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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Lots of folks attended Memorial Day services in Anna and Cobden on Monday.

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Union County authorities reported that the Memorial Day holiday weekend was quiet.

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The 2018 Union County farmers market started Tuesday morning in Anna.

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The Union County Board of Commissioners had one of its shortest meetings ever last Friday morning.

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Flag Day is observed on June 14.

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An annual Cherokee Nation Remember the Removal bike ride was set to begin Tuesday in Oklahoma. The riders who are remembering the Trail of Tears are scheduled to be in Southern Illinois around June 10.

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Reminder: the City of Jonesboro plans to flush fire hydrants on June 8 and 9, beginning at 8 p.m. each day.

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Another reminder: The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to host a summer book sale June 8-10. The event will be at Stinson Library in Anna.

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Illinois milkweed will be the topic of a program which is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

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Catch-and-release fishing clinics for young people are planned on upcoming Thursday mornings at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center. Dates include June 14, June 21, July 12 and July 19.

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Summer begins on June 21.

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Did you know that Friday, June 1, is National Doughnut Day.

### Memorial Day commemorated

## Army veteran delivers address at Cobden service

Union County joined the nation in honoring the men and women who have died in service to their country on Memorial Day, which was observed Monday, May 28.

A large crowd was on hand for a ceremony which was held Monday morning at the Cobden Cemetery in Cobden.

A Memorial Day service has been conducted at the Cobden Cemetery for many years.

An address was delivered by U.S. Army veteran Doug Meadows II, who is now serving as a Cobden police officer.

Meadows served in A Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, in the 10th Mountain Division for four years, and went on a combat deployment to the Zahri district of Kandahar in Afghanistan.

In his talk, Meadows recalled when he attended Memorial Day services in Cobden as a child.

“But over all of those years of standing in solemn silence, listening to ‘Taps’ play and hearing the 21-gun salute, I have begun to realize something.”

“That is not to say that I did not know the reason, I did, but it was something beyond my comprehension; and there is a difference.”

Meadows shared that “after growing up and serving as an infantryman in the Army, and now as a police officer, I now not only understand the purpose of being here, but I also know the reason that I did not understand. That reason is context.”

“We have all heard the phrase ‘freedom isn’t free’ more than once in our lifetime,” he said.

Meadows credited “the

amazing men and women whom we honor today” with helping to lay the foundation for understanding freedom.

“Being free is an absolutely amazing thing. I have met, and made friends with multiple people who have come from countries where they were not free and they have expressed their elation at the opportunity to be so.

“However, there are places that are free that are not safe. Even in this country’s history. In the War of 1812, the people of New York, Baltimore and New Orleans never lost their freedom as Americans. This is due to many of the great individuals we honor here today, but they were not safe.

“With the British invading, yes, they were free, but their safety was under great question. They had no clue when the British troops might march through the streets and begin committing the same unspeakable acts that had been committed during the Revolutionary War.

“Likewise, the people of Israel today experience a great deal of freedom; however, they do not know when the next bombing or rocket strike will happen. They don’t know on a day-to-day basis if they or a loved one will get hurt or worse.”

Meadows said that as a young boy who attended Memorial Day services, he “did not have to worry about knowing if his town was going to be attacked by a foreign power, and he certainly didn’t have to worry about the car parked in front of his church blowing up.”

Those circumstances are the context which Meadows addressed.

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**Army veteran speaks at service**  
U.S. Army veteran Doug Meadows II spoke at a Memorial Day ceremony which was held Monday morning at the Cobden Cemetery.

## Weather: Flash flood watch issued early this week

Union County was included in a flash flood watch which was in effect Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

The watch was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

The watch area included parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The watch was in effect from 1 p.m. Tuesday through Wednesday.

Heavy rainfall was expected in connection with the arrival of the remnants of Alberto, a subtropical depression weather system.

Total rainfall amounts from an inch and a half up to around 3 inches were in the forecast. The weather service advised that locally higher amounts were likely.

The weather service cautioned that localized heavy rainfall could have led to flash flooding.

The Union County area experienced very heavy rain last Friday afternoon.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that at 4 p.m. Friday, rain was falling in the Jonesboro area at a rate which was equal to 13.4 inches per hour.

Precipitation measured during the period of May 22-28 totalled 1.83 inches, including 1.70 inches on May 25 and .13 of an inch May 28.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 22	87	63
Wednesday, May 23	86	62
Thursday, May 24	89	60
Friday, May 25	88	63
Saturday, May 26	88	66
Sunday, May 27	92	66
Monday, May 28	89	67

## Summer reading program scheduled

A summer reading program is planned again this year at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

A registration kickoff party was planned Wednesday, May 30, at the library.

Registration is scheduled to continue through June 8 at the library and online at StinsonLibrary.org.

“Reading Takes You Everywhere” is the theme for this year’s program.

Weekly activities are planned from June 12 through July 18.

Here’s a look at the program’s schedule:

Tuesdays, 5th through 8th grade, 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesdays, pre-kindergarten through 4th grade: Session 1, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Session 2, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Session 3, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Thursdays, baby story time, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A summer reading finale is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at the library.



### Memorial Day service at Anna VFW post

A Memorial Day service was held Monday morning, May 28, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna. The service, which was attended by many people, included a 21-gun salute by an honor guard.



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## Memorial Day

American flags and small, white crosses were on display Monday morning – Memorial Day – at the Cobden Cemetery.

## Memorial Day observance in Cobden

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"I know that in recent years, there have been more of these types of issues come up in our country, but that doesn't change the fact that we have to fear these types of events far less than almost anywhere else in the world.

"This is because a great many people have sacrificed everything they had to create a sort of barrier for us."

During his service with the Army in Afghanistan, Meadows said he lost several friends. He also met people, young and old,

"who had to worry on a day-to-day basis whether or not someone was going to come harm them just because they would not grow the crops that the Taliban wanted them to."

"This is the context that I now have," Meadows said.

"When I finally came home, I had a rough period of adjustment because I would hear people on the SIU campus speaking about the military with disdain and making uneducated comments about what is going on overseas, or what had happened in past wars.

"I would then think about the friends I had lost fight-

ing over there, and, to put it lightly, I would get upset.

"After some time, I had an epiphany. I realized that they just didn't understand. That seems to be a dismissal of their views, but I promise you that in this case it is not.

"They lacked the context; they had no comprehension of the wolf at the door because the shepherd had run him off before he could even howl.

"That's when I realized that this lack of understanding, the lack of context, was another hidden blessing given to us by our great fallen.

"Their sacrifice has not

just given us freedom, but it has given us such great safety that we no longer truly understand the danger without going and seeking it out. It is a gift that I wish that my future children will continue to receive.

"And may God bless those who have fallen to give it to us, and their families who have been left with emptiness in their lives."

Meadows ended his Memorial Day address with one of his favorite quotes from Gen. George S. Patton: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

## Jury finds man guilty of predatory criminal sexual assault of child

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported May 23 that Curtis Edward Carr, 37, of Mulkeytown, was found guilty today after an eight-day jury trial on two counts predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, both Class X felonies.

In July 2013, Carr sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl in a vehicle parked at a residence in rural Jonesboro.

A sentencing hearing has been set for 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Carr faces between 12 and 120 years in prison.

After the verdict, Edmonds said: "This child predator was convicted only because the survivor of this horrible crime had the strength and courage to come forward. I hope that today's verdict brings her and her family some peace as they continue the healing process."

The case was investigated by the Illinois State

Police and the victim was interviewed at the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna.

The following agencies also assisted in the investigation and prosecution: Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Franklin County State's Attorney's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office, Amherst (Ohio) Police Department, Lorain County (Ohio) Prosecutor's Office, Maryland State Police, Franklin-Williamson County Child Advocacy Center, Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network and the Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence.

Edmonds added: "I am extremely appreciative of the efforts of so many agencies in our region and across the country in bringing the defendant to justice."

The case was prosecuted by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Union County Assistant State's Attorney Heather Heaslett.

## Special patrols planned

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct special details during June in Union County.

Plans for the details were announced by Lt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of the district.

Roadside safety checks and nighttime enforcement patrols are planned.

**Roadside Safety Checks**  
Alvey said in a news release that the use of roadside safety checks "combine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public."

The Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for impaired driving in the state.

Officers who are working the roadside safety checks will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and transporting open alcoholic beverages.

Alvey said officers especially will be watching for motorists who are driving under the influence (DUI), safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

The state police noted that alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois.

In the United States nearly 10,000 people die

each year due to alcohol-impaired driving.

"Roadside safety checks are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road," Alvey stated.

**Nighttime Patrols**  
Nighttime enforcement patrols allow the state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving and occupant restraint violations, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The state police noted that the number of unrestrained drivers killed in traffic crashes is significantly higher at nighttime and, combined with impaired driving, means even more traffic deaths during these hours.

During the patrols, Alvey said officers will strictly enforce violations which include DUI, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations. Over half of all fatal crashes in Illinois occur at night.

Alvey stated that the nighttime enforcement patrols allow "officers to work even harder at removing dangerous impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up."

The details are funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## A-J Board wraps up business for school year

Wrapping up business for the school year was the focus of the May meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education.

Issues on the meeting's consent agenda included the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, approval of bills for payment and acceptance of financial reports. The motion to approve passed with all present members voting yes.

Doug Badgley from Prairie State Insurance Corporation met with the board and presented a quote for property/causality insurance and worker's compensation insurance.

Items of interest from the teachers included a report on the Safe Celebration event following the A-JCHS graduation ceremony, with 152 students participating in the graduation festivities.

A-J faculty member Julie Lewis took students to Mound City National Cemetery and to the Mound City riverfront to visit the site where ironclad warships were built during the Civil War. Funding for the trip was provided by the Anna Kiwanis Club.

A-JCHS director of curriculum and instruction Scott Finders reported that information on recent SAT testing has been received, and a full report on the results will be given at next month's board meeting.

He also reported on results from recent PSAT 10 testing. Of 88 sophomores who had also taken the test during their freshmen year, 70 percent showed growth in English and 60 percent showed growth in math. The average growth was 49 points, just shy of the goal of 50-point growth that the College Board sets.

This number is lower still than the 70-point goal A-JCHS set with its Continuous School Improvement Plan.

However, 24 of the students doubled the College Board goals with over 100 points of improvement, 11 had improved over 150 points, five improved over 200 points and one student saw an improvement of 290 points.

In addition, in comparing the scores of this year's sophomores to last year's, there has been a 9 percent growth in the number of students meeting both the College Board and Contin-

uous School Improvement goals. With these trends, Finders sees the potential for very promising scores on the SATs next year.

The board also discussed the previous week's graduation ceremony, and the problems resulting from having to move the ceremony indoors because of inclement weather. Heat and lack of adequate seating have consistently been issues during changes to an indoor venue, and the board discussed a number of solutions.

One option suggested would involve allotting each graduating student a set number of tickets to be used for reserved seating areas in the event that the ceremony is moved indoors.

Additionally, since the ceremony is now streamed live online, it was suggested that a second indoor location could be set up on campus where graduation could be viewed via projection.

Principal Brett Detering introduced proposed changes to the handbook for the 2018-2019 school year. Changes included updates to dual credit and weighted

class descriptions, clarifications to parking permit priorities and a change to the semester exam exemption policy.

Following the closed session, the board voted on a number of new business issues. Changes to the school year calendar, aforementioned updates to the student handbook and the dates and times for next year's school board meetings were all approved.

The purchase of a new multi-purpose activity bus for approximately \$46,800 was also approved, as was a motion to use health life and safety funds to pave and re-seal the parking lot. A little over \$39,000 of funding for a health life safety project to replace doors at the school was also approved.

The board also oversaw a number of motions to hire, appoint or approve personnel, including proposals to hire a temporary summer tech aide and a treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year. The approval or appointment of all fall and winter sports coaching positions were also put to a vote, with all candidates nominated being approved.

## Jonesboro School summer projects discussed

**By Benjamin Marxer**

The Jonesboro School District No. 43 Board of Education assembled for its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 24.

Superintendent Dr. Keith Reinhardt reported on the status of a number of building projects, including repairs to the rear wall of the school meant to prevent the flooding issues the school has been dealing with for several years. Construction is set to begin this summer.

The school is also looking to expand the pre-kindergarten playground facilities with equipment purchased with funds from an early childhood pre-k grant. Bids are being sought for the construction of an ADA-approved sidewalk paid for with money from the district's health life safety fund.

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provided the school with an estimate to replace 20 feet of the building's gutters that have fallen into disrepair, but Reinhardt felt the costs that had been presented were too high and will be seeking other bids for the project.

The school is also seeking bids to replace leaky windows at the school.

The board also voted to approve a one-year contract renewal with Compass Group USA for food management services through its Chartwell Division.

The board also approved an employment contract with Superintendent Dr. Keith Reinhardt.

Motions were passed to approve the resignation of music teacher Stephanie Bushno, Beta Club sponsor Tammy Vicenzi and cheerleader sponsor Joeby Stearns, as well as motions

to post notices to hire for all three positions.

The board also voted to renew a number of extra-curricular positions, including an athletic director and seven of the school's coaches.

Principal Tom Stark outlined proposed changes to the school's handbook. Updated information related to the staff and calendar were included, as well as a change in the tardy policy which would reduce the cutoff time at which a student will be considered tardy from 8:10 a.m. to 8 a.m.

An adjustment to the truancy policy was also updated, increasing the number of unexcused absences from three to five before officer involvement. Smart watches were added to the cell phone policy. And the dress code for students in

grades six through eight was changed to include fifth graders as well.

Approval of the changes to the handbook will be voted on at next month's meeting.

## Opportunity Zones approved

A total of 327 Opportunity Zone census tract recommendations submitted by the State of Illinois have been approved by the U.S. Treasury Department.

The zones cover more than 85 counties throughout the state and aim to support economic growth and investment.

Opportunity Zones are established to present an opportunity for private, tax-free investment in low-income areas with economic need, benefiting residents living in the zones and private investors.

## June busy month at arts center

June promises to be a busy month at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Here's a look at the schedule of events on the arts center's calendar:

Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m., the home school Soul Schoolers drama club plans to present a play, "Where the Wild Things Go." Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

Southern Illinois Music Festival events are scheduled June 5, 6 and 9. The festival is a regional event.

Chamber music featuring the works of Mozart, Men-

delsohn and other composers will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students.

Klassics for Kids is scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 6. The interactive program is designed to expose children to live classical music. Admission is free. Children of all ages are invited.

Opera Fest is planned at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Admission is free. Members of the center's young artist program will introduce children of all ages to opera.

The arts center will join in the celebration of the Annabelle Festival on Friday

and Saturday, June 8-9.

Activities are planned at the arts center from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The schedule includes a painting party (the cost is \$15), an Annabelle hydrangeas and Illinois bicentennial celebration competition and exhibition and an Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition.

Other festival events are slated to include live music, children's activities, a classic car show, a flower sale, speakers, vendors and carriage rides.

Several camps also are on the calendar during June at the arts center.

An art camp is planned June 18-22. Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Those who attend the camp will have an opportunity to discover the various kinds of art, from architecture to print.

The costs for the art camp is \$50 for the week, or three children for \$120, or attend the days you can for \$10 per day.

A drama camp is scheduled June 18-29. Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Those who attend the camp will have an opportunity to learn aspects of the theater, from acting on stage to designing sets. No prior drama experience is required.

The camp is slated to include the performance of a one-act play at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 29.

The costs for the drama camp are \$50, or three children for \$120.

An arts camp is scheduled June 25-29. Hours are from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The camp will focus on the creation of art with the use of recycled materials.

An exhibit of the works which are created is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 29.

The costs for the art camp is \$50 for the week, or three children for \$120, or attend the days you can for \$10 per day.

For information about any of the camps, email Lee Hackney at vabchlee@gmail.com or call 904-625-1109.

## Anna City Pool set to open

The Anna City Pool is scheduled to open Saturday, June 2, for the 2018 season. The pool is located at the city park in Anna.

The pool is scheduled to be open for public swimming from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Lap swims at the pool are scheduled to start Wednesday, June 6, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lap swim sessions are \$3 per session for all ages.

The pool is scheduled to be closed during the evening on June 14, June 19, June 21, June 26 and June 28.

The pool is scheduled to be closed for the entire day on June 4, June 16 and July 28.

Admission prices include

\$3 for public swimming, for those ages 3 and older. Wednesday is designated as \$1 off day.

Passes are \$25 for 10 sessions. Passes are available at the pool.

A minimum of 15 swimmers are required daily for the pool to be open. The pool may be closed due to weather at the discretion of the manager.

Private parties can be booked Monday through Saturday; hours are from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. or 8 p.m. to 9:50 p.m. Parties must be booked in advance.

Private swim lessons are available at the pool. Lessons are scheduled Monday through Friday; hours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to

10:30 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Information about parties and swim lessons is available by contacting the pool at 833-5222.

The pool once again will serve as the home of the Blue Dolphins swim team.

The team will be using the pool for a few days throughout the summer; at that time, the pool will be closed to the public.

The team's schedule includes the Anna Invitational on June 16 and the Southern Illinois Swim League championships on July 28.

(Editor's note: information about the pool's 2018 season has been posted on the City of Anna's website.)

## Museum offers special exhibits in June, July

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is planning to feature a variety of exhibits during the months of June and July.

A current exhibit on John A. Logan and his involvement in the creation of Memorial Day will be extended.

Items featured include ribbons from veterans events held in Murphysboro, Carbondale and other local communities, booklets honoring Logan as the founder of Memorial Day, sheet music and other artifacts.

The display will be supplemented with a collection of political memora-

bilia that illustrates how the votes of Civil War veterans were courted by the presidential campaign of 1884.

Logan was the vice-presidential nominee for the Republican Party. These items are new to the exhibit.

The museum also will host about 10 history fair exhibits from the Cobden Junior High School 8th grade class.

Some of the topics featured in the award-winning projects include the Illinois Central Railroad; King Neptune, the World War II Pig, the Illinois fur trade, the Herrin Massacre and the evolution of farm workers at Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass.

Other temporary exhibits include "What Is It?" The exhibit features six unique items that are surprising in their use.

Also featured are artifacts related to Winstead Davie, the founder of Anna, that include rare ledger books and an 1830 coverlet.

The museum features regular displays on Native American artifacts, Anna Pottery, pioneer tools and farming history.

The museum's hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 893-2865.

## Jonesboro

### JuneFest set

Jonesboro's JuneFest celebration is planned Saturday, June 2.

The event is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will be in the parking lot next to the Jonesboro Post Office.

The Jonesboro Public Library will be offering barbeque, cobblers, baked goods and drinks.

Live music featuring White Lightning is slated from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A silent auction and book sale also are planned.

## Former SIU player hailed as hero

Former Southern Illinois University football player Jason Seaman is being hailed as a hero after he protected students during a school shooting in Noblesville, Ind., last Friday morning.

A science teacher at Noblesville West Middle School, Seaman was shot three times while intervening to stop the shooter, according to the Indianapolis Star.

Initial reports indicated several injuries but no fatalities at the school.

According to a Facebook post by Seaman's mother, Kristi, her son was in good condition Friday afternoon after surgery. Media reports shared that Seaman had been released from the hospital over the weekend.

Seaman played defensive line and lettered four years in football from 2007-10.

A native of Mahomet, he was recruited by former SIU head coach Jerry Kill and played one season under Kill, who is now the school's acting director of athletics.

"Someone asked me if I was surprised by what he did, and I said 'absolutely not,' he was our type of kid," said Kill.

"That's what he stood for. He's a great young man and I'm praying for him to be ok. I saw a statistic that

more kids are being killed in schools than are dying in the military. This stuff has got to stop."

Current SIU football head coach Nick Hill, who played on the same team with Seaman during the 2007 season, also reacted to the news late Friday afternoon and said his heart goes out to the Noblesville community and to all those who have been affected by school violence.

"If someone didn't step up, how many junior high kids could've passed away today?" Hill asked. "They didn't because of Jason. (At SIU) he was a great teammate, one of the team's hardest workers. You could always trust him to do the right thing."

Seaman played in 47 games during his career at SIU and totaled 88 tackles, 8.0 sacks and 14.0 tackles for loss. The elementary education major was also named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic team.

Southern's teams made three playoff appearances and won two conference championships during Seaman's career. During his freshman season in 2007, Southern Illinois went 12-2 and advanced to the semifinals of the playoffs.

"We had a good team that year, the best I've ever been

around," Hill recalled. "As a true freshman that was a tough lineup for (Jason) to crack. I remember being at Northern Illinois when a guy went down, Tony (Colletti) got hurt that game, and Jason had to play, and we beat (FBS) Northern Illinois."

"That season we went to the FCS semifinals and he was a key player for us on a really good football team. He was just a tough kid who didn't say much and just went to work."

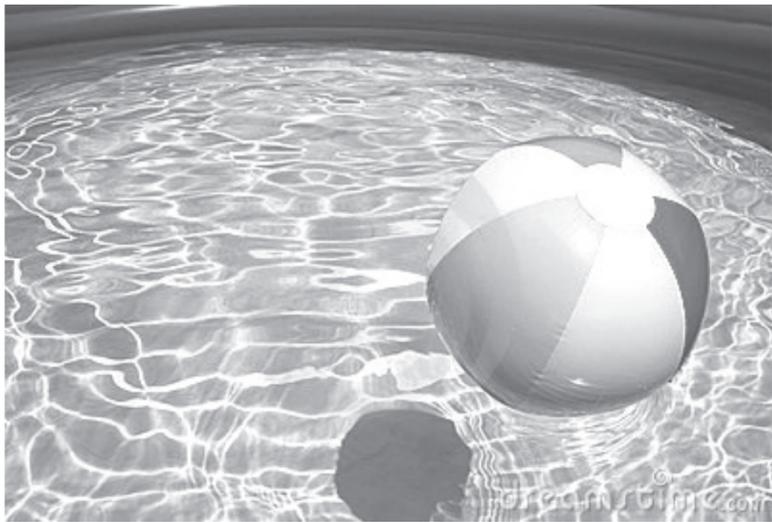
His position coach on the defensive line for two seasons was Austin Flyger, who is currently Southern's defensive line and special teams coach.

"The reason you get into coaching is to work with guys like him," Flyger said. "He was a selfless person: from my experience with him he would have given the shirt off his back."

"The way he led, he went to work every day, worked his tail off in the weight room, worked his butt off on the practice field, he was a great example in the classroom, all the things you want in a student-athlete he pretty much exemplified."

(Editor's note: the accompanying story was posted on the SIU Athletics websites, which attributed quotes from the coaches to KFVS12.)

## IT'S HOT OUTSIDE!



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# Sports

## Spring turkey harvest totals 13,500 birds

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary statewide total of 13,500 wild turkeys during the 2018 spring turkey season, including the youth season, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported.

The 2018 total compared with the statewide turkey harvest of 15,720 in 2017.

The statewide preliminary total included the youth turkey season harvest of 1,139 birds, which compared with the record youth harvest of 1,539 turkeys in 2017.

The statewide record total was set in 2006, when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties, including Union County.

The 2018 season dates were April 9 through May 10 in the South Zone and April 16 through May 17 in the North Zone.

The youth spring turkey season was March 31 and April 1 and April 7-8. This was the second year the youth turkey season was open for two weekends statewide.

Turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 5,514 wild turkeys during all season segments in the South Zone, compared with 6,842 last year in the south.

In Union County, hunters harvested 247 turkeys in 2018, which was down significantly from the 2017 total of 359 birds.

Harvest totals for other area counties included:

Alexander County, 135 in 2018; down from 156 in 2017. Jackson County, 287; down from 359.

Johnson County, 185; down from 264. Massac County, 86; down from 103.

Pulaski County, 104; down from 114. Williamson County, 210; down from 309.

The North Zone preliminary harvest total this year was 7,986 wild turkeys, compared with 8,878 in northern counties in 2017.

The top counties for spring wild turkey harvest in the South Zone in 2018 were Jefferson (362), Randolph (303), Jackson (287), Marion (269) and Pope (261).

The top five North Zone counties for spring turkey harvest this year were Jo Daviess (584), Fulton (336), Adams (331), Pike (310), and Hancock (296).

Multiple factors likely contributed to the reduction in harvest totals this season.

"We anticipated some declines as a result of the poor production of young turkeys noted during our 2017 brood survey last summer," said Luke Garver, IDNR wild turkey program manager.

"Youth season hunters experienced cold and wet weather during both weekends in much of the state, and winter-like conditions continued into the early season segments in both the North and South zones.

"It is not often Illinois turkey hunters can say they've had the opportunity to experience both snowfall and 90-degree weather in one season."

## A-J track season comes to end

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team did not advance anyone to the state meet at the Class 2A sectional at Salem last week.

Noah Craig led the way with a 6th place finish in the discus with a 136-0 effort.

Eighth place finishes for the Wildcats were recorded by Jaryt Tripp in both the 100-meter dash in 11.48 and the 200-meter dash in 23.38 and the 4x800-meter relay team of Zach Overstreet, Michael Brimm, Drake Roach and Nate Baggott in 9:19.

In the girls' Class 2A state track meet at Charleston last week, A-J's Julia Lasley finished in 10th place in the pole vault finals with a 10-6 effort.

A-J track coach Michael Eudy said she qualified for the finals with an 11-0 effort.

## Benton edges A-J 3-1 at sectional

Benton scored a pair of runs in the 6th inning to break a 1-1 tie and held on for a 3-1 win over Anna-Jonesboro in first-round action at the Illinois High School Association Class 2A high school baseball sectional at Harrisburg Wednesday, May 23.

The Wildcats were held to a pair of hits in the loss. Bryce Osman and Dalton Goddard were each 1-for-3 with a double apiece for the only hits. Ross Pinnon had an RBI.

Hunter Ralls and Kyle Clover pitched in the loss. Ralls pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and 9 strikeouts. Clover pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit with no walks or strikeouts.

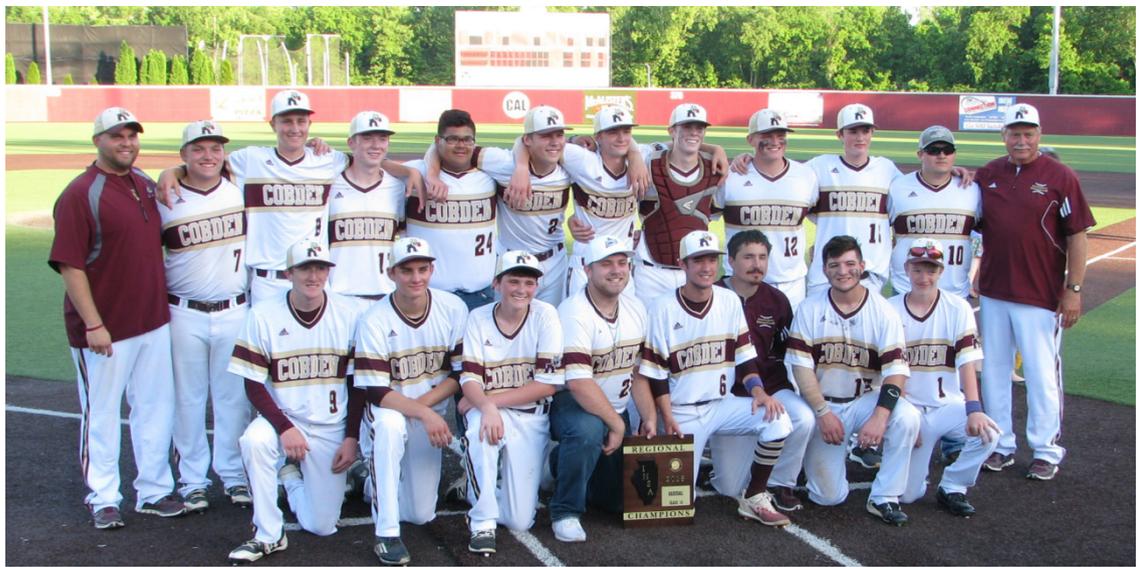
Zach Avery and Hamilton Page pitched for the Rangers and combined to scatter two hits to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts.

A-J finished the season 17-14 overall.



## Hunting success

James "Rico" Synowiec of the Toolshed Corner community harvested three turkeys, all in Union County, during the recent spring season. He is displaying one of the turkeys, which weighed 28.8 pounds, had a 1 1/2-inch-long beard and 1 3/8-inch-long spurs. "It was a difficult season due to adverse weather conditions causing unusual behavior of the turkeys," Synowiec shared.



## Cobden wins regional championship

The Cobden High School baseball team defeated Egyptian to win an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional championship last week. Cobden rallied to win the regional title game, which was played at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

## Cobden baseball wins regional title

The Cobden High School baseball team advanced to sectional competition after winning a regional title last week.

**Cobden 7, Egyptian 5:** The Appleknockers won the Egyptian Class 1A regional in a game moved to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale baseball diamond because of wet field conditions. The game was played Tuesday, May 22.

Cody Wieseman led the

hitting attack by going 3-for-4 with a double. Noah Franklin was 1-for-2 with a triple. Dylan Lewey was 1-for-3. John Russell was 1-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Zane Nance was 1-for-4.

Russell was the winning pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

This was the first regional title in two years for the Appleknockers and the first for coach Jared Clutts.

**Goreville 11, Cobden 1:** Host Cobden was held to a pair of hits in an 11-1 loss to Goreville in the first round of the Class 1A sectional Wednesday, May 23.

"We ran into a good ball club," Clutts said.

Brayden Clark was 1-for-2 for the Appleknockers. John Russell was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Chandler West was the losing pitcher, scattering 10 hits to go with 4 walks and

2 strikeouts.

Goreville, which had a 20-game winning streak, advanced to the sectional championship with a 23-3 overall record to play Edwards County. Edwards County topped Steeleville 1-0 in action at the Cobden sectional.

Cobden finished the spring season with a 14-7 record. The Appleknockers had a combined 25-8-1 record during the fall and spring seasons.



## Winning pitcher

John Russell was the winning pitcher for Cobden in the regional championship game. Cody Wieseman was playing third base for Cobden in the game.



## Cobden pitcher

Chandler West was on the mound for Cobden during an Illinois High School Association Class 1A sectional championship game against Goreville. The game was played Wednesday afternoon, May 23, in Cobden. Goreville won the game.

## Sign-up underway for junior golf program

Sign-up is underway for 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 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.

## Youth volleyball camps set at A-JCHS this June

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Lady Wildcats youth volleyball camps are scheduled June 13-15.

Sessions are planned for student athletes who are entering 2nd through 4th grades and 5th through 8th grades.

The camp for grades 2 through 4 is planned from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For grades 5 through 8, camp is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The sessions will be held in the Union Hall gymnasium at A-JCHS.

Those who attend the camps will learn skills, techniques and fundamentals which are used in the game of volleyball.

The cost is \$40, which

includes a t-shirt.

Registration for the camps is due by June 8. For more information, contact A-JCHS volleyball coach Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson at 618-697-3128.

## Scramble results

The team of Chris Curtis, Darren Inman, Adam Kelley and Cory Miller won a men's golf scramble which was played May 23 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The team of Jay Beachem, Doug Schluter, Mike Smith and Randy Whittinghill finished second.

The team of Brent Gorforth, Joe Wendling, Tom Wright and Walt Zeschke was third.



**A-J student athletes sign**

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athletes Jake Parr and Sheldon McGrath both have signed to play basketball at Fontbonne University in St. Louis. In the first row are Sheldon McGrath and Jake Parr. In the second row are Josh Staples, the junior varsity coach at A-JCHS; Mike Chamness, head coach at A-JCHS; and Mark Chamness, assistant coach at A-JCHS. Both McGrath and Parr earned all-conference during the 2017-2018 season. Parr also earned All-South and first team all-state honors. Photo provided.

**Coach Ron's Basketball 101 Camp scheduled at Jonesboro School**

Coach Ron's Basketball 101 Camp is scheduled June 18-21 at the Jonesboro Grade School. The school is located on Cook Street in Jonesboro.

The 2018 camp is scheduled to feature 1996 Olympic high jumper Cameron Wright.

Students who are eligible for the camp are those who will be entering 2nd grade through outgoing 8th graders. All students in Union County are eligible for the camp.

Session times for the speed camp include:

2nd and 3rd grades: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

4th and 5th grades: 10:30 a.m. to noon.

6th, 7th and 8th grades: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The enrollment fee is \$70 for the four-day camp. If more than one child per family is enrolled, the second child will be \$25 and any additional children will be \$15 each.

Basketball fundamentals and speed drills will be offered at the camp, including:

Passing, shooting, pivoting, techniques of shooting,

dribbling, loose ball drills, drum dribbling, squaring up to basket drills, get ups to improve reaction in chasing loose balls, acceleration drills with basketballs, lay-up elimination, 10 second shooting drills and proper stretching techniques.

Speed drills will include Frisbee and ladder drills, z-ball drills, bean bag color game and eye hand coordination drills using various types of balls.

Coach Ron Fulenwider has been coaching and mentoring young people for more than 47 years in Southern Illinois.

Coach Ron is looking forward to having Cameron Wright helping at the camp.

Cameron is a five time All-American in the high jump.

He made the 1996 Olympic team with a jump of 7 feet, 6.5 inches.

Cameron has conducted many camps in track and basketball during the last 10 years in the Marion area.

For more information about the camp, contact Coach Ron Fulenwider at 618-697-3172.

**Monarch butterfly workshop set**

Monarch butterflies and other pollinators are in decline across the nation, but scientists say there is still hope to reverse this trend.

Southern Illinois University is partnering with the Field Museum in Chicago on several projects with the goal of creating better habitats for these species.

By refining mapping tools and strategies along the migration path, scientists hope to build a more sustainable future.

On June 5, Chicago Field Museum scientists plan to hold a workshop and listening session at the SIU University Farms.

The event will allow the community to learn about the monarch conservation work, and provide an opportunity to offer input and join the cause.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be at 3373 W. Pleasant Hill Rd. in Carbondale. A light lunch will be provided.

Registration was available as of late last week, but space was limited. For more information, email Missy Houghland at missyh@siu.edu or call 618-453-4551.



**Shawnee student athlete signs**

Trenton Matlock, a student athlete at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Shawnee Community College. In the first row are Jeff Chapuran, assistant baseball coach at Shawnee Community College; Shawnee High School senior Trenton Matlock; and Brian Daly, head baseball coach at Shawnee Community College. In the second row are Mindy Livesay, athletic director at Shawnee High School; Lane Matlock, who is Trenton's brother; TC Schaefer, the head baseball coach at Shawnee High School; and Shaun Pitts, assistant baseball coach at Shawnee High School. Photo provided.



**Jonesboro School students place in writing contest**

Six Jonesboro School junior high students were recognized at a Short Story Spring Celebration in Carbondale. The celebration was April 24 at the Carbondale Civic Center. A short story writing contest was sponsored by the Southern Illinois Reading Council. All students in the 2nd through 8th grades in the southern 16 counties of Illinois were invited to participate in the contest.

Jonesboro School English teacher Pamela Turner had all of her classes write short stories in hopes of submitting them to the writing contest. Jonesboro students received a number of honors in the contest.

From 6th grade, Ella Lingle received first place. In 7th grade, Reagan Brough received first place and Lily Baker received second place. In 8th grade, Chloe McFarland received first place, Erin Stout received second place and Joely McHarry received third place. All students received a certificate, a book, a bookmark and a yearbook with all of the winning stories.

Jonesboro School students who received awards in the contest include, in front, Ella Lingle. In the second row are Reagan Brough and Lily Baker. In the third row are Chloe McFarland, Erin Stout and Joely McHarry. Photo provided.

**News from**

**Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna**

Sunday, May 27, was Holy Trinity Sunday. In the children's sermon, Pastor Mark shared that "God is so big that he is three people in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit."

The main sermon was

also about the Triune God. Holy Trinity Sunday is always the Sunday after Pentecost.

The message shared that "it is tricky to explain how God is three people but also one person. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are

always together. We just have to trust and believe."

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, Gladys Freeze, Ronnie Barnhart and Randy Bridges.

Continuing prayers were given for the families of Richard Sheeley and Dale Mowery.

Paula Hasty is looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School this year.

The men's group plans to meet at the church on Monday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. for a monthly outing.

The church congratulates Davide and Ashley Bellini of Cernusco, Italy, on the birth of their son, Tommaso Luca Bellini, who said hello to the world on May 22, 2018.

Tommaso has an older brother, Alessandro, and his grandparents are Randy and Mary Jane Edmonds of Anna and Daniele and Antonietta Bellini of Turin, Italy.

## Coach Ron's Basketball 101 Camp Enrollment Form

**June 18-21 • Jonesboro Grade School**

*Students eligible for camp will be those entering 2nd grade through outgoing 8th grade. All students in Union County will be eligible for the camp.*

*Enrollment fee: \$70 for the four-day camp. If more than one child per family, the second child will be \$25 and any additional children will be \$15 each. PLEASE RETURN ENROLLMENT FORM BY JUNE 13.*

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**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

*T-Shirt Size (Circle One)*

*Sm. Youth Med. Youth Lg. Youth Sm. Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult X-Lg. Adult*

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**Emergency Contacts:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Child** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail your child's enrollment form to Coach Ron at P.O. Box 346, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952. Make check payable to Coach Ron's Basketball 101. Any questions, call Coach Ron at 697-3172 (After 5 P.M.). Session times will be: 2nd & 3rd grades 8:30 - 10 A.M.; 4th & 5th grades 10:30 - Noon; 6th, 7th & 8th grades 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. each day.

**Parental Waiver and Consent Form**

In addition to giving my full consent for my child's participation, I do hereby waive, release and hold harmless the organization named Coach Ron's Basketball 101 and sponsors, supervisors and representatives for any injury that may be suffered by my child in the normal course of participation in designated activity. There is, however, one million dollars of liability insurance purchased by Coach Ron for said camp on June 18-24, 2018, at the Jonesboro Elementary School District #43.

**Signature of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

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### A-J Lady Wildcats Youth Volleyball Camp

**June 13th - June 15th**

Athletes entering 2nd-4th grades  
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Cost of \$40 includes a T-shirt  
Due by June 8th

Camps held at A-JCHS Union Hall Gym

If you have any questions, contact:  
**Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson,**  
A-JCHS Volleyball Coach at (618) 697-3128

### A-J Lady Wildcats Junior Volleyball Camp

**June 13th - June 15th**

Athletes entering 5th-8th grades  
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost of \$40 includes a T-shirt  
Due by June 8th

Camps held at A-JCHS Union Hall Gym

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GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2. 417 Springfield Avenue, Anna. 7 a.m. to ??? Girls clothing (size 10 & 12), men's like new jeans (various size), ladies clothing, men's shirts & pants. Toys including Barbie, seasonal items, jewelry, shoes, deco mesh, lots of misc.

HUGE FLEA MARKET/VENDOR EVENT - VFW: Saturday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 70 VFW Lane, Anna.

HUGE YARD SALE: 608 N. Main, Anna. Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clothing, household items, antiques, etc.

HUGE YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 325 State Route 127 N., Jonesboro (just 1/4 mile off 146).

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

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL GOSS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2018CH10

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled

case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is July 10, 2018.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on May 21, 2018.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: United Community Bank, an Illinois banking corporation; Case No. 2018CH10

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Michael Goss

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

Seventy-five (75) feet in width off of the South Side of Lot 2 in Richard Perry's First Addition to the City of Jonesboro, situated in Union County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 313 S. Locust Street,

6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Michael Goss

Name of mortgagee: First Southern Bank

Date of mortgage: May 14, 2010

Date of recording: May 19, 2010

County where recorded: Union County, Illinois

Recording document identification: Document No. 2010R1191

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# Obituaries

## Maxine Jones



Ritta Maxine Friese Jones, 92, of Greenville, and formerly of Alto Pass, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1925, in rural Alto Pass, the daughter of Finis and Gertie Friese.

She is survived by her sons, Bob (Dawn) Jones of Greenville and Bruce (Shari) Jones of Herrin; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by a brother, Ray, and sisters, Mary (her twin) and Helen (Friese) Bittle.

She grew up on the family farm in rural Alto Pass. She graduated from high school in Wolf Lake in 1943, where she was an outstanding basketball player.

She was a long-time employee at St. Joseph's Hospital in Murphysboro, where she retired. After retirement she continued to work for many years in home health care.

She was a long-time member of the United Pentecostal Churches in Granite City, Anna and Greenville. She was a true Christian lady.

Some of her favorite things to do were spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, fishing for big catfish, watch the Cardinals play ball, watch UK play basketball and talking to anyone who would listen about the Lord. All these she did both with great delight and energy.

Funeral services were at noon Tuesday, May 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Lee Jackson and the Rev. George Bankston officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Bond County Meals on Wheels.

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

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

## Viola Mae Clayton Hankla



Viola Mae Clayton Hankla, 90, died Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at Manor Court of Carbondale.

She was born on May 3, 1928, in Union County, the daughter of Everett and Pearl Smith Clayton.

She married Joseph R. Hankla on Sept. 16, 1949.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; sisters Geraldine Elkins of Marion, Vurtis Duckworth (James) of Perks, Louise Smith Pender (Art) of Anna and Carolyn Bird (Bill) of Jonesboro; a brother, Jerrie Clayton of Anna; nieces Teresa Althoff, Regina Wilkinson, Julia Milkovick, Pamela Graham, Sonya Jaquet, Ramona Ralls; and nephews Stanley Elkins, Cary Clayton, Brad Duckworth, Thomas Smith and Jeremy Bird.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Loretta Clayton Harris; a brother, Dennis Everett Clayton; a brother-in-law, Dennis Jr. Harris; and nephews Fred Leon Harris and Gregory Smith.

She was a member of First United Methodist of Carbondale and the United Methodist Women of Anna, while they lived in Anna after retiring.

She was a devoted wife and companion working beside her husband as a pastor's wife and helpmate on all of his work projects, and a homemaker and later caretaker after his stroke.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hankla were at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 26, at the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale, with the Rev. Alan Rhein, the Rev. John Annable and elder Keith Joiner officiating. Burial was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Carbondale, Little Grassy Camp, Hispanic Ministries of Cobden or the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

Meredith Funeral Home in Carbondale was in charge of arrangements.

To leave a story or memory, visit [www.meredithfh.com](http://www.meredithfh.com).

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna, Emma Eudy of Jackson, Mo., and Emily Wachter and friend Cassie of Jackson, Mo., enjoyed eating at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo., last Tuesday night. Emily was a recent graduate of Chaffee High School in Chaffee, Mo.

Robert and Venita Lingle and grandson Nick Lingle of Anna and Sue and Steve Eudy enjoyed breakfast Friday morning at JR's in Jonesboro.

Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna visited Sunday afternoon with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and they went for a drive.

Those having pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna last Tuesday were Deanne and

Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins of Anna and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Shirley Miller attended the visitation and funeral for Jimmie Foster of Anna on Wednesday.

Kevin and Emma Eudy of Jackson, Mo., were Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy. Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro also visited.

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.

Hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend.

## Eileen (Evans) Miles Robins



Eileen (Evans) Miles Robins, 93, formerly of Grand Chain, Marion and Centralia, died at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at Bria of Westmont in Westmont.

She was born on March 14, 1925, in Anna, the daughter of Floyd and Elsie Younkin Evans.

She married Wayne Miles on Oct. 15, 1951. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1975. She later married Bill Robins on Nov. 20, 1976. He preceded her in death on June 10, 1989.

She was a long-time cosmetologist and hairdresser, working in Centralia and in Marion. She later worked in retail at Dillard's in Marion.

She is survived by her son, Mark (Elizabeth) Miles of Palos Hills; a daughter, Michele (Eric) Moore of Centralia; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Helen Sadoris of Urbana, Geneva Sechrest of Urbana and Bernita Frerichs of Savoy; a brother, Don (Nancy) Evans of Marion; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Not only was she preceded in death by her two husbands, but also by her long-time partner, Bill Heisner; two sons, Jack and Gary; and three brothers, Lynn Evans, Glenn Evans and Jerry Evans.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Larry Buckles officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Anna City Cemetery.

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

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



### News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

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

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

The morning message, titled "Stick Together," was brought by Pastor McBride from Matthew. The message shared that unity is important in the church for many reasons.

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

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow, with

Curly Ralls, Mark Smith and Jaida Smith serving as ushers.

Communion was served around the altar followed by prayer.

Birthdays: May 28, T.J. Macy; May 29, Michael Hill; May 30, Aaron Wiseman.

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 at 6 p.m.

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.

## Kay Whitney



Kay Whitney, 70, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

She was born July 21, 1947, in Anna, the daughter of Elbert and Verneal Jordan Hileman.

She married Cecil Ray Whitney in 1967 in Union County. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children, Sandra D. (Matthew) Dare of Jonesboro, Chuck (Melissa) Whitney of Jackson, Mo., and Thomas J. (Beth) Whitney of Jonesboro; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and three sisters.

She was a member of the Mill Creek Lutheran Church.

A visitation service was held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the St. John's Cemetery.

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

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

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### "The Preaching Pen" Can We Know?

The following questions have been asked: "Does the church of the Bible still exist, and if so, how can I find it? How can anyone know which church is the one that Jesus built?" Let's explore the answer to that.

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Giving back to God a portion of what He has blessed us with is also an act of worship we've been commanded to observe. In I Cor. 16, Paul commands the Corinthian Christians to lay by in store as they've been prospered on the first day of the week, remarking that the same command was also given to the Galatian brethren (vs. 1&2). We also pray when we worship God, just as Jesus commanded (Matt. 7:7) and as Peter and John did (Acts 3:1).

A faithful congregation of the Lord's body will live by the Bible. The matter of Biblical authority is one that cannot be overlooked by any who seriously desire salvation, yet many who think they're doing things that God surely couldn't condemn are violating God's law and don't have His approval. Uzzah thought he was doing good for the Lord when he reached out to steady the Ark of God when the oxen carrying it stumbled (II Sam. 6:6-7). He ignored the fact that only priests were allowed to handle the Ark (Num. 4:15) and was struck dead on the spot for disobeying God, even though he likely thought he was doing good for God. Nadab and Abihu experienced the same thing regarding "strange fire" (Lev. 10:1-2).

The church that Jesus established can still be found today if we're willing to compare the teachings and practices of the church in the Bible to what we find around us today. If a church today teaches and practices that which has no Biblical authority from God, then it's not the one for which Jesus suffered, bled and died. Comparing what you see with what the Bible teaches will quickly separate the imitators from the originator!

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

May was Martha Ann Webb.

**VFW Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, Anna**

Past commander and member of the ritual team, and friend to many, Richard Sheeley passed away on May 9. A memorial gathering was held at the post home Thursday, May 24, with military rites. Sympathy to his family.

Memorial Day services were held at the post home. Lunch was served. Installation of officers was held after lunch. The Ruck to Remember was held Monday morning. Awards were given out after lunch. The Hollerboys played from noon to 2 p.m.

A fish fry will be served June 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fish, potato salad, slaw, etc. for an \$8 donation. This event is open to the public and carryouts are available. Star Karaoke will be there from 6 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 2, is the flea market, hosted by the Auxiliary, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be held inside and out as there are over 50 vendors. Many different items to choose from. There will be a raffle and you do not have to be present to win. Jordo's Pizza will be there for breakfast and lunch. The flea market is for raising money for our veterans.

Be sure and get your tickets for the Queen of Hearts raffle.

**Sympathy**  
To the family of Kaydence Lynn Bittle. Her parents are Eric and Natalie. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Thanks**  
A special thanks to Teresa Gilbert for giving me credit when she took out a new subscription for the Bald Knob Cross of Peace to The Gazette-Democrat.

**Wedding Anniversary**  
Steve and Pelesia Karsen: happy 30th wedding anniversary.

**Benefit Dinner**  
For the Cast family at the Moose Lodge in Anna June 2 at 5 p.m. Rick Cast of Cobden works for Rendleman Orchard 37 years was diagnosed with rectal cancer. The dinner will be pulled pork. Adults \$7.

**Annabelle Fest**  
Friday, June 8, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, June 9, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center there will be a painting party. Annabelle hydrangeas and Illinois Bicentennial Celebration competition and exhibition in painting and drawing,



**Connect Point Church delivered 100 bags of groceries Saturday morning and visited people throughout Union County. What a blessing.**

photography, fine crafts. Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition.

East Davie Street will be closed for vendors. There will be live music, children's activities, a classic car show, a flower sale, speakers and carriage rides. There will be singing at KiKi's.

**Stinson Memorial Library**

Summer book sale will be with the Annabelle Festival. Friday, June 8, Friends appreciation sale from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you are not a member of Friends you can join for only \$5 and attend the Friday sale. Saturday, June 9, public sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will be at the library.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Congratulations to Katie Turner, who graduated from 8th grade at Anna Junior High School May 31.

Sunday morning, special music was Counting Sheep by Amanda Boreup and the ladies choir.

Rev. Carl's message was We Belong with scripture from Romans. Rev. Carl showed the children a special American flag he had been awarded.

Next Sunday will be an all church cookout June 3 after the service. Dress casual, bring your favorite picnic potluck dish, bring a lawn chair, enjoy some homemade ice cream and celebrate the start of summer.

This will be the last day of Vacation Bible School and they will hand out certificates. Outdoor games will also be played. Vacation Bible School will be June 1, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, June 3, 11:30 a.m. until sometime in the afternoon. Everyone welcome.

Happy birthday June 3 Sean Belcher, 7 Mark Foster, Rev. Millie Sloan, 19 Angela Lehman, Trystan Borders, 25 Celeste Borders, 26 Elijah Ellis, Chris Foster, 30 Emily Belcher.

Happy wedding anniversary June 9 Dean and Elizabeth Corbit.

Game night will be Friday, June 8, at 6 p.m. Loaves and Fishes meal will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 19. At the May meal there were 133 people served.

On Sunday morning, June 10, there will be a farewell celebration for Rev. Carl and Debbie Johnston during the fellowship hour. There will be a basket for cards. They have a church closer to their parents now and will be able to help them more. They will be moving north. A special thanks to them for all they have done for the church and community. Rev. Carl was the president of the alliance of churches also.

**Connect Point Church**  
June 2 don't miss the Southern Gospel Fest at Connect Point Church at 7 p.m.

They have services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Wednesday Bible study is at 7 p.m.

Food pantry and outreach are on the first and third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know.

The church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

**Anna Eastern Star**

The Anna Eastern Star meetings are on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

**Free Community Dinners**

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

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

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

**Military Prayer List**  
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**Congratulations to Taylor Comte and Price Harris, who were married Friday, May 25.**



**Nancy Ragain was ready to remember Memorial Day kicking up her heels at the Dixie Stampede, Dollywood, Pigeon Forge and swimming.**



**Robert and Jean Koelling Wise are so proud of their granddaughters. Audrey, 13, was confirmed May 20, and Katelynn Wise 19, graduated from John A. Logan and was accepted at SIU in the nursing program for the fall.**



**Rick Dillow celebrated his birthday May 25 with his wife Wanda eating supper at Vic's in Savannah, Ga.**



**Happy birthday to Joyce Cameron May 28 and Carrie Hartline May 24. They celebrated their birthdays together at Steve and Dee Guined's backyard pool party.**

for a couple hours as they were on their way to Kansas to attend a family wedding.

Betty really enjoyed their visit.

**Birthday Celebration**

Rick and Wanda Dillow celebrated Rick's birthday in Savannah, Ga., May 25.

They also went to North Carolina for their oldest granddaughter's high school graduation.

**Monty Python**

Cody Ackin is directing a Monty Python musical this fall at the Anna Arts Center. He needs people to audition for this July 19 -20.

**Happy Birthday**

Kathy Modglin's niece Emi Brimm Davis celebrated her birthday May 29.

**Class Reunion**

Roy Younger's 30th class reunion from Herrin High School class of 1988 was Sat. night.

**Pet Show**

Kelley Ellis attended a pet show at the Cobden Park Thursday, May 24, hosted by her friend Katie Smith's daughter, Lucy Brehem and some of her classmates and friends.

The judges were Lucy, Ben, Allison and Jillian. The pets were all several dogs and a few chickens.

They had a silent auction, 50/50 prize raffle, popcorn, sodas, popsicles for concessions and all proceeds went to Union County animal control.

They raised over \$400 for Rescue Me Dogs and Cats of Union County Animal Control. Kelley said it was truly awesome to see those kids pull together and make that happen.

**A-J Women's Club**

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet at Kroger at 11 a.m. to car pool to Jamie Starratt's home for a dinner Monday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. Clara Nell Butler will have the devotion and Martha Ann Webb will have current events.

**State Retirees Meeting**

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Winner of the door prize in April was Jeri Knupp,



**Dallas Newman is with Annysia Moellering and Dixie Simmerman at her graduation from Blackburn College.**



**Congratulations to Olivia Gordon, who graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, AMDA, in New York, N. Y.**



**Tristan Casper celebrated his 15th birthday at The Strike Zone.**



**Family attending the graduation of Dallas Newman, who graduated magna cum laude from Blackburn College were her mother Judy from Anna, Cj, Veronica and Annysia Moellering from Dupo, Amy Hall, Brittany and Dixie Simmerman from Indianola, Iowa, and Zach and Charlie Kleis of St. Charles, Iowa.**

**More Anna News**



Dennis and Kathy Thornburg attended their granddaughter Lydia Thornburg's high school graduation in Warner Robins, Ga.

**News from Walnut Grove Church**

On Trinity Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles during the musical prelude, which was played by Johnathan Cauble on the piano.

The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Mary Winn.

Pastor Bobbi read the Nicene Creed and scripture from the Gospel of John about laying down one's life for a friend, as Jesus did for the salvation for all men.

The message recalled

how "Memorial Day remembers all those who have given their lives for our precious liberty, and so that we can worship in freedom."

Prayers were requested for Blakely, Steve Brown, all those in the military and their families, Gary Hartline, Carolyn Moore and David and Karen Lamer.

The service ended with "The Star Spangled Banner" and a benediction by Pastor Bobbi.

The church has been pressure-washed.

The Eagle House Ministries in Buncombe is having the seventh annual Footsteps Conference on the Word of God June 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vienna High School. There will be breakout sessions for men and women. The cost is \$15 per person, including lunch. Day care is available for \$5 with lunch.

The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. at Jordo's Pizza in Anna.

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

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

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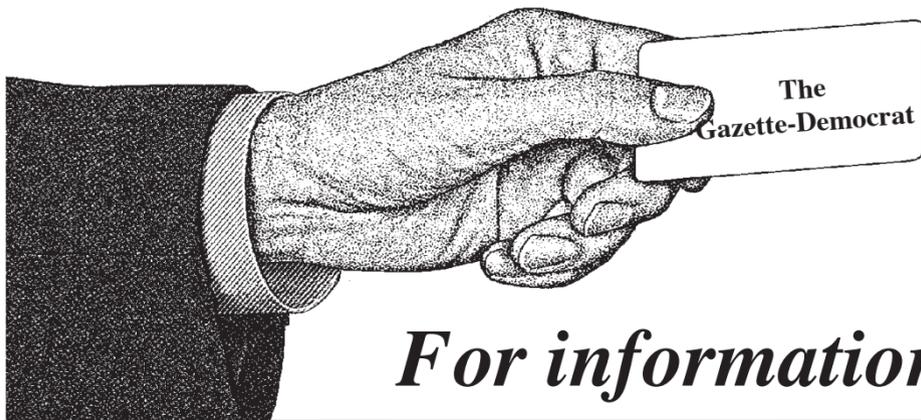
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# Annabelle Festival in Anna to feature many activities

The 2018 Annabelle Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, in downtown Anna.

Hours for the festival are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Friday night is scheduled to feature a children's area, a classic car show, a painting party, a flower show, an art exhibit, live music, carriage rides, vendors and food trucks.

On Saturday, the events continue, along with guest speakers and presentations at the parking lot at the Anna Moose Lodge, which is located along South Main Street.

**Saturday Presentations**  
The schedule for Saturday's presentations include: 9 a.m., Smokey the Bear. 9:45 a.m., raised flower bed demonstration. 10:30 a.m., flower arranging demonstration.

11:15 a.m., magic show with Chris Egelston. Noon, birds of prey.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, an Opera Fest is planned at the Anna Arts Center on West Davie Street.

## Fish fry set at Anna VFW

A fish fry is planned Friday, June 1, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu will include fish, potato salad and slaw for an \$8 donation.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Anna Arts Center is hosting an Annabelle hydrangeas and Illinois Bicentennial Celebration art competition and exhibition and the 2018 Annabelle Festival and Illinois bicentennial flower arrangement competition June 8 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The theme of Illinois Bicentennial Celebration opens the subject of art work and flower arrangements to anything found in Illinois.

**Art Competition**  
The three categories for the art competition and exhibition are:

Painting and drawing: Acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media, collage.

Photography: Photos and digitally altered art work.

Fine crafts: Fibers, sculpture, pottery, furniture, stained glass, blown glass, jewelry, metalsmithing, wood carvings.

**Flower Arrangement Competition**

The four categories for the flower arrangement competition are:

Arrangements with hydrangeas. Artificial arrangements. Wall hanging ar-

## Troop 8597 event slated

Girl Scout Troop No. 8597 plans to have a yard sale Saturday, June 2.

The troop activity is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. and will be at 500 E. Broad St.

The activity will be a fund-raiser for the troop's Silver Award project.

Girl Scout cookies also will be for sale.

rangements. Potted plants.

Entry fees: Adult: \$5 per entry and children: \$3 per entry.

Each entry must be tagged with name, address, age for 5-18 year olds and phone number before being put on exhibit.

Delivery of Work: Thursday, June 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., or Friday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the entries being delivered to Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St. Anna. Judging is planned Friday, June 8, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A variety of prizes, including ribbons and cash, will be awarded to winners.

All entries must remain on exhibit until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 9.

Entries should be picked up either Saturday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 11, between 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

**Painting Party**

All ages are invited to a painting party on Friday, June 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center.

The price of \$15 includes art supplies for one 8 by 10 painting, as well as instruction.

Preregistration is not required, but is requested, by calling Lee at 1-904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

**Music Festival**

The Annabelle Festival is scheduled to feature a Southern Illinois Music Festival Opera Fest on Saturday, June 9, at 3 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center.

Eight young artists will sing and dance for an hour. Great introduction to opera for all ages are invited and it is free.

**Smokey Bear Poster Contest**

Children in 1st through 5th grades are invited to participate in a Smokey Bear poster contest.

This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention through original drawings of Smokey Bear.

Smokey Bear is recognized nationally and internationally as the symbol for wildfire prevention.

Entry in the poster contest is free.

Delivery of entries to the Anna Arts Center will be on Thursday, June 7, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

Posters must feature Smokey Bear. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!

Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires.

Each entry should be 11 by 17 inches in size. Materials that can be used include crayons, markers,

poster paints, watercolors and others. The choice of paper is up to the child.

The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner: the artist's name, address, home phone number. (Do not use a dark marker for this information, as it may show through.)

Since Smokey Bear is an official icon protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on

the website [www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids](http://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids).

**Car Show, Children's Area, Vendors**

A classic car show also is planned during the Annabelle Festival.

For more information about the classic car show, call Curt Classics at 618-827-3570.

A children's area will feature a bounce house, games, balloon animals and face painting.

For information or to register as a vendor, contact Bonni at 833-6311.

## Shawnee School District Board has busy agenda at monthly meeting

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education met for the last monthly meeting of the 2017-2018 school year Tuesday, May 15.

The meeting began with the approval of payment of bills and payroll, including expenses for drivers ed classes, interest on bonds, mileage paid and monthly payments for tech support.

The treasurer's report was optimistic, with district superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill reporting the school's funds to be in good shape with just one month of school to go.

Working cash and building funds were both positive, and the board approved replenishing the revolving fund in the amount of \$2,456.11.

Proposed board policy changes that were discussed in April and left for public display for 30 days were voted on and approved.

The COPE Safe Schools Intergovernmental Agreement that Shawnee participates in was approved for the 2018-2019 school year, as was the teaching assignments for next year.

Clover-Hill expressed satisfaction with the work Cheekwood Studios has done for the school over the past year and recommended the extension of their photography contract for four years, which the board approved.

The Shawnee High School class of 1968 was granted a request to use the school for a reunion on Aug. 4, and the classes of 1960-1964 were also approved to hold a reunion at the school on Oct. 6.

The board accepted the

resignation of teacher's aide Alyssa Kohler, who has plans to return to school and finish her degree to become a full-time teacher. The board also approved the hiring of Trey Pender as a teacher's aide.

Clover-Hill reported to the board that Shawnee is eligible for a Healthy Community Grant in the amount of \$28,000. If received, the money would be spent to set up an afterschool social enrichment program.

Shawnee Elementary principal Amy Reynolds reported that the PTO elementary dance and the elementary track meet were both a success.

Reynolds also introduced proposed handbook changes for the school. Major changes include a decrease in the number of excused absences from eight to five before a doctor's note is required. There was also a clarification of detention criteria.

Shawnee Junior-Senior High School principal Kar-

en Schaefer reported that the band performed well at the junior high state music contest, earning three superiors, five first place awards and one third place.

Schaefer also recognized Shawnee student involvement in several end-of-the-year awards and achievement events, including the Top Achievers banquet, the Illinois Principal's Association banquet and the Southern Illinois High School Association banquet.

The Beta Club collected \$315 for the VFW roof project. The Beta Club also held a blood drive where 23 units of blood were donated, and Chapman Hill was awarded \$250 scholarship from the Red Cross.

Schaefer also gave a report on the school year's PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program. A majority of strikes were given for late or incomplete homework and not dressing for PE classes.



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**Welcoming visitors**  
In a PAST file photo are Heritage House Hostesses Evelyn Gillespie and Lillian Milam. PAST plans to welcome visitors to Heritage House in Jonesboro on Sundays, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from July 14 through the bicentennial ColorFest weekend, which is planned Oct. 13-14. Photo provided.

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## Rural Health Inc. scholarship recipients

Rural Health Inc., RHI, on April 30 honored 11 scholarship recipients for 2018. RHI has clinical facilities in Union, Johnson and Massac counties. Each year, RHI awards one graduating senior from each high school in three counties where it has clinical facilities with a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with college finances while working on a health care degree. In addition RHI offers awards to RHI employees/board members who have a graduating senior who is focusing on a health care degree. This was RHI's third year of presenting scholarships. RHI hosted a dinner presentation at the Anna clinic to recognize the students. A meal was served, and flowers were presented to the mothers in honor of Mother's Day.

The scholarship recipients are, in the first row, from left, Brittany Pruitt, Goreville High School (RHI employee recipient); Lily Greer, Vienna High School; Nolan Knupp, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School; and Madison Lingle, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School (RHI/board employee recipient). In the second row are Delaney Cummins, Dongola High School; Meredith Flamm, Cobden High School (RHI employee recipient); Emily Griffith, Massac County High School; Eliza Little, Joppa High School; and Lauren Anderson, Cobden High School. Shayna Elms from Goreville High School and Deja Rohlfing from Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake also were scholarship recipients but could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

## Survey monitors temperature inversions

Ag producers who are looking for up-to-the-minute weather information during the planting season have a new tool at their disposal.

The Illinois State Water Survey's Illinois Climate Network, ICN, has begun monitoring air temperature inversions at five stations: DeKalb, Monmouth, Bondville, Brownstown

and Carbondale. The state water survey is located in Champaign.

Air temperatures are monitored at 1.5 and 10 feet and displayed on a map on the Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring, WARM, Program website at <http://www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/>. The information is updated every 5 minutes.

Temperature inversions are air masses in which cooler air is closer to the Earth's surface and warmer air is on top, opposite of normal conditions.

Inversions can develop quickly and are most common in the early mornings and evenings, although they can occur any time.

"The map will help users assess the possibility of temperature inversions in the area," said Jennie Atkins, WARM program manager.

The USDA Midwest Climate Hub provided funding to ICN for five of its 19 stations as part of a larger project monitoring real-time temperature inversions in several Midwestern states.

Private contributions would help WARM expand monitoring efforts.

For more information about supporting WARM, visit <https://www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/sponsorship.asp> or contact Jennie Atkins at 217-333-4966 or [jatkins@illinois.edu](mailto:jatkins@illinois.edu).



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## Pioneer Cemeteries

Memorial Day brings thoughts of those loved ones that are no longer living. When the early settlers of the Illinois Territory buried family members, they, likewise, were reminded of them from time to time. They may have picked flowers in the Spring and placed them on graves like the citizens of today. They had no Memorial Day but they did remember their deceased loved ones.

The life of the citizens was difficult enough without facing the death of loved ones, especially children. The lack of medical care and medicines as are present in today's world, brought early death to the pioneers. As late as the 1930's, in the years that many have lived through, the early death of children was seen far too many times.

Looking over the area that included old Johnson County, a person can find many old cemeteries, some often forgotten but still visible. The earliest marked graves do not go far enough back to account for the burials of these pioneer people. In our (the writers) own area, the West Eden Cemetery has its earliest marked grave in 1840. This does not account for all those that died at much earlier dates. Where are they?

Visiting some of the oldest forgotten cemeteries, those grown up with vegetation because no one is left to care for them, it can be seen

that many of the graves are unmarked. There may be a few that have a sandstone marker buried deep over the years. These markers may be aligned to indicate the head and the foot of a grave. Some of the oldest graves may have stones marking the whole grave in a manner that would discourage any wild animal from digging. These are the graves that can be seen. Look a little closer and depressions may often be seen in the ground where no stone marks it. This was most likely marked long ago with a wooden marker that has since decayed.

There are several of these old cemeteries that may never be found because their existence is unknown and vegetation has swallowed them up and their markers have sunk into the ground. The most likely to be found are those that have had several burials in them over the years but there are many old cemeteries that have only one or two burials. The chances of finding these is slim.

It was customary in those early days to bury a body as soon as it could possibly be done. If possible, the body was prepared for burial by washing it and dressing it in some type of shroud if it could be had. Often a coffin was made with boards if available. It has been known that some coffins were hollowed out logs. Ceremonies were simple, ranging from none at all to friends saying prayers at the graveside.

Burial was most often done on a hill or elevation. The pioneer family would choose a place near their cabin, up on the hill behind the house if possible. They would mark the grave with some type of marker, usually a ring of rocks with a wooden marker. As others of the family died, they would be buried beside the first one; their graves marked in a similar manner.

As the years went on, the markers would disappear but the people that placed them there would remember who was buried there. Sometimes the families would move on elsewhere in their migration to better places, never to revisit the site of these burials.

Those that remembered the location and information about the graves would pass on and there would be none to remember the graves upon the hill that were once marked with a ring of rocks and wooden marker. Another generation would come and perhaps not find the burials and all would be forgotten. Those that buried their loved ones were long gone and no one left to know about them.

Within the area that old Johnson County contained, there are, without a doubt, many old pioneer burial sites. There is nothing to mark them; they have simply disappeared.

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## Financial services firm in Fortune 500

Financial services firm Edward Jones once again ranks among the Fortune 500, according to the firm's three financial advisors in Union County.

This is the firm's sixth consecutive appearance on the annual list, which is published by Fortune magazine.

Fortune magazine ranks the largest U.S. companies by revenue.

Edward Jones moved up 27 spots to No. 376, on the list with nearly \$7.6 billion in revenue for 2016.

"Edward Jones is proud of the growth that earns us a place on this prestigious list year after year," managing partner Jim Weddle said.

"Our success comes from serving our clients based upon building trusted relationships and our promise to partner together through all that life brings.

"We strive to deliver a superior experience that earns our clients' loyalty

and makes a meaningful difference in their lives.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors.

The firm's 16,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management.



## NOTICE FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City of Jonesboro will be flushing fire hydrants June 8 and 9, 2018, beginning at 8:00 p.m. and will continue until all fire hydrants have been flushed. The residents of Jonesboro could expect low water pressure and experience discolored water.

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## Clayton Bridgeman to attend 2018 Interlochen Arts Camp



**Clayton Bridgeman**  
Clayton Bridgeman, 17, of Cape Girardeau, has been accepted and will attend the

Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, Mich.

Interlochen Arts Camp is the world's premier summer arts program for aspiring artists in grades 3 through 12.

Clayton is the son of Jamie and Maria Bridgeman. He will study at the one-week High School Viola Institute.

Clayton is a senior at Eagle Ridge Christian School. He has been a violinist in the Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra for the past two years. He is a

member of the Southeast Music Academy.

He was selected as an alternative violinist for the St. Louis Youth Symphony Orchestra 2017-2018 season. He will be auditioning again this June for next season.

Clayton is the grandson of David and Linda Parks of Jonesboro and Doug and Patsy Bridgeman of Anna.

Interlochen Arts Camp attracts students, faculty and staff from all 50 U.S. states and more than 40 countries.

Student-artists learn from world-class instructors and produce hundreds of presentations each summer in dance, theatre, creative writing, visual arts, music and film.

Among the camp alumni are Norah Jones, singer Josh Groban, members of the band OK Go, Rufus Wainwright, opera and concert soprano Jessye Norman, conductor Loren Mazzel, jazz pianist Eldar, actor Anthony Rapp, cartoonist Cathy Guisewite and many more.

Approximately 10 percent of the nation's professional musicians have roots at Interlochen and the alumni community has received nearly 100 Grammy Awards.

In addition to hundreds of performances, presentations and readings by young artists, Interlochen brings leading artists and performers to the northern Michigan campus.

In recent years, guest artists have included Joshua Bell, Josh Groban, the Decemberists, the Avett Brothers, Olga Kern, Harry Connick Jr., Trace Adkins, Branford Marsalis and many more.



### Committee at work

Members of PAST's Heritage House Museum committee met recently to consider some room repair and redecoration.

Committee members Linda Sadler, Linda Hileman, Carolyn Tripp and Mindy Carter were in the museum's Founding Families' Room to measure and plan for that update.

Factors such as the age of the historic building, structural moisture concerns and the exhibition needs of the space were addressed, as well as the cost of the task.

The Heritage House Museum, which is located in Jonesboro, is open on announced occasions and by special appointment with no admission charge.

The museum is operated by volunteers and maintained by gifts and fund raisers. Donations are always welcomed and especially encouraged for special projects.

Anyone who wants to contribute to the redecoration and maintenance of the Founding Families' Room can contact Linda Hileman at 618-697-1870. Photo provided.

## Saint Francis Healthcare to offer free CPR training

Saint Francis Healthcare System plans to host free CPR training on Saturday, June 2, as part of National CPR and AED Awareness Week, which is June 1-7.

The CPR training is available to anyone age 12 and older and will be offered in sessions on June 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 3 p.m. at Entrance 1 of Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Preregistration is encouraged as space is limited. To enroll, call 573-331-5107 or email [lmileur@sfdc.net](mailto:lmileur@sfdc.net). Because space is limited, reserving a spot early is essential, organizers noted.

According to the American Heart Association, 90 percent of people who suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests die.

CPR, especially if performed immediately, can potentially triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of survival.

If you are called upon to give CPR in an emergency, you will most likely be trying to save the life of someone you care about: a

spouse, parent, child, friend or co-worker.

Saint Francis is an authorized CPR training center for the American Heart Association.

Qualified, volunteer instructors will teach attendees step-by-step how to properly perform CPR.

The regular cost for these classes is \$30 but is free as part of the American Heart Association's efforts to increase knowledge of CPR.

## Starting business workshop set at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to offer a "Starting a Business in Illinois" workshop.

The workshop is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. June 13 in room 150 at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, 1740 Innovation Drive in Carbondale.

The two-hour presentation incorporates all of the most current information regarding what it takes to create a successful business or expand an existing enterprise.

Topics which are covered include: Start-up requirements. Obtaining financing. Legal structure. Business planning. Licensing and registration. Marketing research and planning.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Workshop participants will also have an opportunity to connect with certified business advisers who can help them assess their plans and reach their goals.

The cost of the workshop is \$20 and that covers the business toolkit, in both print and electronic formats, as well.

The kit includes various helpful checklists, guides and resource booklets from the Illinois Small Business Development Center statewide network and the U.S. Small Business Administration, as well as other information.

Preregistration is required and seating is limited, so organizers recommend early sign-up.

For additional information call 618-536-2424 or email [sbdc@siu.edu](mailto:sbdc@siu.edu).

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## Singing with the Stars event at SIU supports McLeod Summer Playhouse

Area residents are invited to join the Friends of McLeod Summer Playhouse for Singing with the Stars, a "no talent desired" competition featuring local celebrities.

They will pair with professional talent for an entertaining evening of song and dance in support of the McLeod Summer Playhouse.

This year's event is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. June 1 at the McLeod Theater, which is located in the Communications Building at 1100 Lincoln Dr. on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus. Refreshments will be provided by Hunan and Lipe Orchards.

Each year, the McLeod Summer Playhouse, MSP, professional theater company brings productions of the nation's most popular musical theater titles to Southern Illinois.

This year, MSP will perform "9 to 5: The Musical," "Mamma Mia!" and, for young audiences, "The Jungle Book." Ticket information is available online at [events.siu.edu](http://events.siu.edu).

Thanks to its partnership with Carbondale Community Arts, MSP also provides professional theater experience to area high school students. This year's all Southern High School production will be "Once Upon A Mattress."

These productions are made possible with help from the Southern Illinois community.

This summer, seven competitors are striving to earn the title of "McLeod Summer Playhouse Star of the Year." They are:

**Rachael Bonner:** Bonner attended Dongola High School and completed her cosmetology degree at Shawnee Community College.

A believer in the Aveda mission, she opened her own Aveda salon, Salon Euphoria, in Carbondale to provide the experience to clients in Southern Illinois.

She and her work have been featured twice in "Life & Style Magazine" and the Aveda Corporation has recognized her as a "stand out."

When Bonner isn't making the world beautiful, she enjoys spending time with her two daughters and supportive husband on their farm in Anna.

**Justin Halteman:** Halteman, a Carbondale native, joined the U.S. Army after high school and spent three years in the infantry. He is now the third-generation business owner of United Adjustment Service.

Halteman and wife Andrea have three children under the age of four.

**Kristin Pankey:** Pankey, of Herrin, is a physician recruiter with Southern Illinois Healthcare.

She earned her master's degree in applied psychology at SIU and stays connected with the university by directing a student-run consulting firm within the psychology department.

Pankey loves the theater and grew up dancing, singing, and participating in musicals at John A. Logan College.

**Tom English:** English grew up in the northwest Chicago suburb of Crystal Lake and moved to Carbondale in 1999 to attend SIU. He has worked at the Southern Illinoisan since 1999 and became the editor in 2017.

English and wife Jessica are the parents of two children, Madison and Jack.

**Richard (Kyle) Buchman:** Buchman, of Murphysboro, is an internal medicine physician with SIH Medical Group and has worked for four years at Logan Park in Herrin.

Dr. Buchman attended Knox College in Galesburg, graduated from Rush University in Chicago, and completed residency at St. Louis University.

Buchman and wife Penny both enjoy the arts.

**John Dorris:** Dorris, a proud graduate of SIU, is in his 14th year as a banker in Carbondale. He is currently branch manager for Legence Bank.

His daughter is a student at Carbondale Community High School and his son attends John A. Logan College. John has always lived in Southern Illinois and anxiously awaits boating

season.

**Daniel Booth:** Booth, originally from Peoria, is a Carbondale resident. He holds multiple degrees from Southern Illinois University and is the 2018 recipient of the university's Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

He is the outgoing principal of Carbondale Community High School and the incoming superintendent of Carbondale Elementary School District 95.

The audience decides the winner with donations to the McLeod Summer Playhouse. Each dollar donated by cash or check counts as one vote.

Checks made payable to the SIU Foundation are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

General admission is \$35. Tickets are available by phone, online, in person or by mail. Some fees apply. Ticket information is available:

By phone at 877-SALU-KIS (877-725-8547).

Online at [events.siu.edu](http://events.siu.edu).

In person at the SIU Arena or McLeod Theater box office, Monday through Friday, noon to 4:30 p.m. when the university is in session.

## Gospel singing will support little girl

Trinity Assembly of God in Olive Branch plans to present a gospel singing at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

The singing will be in support of Everly Hope Popoloski, 3, who is battling neuroblastoma.

Those who are scheduled to perform include:

Annette Bingaman, a southern gospel recording artist with Butler Music Group in Nashville, Tenn.

Walk by Faith, a southern gospel group from West Kentucky.

House Revival, a band from Marion.

A dessert silent auction also is planned.

All proceeds will go to help Everly Hope Popoloski. For more information, contact Carrie Clardy at 833-3089.

## Cobden Elementary School honors students for achieving reading goals

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



**100 Point Club:** James Eagle, Gabe Evans, Evaline Kaszubski, Zaira Uribe, Javier Valdez, Elisa Vicente.



**50 Point Club:** Madge Stevens, Joel Garcia, Maggie Clutts, Victor Zamora.



**25 Point Club:** Justin Campbell, Jonathan Charicata, Matthew Clover.

## Southern Illinois legislator to represent 59th District at leadership training institute

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, will represent the 59th Senate District in this year's Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development, BILLD, program, an annual training institute for state leaders in the Midwest.

Part of Union County is in the 59th Senate District. "It is an honor to have been selected to take part in a leadership program that focuses on bringing lawmakers together to share ideas and collaborate," Fowler said.

"Everyone has different outlooks and perspectives when it comes to handling issues or approaching policy ideas. This institute is about embracing our differences and learning from

each other to become better leaders and lawmakers."

BILLD was founded in 1995 to address a shortage of training available for new legislators.

According to the Council of State Governments, the Bowhay Institute is the only leadership training program designed exclusively for Midwestern legislators.

"There's no 'how-to' guide on being a state legislator. This job is about having a passion to serve, a willingness to learn, and a desire to make a difference," Fowler said.

"This fellowship recognized that new lawmakers are learning each and every day to be the best voice they can be for the people we

represent."

Legislators eligible to be chosen as BILLD fellows include lawmakers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin in their first four years of legislative service.

Fowler will be joined by 37 other lawmakers in this year's 2018 BILLD fellowship class.

Fellows are scheduled to gather Aug. 10-14 at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs for the 24th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

The Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development is named in honor of the late James Bowhay, longtime director of the Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office.

The program is funded through grants from foundation and corporate sponsors and an in-kind contribution provided by The Council of State Governments' Midwestern Office.

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**Miss Illinois pageant set in Marion**

The 2018 Miss Illinois finals are back in Southern Illinois.

The event is scheduled June 6-9 at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center in Marion.

This year's event will include the Miss Illinois and Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen competitions. Miss Illinois Princesses also will be competing.

Abby Foster of Danville is the current Miss Illinois. Maddie Mazzella of Chi-

cago is the current Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen.

The schedule of events for June 6-9 includes:

June 6-7, 7 p.m., preliminary competitions.

June 8, 11:30 a.m., Miss Illinois Princess luncheon.

June 8, 7 p.m., Miss Illinois Outstanding Teen final.

June 9, 7 p.m., Miss Illinois final.

For more information, visit <http://www.missillinois.org>.



**Portable shade**

Some fans brought their own portable shade to a high school postseason baseball game which was played Wednesday afternoon, May 23, in Cobden. The game, between Cobden and Goreville, was played on a hot, sunny afternoon.

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**CITY OF ANNA DISBURSEMENTS OVER \$1,000.00  
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# Young singer Mason Ramsey enjoys fame as 'yodeling boy'

By Taylor Damann  
The Marion Star  
The Courier  
The Independent

HERRIN — Mason Ramsey, the young singer who went viral for yodeling at the Harrisburg Walmart, visited the Herrin Civic Center on May 19 to fulfill a promise to perform at the Southern Illinois Opry.

In a recent sit-down interview, Mason said he always liked the idea of being famous. The child star rose to fame after a woman requested to record him singing in Walmart earlier this year.

"He always sang when he went to Walmart or any place," his grandmother Frances Ramsey said.

"He's always singing. She asked if she could record him. That's how it happened."

Almost immediately, calls from radio stations and even other Walmart stores came in.

"That's how I'm here right now," Mason said. "It started from my own concert at Walmart, to going to a whole bunch of radio stations to perform, to performing at a whole bunch of other Walmarts."

The 11-year-old boy from Golconda has become quite famous since. Mason has more than 2 million followers on Instagram, including several celebrity fans and others from all around the world. His

original song "Famous" has over 16 million downloads on Spotify.

According to his biography on the Grand Ole Opry website, Mason Ramsey sang for Josh Turner at age 4, opened for Gene Watson at age 5 and sang with Kenny Rogers when he was 7. Ramsey is a member of the "Stars of Tomorrow Show" at the Kentucky Opry and he has performed twice at the world famous Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

But his fame has skyrocketed in recent months. Since March, Mason has appeared at the national music festival Coachella, the popular "Ellen DeGeneres Show" and much more.

The shirt hanging in his dressing room before the SI Opry performance was a gift from Ellen herself. Mason also mentioned excitedly that he has met other stars ranging from Justin Bieber to Millie Bobby Brown.

Mason now holds record deals with Atlantic Records and Big Loud and travels to perform around the country. Immediately after the SI Opry performance, Mason was on his way to Las Vegas for another concert at the Billboard Music Awards.

When he gets the time, though, Mason is just a normal kid. He likes to play basketball and video games in his free time.

"He's just a normal little boy," Frances Ramsey said. "He played in the mud. Just a little, country boy."

His school, Pope County Elementary, has worked with his busy schedule by allowing him to only attend once a week and complete his homework while traveling. His grandmother believes they will need to switch to private tutoring next year.

In the future, he hopes to continue singing and write more of his own music.

"The thing I like about performing is it's got soul to it," Mason said.

Mason has been singing all his life and credits his musical abilities to his grandfather, Ernest

Ramsey. "Him and Mason would go down in the garage and sing and Mason would play around," Frances said.

Although he grew up listening to vintage country with his grandfather, his song "Famous" and likely future songs will be pop country. His music will still pull from his favorite artists though.

"I want to sound like Johnny Cash," Mason said. "He was pretty good."

As he continues his new career, his grandparents hope that his success grows as much as possible.

"We never thought it would go this far, but we are just tickled to death," Frances said.

## Television Listings

### THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	NCIS <i>Ray returns.</i>	TBA BUNK'D	"Fist Fight" Tonight	★★★ "Suicide Squad"	★★★ "Ghost in the Shell" (17) <i>Perfect soldier.</i>
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Kimmel NBA (Live)	Bang (HD) Young	MasterChef (HD)	Superstore A.P. Bio	NBA (Live) National Spelling Bee (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS (HD)	DuckTales Grav Falls	Real Sports - Gumbel	"Extreme Ops" <i>Extreme athletes.</i>	Billions <i>"Redemption"</i>
<b>8 PM</b> :30	2018 NBA Finals "Game 1" (Live) (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces	Love Connection (HD)	Will (HD) Champions		★★★ "The Jungle Book" (16) <i>Jungle escape.</i>	NCIS "Psych Out"	TBA	"Eurotrip" (04) <i>Trip to Europe.</i> (R)	"Terminator Salvation" (09) <i>Rebels rise up.</i>	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30		S.W.A.T. "Armory"	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		NCIS "Need to Know"	TBA	Westworld (HD)		Gigolos
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	Conan <i>Martin Short.</i>	(01) NCIS "The Tell"	TBA	"Fahrenheit 451" (18) (NR) (HD)	"Once Upon Time in Mexico"	Billions <i>"Redemption"</i>
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	NCIS "The Good Son"	DuckTales Raven			"Ghost"

### MAY 31, 2018

### FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA Women's CWS (Live) (HD)	★★★ "The Jungle Book" (16) <i>Jungle escape.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	"Movie"	"Patti Cake" VICE (HD)	(5:10) "Geostorm" (17) <i>Earth threatened by climate disasters.</i> (HD)	★★★ "Dead Man's Chest" <i>Pirates make deals.</i>
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Quantico (HD)	Undercover (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	American Ninja Warrior <i>Athletes compete.</i>	Update 2018 NCAA Women's CWS (Live) (HD)	★★★ "Shrek the Third" (07) <i>Search for a king.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Grav Falls	"The Italian Job" (03) <i>Gang stages heists.</i>		★★½ "Dean" (17) <i>Redeeming love.</i>
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Phenoms (HD)			★★½ "Shrek the Third" (07) <i>Search for a king.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Grav Falls (HD)			★½ "The Fourth Estate"
<b>9 PM</b> :30	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)		ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	TBA	Real Time (HD)	C.B. Strike "The Cuckoo's Calling: Part 1"	(35) The Fourth Estate
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local	(35) Tonight (HD)		Family	TBA	Problem		(05) Patrick Melrose
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)		Family	Mack (HD)	(01) Real Time Mahler	★★½ "Geostorm" (17)	

### JUNE 1, 2018

### SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	2018 NCAA Women's CWS (Live) (HD)	★★★ "The Jungle Book" (16) <i>Jungle escape.</i>	"Bridesmaids" (11)	(5:00) "Movie"	"Fahrenheit 451"	C.B. Strike (HD)	"The Sum of All Fears" (A nuclear explosion).
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Bachelorette <i>Search for love.</i> (HD)	Ransom "The Fawn"	TBA (Live) (HD)	Taken "ACGT" (HD)	Update 2018 NCAA Women's CWS (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	"Get Hard" (15) Will Ferrell. <i>Prison sentence.</i>	"Movie"	"Blade Runner 2049" Search for missing blade runner.	"In the Valley of Eilah" (07) <i>Missing son.</i> (HD)	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30		To Be Announced		Dateline NBC (HD)		Bang (HD)	(15) ★★½ "Get Hard" (15) <i>Preparing for a prison sentence.</i>	TBA		"The Hunted" <i>Special Forces.</i> (R)	"68 Kill" (17) <i>Robbery gone awry.</i>
<b>9 PM</b> :30	20/20 (HD)	48 Hours	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD)	Frontal	TBA	Westworld <i>The wrong direction.</i>	(40) C.B. Strike (HD)	(35) Patrick Melrose
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Love Connection (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild	Last O.G.	BUNK'D			(35) Patrick Melrose
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>		Joker Wild	Cromarties	Liv Maddie	(57) Westworld (HD)	"Color"	Billions

### JUNE 2, 2018

### SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Kimmel	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA (Live) MLB Baseball <i>Boston Red Sox at Houston Astros</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Meet" (40) Big Hero 6 (HD)	"Blade Runner 2049" <i>Blade runner search.</i>	"Public Enemies" (R)	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	2018 NBA Finals "Game 2" (Live) (HD)	Instinct (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	★★★ "Jurassic World" (15) <i>Action Dinosaur theme park gone awry.</i>		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales		★★★ "Why Him?" (16) <i>Protective father.</i> (HD)	The Fourth Estate
<b>8 PM</b> :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Fam Guy Fam Guy			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	DuckTales Grav Falls	Westworld (HD)	Billions <i>"Kompensio"</i>	
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Postgame	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Joker Wild	Law & Order: SVU	(05) Gravity Falls	Succession (HD)	"Swimming with Sharks" (95)	I'm Dying Up Here
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild	Family	BUNK'D	Oliver		Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic	Family	BUNK'D	Succession (HD)	"Surviving Christmas" (04) (HD)	Billions <i>"Kompensio"</i>

### JUNE 3, 2018

### MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2018 NCAA Women's College World Series (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	(5:15) "Zombies" (18)	Oliver	"Something's" (03)	The Fourth Estate
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	Mom (HD) Plan (HD)	SYTYCD (HD)	2018 NHL Stanley Cup Final "Game 4" (Live)		Fam Guy	Family	Mack (HD)	"Fist Fight" <i>Teacher challenged.</i>	C.B. Strike (HD)	I'm Dying Up Here
<b>8 PM</b> :30		Superior Living	MasterChef (HD)			Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Stuck Mid.		★★★ "The Last of the Mohicans" (92) (HD)	Billions <i>"Kompensio"</i>
<b>9 PM</b> :30	(01) The Crossing	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy		DuckTales	Succession (HD)	★★ "Land of the Lost" (09) <i>Parallel universe.</i>	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	World of Dance (HD)		Dad (HD)		Bizaard	(35) Westworld (HD)	"Everything Must Go" (11) (HD)	I'm Dying Up Here
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	(05) American (HD)	Mack (HD)	BUNK'D	"The House" (17) <i>Illegal casino.</i>	The Fourth Estate

### JUNE 4, 2018

### TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Family	BUNK'D	Real Time	"He's Not Into You"	"Steel Magnolias" (89) <i>Close-knit friends.</i>
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Roseanne Middle	NCIS <i>Possible frame.</i>	Beat Shazam (HD)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 2" (HD)	2018 NCAA Women's College World Series (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Mack (HD)	"Blade Runner 2049" (17) <i>Blade runner search.</i> (R) (HD)	"The Hangover" <i>After the party.</i>	Patrick Melrose (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	black-ish black-ish	Bull <i>Dealer avoids jail.</i>	Love Connection (HD)			Bang (HD)		Stuck Mid.		★★★ "Land of the Lost" (09) <i>Parallel universe.</i>	Billions <i>"Kompensio"</i>
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Splitting	48 Hours: NCIS (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	World of Dance (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Bizaard	(45) Succession (HD)		Billions <i>"Kompensio"</i>
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.	Cromarties	Raven	Problem	(25) C.B. Strike (HD)	The Fourth Estate
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Family	BUNK'D	Problem	(15) "Wellness" (17)	I'm Dying Up Here

### JUNE 5, 2018

### WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Gumbel	"The Outsiders" (83)	"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (04)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Kimmel	Survivor (HD)	MasterChef <i>Only 24 move on.</i> (HD)	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	NBA (Live) 2018 NCAA Women's College World Series (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Mack (HD)	★★★ "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (17) (R) (HD)	★★½ "The Mummy" (17) <i>Ancient terror.</i> (HD)	"Transporter 3" (08) <i>Kidnapped daughter.</i>
<b>8 PM</b> :30	2018 NBA Finals "Game 3" (Live) (HD)	SEAL Team (HD)				Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.			
<b>9 PM</b> :30		Code Black "Step Up"	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Reverie (HD)		Bang (HD)	Colony (HD)	Bizaard	Problem	(55) "Born on the Fourth of July" (90) (HD)	The Fourth Estate
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Family	Mack (HD)	Succession (HD)		Mauro Rinaldo
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	BUNK'D	(35) "Patti Cakes" (17, Drama)	"Supremacy" (04)	"Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (03)

### JUNE 6, 2018

### THURSDAY

	7:00pm
<b>USA NCIS</b>	"Life Before His Eyes" During a normal stop for a cup of a coffee, Gibbs finds himself staring down the barrel of a gun, forcing him to think of all the choices he's made in life. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>NBC Will &amp; Grace</b>	A gay lawyer offers his best friend a place to stay after she and her worthless boyfriend split, but the temporary situation becomes a permanent comfort. TV14 (HD)

### FRIDAY

	7:00pm
<b>CBS Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition</b>	Deion Sanders "Former football player Deion Sanders plans to give reward youth football coaches as he pretends to be an older gentleman who is interested in coaching." (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>ABC Shark Tank</b>	Fledgling entrepreneurs present their ideas to a panel of self-made multi-millionaires looking to own a piece of the next big idea, hoping to get a bid. TVPG (HD)

### SATURDAY

	7:00pm
<b>HBO Blade Runner 2049</b> ★★★★★	(2017, Science Fiction) Ryan Gosling, Harrison Ford. A young blade runner, armed with a discovered secret that could send what remains of society spiraling into chaos, searches for a long-missing blade runner. R
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>NBC Dateline NBC</b>	Investigative reports, breaking news stories, profiles of leading newsmakers and other features explore current events and topics of special interest. (HD)

### SUNDAY

	7:00pm
<b>CBS Instinct</b>	"Bye Bye Birdie" Dylan and Lizzie consider many suspects in a successful author's attempted murder; Lizzie approaches the truth about her fiancé, who was murdered undercover. TV14 (HD)
<b>10:00pm</b>	
<b>USA Modern Family</b>	"Little Bo Bleep" The family helps Claire with her debate for the town council seat; Lily learns her first expletive and Mitch and Cam don't know how to deal with it. TVPG (HD)

### MONDAY

	7:00pm
<b>FOX So You Think You Can Dance</b>	"Auditions #1" A group of talented dancers ranging from ages 18 to 20 come together to demonstrate their skills before the judges in the hopes of moving on. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>CBS Superior Donuts</b>	"Art for Art's Sake" When the owner of a local gallery refuses to look at Franco's art, the donut shop hosts a showcase for his work, but his estranged father visits instead. TVPG (HD)

### TUESDAY

	7:00pm
<b>ABC Roseanne</b>	"Go Cubs" The Conner's attempt to get Mary to connect with her military mother Geena, who is stationed in Afghanistan; Dan loses a significant job. TVPG (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>CBS Bull</b>	"Witness for the Prosecution" The District Attorney hires Bull to help get a conviction against a drug dealer who has been able to avoid going to jail for a police officer's murder. TV14 (HD)

### WEDNESDAY

	7:00pm
<b>FOX MasterChef</b>	"The Judges Do Battle, Pt. 3; Home State Heroes" Only 24 of the 43 home cooks will face the first mystery box challenge, where they must complete one dish with an ingredient that is unique to their home state. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	
<b>CBS SEAL Team</b>	"Boarding Party" Jason and the SEAL team try to save a group of researchers who were taken captive in the South China Sea; Clay puts his future as a SEAL in potential jeopardy. TV14 (HD)

# Opinion and Commentary

## Children's mental health awareness highlighted

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, is working to raise awareness about children's mental health and partnering with providers across the state for awareness day events.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness month, Gov. Bruce Rauner proclaimed Children's Mental Health Day in Illinois, which was observed earlier this month.

"Children in Illinois continue to be severely impacted by trauma. Children's Mental Health Awareness Day allows us to highlight the services that are available to them through the Department of Human Services and our community providers," Rauner said. "We encourage families to reach out to the department and become more familiar with the programs that are available to them."

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have, or will have a serious mental illness.

Each year Children's Mental Health Awareness Day seeks to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and show that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development.

Early studies produced by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Child Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) show that children who received CMHI services have reduced behavioral problems, substance use issues, suicidal thoughts and attempts, and are also showing improvements in the classroom.

"It is very important to address the complex mental health needs of children, youth and families today," IDHS Secretary James Dimas said.

"Our team is working hard to get children access to mental health services earlier on in life so that they can succeed in school and have a promising future."

This year's national theme was "Partnering for Health and Hope Following Trauma." The theme focused on the importance of an integrated approach to caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and young adults who have experienced trauma, as well as their families.

The State of Illinois, along with more than 1,100 communities, 160 national collaborating organizations and federal programs, organized local awareness day activities and events around the country.

## Letter to the editor

### One of Darkest Days

To the editor,

One of the Dark Days in America, June 17, 1963: The Supreme Court, then under Chief Justice Earl Warren, delivered its 8-1 verdict in favor of Madalyn O'Hair on June 17, 1963, expanding an earlier school prayer decision in 1962, eliminated not only obligatory school prayer but also mandatory Bible readings in public schools.

It is amazing how one woman could have done this.

We are still a Christian Nation, "One Nation Under God."

But we are letting just a few people take away our Christian values. God help us to stand up.

II Kings 6:8-18, God had a secret agent Elisha, he was giving him the plans of the enemy to give to Israel's king. Verses 16-17, Elisha and his servant were surrounded by their enemy. His servant was afraid. Elisha asked God to open his eyes and let him see. God had protection all around more powerful than the enemy. He protected them and blinded their enemy.

We can still have protection in our homes, our schools, our community and our nation.

I Chron. 7:14, "If my people will humble themselves and pray?"

God is a gentleman, He doesn't go where He isn't welcome.

Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in."

We have pushed God out of our public schools, now they have no protection. God is "omnipresent." He is everywhere and sees all of our enemies before they even plan an attack. We Christians must stand up for Him.

We have Bibles and prayer in our homes and our churches. Our most cherished possessions are our kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

We need to look at this and lawfully see what we can do to honor God and welcome Him back into our schools. We need to teach our kids their right to pray silently and carry a small Bible to school.

Our Christian teachers can also pray silently when walking in a hallway or in any part of school.

I believe in hardening our schools with protection. God used an army to protect Elisha. But our greatest protection is God. We need to pray for wisdom from God to show us how to protect our schools.

I believe we need to start prayer groups for our schools all over America. If you are interested you can contact me.

Rallies are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church, 100 Turner Ave., Anna.

Signed, Bernice Williams Pyle, I Samuel 17:29, "Is there not a cause?" Calling America Back to God founder. 573-276-7881, pylebernice@gmail.com.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Some feathered fowls went on a journey which took them across a rural road near Cobden on a recent sunny afternoon.

## Even for a squirrel... a journey of a thousand miles...

Maybe you've heard the proverb...

...a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Supposedly, the words of wisdom were spoken long ago by a fellow in China whose name was Lao Tzu. Or maybe Laozi. I can't tell you for sure.

If what I discovered on the internet was true, and no doubt it is true, the proverb, in Chinese, goes something like Qianli zhi xing, shiyu zu xia, which, when translated, reads "A journey of a thousand li starts beneath's one's feet." You can believe all of this, or not.

The idea that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step came to mind one afternoon last week.

Yours truly was heading back to my vehicle after shooting some pictures at a local photo opportunity.

I happened to spot a little squirrel which was wandering around, looking for goodies. A late afternoon snack perhaps.

The little bushytail discovered an orange peel. The critter picked up the peel, sniffed it, felt it and took a nibble or two.

I haven't munched on any orange peels lately, so I can't recall how they taste. I'm guessing that they don't taste quite as good as the fruit itself. Which could be why we don't eat the peels.

The squirrel proceeded to drop the peel and then headed away, walking along a sidewalk. A very long sidewalk. At least for a squirrel.

That got me to thinking about a journey of a thousand miles for a squirrel. I'm guessing that a thousand miles would be a very, very, very long trip for those tiny feet.

A couple of other critters were on journeys when I spotted them recently while wandering through Union County.

Some barnyard geese were wandering, in a straight line, across a rural road, not far from Cobden.

When the fowls were about halfway across the road, a couple of them appeared to stop and take a bow. Maybe they just wanted to have a picture taken. So, I took their picture.

Another critter, this time a reptile of the snake variety, somehow made its way up the side of a metal building to a resting place on a window frame.

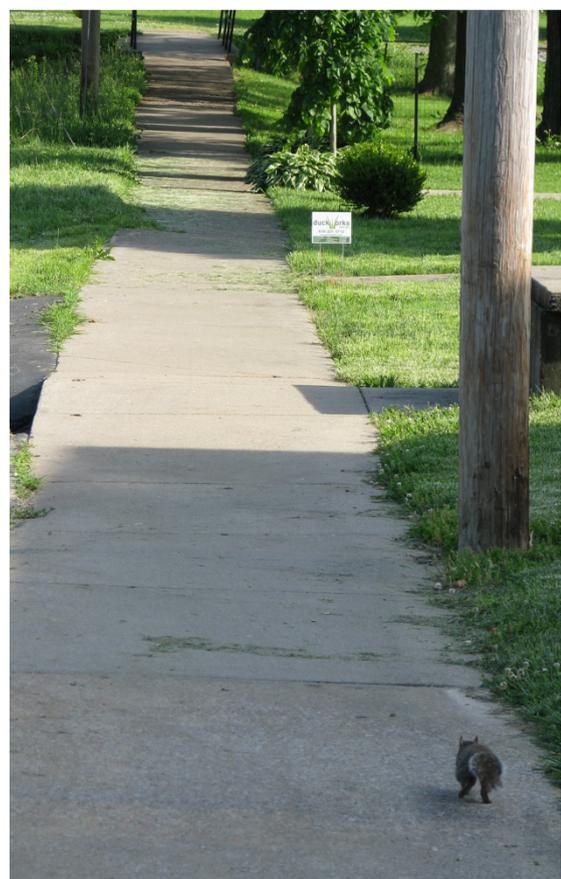
I can't figure out how the snake got to where it got, yet there it was.

So, there you have it. A squirrel, a goose and a snake go on a walk...

...I'll let you figure out the punch line.



A snake's journey involved a window frame on a building near Jonesboro.



A squirrel was going on a walkabout one afternoon recently in Cobden.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### Thursday, May 30, 1968

Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, has been set aside by presidential proclamation as a day for Americans everywhere to honor the veterans of all wars who gave their lives in order that Americans might have a free country - and a day to honor these same veterans by holding memorial services in the many cemeteries all over the United States and the free world. Residents are urged to attend the services to be held in the Anna area and in this manner, express their thanks and gratitude.

Consecration services were held at the First Methodist Church of Anna Sunday, May 26, with Bishop Lance Webb of Springfield delivering the morning message. A large number of people attended the consecration service held in the new sanctuary which was completed recently.

Union County Civil Defense was again alerted to the possibility of tornadoes in the area as of 2:15 p.m. Saturday and the all clear did not sound until approximately 3:00 p.m.

The Thebes courthouse is being renovated for the Sesquicentennial observance to be held there. This courthouse is noted for its fine river view and because Dred Scott of Civil War fame was held in its dungeon.

Mrs. L.L. Casper will celebrate her 102nd birthday Monday, June 3.

Dellis Buzbee will be the principal speaker at the second quarterly meeting of the Anna Chamber of Commerce dinner to be held Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

The Anna Municipal Swimming Pool will open at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1.

Illinois has a total of 5,454,371 registered voters for the June 11 primary elections. Secretary of State Paul Powell announced recently.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Commencement ex-

ercises were held Friday night, May 24, at the Community High School, with 11 graduates. A good attendance was reported.

From the Bethel news: It is muddy out our way. Reminds us of the good ole days. I have not found any who wish to relive those days and start wading mud again. Anyway, we have a bright future, for this won't be for long. With all the mud the roads are still passable.

From the Oak Grove Church news: The 4-H girls had a slumber party at the Pomona Ridge school house.

Due to a last minute change in the schedule of shows at the Drive-In Theatre, the program for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 2, and 4, as shown in the advertising this week, is incorrect. Instead, the double feature on those dates will be "Sons of Katie Elder" with John Wayne and Dean Martin, and "Hurry Sundown" starring Michael Caine and Jane Fonda.

### ArborWild event planned

An annual ArborWild event is planned from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Evergreen Park in Carbondale.

ArborWild is presented by the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest.

This year's event will feature wildland firefighters, wildlife stations, fishing, reptiles and storytelling and more.

Those who attend will have a chance to try their hand at fishing in the Carbondale Reservoir.

They will be able to listen to stories about local legends and see wildlife firefighters' gleaming fire truck.

All ages are invited to attend, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Organizers noted that groups of 10 or larger must pre-register by calling 618-833-8576 by June 1.