec. 3, voters will have chosen

10 favorites in 20 different categories – the Illinois Top 200.

Voting in the next category, top scenic spots, was underway at www.IllinoisTop200.com. Nominees include the Chicago lakefront, Garden of the Gods, Starved Rock State Park and Allerton Park.

Here are the top 10 Illinois historic sites:

Lincoln's New Salem: Located about 20 miles northwest of Springfield, the site includes more than 20 reconstructed buildings and one original log cabin from Lincoln's time.

Pullman: This neighborhood began as a first-of-its-kind planned community for the workers of the Pullman Palace Car Co. Its historic significance and buildings from the late 1800s earned it the status of National Monument.

John Deere: Located near Dixon, this National Historic Landmark commemorates John Deere's invention of the self-scouring steel plow in 1837, a development that changed agriculture forever.

Lincoln's Home: Abraham Lincoln owned only one home, a two-story house in Springfield that he bought for \$1,500. It is now a National Historic Site.

Cahokia Mounds: A thousand years ago, it was a thriving city. Today it's a World Heritage Site and the largest pre-Columbian archaeological site north of Mexico.

Route 66: Route 66 started in Chicago and was the main road from the Midwest to southern California during the Great Depression and the car-crazy years after World War II.

Old State Capitol: Abra-

ham Lincoln gave his famous "House Divided" speech here and used it as his de facto transition office after being elected president.

Fort de Chartres: Fort de Chartres was established by the French in 1720. It is a National Historic Landmark and home to the oldest remaining building in Illinois.

Fort Massac: The French built Fort Massac in 1757 during the French and Indian War. Located in modern Metropolis, it was Illinois' first state park.

Reagan Home: Ronald Reagan's family moved many times when he was a boy before settling in Dixon. Reagan lived in this house, now on the National Register of Historic Places, for three years.

Among the sites that did not make the top 10: Nauvoo, once the headquarters of the Mormon church; Black Hawk, the park honoring the famous war leader and the Sauk and Meskwaki people of the region, and New Philadelphia, the first town registered and platted by an African-American.

Wheeler noted the top 10 includes sites run by the state, the federal government and private organizations.

"Preserving Illinois history and helping people understand it is a team effort. As Illinois celebrates its 200th birthday, I hope everyone will take advantage of these opportunities to explore the past and think about the future."

The Illinois Top 200 is a joint initiative of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, The (Springfield) State Journal-Register and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.



Kindergarten students visit bank

Jonesboro School kindergarten students recently visited Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Assistant vice presidents Stephanie Cox and Amanda Barnhart gave the students a tour of the bank's Jonesboro facility and talked about its many services. The students also received bank coloring books and crayons. Amanda Barnhart with her son, Colton Barnhart. Photo provided.

Meet your Banker SARAH WRIGHT



Sarah Wright joined the staff at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank in March, 2018. She is currently working at our facility on East Vienna Street.

Sarah is a graduate of A-JCHS. She attended Shawnee Community College

and graduated from SEMO with a bachelor's degree in Early Elementary Education.

Sarah is excited to work in our community. Please join us in welcoming Sarah to A-J National Bank.



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A-JCHS band hosts plant sale, yard sale

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Marching Wildcats band hosted an annual plant sale and yard sale last Saturday. The events were held at the Union County school. Marching Wildcats band members who were helping included, from left, Elijah Ellis, Ender Schmidt, Abby Sartin, Megan Tehandon, Donald Rodgers, Mason Jones and Jessi Riley.

Sports

A-J's Lasley heads to state track meet in pole vault event

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Julia Lasley finished second in the pole vault at the Class 2A sectional in Nashville Wednesday, May 9.

Lasley, who will advance to the state track meet in Charleston, finished with a 10-7 after setting a record at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference meet last week with a 10-6 effort.

The top two finishers and those with qualifying times advance to the state track meet, which is slated May 17-19.

A-J's Addison Osman had a third place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a 17.12.

Sixth place finishes for A-J were recorded by Os-

man in the high jump with a 4-9 effort and by the 4x800-meter relay team of Maddie Lingle, Julia Hall, Julie Ellis and Madison Goins with a 11:42.27 finish.

Eighth place finishes for the Lady Wildcats were posted by Anna Hess in the shot put with 32-11, Jade Marks in the triple jump with 31-4.50, Carsen Clements in the 300-meter hurdles in 52.71 and the 4x200-meter relay team of Amiyah Hart, Lasley, Brayden Fitzgerald-Deener and Osman in 1:54.57.

A-J's 12th place finishers were the 4x100-meter relay team of Atarah Hart, Ashley Detering, Ellis and Fitzgerald-Deener in 54.49, Clements in the high jump with 4-7 and Hess in the

discus with a 91-7 toss.

Hall had a 13th place finish in the 1600-meter run in 6:15.43.

Fourteenth place finishes were recorded by the 4x400-meter relay team of Fitzgerald-Deener, Lasley, Marks and Ellis in 4:36.61 and Marks in the long jump with 13-11.75.

Amiyah Hart had a 17th place finish in the 200-meter dash in 29.88.

In 19th place were Jaycee Woodward in the discus with 82-1, Atarah Hart in the 100-meter dash in 14.29 and Abby Sartin in the 100-meter hurdles in 20.47.

In 20th place were Brooklyn Keene in the 100-meter dash in 15.20 and Grace Girtman in the 300-meter hurdles in 1:01.55.

Lick Creek Lady Eagles track team takes third at state meet

The Lick Creek Lady Eagles headed to the SI-JHSAA Class S state track meet at Herrin on Saturday looking for their second trophy in as many years.

The Lady Eagles were looking to finish off a very successful season after winning the Jonesboro/Gorville Invitational, Anna Invitational, EJHS Conference and a regional championship.

Starting out the scoring for the Lady Eagles was Kristin Edmonds in the shot put. Edmonds threw a personal best 32'-10" on her final throw to move into 3rd place.

"Kristin has worked really hard at the shot. She has spent a lot of extra time to get where she is. There were several days she would do her 1 1/2 hour normal practice, and stay for another two hours to throw, not to mention the Saturdays and Sundays she put in. She earned every bit of it that's for sure," Lick Creek coach Matt Denny stated.

First up on the track was Addison Denny in the 100m hurdles. Denny finished with a time of 18.30 which was good enough for 6th.

"Addie has been working at this really hard, and just missed placing last year. She is going to be a really good hurdler in high school. She spends a lot of time working to get better," Denny said.

Next up was the 4x100 relay team of Kaylee Stover, Addison Denny, Shae

Thorne and Edmonds. They ran a season best 55.78, beating their season best by over a second, finishing in 5th place.

The 1600m run was up next for the Lady Eagles. Brodie Denny and Jady Gerardi competed for Lick Creek. Denny ran a personal best time of 5:41, which was good enough for a 3rd place finish in a very fast race.

Tatum David of St. Joseph Olney ran a state record 5:26 to take first.

Gerardi came in with a time of 6:00, which was good enough for 8th place. Gerardi is only in the 3rd grade and she was the first 3rd grader to ever place at the state meet.

"Jady is very special, and she has put in her time as well. She has been running before school since January, even when it was 8 degrees. What she does at her age is crazy. She is going to see her share of championships before she is done," Denny said.

Back on the track was Stover, A. Denny, Thorne and Edmonds in the 4x200 relay. The Lady Eagles again turned in a season best time of 1:58.69 which was good enough for 6th place.

"These four have been solid all year in our sprint relays, without having a super fast sprinter on our team, they have really stepped up to the challenge and worked very hard on their hand-offs all year," Lick Creek coach Ryan Vicenzi said.

Brodie Denny and Jady Gerardi were up again for the 800m run.

"Brodie has had this race in her sights since last year when she ran fast enough to break the state record but still finished third. She was devastated last year," Denny said.

Brodie Denny was able to avenge her loss from last year by winning this year's race with a time of 2:30.42, which was almost identical to last year's time.

"Brodie has worked for this since last year, putting in a lot of early mornings and weekends to get this done," Denny said.

Gerardi finished with a time of 2:55 just missing out on a medal.

The Lady Eagles finished up with the last event of the day, the 4x400 relay. The team of Stover, A. Denny, Edmonds and B. Denny ran a season best time of 4:29.01, which was fast enough to break the state record only to finish second behind St. Claire O'Fallon.

"The girls have taken pride in this relay the last few years. The 400 is not an easy race. Addison and Kaylee stepped up to the plate this year, after not having run the 400 in the past. They have a lot of heart and worked really hard to get where they were," Vicenzi said.

The Lady Eagles finished third with 41 points behind champion St. Claire O'Fallon with 68, and second place St. Bruno Calholic with 59. Jonesboro finished 4th with 31 points.

Junior golf program set in Anna

Young people are invited to attend a free junior golf program which is set during June at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

The program is scheduled June 12-18. The program will be taught by PGA professional Brandon Bierstedt.

A four-day program is planned Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 12-14, and Monday, June 18. A golf scramble, party and meal are planned on June 18.

Sessions are scheduled by age groups:

From 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for those 7 to 9 years old.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon for those 10 to 12 years old.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for those 13 to 16 years old.

Each age group is limited to 40 students.

Young people who want to attend the program must come to the pro shop at the country club and fill out a junior clinic sign-up sheet by June 8.

Sign-up will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. No phone entries will be accepted.

Students will learn about

golf etiquette, course management and rules of the game.

Golf clubs are not required; however, those who have clubs are asked to bring them.

Parents are encouraged to

Lick Creek boys track team fares well at state

The Lick Creek boys track team sent several members to the state meet at Herrin on Saturday, after winning the regional championship last week.

The Lick Creek boys were able to finish in 16th place, the best showing they have had in several years.

Kaleb Brown competed in the shot and disc for the Eagles. Brown was able to finish sixth in shot put with a throw of 41'6". Brown just missed placing in the disc.

"Kaleb has been very successful all year. He had a pretty severe groin injury that he suffered in the 100m at regionals which kept him

come and help on June 18, and to watch their children play.

Upon completion of the program, young golfers who have perfect attendance will earn a free youth golf membership.

from throwing how he did all season, but he pushed through the pain to compete at the state meet," Lick Creek coach Matt Denny said.

Kollyn Grant competed in the long jump, 100m and 200m.

Grant finished 8th in the 100m with a time of 13.02. Grant just missed a championship in the long jump, finishing 2nd with a jump of 16'11". Grant just missed placing in the 200m as well.

The boys 4x400 relay team of Evan Hall, JJ Gerardi, Louis Vanmylder and Corydon Jerrell ran a season best time of 4:24.24, which was good enough for 11th place.

Students compete at Shawnee track meet

Students from schools across the region traveled to Wolf Lake last Friday for the annual Shawnee Elementary School track meet. Students competed in a number of track and field events, including the long jump, relay races, hurdles and throwing competitions. Lick Creek came in first place overall, with Century coming in second and Shawnee placing third. To see more pictures visit annanews.com/shawnee-track-meet. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



A-J boys' track team competes at conference meet held in Sparta

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team competed at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference meet at Sparta Thursday, May 10.

First place efforts for the Wildcats were recorded by Jaryt Tripp in both the 100-meter dash in 11.43 and the 200-meter dash in 23.09 and by Noah Craig with a 142-05 effort in the discus.

Fourth places finishes for A-J were posted by the 4x800-meter relay team of Michael Brimm, Drake Roach, Zach Overstreet and Nate Baggott in 9:19.77 and by Tripp in the 400-meter dash in 53.87.

Fifth place finishes were recorded by the 4x100-

meter relay team of Kyle McMahan, Chris Johnson, Nick Bussey and Brandon Wright in 53.37 and by the 4x200-meter relay team of McMahan, Brimm, Overstreet and Roach in 1:42.64.

Sixth place finishes were posted by Craig in the shot put with 39.04.75, by McMahan in the 300-meter hurdles in 46.03 and by the 4x400-meter relay team of Brimm, McMahan, Overstreet and Baggott in 3:55.06.

Lucas Carmack had a 7th place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in 20.2.

Eighth place finishes were recorded by Carmack in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.88 and by Roach in the 1600-meter run in 5:22.96.

Pat Gibbs had a 9th place finish in the 3200-meter run in 13:35.60.

Tenth place finishes were posted by Gibbs in the 1600-meter run in 5:52.80 and Nate Belcher in both the shot put with 34.08.50 and the discus with 91.05.

Eleventh place finishes were recorded by Bussey in the 100-meter dash in 13.51 and Johnson in the 200-meter dash in 28.67.

The A-J boys finished in 6th place in the Mississippi Division of the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference meet. Herrin won the conference's Ohio Division meet.

The A-J boys are scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at the Class 2A sectional at Salem.

Cobden baseball tops Joppa-Maple Grove, Century, Pope County

The Cobden High School baseball team closed out regular season play with a 3-1 record.

Johnston City 10, Cobden 5: Chandler West was 1-for-1 to lead host Cobden in the loss Thursday, May 10.

Alex Ramsey was 1-for-1 with a triple and 3 RBIs. John Russell and Zane Nance were each 1-for-4.

West and Bayden Ditterline pitched. West pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Ditterline pitched 3 1/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden 20, Joppa-Maple Grove 8: Ditterline was 4-for-5 with a double and 4 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden in the win Wednesday, May 9, in a game played at Century.

Clayton Flamm was 2-for-2 with a stolen base and an RBI. Russell was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles, a stolen base and 3 RBIs. Noah Franklin was 1-for-1. Dylan Lewey was 1-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Cody Wieseman was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. West was 1-for-5 with an RBI. Nance had an RBI.

Franklin and Ramsey pitched in the win. Franklin pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Remsey pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 8 strikeouts.

Cobden 8, Century 4: Wieseman was 4-for-4 with a double and 4 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden in the win Wednesday, May 9.

Nance and Remsey were each 2-for-3. Franklin was 1-for-3 with a double. Ditterline was 1-for-4 with a double and 2 RBIs. West and Lewey were each 1-for-4. Brayden Clark and Russell were each 1-for-5.

Russell, Franklin and West combined to pitch a four-hitter to go with 3 walks and 6 strikeouts.

Cobden 14, Pope County 7: Franklin was 3-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden in the win Tuesday, May 8.

Ditterline was 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Wieseman was 2-for-4 with a stolen base and 3 RBIs. Nance was 2-for-5 with a double, stolen base and 2 RBIs. West was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Clark was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Russell was 1-for-5 with 2 stolen bases and an RBI. Remsey added an RBI.

Nance was the winning pitcher, scattering 9 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts.

Cobden, 12-6, was scheduled to play Wednesday against Cairo at the Egyptian Class 1A regional.

Cobden softball scores wins over Century, Pope County, Shawnee

The Cobden High School softball team closed out regular season play with a 3-1 record.

Johnston City 8, Cobden 7: The visiting Appleknockers let a 7-1 lead slip away in the loss Thursday, May 10.

Meredith Flamm and Alaina Hartline were each 2-for-3 with an RBI apiece to lead Cobden.

Lexi Miller was 1-for-3. Jenna Hartline was 1-for-4 with a home run and an RBI. Brooke Bailey and Molly Ellis were 1-for-4 with an RBI apiece. Lauren Sweitzer was 1-for-4.

Ellis and Flamm pitched in the loss. Ellis pitched 4 1/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 4 walks and 3 strikeouts. Flamm pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits, a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden 7, Century 4: Aubrey Fisher, Alaina Hartline, Megan Rhodes and Sweitzer were each 1-for-3 to lead visiting Cobden to the South Egyptian Conference win Wednesday, May 9.

Ellis was 1-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Miller was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Flamm and Bailey were each 1-for-4 with a RBI apiece. Jenna Hartline was 1-for-4.

Flamm pitched in the win, scattering 7 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts.

Cobden 13, Pope County 4: Alaina Hartline was 4-for-5 with a home run and 3 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden to the win Tuesday, May 8.

Jenna Hartline was 3-for-4. Bailey was 3-for-5 with 2 RBIs. Flamm and Miller were each 3-for-5 with an RBI apiece. Ellis was 2-for-5 with 4 RBIs. Sweitzer was 1-for-5.

Ellis was the winning pitcher with a four-hitter to go with 5 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden 15, Shawnee 5: Bailey was 2-for-2 to lead host Cobden to the conference win Monday, May 7.

Flamm was 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Sweitzer was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Ellis was 1-for-2 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Miller was 1-for-2. Alaina Hartline was 1-for-3 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Lauren Mitchell was 1-for-3.

Miller and Flamm pitched in the win. Miller pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 4 walks and 5 strikeouts. Flamm pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Autumn McMahan and Laycee Presutti pitched for the Lady Reds, combining on 11 hits.

Cobden, 10-11, was scheduled to play Wednesday against Egyptian at the Cobden Class 1A regional.

Jonesboro athletes qualify for state track meet; Sadler sets records in two events

Jonesboro School student athletes did well at state track meet competition, which was held Saturday, May 12, at the Herrin Sports Complex. Photos provided.



Seventh grader Jenna Sadler placed first in the 7th grade 100-meter dash, 8th grade 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash. Sadler set a state record for the 8th grade 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash.



Marlee Smith placed eight in the discus.



Jonesboro girls who qualified for state included Chloe McFarland, Natalee Brown, Jenna Sadler, Lily Baker and Marlee Smith.



Jonesboro boys who qualified for state included Caden Shelton, Mason Watkins, Ethan Carver and Landon Trammel.

A-J softball ends regular season, opens regional play

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team posted a 0-3 record to close out the regular season.

Chester 11, A-J 0: Alexa Macy was 2-for-2 to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the loss Friday, May 11.

Lexi Smith was 1-for-2 for A-J. Jasmin Foster was 1-for-3.

Britni Helton and Morgan Wendling pitched in the loss and combined to allow 11 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Trico 6, A-J 4: Katie Shepard was 2-for-3 at the plate to lead visiting A-J in the loss Tuesday, May 8.

Abby Williams was 1-for-2. Tobie Treece, Wendling and Smith were each 1-for-3. Macy was 1-for-4.

Wendling pitched in the loss and gave up 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Harrisburg 11, A-J 3: Macy, Wendling, Treece and Helton were each 2-for-

4 to lead visiting A-J in the loss Monday, May 7.

Payton Alsip and Shepard were each 1-for-3.

Helton pitched in the loss, scattering 11 hits to go with 3 walks and a strikeout.

A-J, 9-17, was scheduled to play earlier this week against West Frankfort in the Class 3A regional at Vienna.

Scramble results

Jay Beacham, Steve Hoffman, Ron Hubbs and Dan Smith won the golf scramble played at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, May 9.

The team of Earl Hampton, Bubba Kobler, Matt Laster and Joe Wendling finished in second place.

The team of Chris Curtis, Jim Honey, Doug Payne and Brad Randolph finished in third place.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

By the time this column is being read, more than a hundred former high school coaches, administrators and officials, along with a few others, will probably be home resting after a tiring day of exchanging a few memories, some of which may even be true, at the annual get-together at Frank Bleyer's property west of Carbondale.

We're not sure it even has a name, but legend has it being initiated many years ago by a group of South Seven Conference coaches and officials, particularly those from Marion, Herrin and West Frankfort.

Whatever, it's a highlight of spring for many, including us, and we'll no doubt have a few details to report next week.

Participants now come from a wide area, although Leedio Cabutti (Champaign) has not attended recently, possibly because it was becoming more difficult to get "air time" with Mike Crews, Paul Restivo and Ron Felling all taking a breath simultaneously.

It's a priceless day. Meanwhile SIU's baseball team is winding up its regular season this week and needing to finish on a high note with the Missouri Valley Conference tournament opening in another week.

Season-long play merely determines the pairings for the tournament which sends the winner to the NCAA's post-season tournament. That's the big prize and one which has eluded the Salukis since 1990.

The Valley is a strong baseball league which has been dominated by Wichita State for years. The Shockers are no longer around, of course, but Dallas Baptist is a baseball-only member and has a standout program. That, plus the fact, it is hosting the tournament this year.

It will happen again. Some year the Salukis will be back in the NCAA baseball tournament, but it will require an all-out effort and a surprise or two if it happens this year.

Swafford Pediatrics is accepting new patients.

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SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF,

VS. BARBARA E RAUGUST A/K/A BARBARA E TUCKER; ROLLIN A RAUGUST A/K/A ROLLIN ALLEN RAUGUST, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 15

275 SPANISH BLUFF ROAD ANNA, IL 62906

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UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

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TAX NO. 05-09-03-104-C
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

275 SPANISH BLUFF ROAD ANNA, IL 62906

Description of Improve-

ments: SINGLE FAMILY HOME W/ NO GARAGE

The Judgment amount was \$179,801.66.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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

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

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 253884

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TAX NO. 08-13-05-832
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1405 Kratzinger Hollow Road Cobden, IL 62920-3708

Description of Improvements: single family, one story, beige with metal siding, no garage

The Judgment amount was \$142,819.60.

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3 FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday, May 18, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 200 Poole Lane, 2 miles east of Wal-Mart. Quilting material, furniture, women's, men's & boys clothing, household items, etc.

3 FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to noon. 102 Karkaker Street, Jonesboro. Clothing: juniors, misses, plus-size, girls, men's; shoes, purses, toys, holiday decorations, home decor, household items and misc.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION. SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. DETAIL DESCRIPTION. BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF 490.26 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN THE SOUTHEAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 320.00 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 96.49 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEING 96.12 FEET LONG AND FORMING A DEFLECTION ANGLE

TO THE LEFT OF 52 DEGREES-58'-25" WITH THE PRECEDING COURSE; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 8 DEGREES-38'-15" A DISTANCE OF 83.51 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 113 DEGREES-12'-39" A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 22 DEGREES-03'-13" A DISTANCE OF 264.47 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 27 DEGREES-13'-54" A DISTANCE OF 278.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 90 DEGREES-00'-00" A DISTANCE OF 278.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 3.06 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY C. L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO 2316, DATED DECEMBER 11, 1978, RECORDED ON DECEMBER 26, 1978, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 106, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 08-13-05-832
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

1405 Kratzinger Hollow Road
Cobden, IL 62920-3708
Description of Improvements: single family, one story, beige with metal siding, no garage

The Judgment amount was \$142,819.60.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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

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

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

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 258820

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal property which is stored at the self-storage facility known as Wyatt Storage, 105 E. Chestnut, Anna, IL.

1. Name of occupant: Deborah Ablett-Miner
2. Property to be disposed of: Misc. personal property
3. Time and place of disposition: May 20, 2018

Wyatt Storage
105 E. Chestnut Street
Anna, IL 62906
Phone: (618)-833-5653
21-22g

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

In the Matter of the Estate of VALREY S. COLEMAN, Deceased No. 2018-P-19

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Valrey S. Coleman of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 23, 2018, to William Schildknecht, 185 Treece Lane, Anna, IL 62906, whose attorney is Mark S. Johnson, Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 309 Division Street, P. O. Box 826, Cairo, IL 62914.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, P. O. Box 450, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, by November 10, 2018, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a personal claim notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

TIFFANY BUSBY
UNION COUNTY
CIRCUIT CLERK
21-23g

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

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS. BARBARA E RAUGUST A/K/A BARBARA E TUCKER; ROLLIN A RAUGUST A/K/A ROLLIN ALLEN RAUGUST, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 15

275 SPANISH BLUFF ROAD ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 14, 2018, Sheriff of Union County will on June 20, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 12, SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLI-

NOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 0 FEET 0 INCHES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 381.10 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF CACHE CREEK AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES 0 FEET 0 INCHES EAST ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 680.30 FEET; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 28 FEET 24 INCHES EAST A DISTANCE OF 337.70 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 491.88 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 207.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 56 FEET 29 INCHES WEST ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 407.07 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 231.45 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 131.45 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF CACHE CREEK; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 45 FEET 14 INCHES WEST ALONG THE SAID CREEK CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 95.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND BEING SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT OF USE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ROAD ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT. SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TAX NO. 05-09-03-104-C
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

275 SPANISH BLUFF ROAD
ANNA, IL 62906
Description of Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY HOME W/ NO GARAGE
The Judgment amount was \$179,801.66.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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CORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 253884

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 10th day of May, 2018, under the Assumed Name of BOBBY JOE HALE with the place of business located at 501 S. Green Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Bobby Hale
501 S. Green Street
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

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Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 10th day of May, 2018, under the Assumed Name of CHRISTY NICOL CAYLAO-HALE with the place of business located at 501 S. Green Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Christy Nicol Caylao-Hale
501 S. Green Street
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

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Coad Ford hosted a Ford Motor Company Drive 4 UR School event Saturday, May 12, on the lower parking lot at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. For every test drive at the event, Coad Ford and Ford Motor Company donated \$20 to the A-JCHS program of the donor's choice. By noon, nearly 40 people had come to help show their support for the school.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Those celebrating an early Mother's Day at Port Cape Girardeau on Saturday night were Sue and Steve Eudy and Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Megan Eudy of Cape Girardeau and her boyfriend Cameron of Jackson, Mo.

Those spending Mother's Day at the home of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy of Jackson, Mo., and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Happy birthday to my brother, David Gibbs of Moss Point, Miss., next Thursday, May 24. As kids we were always eager for his birthday to come as it was the last day of school.

Those enjoying a cook-out on Mother's Day at the home of Dolores and Jack Reynolds in Reynoldsville were Rodney and Vicki

Reynolds, Adam, Marissa, Brady, Bryce and Brock Reynolds, Sara, Joey, Addy and Luke Choate, all of Wolf Lake, Lara, Titan and Rylie of Grand Tower, Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville and Jay's mother, Marian, of Marion, Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford and Betsy's mother, Nancy Sweitzer of Anna, Greg, Amy and Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Andrew, Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake, Justin Wilson, Brandy, Hunter and Gracie and Lea Reynolds, all of Cape Girardeau, and River Kelley of Jonesboro.

Joe Sweitzer of Cape Girardeau visited last Monday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

On Tuesday, Penny Hill of McClure and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating in

Cape Girardeau. On Saturday, David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating out together.

Those enjoying Mother's Day lunch at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure were Shirley Miller, David and Kristy Miller and Kacie and Derek Gollhofer of McClure.

Spending Mother's Day with Berniece McRaven of Fair City were her children, Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro, Donna McRaven and Diane Hudgins, both of Dongola, and Daphne Huffman of Thebes.

Ervina Johnson and Rhonda and Jim Brumitt, all of Jonesboro, enjoyed lunch on Mother's Day at Grecian Steak House in Cape Girardeau.

Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Saturday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Mother's Day visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender were Russ and Patsy Pender and Kayde and Shelton Pender, all of Olive Branch, and Heather, Slayton and Chesleigh Miller of Tamms. Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited also.

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

Legislator opposed to split of SIU system

An area legislator has voiced her opposition to a proposal that would lead to a split of the Southern Illinois University system.

State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, took to the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives on Thursday, May 10, to speak out against a package of legislation that she says amounts to "an outright attack on Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus."

Bryant used the opportunity to speak to the impact that SIU Carbondale has as a research institution and as an economic engine for Southern Illinois.

"On Thursday, April 19,

I attended a hearing of the House Higher Education Committee where a package of four bills, HB 1292, 1293, 1294, and HB 5860 were brought for consideration by Representatives Hoffman, Stuart and Bristol," Bryant said.

"Both Republican and Democrat members of the committee helpfully identified the legislation as a direct attack on Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"The sponsor of the bill was unfortunately not able to sufficiently answer questions as to the economic impact that such a drastic measure would have on the City of Carbondale,

or to the Southern Illinois economy as a whole."

After outlining what she sees as a multitude of potential problems with the legislation, Bryant also thanked hundreds of her constituents for reaching out to express their opposition to the plan to split SIU in to two separate universities.

"All four bills in the 'attack SIU Carbondale' package did pass the Higher Ed Committee despite Republican opposition," Bryant said.

"Now these bills are sitting on Second Reading. Thankfully the deadline to pass substantive bills through the House has

passed, but as we all know, no bad idea is ever truly dead in Springfield.

"As a Murphysboro resident, as a proud supporter of SIUC, and as a member of the House Higher Ed Committee, I firmly believe that Southern Illinois University will be healthier and more attractive as a cohesive unit, and I believe splitting the

system apart will weaken it.

"To the hundreds of constituents that contacted me in opposition to splitting SIU, to my colleagues on the House Higher Education Committee, and to the members of the SIU Board of Trustees that rejected the transfer of \$5 million away from Carbondale, I want to say, 'thank you'."

News from Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

In honor of Mother's Day, Mark Smith presented gifts from the church to Candance Salyers for the mother with the longest hair, to Carla Ramage for the mother with the highest heel and to Shirley Ralls for the mother with the most colorful outfit.

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow, with Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Randy Wright and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from Nehemiah. The message shared that "true prayer must produce and cause action."

The Sunday evening service was canceled.

Birthdays: May 14, Rose Reeves; May 15, Madison Schnaare.

Baby Day is scheduled on May 20.

A Memorial Day celebration gathering is planned at 7 p.m. May 25.

A work day is scheduled June 9, from 8:30 a.m. to

noon. Graduation Sunday is planned June 10.

A men's dinner is scheduled June 16.

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

Egyptian alumni plan annual banquet

The Egyptian Alumni Association plans to have its annual banquet on Saturday, May 26, at Ray's Plaza in Cape Girardeau.

The event was started in 1917 for alumni of the former Thebes High School and has been held every year since, except for a break during World War II.

Upon consolidation of

several schools, it became The Egyptian Alumni Association.

The banquet is open to anyone who attended Thebes High School or Egyptian High School.

Reservations can be made by sending payment of \$30 per person to Egyptian Alumni Association, 116 Linn Dr., Ste. Genevieve, Mo. 63670.

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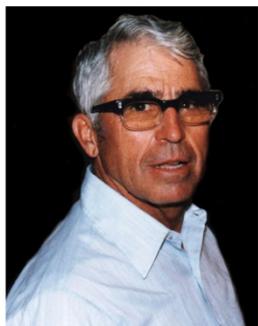
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Obituaries

Dale E. Mowery



Dale E. Mowery, 92, of Tamms, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family on Wednesday evening, May 9, 2018.

He was born on Oct. 31, 1925, at home in northern Alexander County, the son of Verno and Iola Keller Mowery.

He was the second of three children. As a child, he walked to the two-room Dexter School and then attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

He went on to graduate from Ullin High School, where he transferred due to gas rationing during World War II.

Mr. Mowery married his bride, Suella (Jordan) Mowery, on June 2, 1948.

They made their home on Valley View Farm, where he was born, in a home they built, in 1953 before welcoming their only daughter, Joyce. Married almost 70 years, their strong and faithful bond was apparent to all who knew the couple.

Mr. Mowery was a lifelong farmer who perfected his craft alongside his father and brother from an early age. He partnered with his brother in the dairy business before moving to a cattle and grain operation in the 1980s.

He was the fourth generation trustee of land that was homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1841. He and Sue were proud that Valley View Farms has remained in the family and was designated an Illinois Centennial Farm in 1978 and an Illinois Sesquicentennial Farm in 2001.

As a farmer, his guiding philosophy was to: "Leave the land in better shape than you found it." He promoted his love of farming and care for the land by serving for 15 years as chairman of the Pulaski-Alexander Soil and Water Conservation District. He was actively involved in the Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau and also served on the Southern FS Board.

Mr. Mowery was named as a Master Farmer in 1984 by Prairie Farmer magazine in recognition of his community service and innovative conservation practices.

Faith was an important part of Mr. Mowery's life, and he was a dedicated member of his church. In addition to being in attendance every Sunday, he also served as treasurer and a trustee at Beech Grove. When Beech Grove merged with another church, he joined with local community leaders to raise money to build a new facility for the congregation. He then volunteered his time and labor to build Cross Road United Methodist Church in Ullin.

Honor, integrity and being of service were values Mr. Mowery lived his life by. He was known as a man of his word. In times of need, both family and community knew he could be counted on for help. It was important to him that these values were passed along to his great-grandchildren and future generations. Over the years the family has been told many times that if Dale Mowery gave you his word, you could rest assured knowing he would follow through.

Survivors include his wife, Suella of Tamms; a daughter, Joyce Crews and husband Mike of Jonesboro; a sister Laverne Anderson of Fulton, Mo.; a granddaughter, Jordan Edmonds, and husband Tyler of Anna; a grandson, Matthew Smith of Tamms; great-grandchildren Trevor Smith, Adeline Edmonds and Graydon Edmonds; and many close nieces, nephews and cousins who were dear to his heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Welden Mowery of Tamms.

A service was held at Cross Road United Methodist Church in Ullin on Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Alan Milligan officiating. Interment will be private at a later time at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Cross Road United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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

Crain
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Virginia Irene Miller

Virginia Irene Miller, 100, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and formerly of Ullin, died on May 7, 2018.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1917, in Dongola, the daughter of William and Cora Lingle Mowery.

On Dec. 2, 1956, she married Bernoid L. Miller, living in Ullin and raising their daughter.

Following the death of her husband in 1985, Mrs.

Miller moved to where her daughter lived in Nevada and California. Then was brought to the Kalamazoo, Mich., area to live with her sister, Margaret Short, and was a Kalamazoo resident the past 25 years.

She had attended the Berean Baptist Church in Portage, Mich. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting and she especially enjoyed winning bingo prizes. For the past eight years, she resided at the Upjohn Community Care Center.

Surviving are her daughter Kendra (Douglas) Anderson; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Margaret Short, Minnie Mick and Louis Mowery; and by two nephews, Robert Mowery and Carroll Dean Short.

There will be no public visitation or services. A private graveside service will be held at the Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery in Wetaug.

Memorials can be made to the Upjohn Community Care Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin is in charge of local arrangements.

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

Marvin E. Caraker

Marvin E. Caraker, 91, of Anna, and formerly of Cobden, died Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1927, in Anna, the son of Phillip M. and Lona Russell Caraker.

He married Mary Sue Moreland on Oct. 3, 1961, in East St. Louis. She preceded him in death on Sept. 14, 2011.

Mr. Caraker is survived by his children, Lee (Norma) Caraker of Du Quoin, Mitzi (Jim) Stricklin of Pinckneyville, Robert Caraker of Springfield, Mo., and Lois (B.J.) Kent of Florida; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Gayle Caraker of Anna; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Sue Caraker; a son, Jason Caraker; a daughter, Candi Hayward; a granddaughter, Brandie Caraker; a brother, Richard Caraker and one sister, Lois Blessing.

He was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 50 years as a conductor before his retirement.

He held many memberships over the years and enjoyed being involved in various activities. He was a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna, the Anna Moose Lodge, the American Legion, the United States Transportation Organization and the Lake of Egypt Association.

Funeral services for Marvin E. Caraker will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Doug Bridgeman officiating.

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

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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

Wanda L. Gardner

Wanda L. Gardner, 88, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on March 23, 1930, in Cobden, the daughter of Louie Robert and Mildred Marie Treece Kelley.

She married John Lewis Gardner on March 27, 1949, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2004.

She is survived by her three daughters, Joyce M. (Carl) Rendleman, Patricia A. Moehring and Diana (Keith) Robertson, all of Jonesboro; five grandchildren, Kelley (Erick) Schwartz, Lisa (Josh) Tripp, Angela (Warren) Moehring, Kendra (Timotheus) Pope and Cassie (Anthony) Cobb; eight great-grandchildren, Dalton Cobb, Simeon, Jada, Kayla, Judah, Susanna, Charity and Asher Pope; a sister, Kathy Knight of Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Lewis Gardner; a brother, Louie Kelley; sisters Doloris Ludlow and Leonora Collins; brothers-in-law Ellison "Fuzzy" Knight, James Ludlow and Don Collins; and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Armstrong.

She was a member of the Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. She retired from Jonesboro Grade School in 1991 after working many years as the cafeteria manager.

She enjoyed working in her yard and tending to her flowers. She loved spending the day with her daughters going out to eat or shopping. She dearly loved her family and her grandchildren meant the world to her.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, May 14, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Salem Lutheran Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

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

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

Mary Pitts Hoyle

Mary Pitts Hoyle, 100, of Anna, died at 6:47 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Jonesboro Rehab and Healthcare in Jonesboro.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1917, in Union County, the daughter of Luster and Flora Lott Pitts.

She married Curtis Hoyle, who preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 1939.

She retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where she was psychiatric aide for many years.

She is survived by her grandson, Christopher Hindman; a sister, Ruth Forbes; nephews Dale (Louise) Pitts and Paul (Susan) Pitts; and a niece, Loretta (Doug) Schmidt.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Jeanette (Hoyle) Hindman; a brother, Truman (Zora) Pitts; and a sister, Hassie (Frank) Dettenbach.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Larry Buckles officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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

Richard Sheeley

Richard Sheeley, 71, of Anna, died at 4:12 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1946, in Memphis, Tenn., the son of Glenn and Mary Francis Clutts Sheeley.

He married Cathy Lewis on Jan. 8, 1972.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1964.

After high school, he served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968.

He continued his education after the service and graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in social welfare. He later received his master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Richard went to work for Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna and retired from there with 25 years of service. After retirement, he went to work at The Gazette-Democrat for over 13 years.

He was a proud member of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455.

During Richard's free time, he enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He and Cathy also enjoyed their passion of caring for many rescue dogs and cats through the years.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cathy of Anna; his mother, Mary Francis Sheeley of Anna; brother, John (Barbara) Sheeley of Clinton Township, Mich.; brothers-in-law Dan Lewis (Sylvia) (Soileau) of Jonesboro and CJ Lewis of Preston, Conn.; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and numerous canine companions and feline friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn D.; a brother, William Reed; and a sister, Linda Sue.

A memorial gathering will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna, with military rites accorded at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455.

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

Crain Funeral Home

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

Pearl E. Karraker

Pearl E. Karraker, 93, of Metropolis, and formerly of McClure, died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at Southgate Healthcare Center in Metropolis.

She was born on July 17, 1924, in Dover, N.H., the daughter of Alphonse and Florence Court Gagne.

She married Lynn J. Karraker Jr. on Dec. 6, 1947. He preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 1966.

She loved being surrounded by her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening and food service. She attended the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her children, Madeline (Stan) Schwartz of Murphysboro; Steve (Cheryl) Karraker of Metropolis, Diane (Eddie) Pearl of McClure and MaryAnn Karraker of Cape Girardeau; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brothers Earl Sutliff of Adirondack, N.Y., and Paul (Brenda) Sutliff of Cobden; and a sister, Linda Kelsey of Denver, Colo.

Besides her husband, she also was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services for Mrs. Karraker were at noon Friday, May 11, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Christian Chapel Cemetery.

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

Crain Funeral Home

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

Philip J. Gebbia

Philip J. Gebbia, 85, of Dongola, died at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 13, 2018, at his home.

He was born on June 22, 1932, in St. Louis, the son of Joseph and Jennie Misuraca Gebbia.

He married June Davis on Dec. 12, 1958. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Gebbia is survived by his children, Philip (Heidi) Gebbia of Dongola and Tracey (Klaas) Wolterstorff of Grand Rapids, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Ian, Keller, Noah, Betsie, Marie, Nina and Kees; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Caleb; one sister, Rose Mangano of Homer Glen; a sister-in-law, Linda Gebbia; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, June Gebbia; a brother, Joseph Gebbia; and a brother-in-law, Sam Mangano.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a mechanic for many years and worked on lift trucks and other auto equipment.

When he wasn't spending time with his family, he was spending time helping other people.

Funeral services for Philip J. Gebbia were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Cornerstone Reformed Church in Carbondale, with the Rev. Nathan Brunaugh officiating. Interment was in Camp Ground Cemetery near Anna.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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



Companies with ag roots among top businesses in Illinois history

Three companies with deep agricultural roots were named the top businesses in Illinois history as part of the Illinois Top 200 project.

Archer Daniels Midland Co., which helps feed the world by turning crops into food ingredients, came out No. 1 in the online voting.

It was followed by Deere & Co., whose green-and-yellow farm equipment can be found in fields around the world.

In third place was Caterpillar Inc., which began as a tractor company but is best known today for construction equipment used from Chicago to Shanghai.

The Illinois Top 200 project lets Illinoisans vote every two weeks on the most inspiring leaders, greatest

books, top businesses and much more.

By the state's 200th birthday on Dec. 3, voters will have chosen 10 favorites in 20 different categories: the Illinois Top 200.

The top 10 businesses include:

Archer Daniels Midland: Based in Chicago but with extensive operations in Decatur, ADM is one of the world's largest agricultural processors, with approximately 31,000 employees.

Deere & Co.: In 1837, a blacksmith named John Deere invented a plow that could cut through tough prairie soil.

Today, the Moline-based company employs more than 55,000 people and ranks 105th in the Fortune

500.

Caterpillar Inc.: Cat, which recently shifted its headquarters from Peoria to Deerfield, is the world's largest maker of construction equipment. It employs 95,000 people and ranks 74th on the Fortune 500.

McDonald's: With headquarters in the Chicago area, McDonald's serves about 69 million people each day and is the world's second-largest private employer.

Walgreens: This drug-store chain began in Chicago. Its parent company ranks 17th on the Fortune 500, higher than any other Illinois business.

Rand McNally: This Skokie company, now synonymous with maps and

atlases, traces its roots back to a Chicago printing business that began in 1856.

DeKalb AgResearch: Founded in 1917 by DeKalb County farmers, the company was a pioneer in developing corn hybrids to resist disease and yield more grain.

Sears: Sears grew from a jewelry business to mail-order giant to the largest retailer in America. Based in Hoffman Estates, it has 596 department stores.

State Farm: This Bloomington company was founded in 1922. Today it has 70,000 employees and ranks 33rd on the Fortune 500.

Dairy Queen: The first DQ opened in Joliet in 1940. Now based in Min-

nesota, the company popularized soft-serve ice cream and today runs more than 6,000 restaurants.

"These results really drive home the diversity and strength of Illinois business. Voters have recognized manufacturers, restaurant chains, retailers, agribusiness and more," said Alan Lowe, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

"Illinois has a rich agricultural heritage," said Illinois Department of Agriculture director Raymond Poe.

"In fact, our state was at the forefront of agricultural research and innovation even before we gained statehood in 1818.

"While ADM, Deere and Caterpillar are names that are synonymous with Illinois agriculture, their contributions can also be seen beyond the field and into the countless communities up and down our state."

Several nominees which did not make the final cut are businesses that had a huge impact in the 19th century but are no longer around, at least not in the same form.

They include the Illinois Central Railroad, which helped make Chicago a transportation hub; Pullman Palace Car Co., which played an important role, sometimes good and sometimes bad, in transportation, the labor movement,

civil rights and even urban planning; and Montgomery Ward, a company that popularized mail-order shopping.

The Illinois Top 200 is a joint initiative of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, The (Springfield) State Journal-Register and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Future categories include authors, musicians, actors, leaders, buildings and unforgettable moments.

Everyone is invited to suggest possible nominees in each category by using the hashtag #ILtop200 on social media.

Sandy Creek celebration set

Sandy Creek Baptist Church near Tamms plans to have its 178th Meeting Celebration on May 20.

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., with a church service at 11 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the morning services.

An afternoon service will begin at 1:30 p.m. Joyful Noise will be featured. Joyful Noise is a southern gospel group based in Bloomfield, Mo.

Sandy Creek is located at 26929 Grapevine Trail, at the intersection of Grapevine Trail and Tamms-Olive Branch Road near Egyptian School. Davy Miller is the pastor.

Look for yard sales in the classifieds.

Anna Junior High School student athlete, teacher honored

Michael Bigler, the owner of the Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has honored an Anna Junior High School student athlete and teacher of the month for April. Photos provided.



Barry Johnson, who is in the 8th grade, was honored as the student athlete of the month. He was presented with a \$50 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods.



Reading room instructor Gail Webb was honored as the teacher of the month. She was presented with a \$50 gift card to Blue Boar.

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Section B



CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

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

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

The Indians

The most accurate and detailed writer about the Indians of the Illinois Country was W.N. Moyer. The following is from his writings.

The early French writers call all our southern Indians, the "Illinois." In this group were the Kaskaskias, Michigamies, Mascotins, Kahokias, Peorias and the Tau-mar-was. These all being related to the Algonquin nation and were friendly with each other. These lived along the Au Kas, or Okaw, and the Au Vase, (the Big Muddy).

The Tacaoganes lived in the Black Bottoms above Brookport and the Nattaogami lived along the Salines. The Kickapoos roamed far up the Wabash and southward as far as New Columbia.

The Shawnees had been driven from the Tennessee country in about 1715 by the Creeks and the Cherokees and were living at the mouth of the Wabash in the Illinois Country.

All those not affiliated with the Algonquins had no love for each other, nor did they have any friendship with the Kaskaskia tribes, as those living west of the Big Muddy were called. Their unfriendliness, however, did not lead to any warfare among them.

The Kickapoos appear to have been a band of Miami that were outlaws, stealing from the more peaceful tribes and making troubles. There was also a small band of Osages that lived near the mouth of the Little Muddy.

There were only three locations where the Indians lived year-round at the beginning of the eighteenth century.

One of these was in the northeast corner of what is now Alexander County near

Mill Creek, where they plied a trade of making arrow heads. These were the Oumiamis, or Wyamis.

At the Saline Springs, near Equality, the Nattaogami boiled salt for centuries.

A third location was in the Black Bottoms above Brookport, the Tacaoganes living there. This group hunted throughout Southern Illinois, between the Ohio and the great swamp along the Bay Creek and Cache.

There is evidence that these groups had engaged in some fierce warfare, most likely being attacked by tribes from south of the Ohio.

The Shawnees were not friendly with the other Illinois tribes and had frequent skirmishes with the Saline Indians and the Nattaogami (Kitchigami).

These Southern Illinois Indians had many well-beaten trails which followed along the water-sheds. One trail followed the line where the waters flowing into the Ohio were divided from those flowing into the Mississippi. The French called this trail, the Grand Trace. It came from near Frankfort and continued by Creal Springs, Stone Fort, Moccasin Gap and Reevesville and thence to Massac. Shorter trails branched out from these, following the water sheds. Some of these old trails were used by the pioneers and later became public roads.

The Kaskaskia tribes lived in the summer between the Big Muddy and the Mississippi. Many of them came to the "grand bois," the great forest, for their winter hunting. Those living east of the Big Muddy were the Shawnees.

Besides those already mentioned, there were the Oumiamis that lived in the Big Bottoms around East Cape and eastward.

There was also a smaller tribe from whom Wetaug was chief, who lived around the Wetaug community that took his name. Another tribe, the Akensea lived at or near Olmstead.

There were probably not more than six thousand Indians living in the south part of Illinois, from present Franklin County and south.

If six thousand Indians were scattered across the area today, with more than half being women and children, a person might walk from river to river and not meet a single one, which explains why many of the pioneers moved about safely during those early years.

There have been massacres in this territory, the earliest being in response to the Juchereau Tannery for killing all the buffalo. There were massacres at Frank (French) Fort, Kingkaid Hill and at Mound City.

With some exceptions, the Indians never went to war unless they thought it was for a just cause.

When Tecumseh came in 1811, crossing byMacedonia, Frankfort, Marion, Buffalo Gap and Cypress, he visited the Wautauga and then the Uches that lived near America. From there he went across the Ohio.

Tecumseh found remarkably few Indians in all of Southern Illinois, and as far as is known, none to join his confederacy.

During the Territorial period of Illinois, 1809-1818, there were several war scares but no record of any battles in the south end of the Illinois Country.

One person that carried mail from Shawneetown to Kaskaskia for two years around 1812, said that he did not see a single Indian in all that time.

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Community service project

Girl Scout Troop No. 8597 has created a fairy garden at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. The garden was created as the troop's community service project. Troop members include Sydney Waun, Kloe Dallas, Angel Wiseman, Holley Isaacson, Lindsey Hill and Serena Hasty. Melissa Waun is the troop leader. Photo provided.

Twilight meeting set at Dixon Springs

University of Illinois Extension is planning to host the first of four twilight meetings at its newly rejuvenated horticulture research and demonstration area at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center Monday, May 21, starting at 6 p.m.

The University of Illinois Dixon Springs Agricultural Center is located at 354 State Highway 145 N at Simpson.

University of Illinois Extension local food systems and small farms educators Bronwyn Aly and Nathan Johanning have been partnering with area farmers over the past four years to provide evening "twilight meetings."

The purpose of the meetings is to highlight and demonstrate diverse farming enterprises across Southern Illinois.

Anyone who is involved or interested in local food production or learning more about farms in the region is invited to attend.

The Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, established in the late 1930s, is the southernmost agricultural research center for the University of Illinois.

For almost 60 years, fruit and vegetable research and extension outreach has been conducted on-site.

The center provides Midwest growers with a wide range of information about various topics, including variety selection, intensive production and management practices, pick-your-own marketing, strawberry plasticulture production and high tunnel production.

After a brief closure, the new dean of the U of I College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Dr. Kimberlee Kidwell, re-opened a portion of the horticulture research area.

Southern Illinois agriculture and natural resource Extension educators work to continue to provide research and demonstration outreach

to the regional community.

Extension staff members are currently focusing on production and management systems within high tunnels on various vegetable and fruit crops.

Over the course of the evening on May 21, Aly and Johanning plan to discuss the different types of high tunnel structures on-site, as well as the various production and management practices for each.

Cucumbers, indeterminate tomatoes, strawberries and various greens will be demonstrated in a hydroponic production system.

Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, greens, and various other vegetables and flowers will be shown growing in ground beds.

The program is provided at no cost, but organizers said that preregistration is appreciated. The deadline to preregister is Friday, May 18. For more information about the event, call 618-695-6060.

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Knights Templar planning service at Cross of Peace

The Knights Templar of Southern Illinois plan to host their 11th annual worship service at the foot of the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, and is open to the public.

The service is held to observe the ascension of Jesus Christ following his resurrection.

Organizers said in a news release that the "service is a typical worship service and would be acceptable to all Christian believers."

Those who plan to attend are advised to bring a lawn

chair, and a jacket or blanket if the weather is cool.

An offering will be collected. The offering will be divided between the Cross of Peace and the Knights Templar Holy Land Excursion Fund.

The excursion fund provides expense-paid trips for clergy members to the Holy Land.

After the service, all are welcome to attend a Dutch treat lunch which is planned at the Cobden Masonic Lodge.

The lodge is located along Skyline Drive between Alto Pass and Cobden.

Event at Mounds VFW will honor service men, women

Area veterans, families, friends and the public are invited to a dedication service which is planned Saturday, May 19, in Mounds. Armed Forces Day is commemorated on May 19.

The service is planned at 9 a.m. on the front lawn of Pulaske County Memorial VFW Post No. 8891. The post is located at 316 S. Blanche.

Five new flagpoles have been installed at the post. The flagpoles represent the five branches of service and honor the nation's past, present and future service men and women.

Those who attend the dedication service are invited to wear red, white and blue.

Coffee, donuts, and juice will be served at 8 a.m.

The area veterans' burial team is scheduled to be present, along with a few other speakers.

This service and project are given by Randy P. Jones as a courtesy of the Jones Funeral Homes in Tamms & Villa Ridge as a show of respect and honor to all of the nation's service men and women.



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Hat Day
Many of the church ladies wore hats again last Sunday in honor of mothers everywhere. Photo provided.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Ascension Sunday, the seventh Sunday of Easter, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Leyleigh lit the altar candles during the musical prelude, which was played by Johnathan Cauble.

It was hat day again for the ladies, in honor of mothers everywhere.

Leyleigh passed out white roses to every lady in the church. Pastor Bobbi Schultz brought pastries for everyone.

Pastor Bobbi read from 1st Kings and reminded everyone about "how our mothers have taken care of our needs as we grow. God also takes care of us throughout our lives."

Prayers were requested for Blakely, Steve Brown and all mothers throughout the world. The church was glad to have the Brown and the Moore families in attendance.

Pastor Bobbi and Barb Norton attended a reception for the district superintendent, Rev. Roger Russell, who is retiring, and his wife Carol. The new district superintendent is Stan Irvin. Carol thanked everyone for all the prayers that helped her miraculously recover from serious injuries in an accident.

Eagle House Ministries

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 13, Pastor Perry Williams, brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was provided by Dee Rose.

Every lady present was presented with a carnation in honor of Mother's Day.

Titus 2 bible study is planned Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m.

Birthdays: Heath Dawley, Myrtle Martin and Jayson Rose, all born May 13; Bon Kohler, May 16; and Mary "Murk" Cripps, May 20.

Anniversary: José and Terri Tehandón, married 19 years on May 15.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and two worship services (10 a.m. and 6 p.m.). Adult Bible study/prayer meeting is on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning worship service, the guest preacher was Ray Gillespie.

Guest music leaders were Don Kelley and John Nimmo.

Sunday's sermon was titled "The Power of a Mother's Love," with scripture from Exodus.

A Mother, Daughter, Friends Banquet was held Friday, May 11. Between 80 and 90 ladies attended. The theme was the bicentennial. The tables were decorated with items from the 1800s. There was also a quilt from the 1800s.

The church has a contemporary service on Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



New video system
Mt. Moriah launched its new video system on Sunday morning, May 13. Photo provided.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah launched its new video system on Sunday morning. The church also is looking forward to many Sundays "sharing the good news" via the internet as well.

In the children's sermon, Pastor Mark said that "mothers are a gift to them from God and that children are the mother's gift from God."

In his sermon, the pastor shared that "if you have the love of Jesus in your heart, you are saved to eternal life."

The congregation offered prayers for Will Eidson, Kenny Roach, Pam Wheaton, Charlotte White, Annette Roach, Stacy High Anderson, John Kern, LaShawn Masania, Gary Davis, Debbie Rossberg and Gladys Freeze.

Other prayers offered were for those grieving for Mickle Brock, Richard Sheeley and Dale Mowery.

Bible study for Mt. Moriah and Salem members is planned Tuesday, May 22,



Mother's Day fellowship
Snacks were served after church on Sunday in honor of Mother's Day. Photo provided.

and May 29, at Mt. Moriah.

The Hands of Faith group planned to meet May 15 to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They always welcome anyone who wants

to join the group.

The church council endowment committee is accepting scholarship applications from Mt. Moriah members.

Oak Grove homecoming set

Homecoming services are planned Sunday, May 20, at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The church is located at the intersection of Old Cypress Road and Oak Grove Road, between Cypress and Vienna.

Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. A worship service will be at 11 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the worship service.

The Gloryroad Travelers are scheduled to sing at 1:30 p.m.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Ezekiel 10:1-22	Ezekiel 36:1-15	Ezekiel 36:16-38	Ezekiel 37:1-28	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Ezekiel 43:13-27	Ezekiel 47:1-12
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Southern Illinois communities awarded housing block grant funds

The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, DCEO, on May 11 announced the recipients of a Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, for Housing.

Fourteen projects across the state were approved for funding totaling \$6 million in federal funds.

Low-to-moderate income communities can apply for the CDBG housing grants to improve housing and rehabilitate and retrofit properties.

The objective of the state-administered funds is to provide safe, sanitary and affordable living conditions.

Communities in Southern Illinois were among those which received funds. The communities, and the funding they received, included:

Village of Colp, \$361,530. City of Herrin, \$500,000. City of Orient, \$450,000. City of Salem,

\$363,244.

Village of Vergennes, \$500,000. City of West Frankfort, \$450,000. City of Zeigler, \$450,000.

The CDBG program was established by the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The program is administered nationally by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD.

DCEO administers the State of Illinois CDBG Small Cities Program.

State-administered funds are available to assist Illinois communities to meet their greatest economic and community development needs, with an emphasis upon helping persons of low-to-moderate income.

A maximum of \$500,000 in grant funds, or \$45,000, per household is available to improve the homes of low-to-moderate income residents of owner occupied single family housing units.

Fishing derbies planned

Free fishing derbies for children are planned Saturday, May 19, in Southern Illinois.

The fishing derbies are being hosted by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest.

The events are for children ages 5 to 15. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

No fishing license is needed, and some bait will be provided. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Participants begin fishing at 8:30 a.m., and lunch will be provided.

Those who are planning to attend are advised that they might want to bring a chair or blanket. The event will be held rain or shine.

Fishing derby locations are scheduled to include:

The Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site, Grand Tower. For more info, contact the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station at 618-833-8576.

Pennant Bar, Pond No. 4, Grantsburg. For more information, contact the Hidden Springs Ranger Station at 618-658-2111.

Hike planned at Cave Creek

A guided hike is planned Saturday morning, May 19, at Cave Creek Glade in Southern Illinois. The hike is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Cave Creek Glade is located in the Cache River State Natural Area, which is along U.S. Highway 45, about 4 miles south of Vienna.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot near the glade.

Botanist Erin Medvez will lead a wildflower walk at the glade.

Organizers noted that the trail is short, but very steep. Appropriate footwear is advised. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

Students awarded scholarships

Two students from Union County have been awarded scholarships to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Delaney Cummins of Dongola has received the President's Scholarship and Midwest Achievement Award.

Cummins is the daughter of Derick and Tana Cummins of Dongola, and will be a 2018 graduate of Dongola High School.

Kaitlyn Holshouser of Anna has received the University Scholarship and Midwest Achievement Award.

Holshouser is the daughter of Blayne Holshouser of Anna and Tina Miller of Anna, and will be a 2018 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Cobden Elementary readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals during April in the school-wide Accelerated Reading program. Students are required to read books and take comprehension tests on the computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: In the first row are Tyler Shoemate, Layla West and Autumn Mosley. In the second row are Mason Lyarla, Madeline Merriman, Ava Rothweiler and Brooke Mosley.



50 Point Club: In the first row are Dash Garrison, Selena Flores, Natalia Godinez, Matthew Howell and Mariana Palmerin. In the second row are Mayrell Morales, Jansen Nance, Javier Valdez, Raleigh Ford and Micah Brown.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Lucas Smith, Luke Staley, Preston Wren and Tristan Wilson. In the second row are Korbin Hale, Roxie Royster, Ashley Carillo and Carter Miller. Stevie Peterman could not be present for the picture.



A-JCHS prom queen, king

A 2018 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School prom queen and king were crowned May 5. The Union County school's prom was May 5 in Cape Girardeau. Jacquie Arreola is the prom queen. She is the daughter of Paulina Hernandez and Juan Arreola. Ender Schmidt is the prom king. He is the son of Charlean and Greg Schmidt. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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Mental health issues for children addressed by Illinois First Lady

Illinois First Lady Diana Rauner took her advocacy for the state's most vulnerable children to Washington May 10 as co-host of a National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day event.

The event focused on how community-based treatment can help young people who have experienced trauma.

The event featured a live-stream town hall discussion on the importance of adopting integrated health approaches to support the physical, medical, and mental needs of children and young adults who have experienced trauma.

The First Lady highlighted Better Care Illinois, a new integrated care effort that the state plans to begin implementing in July, as a result of the recent federal approval of a \$2 billion Medicaid waiver.

"The fact that nearly half of the nation's youth report having experienced at least one traumatic event illustrates that it is imperative we incorporate evidence-based practices in the field of children's mental health," Rauner said.

"We need to care for the whole child and use integrated case management

to address all their needs. That way we can get the right care to the right child at the right time and in the right setting."

"Better Care Illinois has tremendous implications for trauma-informed care for our at-risk youth," Rauner said.

"The initiative's pilot programs will help identify, intervene and follow at-risk youth to safety; support employment services for teens, and provide Medicaid covered recovery services for youth addiction."

The Mental Health Awareness Day event was sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

SAMHSA, which is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation.

U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II presented Rauner, 17 governors' spouses and the National Congress of American Indians with a SAMHSA Special Recognition Award for their work to promote trauma-informed care.

Rauner is a nationally recognized expert on early

childhood policy and holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of Chicago.

She was recognized for her ongoing work and leadership in helping to increase understanding about the importance of trauma-informed care for children, youth and young adults and their families in Illinois.

Rauner serves as president of the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a public-private partnership that develops early learning programs for at-risk children and their families. She carries out her executive duties as a volunteer.

Her husband, Gov. Bruce Rauner, recently announced the \$2 billion behavioral health initiative, which is designed to deliver better outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries suffering from mental health and substance use.

Better Care Illinois is a collaboration of the governor's office, 13 state agencies and hundreds of health advocacy organizations.

The main focus of the initiative is on improving mental health outcomes through community-based care programs directed at the whole person.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the graduates. May God bless you with a wonderful future.

Guests

Mother's Day guests of Betty Eagle were her children Valerie Murray of Anna and Robert Gaddis and grandchildren Danielle and Ethan Gaddis of Carterville. They enjoyed dining and visiting out on the deck.

Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates were Rev. Carl and Debbie Johnston who came out after church and brought a casserole and wished Clara a Happy Mother's Day.

Art Exhibit

The creativity 12 inch Art Challenge exhibit is at the Cedarhurst Shrode Art Center through July 15 in

Mt. Vernon.

Marie Samuel of Cartersville and her daughter Jill both had entries and attended the opening event at the May 12 reception.

Condolences

Condolences to the Carl Bertram LaFoon family, Carl B. LaFoon passed away on May 7, 2018, in Sarasota, Fla. He was the brother of Frank LaFoon of Anna and the father of Susan LaFoon Sherwood of Cobden, and Alan LaFoon of Ohio.

A committal ceremony with military honors will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery on Thursday, May 17.

Guests

Guests of my cousin Gretchen and David Robinson in Australia were

their son, Adam, Sarah, baby Adam, and Sarah's mom Yolanda visiting from Texas.

Birthday Celebration

Gus and Turtle Dove Burns of St. Louis celebrated their 13th birthday last week with Stephen.

Sympathy

Mary Hoyle went to be with our Lord last week. Mary was 100 years old and would have been 101 in August.

She lived on Chestnut Street right behind the United Methodist Church Anna before she went into the Jonesboro Nursing home.

Mary was a sister to Dale Pitts dad Truman. Louise from Texas said they were sorry they were not able to make the trip for her funeral.

Louise said Dale's brother Paul and wife in Arizona would not be able to either as he was just in the hospital. Get well wished to Paul. Prayers for their family.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was where is he with gospel lesson from Luke.

Special music was, "What a Wonderful World." All the ladies were asked to come sing.

Vacation Bible School will be Friday, June 1, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, June 3, at 11:30 am. There will be a cookout on the last day.

A-J Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, May 7, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

They enjoyed visiting with the veterans and helping them play bingo. They took snacks and drinks for them.

They also had a short meeting. President Jane Bauer called the meeting to order and everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Barbara House gave the devotion on our flag and read a reading Red Skelton did on his TV show years ago honoring our flag.

Jane Bauer and Barbara Bauer gave current events. Susie Kessler read the minutes.

The club voted to donate money to the Stinson Memorial Library summer reading program.

Other members present were Mary Light, Martha Ann Webb, Lillian Milam and Judy Smith.

The club's next meeting will be at the home of Jamie Starratt and are looking forward to having dinner with her.

Mother's Day Trip

Bessie Mae, Curt and Eligh Glen Ellis, Martha Ann Webb and Earl Miller enjoyed a trip to Missouri on Mother's Day.

They visited with friend Cynthia Kothe at the SEMO Iris Society show in the Cape Mall. There were 144 different kinds of flowers entered in the contest sponsored by the SEMO Iris Society of Jackson, Mo.

Cynthia was honored to be chosen best in the show for her beautiful iris. Their iris bulb sale will be Aug. 5.

Earl treated Bessie, Curt, Elijah and Martha Ann to a Mother's Day dinner at Lambert's. They were also celebrating Martha Ann's birthday that was Tuesday, May 15.

A-JCHS Band

The Marching Wildcat band had a picnic Friday evening at the Anna City Park.

A special thanks to Curt Ellis for taking his grill and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. A special thanks to everyone



Wool workshop in Marion had 15 ladies creating wool flower corsages for Mothers' Day at LEAA May 12 in Marion. Using wool from Scotland as well as yarn and buttons, each creation was unique. Instructor Marie Samuel, shared stories of sheep in that country as well as crafts made from wool there. Each person attending shared memories about wool or the animals that provide wool like goats and sheep.

who fixed food.

Games were enjoyed by everyone. Prizes were given. The band scholarship was awarded.

Thanks

A special thanks to Valeria and Jimmy Meller, Karen and Tom Betts, and Jane Bauer for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat

Jus 10s Frozen Yogurt and Dessert Shoppe

Anna Madura, Miss Heartland Outstanding Teen 2018, hosted her fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network with Jus 10's Frozen Yogurt and Dessert Shoppe.

VFV

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A chicken and dumplings dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

King Neptunes

Cajan House served free fish and fries for the Blessing of the Bikes in honor of all the bikers that rode to Bald Knob Cross of Peace. Tawl Paul also performed at King Neptunes.

The prom dresses donated to A-JCHS for the local schools were really appreciated.

Connect Point Church

Food pantry and outreach will be on the third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Anna Eastern Star

The Anna Eastern Star will meet on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

State Retirees Meeting

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church in



A display of wool crafts, including those made by the presenter, Marie Samuel, who has recently returned from a trip to Scotland, at the wool workshop in Marion for Mother's Day at LEAA May 12 in Marion.



Jesse Wright and Cynthia Pfau are proud of their first grandson Oliver born May 8. Oliver is pictured with his sisters Lily and Lila. His parents are Jordan and Amanda Wright. They live in Bourbonnais. Jesse and Cynthia also have five granddaughters.



Band director Renee McLain awarded Kelly Messamore the band scholarship in memory of Ken Stute, Barb's husband, at the band picnic Friday evening at the Anna City Park. Kelly plays the flute for the Anna-Jonesboro Marching Wildcats.



Anna's artist Adolph Walter III drawing for the sesquicentennial flag contest in 2004. Adolph's design was chosen and the flags flew at Anna City Hall for many years. One of the flags was discovered by Barbara Bauer hanging in a garage in Anna. Barbara told about the flag contest and essay contest at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club last week.



Rich Elliot, former fireman for the City of Anna, asked if he could have the city flag a few years back when it was disposed of because of being tattered. When Rich heard the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club was looking for one of the flags he donated it to Martha Ann Webb to take care of for the club. This is one of the same flags that Adolph Walter III designed for the sesquicentennial flag Contest. The ladies in the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club are very excited about receiving it.



Cynthia Kothe of Jackson, Mo., won best of show at the iris contest displayed at the West Park Mall in Cape Girardeau on Mother's Day sponsored by the SEMO Iris Society. Her flowers were Sunrise Elegy iris. Cynthia also won many other awards for her beautiful irises.



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at the Illinois Veterans Home Monday, May 7. From left are Mary Light, Martha Ann Webb, Judy Smith, Suzie Kessler, Jane Bauer, Barbara House, Barbara Bauer and Lillian Milam.



Anna Madura, Miss Heartland Outstanding Teen 2018, appreciated Jus 10's Frozen Yogurt & Dessert Shoppe for helping her host her fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Miss Metro East Clare Bunyan and Miss Metropolis Katrina Karsen, Martha Ann Webb, Julia Ellis and Jenna Hammer were among the ones who came to support Anna.

Anna on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.

Free Community Dinners

Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro has a free meal on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

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

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center, Cobden

A chicken and dumplings dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 19.

Military Prayer List

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Master Gardener online training set this summer

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program plans to offer on-line summer training.

The new training was developed for individuals who are interested in the Master Gardener program but are unable to participate in daytime classes.

The online program is a self-paced training that is scheduled to begin June 10 and must be completed by Sept. 30.

Master Gardeners are volunteers who provide service to their community

by engaging in educational outreach and addressing horticultural problems.

Master Gardeners undergo training and complete a 60-hour volunteer internship.

To remain active, Master Gardeners then complete 30 volunteer hours and 10 hours of continuing education each year.

The online training includes 13 modules, each of which consists of several captioned videos with audio.

The course topics in-

clude botany, soils, plant diseases, annuals and perennials, fruits and vegetables, among others.

A strong internet connection is highly recommended. If participants spend four hours per week on the modules, they can complete the course in 14 weeks.

Extension educator Erin Medvecz is the local Master Gardener coordinator for Alexander, Pulaski, Johnson, Massac and Union counties.

Those who want to begin the application process are

advised to call a local Extension office or go online to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/mg/>.

Applications must be received by May 31. Acceptance into the program will require a mandatory background check and an informal in-person interview.

The program has a \$300 fee, which covers the cost of the online trainings and a Master Gardener manual.

For more information about the program, contact Medvecz at 833-6363.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

MAY 17, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports NBA Countdown (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Angel of Death"	TBA	"Atomic"	(5:15) "Volcano" (97)	"Bad Moms" (16) Mila Kunis. Mom goes wild.
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Bang (HD) Young	Gotham (HD)	Ellen's (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Family" (HD)	DuckTales Grav Falls	"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (10)	"My Little Eye" (02) Reality show.	Billions A fresh start.
8 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Pieces Pieces	Showtime "Week 11"	American Ninja Warrior "All-Stars Specials"	★★★ "Old School" (03) Wacky fraternity. (HD)	★★★ "Old School" (03) Wacky fraternity. (HD)	NCIS "Identity Crisis"	TBA	TBA	(4:40) "Assassin's Creed" (16) Secret society.	Patrick Melrose
9 PM :30	Quantico (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Hoax" (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	NCIS "Chimera" (HD)	TBA	Westworld (HD)	(4:40) Rellik (HD)	Gigolos
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	NCIS "Recoil" (HD)	DuckTales Raven	Fight Game	(1:15) Barry	Billions A fresh start.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	NCIS "Recoil" (HD)	DuckTales Raven	"Got Mail"	"Nocturnal"	"Bad Moms"

FRIDAY

MAY 18, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA Softball Champ. "Regionals" (HD)	Burgers Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	(5:00) "Movie"	"Jones"	"The Bodyguard" (R)	★★★ "Dead Man's Chest" Pirates make deals.
7 PM :30	Once Upon a Time	Undercover (HD)	MasterChef Junior Final three. (HD)	Blindspot "In Memory"	2018 NCAA Softball Champ. "Regionals" (HD)	Burgers "San Andreas" (15) Rescue attempt after an earthquake.	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales "Movie"	★★★ "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (17) (R) (HD)	"Fifty Shades Darker" (17) Past interferences.	"Rebel in the Rye" (17) Famed author. (HD)
8 PM :30	SHIELD "The End"	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	2018 NCAA Softball Champ. "Regionals" (HD)	Family Family	Law & Order: SVU	Real Time Maher (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)	Rellik (HD)	Patrick Melrose
9 PM :30	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	TBA	VICE (HD)	Rellik (HD)	Patrick Melrose
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Wanderlust" (12) (R)	Family Family	DuckTales Raven	Problem	(01) Real Time Maher	★★ "Shades" (17) (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	"Wanderlust" (12) (R)	Family Family	DuckTales Raven	(01) Real Time Maher	★★ "Shades" (17) (HD)	"Ghost in the Shell"

SATURDAY

MAY 19, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	(4:00) TBA	Sports	Seinfeld	"Crashers" (05) (HD)	(5:25) "Movie"	"War for the Planet"	Rellik (HD)	(5:45) "Patriots Day" (17) Hunt for bombers.
7 PM :30	American Idol "17 (Top 5)" (HD)	Royal Romance: Marriage Royal wedding.	MasterChef Junior	2018 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live)	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	"Get Hard" (15) Will Ferrell. Prison sentence.	DuckTales "Movie"	★★★ "Fahrenheit 451" (66) (HD)	"Four Christmases" (08) (HD)	Patrick Melrose
8 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Showtime "Week 10"	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Bang (HD)	Bang (HD)	(4:45) Westworld (HD)	"Almost Christmases" (16) Getting along. (HD)	Showtime Championship Boxing "Stevenson vs. Jack"
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	48 Hours	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	(1:15) ★★★ "Get Hard" (15) Preparing for a prison sentence.	(05) TBA	TBA	Bary (HD)	Patrick Melrose
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Showtime "Week 11"	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Last O.G.	BUNK'D	BUNK'D	Sil Valley	(2:25) Rellik (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Saturday Night Live Tina Fey.	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild Drop Mic	Joker Wild Drop Mic	BUNK'D Liv Maddie	BUNK'D Liv Maddie	Sil Valley "Fahrenheit 451"	"Collateral"

SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Burgers	Dateline NBC (HD)	Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:15) "Frozen" (13)	"Fahrenheit 451" (18) A popular fireman.	"Watchmen" (09) (R)	(5:38) Patrick Melrose
7 PM :30	American Idol "18 (Performance Finals)"	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Simpsons	2018 Billboard Music Awards An awards show. (HD)	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Houston Astros (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales "Frozen" (13) Breaking icy spell.	Westworld (HD)	"Assassin's Creed" (16) Secret society. (HD)	The Circus The Circus
8 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Fam Guy Burgers	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales Bizaard	Westworld (HD)	★★★ "Edge of Darkness" Corrupt corporation.	Billions "Ice-breaker"
9 PM :30	(01) Deception (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild Drop Mic	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales Bizaard	Westworld (HD)	★★★ "Edge of Darkness" Corrupt corporation.	I'm Dying Up Here Patrick Melrose (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild Drop Mic	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)	"U.S. Marshals" (98)	Billions "Ice-breaker"
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Jumanji" (95)	Family Family	Stuck Mid. Grav Falls	(3:35) VICE		

MONDAY

MAY 21, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports	Fam Guy	Family	BUNK'D	Oliver	"Knight and Day"	"Crimson"
7 PM :30	Dancing (HD)	Bang (HD)	Miss USA 2018 Hopeful contestants. (HD)	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (HD)	NBA Countdown (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	Stuck Mid.	Tonight	★★ "The Final Year" (18) (HD)	The Circus
8 PM :30	American Idol "19 (Grand Finale)" (HD)	Bang (HD)	Local Programs	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	DuckTales Grav Falls	★★★ "The Final Year" (18) (HD)	"Sherlock Holmes" (09) Serial killer back.	I'm Dying Up Here
9 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Showtime "Week 10"	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)	(10) "CHiPs" (17, Comedy) Unlikely partners.	Billions "Ice-breaker"
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(01) Run Wild (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Local	BUNK'D	Royal Wedding Live Two broadcasters. (HD)	"The Mindy Project" (10) (HD)	Patrick Melrose (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Jumanji" (95)	Family Family	BUNK'D Liv Maddie	Westworld (HD)	(5:55) "Whip It" (09)	I'm Dying Up Here The Circus Melrose

TUESDAY

MAY 22, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	TBA	Real Time	"About Steve" (09)	"Single White" (92)
7 PM :30	Roseanne	NCIS Past figure. (HD)	★★★ "Hancock" (08) A hero's new start. (HD)	The Voice (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	Tonight	"Love Potion No. 9" (92) (HD)	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Middle	Bull Trial consultant.	Local Programs	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	DuckTales TBA	"Fahrenheit 451" (18) A popular fireman.	(4:0) ★ "Vampires Suck" (10) (HD)	Patrick Melrose (HD)
9 PM :30	Middle	Splitting	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball Colorado Rockies at Los Angeles Dodgers (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	TBA	Real Sports - Gumbel	(05) Rellik (HD)	Billions "Ice-breaker"
10 PM :30	For the People (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Cromarties	TBA	Real Sports - Gumbel	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	I'm Dying Up Here
11 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	Family Family	TBA TBA	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	★★★ "Suicide Squad"	The Circus "Rebel"

WEDNESDAY

MAY 23, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	NCIS "The Wall" (HD)	TBA	"The Final"	"Edge of Darkness"	"The Host"
7 PM :30	"Toy Story 3" (10) The toys in daycare. (HD)	Survivor Sole Survivor. (HD)	Empire Tough choice.	Law & Order: SVU	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS Hacker inflects.	Stuck Mid.	Tonight	★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (06)	★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (06)
8 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Star (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)	DuckTales TBA	"Under the Tuscan Sun" (03, Comedy) (HD)	"Once Upon Time in Mexico"	Billions "Ice-breaker"
9 PM :30	(01) Lights, Camera	Survivor Reuni.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Colony "Hospitalium"	TBA	Serena	"Fifty Shades Darker" (17) Past interferences.	Patrick Melrose (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	(01) Chicago P.D.	TBA	Problem	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	I'm Dying Up Here
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Local (3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	(01) Chicago P.D.	TBA	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	(4:5) "Assassin's Creed" (16)	The Circus "Rebel"

THURSDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	"Bad Moms" (16) Mila Kunis. Mom goes wild.
7:31pm	Billions A fresh start.
7:31pm	Patrick Melrose
7:31pm	Gigolos
7:31pm	Billions A fresh start.
7:31pm	"Bad Moms"

FRIDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	★★★ "Dead Man's Chest" Pirates make deals.
7:00pm	"Rebel in the Rye" (17) Famed author. (HD)
7:00pm	Rellik (HD)
7:00pm	Patrick Melrose
7:00pm	★★ "Shades" (17) (HD)
7:00pm	"Ghost in the Shell"

SATURDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	(5:45) "Patriots Day" (17) Hunt for bombers.
7:00pm	Patrick Melrose
7:00pm	Showtime Championship Boxing "Stevenson vs. Jack"
7:00pm	"Collateral"

SUNDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	(5:38) Patrick Melrose
7:00pm	The Circus The Circus
7:00pm	Billions "Ice-breaker"
7:00pm	I'm Dying Up Here Patrick Melrose (HD)
7:00pm	Billions "Ice-breaker"

MONDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	"Crimson"
7:00pm	The Circus
7:00pm	I'm Dying Up Here
7:00pm	Billions "Ice-breaker"
7:00pm	Patrick Melrose (HD)
7:00pm	I'm Dying Up Here
7:00pm	The Circus Melrose

TUESDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	"Single White" (92)
7:00pm	Shameless (HD)
7:00pm	Patrick Melrose (HD)
7:00pm	Billions "Ice-breaker"
7:00pm	I'm Dying Up Here
7:00pm	The Circus "Rebel"

WEDNESDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	"The Host"
7:00pm	★★★ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (06)
7:00pm	Patrick Melrose (HD)
7:00pm	"The Promise" (17) Oscar Isaac. To safety.
7:00pm	The Circus "Rebel"

Opinion and Commentary

'Engage at Every Age'

May is Older Americans Month in Illinois and the state's Department on Aging, IDoA, is encouraging its more than 2.5 million older adults to "Engage at Every Age."

That's the theme of this year's recognition, which emphasizes the importance of being active and involved, no matter where you are in life.

"You are never too old, or too young, to participate in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotion well-being," said Jean Bohnhoff, the director of IDoA. "I encourage our older adults to take advantage of resources and social programs throughout their communities – get out and do something new."

Gov. Bruce Rauner has issued a proclamation, recognizing the contributions that older Americans have had on Illinois' history.

"Older Americans are the backbone of our society," Rauner said. "They offer the wisdom and guidance that will lead us into the future. Their contributions will have a lasting imprint on Illinois' history and Older Americans Month provides an opportunity for all of us to highlight those accomplishments."

For more information about programs and services which assist older adults in Illinois, their families and caregivers, log on to the department website at <http://www.illinois.gov/aging/> or call the Department on Aging at 1-800-252-8966 (hearing impaired call 1-888-206-1327).

The text of the governor's proclamation follows:

Whereas, the State of Illinois is home to more than two million residents aged 60 years or older who richly contribute to our communities; and

Whereas, older adults are members of our communities entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and,

Whereas, each community in the United States must strive to recognize, understand and address the evolving needs of older adults, and support their caregivers; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our communities;

promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living;

encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and

providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences; and

Whereas, older adults in our state deserve to be recognized for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

Whereas, this year's Older Americans Month theme, "Engage at Every Age," emphasizes that you are never too old or too young to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities:

Now therefore, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as Older Americans Month in Illinois, and encourage all older adults to stay engaged, active, and involved in their own lives and in their communities across the State of Illinois.

Commentary

Remembering a friend

By Mike Estel

In all the years I've known him, we had but only one major disagreement.

He was definitely what you could say a very strong supporter of the present President Donald Trump.

As a lifelong Democrat, I never could get on the Trumpy Bear bandwagon. Even though, I wasn't really crazy about the candidate that opposed him during the 2016 elections.

He never felt the man in the White House now could do any wrong. It was on deaf ears when I told him that the man made a ton of mistakes and failed to listen to good sound advice. To me, it seemed like he just plunged forward no matter what the consequences. He didn't want to hear any of that.

He continually told me that former President Barack Obama made his share of mistakes, too. Maybe that's true, but I always tried to bring the conversation back to the present day.

Our association came from working together at The Gazette-Democrat newspaper and also the Clyde Choate Mental Health Facility for many years.

He was a Vietnam veteran and on that subject we could both definitely agree. We both readily admitted that we did not fight the war to win it.

An honor guard with the Anna VFW burial team, he has seen his share of fallen comrades over the years. He was really hurt when his former good friend, Jim West, the editor of The Gazette-Democrat and fellow Vietnam veteran passed away.

His wife and he also had quite a reputation of caring for rescue dogs and cats.

I had no idea his health was even failing. The last time I talked with him he was as joyful as ever and always interesting to talk with.

But, he now joins that elite group of former veterans.

Richard Sheeley, with your passing, you will definitely be missed by your wife, Cathy, former coworkers, relatives, many friends and also the burial team at the VFW.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Yours truly truly was happy to see Chuck wandering around last week. At least when the picture was taken, he was far away from a road.

Groundhogs, demons and Robert Frost, too...

The goal on Monday was pretty simple. Drive home for lunch. Eat lunch. Drive back to The Paragraph Factory.

Do not, as in absolutely do not, run over any cute, furry rodents.

Goal achieved. Thank goodness.

That didn't keep Chuck from glaring at me. I am sure that he was glaring at me.

Chuck was out wandering around when I saw him a couple of times during the evening hours last week. I was glad to see Chuck.

Except for the evening when Chuck, once again, decided that hanging around on the edge of the highway was a good way for a groundhog, or woodchuck, to spend some time.

Fortunately, Chuck made a rapid exit from the edge of the highway when a pickup truck passed by, mere inches away. I think Chuck was heading for his nice comfy groundhog hole. To his credit, and much to my surprise, a groundhog can move pretty fast.

That brings us to an item which I found on wikipedia,

which, as you may know, is one of the many sources of wisdom and knowledge which can be found on the internet.

"Woodchuck numbers appear to have decreased in Illinois," the item declared.

Yup. By at least one. Which takes us back to the first couple of paragraphs.

On Monday of last week, I was heading back to The Paragraph Factory after taking a bit of a break for lunch. As I headed into the outskirts of suburban Anna, one of Chuck's cousins decided that it would be a good time to run across the highway. The outcome, in a word or two, was not good for Chuck's cousin. And it put a damper on my afternoon, too.

I suppose a little bit of good came out of the mishap, if you consider learning about demonesses and poetry to be a good thing.

Thanks to wikipedia, I also learned about Ammit. Maybe you've heard of Ammit, especially if you happen to be into ancient Egyptian gods and demons and other things that might show up in Stephen King novels.

Ammit is a demoness and goddess with a body that is part lion, part hippopotamus, part crocodile and, I'm pretty sure, part groundhog.

If what I learned online is true, and has to be true, since it is online, Ammit lives near the scales of justice, in a place called Duat, which is between Anna and Cobden.

Ammit likes to hang out with Anubis in the Hall of Two Truths, which is not far from the Hall of Half Truths, which is still in existence today. Between the two of them, Ammit and Anubis come up with bad things to do to people who are driving back and forth to work in their chariots and run over cute, furry rodents.

In learning about groundhogs, and in feeling sorry for myself for running over one of 'em, I discovered that Robert Frost wrote a poem about the groundhog. Mr. Frost called his poem "The Drumlin Woodchuck." The poem had nothing to do with running over a groundhog while driving back to work. And, just so you know, a drumlin is some sort of oval hill.

Mr. Frost's poem is written from the critter's perspective. I think. And, unlike Chuck's cousin, Mr. Frost's groundhog lived to see another day...mainly because, as the rodent observes: "I have been so instinctively thorough About my crevice and burrow."

Finally, a message to Chuck:

If you are thorough,
you'll stay in your burrow,
read some poems, drink some tea;
and if you don't mind,
please be kind,
and ask demons to stay away from me.



A young gosling really did not want to have its picture taken. For whatever it's worth – a gosling most likely would be young, mainly 'cause the critter is a baby goose. The little birdie probably didn't want to be anywhere near a guy who runs over critters.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 16, 1968

"We're 150 years old" – Union County invites everyone to join the celebration – beginning at 9:00 Friday, May 17, with the local merchants' "Old Fashioned Sidewalk Sale."

A Sesquicentennial Union Religious Service will be held in the Wolf Lake Grade School gymnasium on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 11 a.m. Nine churches from the surrounding area will be participating in the program which is expected to be recorded on 16 m.m. film.

An Antique Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23, at the Jonesboro Grade School, with benefits going toward the construction of the Lincoln-Douglas Square Park.

The Union County area received a total of 4.18 inches of rainfall this past week, with high humidity and cloudy skies throughout the week.

The third annual Memorial Day service will be held at historic old Korntal Memorial Church Sunday, May 26, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Dedication services are being planned for Sunday, May 26, at the First Methodist Church of Anna.

Two Anna State Hospital employees received Individual Recognition Awards at a special ceremony Monday, May 13. The awards were presented to Mrs. Gretta Brasel, medical records librarian, and to Mrs. Beulah Beatty, clothing service aide.

The Auxiliary to the Carroll P. Foster Foster Post 3455 Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their annual Poppy Day this Saturday, May 18.

Baccalaureate services will be held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Sunday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Alto Pass school Sunday, May 19, with the processional being led by Brenda Trexler.

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual pop concert to be presented by the Dongola Unit District Band in the Dongola gymnasium Friday, May 17, starting promptly at 8 p.m.

These two weeks are busy ones for area students with activities taking place prior to the ending of school for the 1967-68 year Friday, May 24.

The annual Egyptian Arts and Crafts Guild Art Show, held at the Community Center on the 11th and 12th of May, was most successful. Approximately 600 persons

attended the two day affair. There were about 500 entries in the many different art classifications.

The Cross of Peace Choir needs five or six more tenors and about that many more bass voices, according to Don Owen, director.

Many people took advantage of the invitation extended by the Union County Nursing Home to attend the Open House held at the home on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12.

The Davie School Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the School gymnasium Tuesday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m.

Last week the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats won two and lost two in baseball.

From the Wolf Lake News: Congratulations to Audrey Ballance on being elected Prom Queen at Shawnee Friday night.

From the Bethel news: Following the Morning Service (on Sunday), a very impressive service was held honoring the Mothers present.

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