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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Happy Independence Day. The holiday is Tuesday, July 4.

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As we often suggest: if you plan to celebrate on July 4th, please do not drink and drive.

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Union County's FOIA page has been updated and can be viewed online at [http://blog.unioncountytill.gov/?page\\_id=1255](http://blog.unioncountytill.gov/?page_id=1255).

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The county's assessor's office now has new aerial images of Union County. The images, the first new ones in 12 years, are available for use by other county offices and are seen as a valuable resource.

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County officials continue to discuss a plan for communication and dispatch services with the Village of Cobden.

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Union County government still is planning to have a surplus property auction. The sale is planned online in early July.

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### Union County state's attorney takes legal action

## Opioid manufacturers named in lawsuit

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds on June 26 filed a lawsuit against five prescription opioid manufacturers and their related companies.

Edmonds said in a news release that the lawsuit is brought on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois, the People of Union County and Union County government. The lawsuit was filed Monday afternoon

in Union County Circuit Court in Jonesboro.

The lawsuit alleges that the pharmaceutical companies made numerous misrepresentations about the risk, benefits and adverse effects of opioids for the purpose of increasing profits.

The suit claims that the pharmaceutical companies' misrepresentations were in violation of both the Il-

linois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Edmonds explained in the news release why he filed the lawsuit.

"Throughout the country there is an opioid addiction crisis. Illinois and Union County are no different," he stated.

"This addiction crisis crosses all socioeconomic

classes and includes your neighbors, friends, family members and coworkers.

"All too often this opioid addiction leads to illicit drug use, crime, overdose and death.

"We believe that the evidence will show that this crisis was brought about by opioid manufacturers' drive for profits at the expense of people.

"Opioid manufactur-

ers through a coordinated sophisticated and deceptive marketing campaign have led prescribers and consumers to believe that opioids were not addictive, addiction was easy to overcome, and prolonged use of opioids was appropriate for even low-level pain.

"The representations of the opioid manufacturers are not supported by, and in (continued on page 2)

## Fireworks display now slated in Anna

Efforts which were underway during the past week to try to have an Independence Day fireworks display in Anna appeared to have been successful.

Uncertainty surrounding the event surfaced at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The council met Tuesday evening, June 20, at Anna City Hall.

At the time of the city council meeting, it appeared that an annual fireworks display at the park would not happen.

The fireworks display was cancelled in 2012 due to ongoing extremely hot and dry weather in the area which caused concerns about potential fires.

Plans for conducting the fireworks display have been coordinated for many years through the Anna Fire Department.

Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider reported at last week's city council meeting that the Central Illinois company which had been contracted to provide next week's fireworks display had been denied a license by the state fire marshal's office.

The company had presented Anna's Independence Day fireworks display for many years.

Anywhere from 100 to 300 July 4th events were reported to have been impacted by the company being denied a license.

The fire chief only learned about the situation on June 13.

Efforts were made to find another company to provide a fireworks display in Anna. The attempts had not been successful as of the time of last week's city council meeting. Concerns

focused on licensing, permit and insurance requirements which needed to be met to allow a display to be presented.

### State Issued

Following the meeting, city officials on June 21 released a statement regarding the situation. The statement was signed by Mayor Steve Hartline.

The statement declared that the mayor and the city council were sorry to announce that "due to unforeseen circumstances," the annual 4th of July fireworks display held at the Anna City Park had been canceled.

"This decision was not arrived at lightly," the statement continued.

City officials explained that the event had been scheduled, but on June 4, the Illinois state fire marshal's office "did not issue our vendor a license to conduct the fireworks display. There was a diligent effort made to secure another vendor, but unfortunately due to the limited amount of time we are unable to do so."

The mayor and the city council voiced their appreciation to everyone who "has faithfully come out and supported this event in the years past."

The statement noted that the city council had every intention to continue the fireworks display in the future.

### Further Action Taken

In the days following last week's council meeting, city officials continued to work to find somebody who might be able to present a fireworks display.

Fire Chief Rider said he was aware of a local

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### State record tree

Brayden Brown, 9, and Arika Brown, 10, stood at the base of a state record pin oak tree which had been growing along Lincoln Street in Anna. The tree, which died, has been cut down.

## State record pin oak tree dies

A state record pin oak tree which had been growing for many years along Lincoln Street in Anna has been cut down.

The tree died. Last year, only one limb on the nearly 100-foot-tall tree appeared to still be alive. The tree was reported to have been falling apart and was a concern to the people in the area.

The age of the pin oak was uncertain.

The City of Anna had the tree cut down. The tree

was seen as a potential liability for the city. The cost to cut down the tree was \$18,156, which was a bid submitted by Oil Field Tree Service of West Frankfort.

Work to cut down the tree began early last week and was expected to take several days to complete.

The tree was growing at 111 Lincoln Street in front of the Mike Brown family home.

A listing in the Illinois Big Tree Register in 2013 listed the Anna pin oak as

number 8 among the top 10 champion trees in the state.

Information available on the register's website showed that as of Oct. 31, 2013, the Anna pin oak was 99 feet tall and had a 98-foot spread.

The website noted that the Illinois Big Tree Register "was established in 1962 as a citizen outreach program in order to discover, record, recognize, and appreciate the largest native tree species here in the Prairie State."

## Union County teacher honored by VFW



**District commander, teacher of year**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars Illinois 15th District**  
**commander John Metzger and teacher of the year**  
**Jamie Nash-Mayberry. Photo provided.**

Union County educator Jamie Nash-Mayberry received a teacher of the year award at the state convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Springfield. She was honored June 15.

She has received the State of Illinois VFW 2016-2017 Veterans United Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Education Teacher First Place Award.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary nominated Nash-Mayberry for the teacher of the year honor.

A plaque presented to Nash-Mayberry stated that she was being recognized for "excellently promoting"

citizenship, education and patriotic principles of the State of Illinois VFW.

She also received a certificate which declared that: "Teachers change our society one day, one class lesson, one student at a time. There's no more important job. And there's no one who fulfills the role better."

### Post, School Receive Honors

The local VFW post and its auxiliary, as well as a Union County school, also received recognition at the convention.

The post and its auxiliary received recognition for having a second-winner in the national Patriot's Pen contest.

The winner was Madi-lynn Gawrych-Turner, a student at Jonesboro School. The school also was recognized.

Sherry Haddick was chairperson for the project.

### Teacher of the Year

Nash-Mayberry is a social sciences teacher at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake.

The Union County teacher had a chance to speak at the convention when she accepted her award.

"I am very grateful to Linda Jackson for nominating me and recognizing the value in what I do as a teacher," she said.

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## News Notes

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County officials recently received a letter commending the work done by the Union County Ambulance Service.

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A bridge replacement project is planned on Interstate 57 over Shake Rag Road in 2018.

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The summer reading program at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna once again appears to be a big success.

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Reminder: a story hour program is scheduled to begin July 11 at the Jonesboro Public Library.

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A band camp is scheduled July 24 through Aug. 4 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

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Registration for the new school year is slated to get underway July 31 at A-JCHS.

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A proposal has been made to restart a cross country program at A-JCHS. Volunteers would lead the program.

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Volunteers also will lead a drama club at A-JCHS. The district's school board

has approved formation of the club at no cost to the district.

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The Clear Creek Baptist Association and its churches are having a busy summer.

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Looks like the apple logos on the roads in Cobden have had a fresh coat of paint.

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Replicas of the Nina and Pinta, two of Christopher Columbus's ships, are scheduled to dock in Cape Girardeau Sept. 29 through Oct. 3.

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A local business once again last week was coping with an unexpected arrival of thousands, as in 20,000, emails.

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A nice story, and photographs, about a home designed by architect Walter Burley Griffin appeared in the June 6 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Griffin designed Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

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Big sigh...for reasons unknown, the local newspaper office was without most of its phone service early this week. We are sorry for the inconvenience and confusion.

## Drug manufacturers named

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most instances are directly contrary to, the scientific evidence.

"We need to do everything we can to stop this crisis, and one of the ways to do that is to hold the opioid manufacturers responsible for their actions."

The companies named in the lawsuit include:

Purdue Pharma, which sold OxyContin, MS Contin, Dilaudid, Dilaudid-HP

Butrans, Hyslinga ER and Targiniq ER.

Endo Health Solutions, which sold Percocet, Percodan, Opana, Opana ER and Zydene.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and its subsidiary Cephalon, which sold Actiq and Fentora.

Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, which sold Duragesic, Nucynta ER and Nucynta.

Allergan, which sold Kadian, Norco and several generic opioids.

Edmonds said that the

lawsuit is seeking the following remedies:

•Injunctive relief preventing further deceptive practices.

•Restitution of money acquired as a result of deceptive acts.

•Disgorgement of profits which are the result of deceptive acts.

•Civil penalties of \$50,000 per violation of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act.

•Civil penalties of \$10,000 for violations of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act against individuals over 65 years of age.

•Fees and the cost of the suit.

Edmonds said that Thomas Lech, Ann Callis, former chief judge of the Madison County Circuit Court, and Greg Jones of the law firm of Goldenberg Heller & Antognoli P.C. have been appointed as special assistant state's attorneys to assist in the prosecution of the suit.

## Fireworks display slated

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hobbyist who might be able to help with the search.

Rider said that contacts were made with the local person, Brad Dawson, who lives near Anna.

The effort appeared to have been successful and tentative plans were made to move forward with having a fireworks display on July 4th at the park.

The Anna City Council was scheduled to meet in special session at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27.

One of the items on the agenda was approval of an ordinance regarding the use of fireworks which had been drafted by city attorney John Foley.

Rider said that Dawson had acquired the necessary permit and insurance to allow for the fireworks display to happen.

The display is planned at dusk on July 4 at the Anna City Park. The rain date for the display is July 5.

### Many attend June 20 session

# Anna Council votes no on amending liquor ordinance for special use permits

The Anna City Council last week voted, for a third time, against taking action to amend a municipal liquor ordinance.

The proposed action could have led to the possible sale of beer and local wines at the Union County Fair.

County fair officials say the revenue generated by such sales would provide much-needed revenue.

The vote came at a regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was Tuesday evening, June 20, at Anna City Hall.

City hall was packed, and overflowing, for discussion regarding the proposal to amend the liquor ordinance.

The city hall meeting room was filled to capacity; people also stood in an entry way just outside the meeting room. An estimated 70 or 80 people were in attendance.

Discussion about amending the liquor ordinance was the sixth item on the agenda for the June 20 meeting.

The discussion was held as unfinished business. The council also had addressed the matter at its last regular meeting on June 6.

Discussion about the topic, and related issues, lasted for about an hour. Topics which were raised

during the discussion included the actual proposal to amend the ordinance, the impact such a decision would have, the role the fair plays in the lives of young people, religion, and local business and the economy.

Mayor Steve Hartline, who voiced support for amending the ordinance, opened discussion about the proposed amendment about 45 minutes into the meeting.

Hartline said that he had met with fair board representatives to discuss their plans for offering beer and local wines.

"I personally went to see what the fair is offering," the mayor said.

Fair officials have stated that the products would be offered in a strictly controlled environment. They also have stated that violations would not be tolerated.

The mayor also said that there was "a lot of misinformation" circulating about the matter, particularly on social media.

Hartline said that the issue before the city council was not about allowing the fair board to sell beer and wine. The issue, he said, was about the council taking action to amend the city's liquor ordinance in relation to special use permits regarding the sale of alcohol.

## Teacher honored by VFW

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"Thanks to my husband Kevin for all of his support with my teaching adventures.

"And finally, I am especially honored, because of who this award is coming from: the VFW, a group I have the most respect for.

"You see, the VFW has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember...

"Growing up, I would go every Memorial Day to the service at the cemetery with my parents, and grandpa and uncle, who were both veterans, and listen as they called out the names of those vets who had passed, and eventually would hear my grandpa's name, as well as my neighbor Albert Flamm, who was a dedicated VFW member, be added to that list of those gone but not forgotten.

"When I entered the 6th grade I began marching each year of school in the Anna VFW Veterans Day parade, where after marching we would go to the VFW to eat chili with the veterans.

"When I was in high school, my dad served on a group that was dedicated to raising funds for a Cobden veterans memorial, and being Beta Club president, I enlisted our members into helping with some of the fund-raisers.

"My senior year I participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy contest, and though it was my best friend Kate who would advance on to state, when I became a teacher I would have my seniors participate in the contest each year.

"When it came time to begin college, I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship from the VFW.

"Over the years I have attended fish fries for the Alto Pass veterans memorial.

"And now, besides helping hold annual veterans day programs at our school that incorporate our local VFW members and democratic principles, I am working hard to establish a memorial wall at our school to recognize those veterans with ties to our school district."

Nash-Mayberry said when she found out she received the award, she was thrilled because it was coming from an organization that was very dear to her.

She has been honored by the VFW in recognition of her wide-ranging achievements as a teacher. Those accomplishments include:

Helping Shawnee High School be named a McCor-

mick Foundation Democracy School.

She created and guides a student government league, elected by the student body to improve the school. The league reinstated the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge is said each day by a league member in honor of a different local veteran.

The league and Nash-Mayberry help to coordinate a district-wide program each year which honors local veterans. Students fold the American flag while league members read its meaning, the band plays songs and the elementary students sing. One year, the league had a bag piper play patriotic tunes, and another year the local veterans held a flag retirement ceremony.

The league coordinates a school-wide fund-raiser and awareness campaigns each year for a specific cause, such as diabetes, child abuse awareness, colon cancer and other issues.

She came up with the idea to build a Shawnee Veterans Memorial Wall Memorial that is about to be placed on the school's grounds so students can walk by it and will be reminded about veterans' sacrifices.

Nash-Mayberry formed a wall committee and helped them to raise funds by incorporating the students in the Beta Club who were cosponsors, along with FFA and FBLA members.

Students sewed patriotic quilt blocks for a quilt raffle, sold t-shirts and soon plan to canvass cemeteries to search for the names of veterans.

In the classroom, Nash-Mayberry teaches the importance of voting by holding a school-wide mock debate and election, as well as the importance of justice during a mock trial.

She takes students each year to the county courthouse to meet their elected officials and to watch the courts in action.

Nash-Mayberry is most well-known for how she inspires her students to be civic activists by encouraging them to raise awareness about deteriorating levees which protect the school district from the Mississippi River.

Students each year research ways to reduce flooding, educate politicians and meet with local levee commissioners and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help solve problems, and they even help with sand bagging work during floods.

Under current guidelines, such sales only are allowed in a limited area along Davie Street – with the issuing, by the city, of a special use permit.

The city council decides whether or not to approve special use permit applications. If the option were to be made available, the fair board also would have to go through the permit application process.

The mayor also noted that under current city regulations, alcohol is not allowed at the Anna City Park. The county fair is held at the park. The fair traditionally takes place each August.

After Hartline made his opening comments, he opened the discussion for public comments. Many of those in attendance offered their thoughts about the proposal.

Linda LaFoon addressed concerns related to agribusiness and the economy. LaFoon said she and her husband own a winery and grow grapes.

LaFoon said the matter was one of "dollars and sense" and the need to offer a boost to the fair. LaFoon said she has worked at other events where wine is available and had not seen any problems arise.

"If you have a religious objection, you don't have to participate," she added. The comment was met with applause from some of those in attendance.

Local business person Steve Hornbeak addressed concerns about the costs of conducting events which involve the sale of beer and wine. Acquiring permits and insurance coverage for such events are expensive, he noted.

He also commented about the separate roles played by the government and the church – his comments were met by applause.

Beverly Tweedy, another local business person, asked for a show of hands to indicate how many of those at the meeting go to the Union County Fair. Most of those in the room raised their hands.

Community member Billie Henderson stated that "this is not a religious issue. This is a business issue." She urged action to support the fair.

Community member Louise Williams reiterated her opposition to action which could lead to the sale of beer and wine at the fair. Williams had voiced concerns about the matter at a previous council meeting.

"It sets a bad example for the children," Williams said. She added that she would not attend the fair if beer and wine were to become available. Her comment was met with applause.

Anna city attorney John Foley said that he thought it was "unfair to suggest that the fair board is trying to create immorality. Their desire is to continue the fair," he said. His comment

was met with applause.

Several of those who spoke at the meeting noted the important role the fair plays in the lives of the community's young people. One speaker declared that "the children are the issue," which was met with applause.

The mayor was asked whether future city councils could take action if the matter were to be brought up again for discussion. The mayor said that future councils could act on the matter.

A member of the audience asked whether the city had considered putting the issue on the ballot for the entire county.

The mayor said that such a proposal has not been considered. He said the matter was a city issue.

"Our issue is liquor control in the City of Anna. This is not a county issue," the mayor said.

After hearing comments from the audience, the mayor sought input from city council members regarding the matter.

City council member David Isom voiced emphatic opposition to the proposal. His statement was met with applause.

Council member Al Kamp said the matter was not about religion. Kamp said his focus was on the children.

"They're my number one priority. To me, the fair is a family oriented thing," he said. Applause followed his comment.

Council member Brandon Bierstedt said he supported at least giving the fair a chance to try to offer beer and local wines. Bierstedt noted that the city allows video gaming, a form of gambling, which, he suggested, is worse, in some ways, than alcohol.

Council member Martha Ann Webb said that she appreciated all of those who came to the meeting. Webb said that she thought the fair should be kept as a family event. "Go, Martha," a woman in the audience stated.

At that point, nearly an hour and 40 minutes into the meeting, the mayor called for action on the matter.

Council member Bierstedt made a motion to amend the city's special events liquor license to allow for a special events license to be used at a different location, pending the council's approval.

A roll call vote followed the motion. Council members Isom, Kamp and Webb voted no. Council member Bierstedt and Mayor Hartline voted yes. The failure of the motion to pass was greeted with more applause by some of those in attendance.

"As far as special events, the ordinance stays the way it is," the mayor said.

After the vote, many of those in attendance left the meeting. A number of angry and frustrated comments were heard as people left the meeting.

## Notice to Readers

**The Independence Day holiday will be commemorated on Tuesday, July 4.**

**Due to the observance of the holiday, deadlines for next week's issue of The Gazette-Democrat will be changed.**

**•The deadline to submit classified advertisements will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 3.**

**•The deadline to submit display advertisements will be noon Monday, July 3.**

**•The deadline to submit news and sports items will be noon on Friday, June 30.**

**Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.**

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# 'Where Do My Taxes Go?'

## Union County treasurer releases annual report

Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey on June 21 released the annual "Where Do My Taxes Go?" report.

Bailey said the report provides a visual tool for Union County taxpayers to better understand the composition of their tax bills, and how bills from one part of the county compare to others.

The release of the report coincides with last week's mailing of nearly 11,000 Union County property tax bills.

Bailey noted that the graphics in the report were first developed for the 2010 tax year, payable in 2011.

"Our citizens pay an awful lot in property taxes each year, and I felt it was

important to give them a tool to understand why they pay so much, where it goes, and how each taxpayer's bill might compare to another," Bailey said in a news release.

Each unique taxing district is represented by a wedge of a pie graph which is part of the report. The report also includes a bar graph.

"Each pie graph represents a community in Union County. Each piece of the pie is one of the taxing districts to which citizens in that community pay taxes. The larger the wedge, the more you pay to that district," he explained.

The largest wedges in each community represent local school districts. This is consistent from year to year.

"K-12 schools generally comprise 55 to 67 percent of a tax bill," Bailey added.

Nearly every tax bill in the county shares three taxing districts: Shawnee Community College (9 to 13 percent of a total bill), Union County government (17 to 23 percent) and the county unit road district (2 to 3 percent).

The unit road district is a tax-sharing district; the revenue from that tax is collected to make road improvements, and is proportionately split between the Union County government and each respective municipality.

Cities and villages make up another 3 to 15 percent, and each local library district usually represents another 2 to 3 percent of each tax bill.

"Taxpayers who want to learn how their tax rates compare to other areas in the county will want to pay special attention to the bar graph" Bailey said.

"An estimated tax bill on a \$100,000 home in each of the communities represented runs across the top

of the graph."

Tax rates appear to be about the same as last year across the county as a whole, with some communities seeing a small increase, and others small decreases.

Approximate tax bills for homes with a \$100,000 value range from \$1953 (rural Cobden, down from \$1994 last year) to \$2867 (within the village limits of Dongola, up from \$2750).

"Paying property taxes is one of those unfortunate events that nearly everyone dreads," he said.

"We all hope that the money is being well spent and contributing to better communities. The first step to ensuring that is to know how much we pay, and where.

"The next step is to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of that spending, and hold the respective decision makers accountable."

"We feel the pain of the tax payments now, but sometimes we forget about it throughout the rest of the year.

"If we pay attention to the news that comes out each week, each month, and if we pay attention to the services and infrastructure that we each value the most, we'll get a good idea if the taxes we pay in the summer are being used properly in the winter and spring.

"I hope these reports lead to a more active and engaged citizenry."

Union County's tax bills will be payable in two installments. The first installment is due July 27. The second installment is due Sept. 27.

Bailey said last Friday morning at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners that he anticipates the first distribution of local tax funds to the levying districts in early August.

## 911, highway department face funding uncertainty

Updates on uncertain financial situations facing the county's 911 emergency communications system and highway department were shared at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, June 23, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Union County 911 coordinator Crystal Gurley reported that the uncertainty facing the system is related to state legislation which is pending in Springfield.

The State of Illinois is rapidly approaching the end of its fiscal year on June 30. As of Tuesday morning, an agreement had not been reached on a new state budget.

If there is no action by June 30, 911 could be without funding.

"We really don't know what's going to happen," Gurley said on Friday.

Gurley said that the

county's 911 system currently has enough funding in reserve to operate for about six to eight months.

The uncertainty surrounding the state budget situation also is having an impact on the Union County Highway Department.

Highway department engineer Kevin Grammer said he was taking a wait-and-see approach to the budget situation.

Grammer said that it now also appears unlikely that the county will receive federal assistance to help pay for the costs of damage caused by recent flooding in the region.

## Closings noted

All Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities are scheduled to be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

All offices and facilities are scheduled to be open for business on Wednesday, July 5.

# Independence Day events scheduled throughout region

As the paper prepared to go to press on Tuesday, it appeared that a fireworks display will be taking place on July 4th at the Anna City Park in Anna.

Independence Day events also are planned in other area communities.

Here's a look at some of the events on the calendar for the holiday:

### Vienna

The City of Vienna plans to have an Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 1. The celebration will be at the Vienna Ballpark, which is on the west edge of the city.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. A fireworks display is planned at dusk.

Children's activities are planned.

The Johnson County Youth League will sell snacks at the concession stand. Just Chill will be selling flavored shaved ice.

DJ Craig Bradley will present music.

The Vienna VFW post plans to have a tent set up at the park and will offer information about the organization, as well as

refreshments.

### Tamms

An annual Independence Day celebration is planned Tuesday, July 4, in Tamms. The event will be at the Tamms Community Park.

The celebration is sponsored by the Tamms Volunteer Fire Department. Activities are planned throughout the day and into the night.

A car, truck and motorcycle show is scheduled to begin with registration from 10 a.m. to noon. The show is an open entry event, with all vehicles welcomed.

Judging for the show begins at 3 p.m. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

The celebration also will feature gospel music, a bounce house, a dunking booth, a duck pond, games for the kids, door prizes, barbeque, fish and burgers.

Entertainment featuring Beak & Co. is planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A fireworks display is planned at 10 p.m.

**Vendors Sought:** The Tamms Volunteer Fire De-

partment is seeking vendors for an upcoming July 4 Independence Day celebration.

Craft items will be accepted, but not food or drink vendors. Alcohol is prohibited.

Exhibitor set up is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on July 4.

For more information about the event in Tamms, contact Sherri Blaney at 618-747-2525.

### Goreville

A Freedom Fest celebration is planned in Goreville.

During the event, a Kid Fun Zone is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A corn hole tournament starts at 9 a.m. at the city park.

A gospel music concert featuring The Cornerstone Worship Band is planned at 3 p.m. The concert will be at the corner of Broadway (state Route 37) and Collins Street.

A parade is scheduled at 4 p.m.

A concert begins at 6 p.m. at the city park. Kali Lynn is headlining the concert.

A fireworks display will follow the concert.

Food vendors and other attractions also are planned at the festival.

### Cape Girardeau

A Great American Fourth of July Celebration is planned at Arena Park in Cape Girardeau.

At 6 p.m., Arena Park and the grandstand are scheduled to open for spectators.

Patriotic music will be presented by the Cape Girardeau Municipal Band at 8 p.m.

A Southeast Missouri newspaper Spirit of America award presentation is planned at 8:30 p.m.

A fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m.

### Other Communities

Information posted on the website for WSIL TV also showed the following Independence Day events:

July 4 at the Superblock in Carbondale.

Friday, June 30, at Devils Backbone Park in Grand Tower.

## Erin Bittle earns degree at Southeast



Erin Bittle

Erin Bittle of Cape Girardeau graduated in May from Southeast Missouri State University.

She earned a bachelor of science in nursing, BSN, degree.

She graduated with the highest honor of summa cum laude, earned by students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 to 4.0.

Erin won the nursing faculty award for Best Demonstration of Knowledgeable Caring in the BSN program.

She is a member of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, as well as Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Erin is the daughter of Brad and Laurie Bittle of Cape Girardeau. She is the granddaughter of Ron and Peggy Bittle of Anna.

She is employed at SoutheastHealth in Cape Girardeau.

## Anna project updates shared

Project updates were shared at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, June 20, at Anna City Hall in Anna.

The updates were presented by city administrator Steve Hartline.

Work continues on several major improvements at the Anna City Park.

Tennis and basketball courts at the park have been resurfaced and repainted. New colors also have been applied. A new, lighted parking area has been carted.

Work also is moving forward on construction of a new concessions/restroom building next to the grandstand at the park. Plans call for the project to be completed by Aug. 1.

The city administrator reported that the third phase of improvements in the South Main Street downtown area have been completed.

The next phase of the improvement work is planned in the North Main Street area.

## Sheriff, state's attorney: Celebrate holiday safely

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel and Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds are reminding the public to have a safe Independence Day next week.

The Independence Day holiday will be commemorated on Tuesday, July 4.

The Union County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police and municipal police departments will be patrolling for drunk drivers.

Everyone who will be drinking is reminded to choose a designated driver.

First-time DUI offenders are subject to thousands of dollars in fines and court costs, jail time and loss of driver's license for six months.

Repeat offenders can be subject to up to \$25,000 in fines, a felony conviction and prison time.

The sheriff and the state's attorney joined together to remind the public that "driving drunk is not worth the consequences.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday: Don't drink and drive."

## Roadside checks set in Cobden

The Cobden Police Department is planning to conduct roadside safety checks during July and August in the Union County village.

The police department will be looking for impaired drivers, uninsured motorists, use of seat belts,

use of child restraints, drivers with suspended or revoked licenses, unsafe operation of vehicles, and open alcohol and drugs.

In announcing plans for the roadside safety checks, the police department encouraged "everyone to drive safe and drive smart."

## Congratulations Janna



**Congratulations Janna Harner for being named first runner-up in the 2017 Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant. We are proud of your accomplishments.**

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# SPORTS

## Summer sports highlights

The 2017 Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association season is underway. The accompanying picture features a highlight from a recent game. Photo provided.



David Craig hit a home run on June 19.

## Cobden Legion baseball team 1-1 in recent play

The Cobden American Legion baseball team split in recent action.

**Cobden 7, Benton 6:** Cody Wieseman was 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden to the win Monday, June 26.

Alex Ramsey was 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs for Cobden. Clayton Flamm was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

Chandler West was 1-for-2. Brayden Clark and Zane Nance were each 1-for-3. Landon Britt was 1-for-4. Bryce Reynolds was 1-for-5.

Nance, Josh Burgess and West pitched in the win. Nance pitched 3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 strikeouts and 2 walks. Burgess pitched 2

innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts. West pitched 3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden stranded 13 base runners in the win.

**Goreville 6, Cobden 5:** Host Cobden, which stranded 9 runners, led 5-2 before Goreville rallied in the come-from-behind win Monday, June 19.

Reynolds was 1-for-2 to lead Cobden. Britt and Nance were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Clark was 1-for-4. Wieseman and West each had an RBI apiece.

West and Bayden Ditterline pitched in the loss. West pitched 5 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 5 walks and 6 strikeouts. Ditterline pitched 2 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with no walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 5-3, plays at home Thursday, today, against Vienna.

## A-J's Turner All-South

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Trenton Turner has been selected to the Southern Illinois Coaches Association All-South boys' track team.

Turner, a senior who competed in the shot put and discus events, finished his high school career with a 7th place finish at state in the discus with a toss of 153-10.

## Scramble results

The three-man team of Bryan Crain, Al Hardin and Joe Mason won the men's golf scramble at the Union County Country Club in Anna Wednesday, June 21.

Second place was won by the team of Lee Dan-hour, Doug Schluter and Chris Whitaker.

Third place went to the team of Gene Adams, Tom Huffman and Joe Wendling.

## Bible School set at Anna church

Vacation Bible School is planned Monday through Thursday, July 17-20, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. Bible School is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The theme will be "Stories by the Seaside."

A pool party is planned Thursday evening at the Anna City Pool.

Enrollment is open to all children in the community who are in kindergarten through 5th grade.

To enroll, or for more information, visit the church, or call the church's office at 833-5225.

# Successful sports speed camp held

Coach Ron's 2017 Sports Speed Development Camp was held at Jonesboro Grade School on June 12-15.

Ninety-four campers registered for the four-day event with an average attendance of 90 athletes.

The campers' ages ranged from incoming 2nd graders to outgoing 8th graders.

The camp was divided into three sessions: 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Each session had enrollments of 30 to 32 campers. Each 90 minute session was then divided into two groups. Willie Smith would then work with one group and Coach Ron another, giving each coach approximately 15 campers for 45 minutes. Both coaches emphasized the importance of speed, reaction and quickness that is a fundamental in every sport.

The agenda of activities include the following, but not limited to: Frisbee throws, Z-ball drills, get-ups, relays, loose ball drills, passing drills, ladder drills, accelerator drills, resistors and hurdles/ladders.

Each camper received a t-shirt and their parents/guardians received a copy of Coach Ron's second book: Cross Country and How to Succeed in Sports and Life.

**Those Who Attended** Those attending the camp included:

Trevor Fox, Caden Cerney, Natilyn Corbit, Jadyn Gerardi, Brooke Sheffer, Kylie Dillow, Parker Benefield, Beckett Thorpe, Hayden Staples, Gage Roach, Eli Laminack, Ada-

lyn Suggs, Shooter Belcher, Kaleb Gore, Amelia Marshall, John Robert Wright, Triston Brown, Easton Corbit, Hunter Craft, Cooper Knueven, Mikayla Skelton, Kaysee Benefield, Mya Clutts, Mason Dunn, Zachary Spurlock, Blake Abernathy, Jennah Harrel, Carson Smith, Trevor Treece, Smith Wilson, Tyler Gore, Kaleb Stover.

Kenzie Stover, Blake Dillow, Logan Abernathy, Kacey Pearl, Kenzie Miller, Kylee Myers, Adyson Roberts, Daylon Butler, Reagan Jones, Brinley Corbit, Cash Hankins, Foster Needling, Clayton Smith, Aaron Sheffer, Bryan Wright III, Aidan McFadden, Maddox Miller, Sophie Smiley, Nick Lingle, Reese Jones, Zoe Jones, Paxten Roberts, Tess Wilkins, Hallie Black, Emily Kacinski, Jack Smith, Landon Brown, John Turner.

Henry Hoehner, Matti Houseman, Meranda Wright, Ethan Carver, Jaydon Roberts, Brylen Suggs, Megan Wright, Kristin Edmonds, Reese Belcher, Marlee Smith, Matthew Duncan, Cadence Black, Jonathan Mattheis, Danielle Dunaway, Brett Smith, Campbell Belcher, Kaylee Stover, JJ Gerardi, Savana Rambeau, Kiersten Wright, Stuart Busby, Mason Miller, Nathan Kaufman, Shea Thorn, Nathan Hubbs, Jake Tally, Nate Belcher, Payton Roberts, Marissa Turner, Pierce Chapman, Chris Wright.

### Appreciation Voiced

Coach Ron said thank you to the following coaches: Britt Roberts, Zach Overstreet, Tori Ehlers, and to

Bob Carter for his continued excellence with the camp photography. Thank you to the Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43 and the Board of Education for the use of their fine school facility.

The coaches, parents, grandparents, Willie Smith, Coach Ron and the assistant coaches and the student athletes wishes to thank Tom Stark, principal, and the secretarial staff for the use of their facility. Also a special thank you to Diane Kratz, for assisting with t-shirts, enrolling and opening and closing the gym each day.

### Mission Statement

Besides learning the fundamental aspects of athletics, the program encourages involvement in community and extracurricular activities to benefit child development in sports.

The program of speed, agility, quickness and basketball builds lifelong relationships with adults

through mentoring and other activities with emphasis on one-on-one interactions.

Students in the camp come from schools in Union, Johnson and Williamson County.

Students had the opportunity to build relationships and camaraderie with other students outside of their own schools.

"Thank you parents and grandparents for helping make the camp a very successful one," Coach Ron said.

### Sponsors

Coach Ron wishes to thank the following for their financial support and assistance with the Sports Speed Development Camp: Bob Lyerla, Jon and Joyce Lutz; Edward M. Smith; Dr. Larry Peterson; Joyce Kilmer, Zach, Tracy and Steve Overstreet; Carter Photography; Diane Kratz; Sam O'Neal, Save-A-Lot; Paula Fulenwider and Britt and Tia Roberts.



Kiersten Wright and her sister Megan are campers that missed the group photo.



Camp participants, session 1, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Photo provided.



Camp participants, session 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Photo provided.



Camp participants, session 3, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Photo provided.

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# Public Record

## Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carlene B. Tripp. Grantee: Julie M. Puffer. Name: Cunningham Estates, Lots 1-4.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Union County Country Club. Grantee: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Inis K. Crider. Grantee: Anthony Stein. Name: Winstead Davies 2nd Add. of Anna, Lot 13.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James W. Harris, Shirley E. Harris. Grantee: Harris Joint Trust. Tract Section 9 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Roy Lee Marshall. Grantee: Roy Lee Marshall, Terry Marshall. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Karen L. Trammel, Terry L. Trammel. Grantee: Natalie A. Ellis, Nicholas W. Ellis. Tract Section 13 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Marland M. Throgmorton. Grantee: Terri J. Hudson. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 108.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Irma F. Kelly Brown. Grantee: Joshua K. Kelley, Joshua Krangan Kelley. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Joshua K. Kelley, Joshua Krangan Kelley. Grantee: Joshua K. Kelley, Steven L. Kelley. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David A. Hartline. Grantee: Danny W. Hartline, Steven C. Hartline. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Noella Orlandini. Grantee: Randall R. Feather, Renee B. Feather. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Noella Orlandini. Grantee: Feathered Vines LLC. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.

Grantor: Danny W. Miller, Jerry K. Miller. Grantee: Michael T. Most, Paula L. Most. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 2W.

## Suspect sought

The Union County Sheriff's Office in Jonesboro on Tuesday was asking for the public's help in locating a wanted person.

The sheriff's office reported in a press release that it was looking for Tiffany B. Townley, also known as Tiffany Beggs.

Beggs was identified as a white female, 27 years of age, 5 foot, 7 inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, with brown/red hair and blue eyes.

The sheriff's office reported that Townley was wanted on charges of arson, home invasion and armed robbery.

Townley was believed to be in the Paducah/Western Kentucky area.

Anyone with information about Townley was asked to contact the Union County Sheriff's Office at 618-833-5500 or a local police department.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Patti Lynn Gray, William Michael Gray. Grantee: Allison Mason, Joe Mason. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James C. Sadler, Michael A. Sadler, Rodney J. Sadler. Grantee: Teresa Lee Cavins, Jennifer R. Childers, John H. Sadler, Tracy A. Sadler, Vanessa Sue Sims. Name: A.D. Finch's 1st Addition, Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ruth Cavaness. Grantee: David F. Fischler, Maryanne S. Fishler. Name: Applewood Estates, Lot 4.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David B. Nalley. Grantee: Bonnie J. Burton. Tract Section 19 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amanda Page, Daniel Page. Grantee: City of Anna. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rachel Kell, Trevor Kell. Grantee: City of Anna. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Nathan Newberry. Grantee: Melanie Newberry. Name: McElhaney's 2nd Add. of Jonesboro, Lot 37.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lillian Sadler, Rodney Sadler. Grantee: James Andrew Roger. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Thomas B. Smith, Tracey J. Smith. Grantee: Art Pender, Alma Louise Smith. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Thomas Brian Smith. Grantee: Thomas Brian Smith, Tracey Jayne Smith. Name: Willis Willard's 2nd Add. of Jonesboro, Lots 10, 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Martha Irene Marshall. Grantee: Martha Irene Marshall, Roy Lee Marshall. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cindy Hamel-Outlan. Grantee: Melanie Outlan. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jane Yates. Grantee: Richard L. Weaver, Ruth I. Weaver. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: New Way Inc. Grantee: Denis Pippins, Don Pippins. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor:

## Local woman sentenced on meth charge

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported June 23 that Polly A. Quintana, 51, of Jonesboro, has been sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on one count of participation in methamphetamine manufacturing, which is a Class 1 felony.

Quintana also will serve a two-year term of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

Quintana was arrested in January after an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County Drug Task Force showed Quintana had manufactured methamphetamine at a rural Jonesboro residence between January and June of 2016.

## from the files at the Union County Courthouse

Robert D. Adams Jr. Grantee: Deborah L. Adams. Tract Section 20 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Eric W. Stead, Laura Stead. Grantee: Weaver Equipment LLC. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Glenda Franklin. Grantee: Lillian Faye Droge. Name: Hartline Brothers 2nd South Plat, Lot 47.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: The Fellowship House. Grantee: Bierstedt 3 LLC. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carl Franklin Moore, Mary Jean Moore. Grantee: Brian Edward Moore. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Karl D. Basler, Shannon Basler. Grantee: Jack Trexler, Jack P. Trexler Jr. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W. Name: Original Plat of Mountain Glen, Lots 19, 20, 21.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jack Trexler, Jack P. Trexler Jr. Grantee: Jeffrey Wallin, Valerie Brooks Wallin. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W. Name: Original Plat of Mountain Glen, Lots 19, 20, 21.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alan W. Pigg, Margaret E. Pigg. Grantee: Pro Health of Illinois Inc. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Billy D. Schluter, Vida A. Schluter. Grantee: Brenda A. Kidd, Billy D. Schluter, Brenda A. Schluter. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kimberly Keene, Kirk Keene. Grantee: Jamie Starratt, Josh Starratt. Name: Winstead Davies 2nd Add. of Anna, Portions 1, 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: JPMorgan Chase Bank. Grantee: Jason L. Sheppard. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steve Landreth. Grantee: Carroll L. Treat. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Eric Morris. Grantee: Misty Cook, Christopher Short. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald E. Rehmer. Grantee: Kelly Curlee-Horn. Original Plat of Alto Pass, Block 13, Lots 7, 8, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Filiberto Zamora. Grantee: Cipriano Zamora Calderson, Adriana Diaz Cardoso. Name: Jason Frick's Add. of Cobden, Portion 11.

### Traffic Citations

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

Tyeskia J. Miller, Carbondale. Hai V. Tran, Harrisburg. Kamar A. Crockett, Ullin. Jason L. Taylor, Villa Ridge. Trent A. Doerner, Jackson, Mo. Kathleen Jane Cunningham, Metropolis. Randall W. Foster, Johnston City.

Emma Banks Williams, Jackson, Miss. Kaylee Nicole Sheffer, Anna. Charles A. Scott Jr., Carbondale. Kiana A. Brown, Champaign.

Lamont R. Harris, Chicago. Adam D. Crow, Carbondale. Alexander C. Schmidgall, Carbondale. Haley N. Klingler, Flora. Danyel M. Franklin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Elizabeth A. Renfro, Car-

bondale. Hoang Van Vu, West Valley, Utah. Arthur Lynch, Chicago. Tracy A. Gillespie, Fort Wayne, Ind. Harry L. Edwards, Murphysboro.

Katharine Woodson Clay, Jackson, Miss. Troy A. Holden, Herrin. Patricia Ann Phillips, Jonesboro. Walter Ramirez Escobar, Carbondale. Andrew K. Wilson, Alto Pass.

Debbie Lea Paganucci, North Bonneville, Wash. Shelby Joyce Melton, Auburn. Ashley Nicole Willmore, West Frankfort. Lindsey M. Nagel, Channahon.

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

Everett E. Ellett, Murphysboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Reginald Rashade Boyd, Hazelhurst, Miss., seat belt required/driver, \$65.

Larhonda M. Witherspoon, Chicago, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Beth Renee Patterson, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120.

Christopher J. Stadelbacher, Marion, unsafe equipment, \$120. Ruby Bethlena Svejda, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Douglas C. Davidson, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Vera K. Murphy, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Denise R. Schuetz, Makanda, electronic communication device, \$120. Kristie Marie Deroy-Jones, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Joseph M. Fadley, Jonesboro, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Charlie N. Davis, Jonesboro, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

Jenny L. Plucker, Carbondale, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Douglas R. Gates, Goreville, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Christina L. Urban, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120. Michael T. Janke, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Bryan E. Schulze, Murphysboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Michael A. Taylor, Murphysboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

John T. Lewis, Murphysboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. William Jasper Prewitt, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Richard K. York, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Dustin R. Whiteside, Cobden, electronic communication device, \$120.

Rachel Lynn Thomas, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$110. Johnny R. Dukes, Anna, driving on suspended license, \$1,381.

Walter D. Rossi, Dexter, Mo., overweight on axle, \$1,200. Stanley E. Fuller, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$75.

Brittney N. Burnett, Anna, electronic communication device, \$75. Bryce Philop Dilow, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Ashley Nichole Craver, McClure, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Kenneth O. Merryman, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120.

Reatha A. Cobb, Bloomfield, Mo., electronic communication device, \$120. James

J. Burris, Pinckneyville, electronic communication device, \$120.

Edgar F. McIntyre, Madison, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Ashley R. Brown, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Jessica Nichole Williams, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$120. Hunter Davie Smithey, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Brenda K. Newton, Anna, violation license classification, \$120. Jonathon Chance Abernathy, O'Fallon, Mo., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Alex M. Schmidt, Cambria, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Stephanie N. Plott, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Timothy R. Collins, Murphysboro, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Alec John Wakefield, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Matthew T. Phillips, Goreville, seat belt required/driver, \$60. John A. Brust, Ullin, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Shawnelle M. Milotbeal, Waukegan, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Jonathan Lee Trout, Goldengate, seat belt required/passenger, \$65.

Hugo L. Gates, Murphysboro, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Gerald C. Baker, Cape Girardeau, unlicensed, \$120.

Maya R. Minor, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Craig L. Price, Tamms, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; registration expiration, \$120.

Tad C. Swoape, Elkhart, Ind., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Shadie M. Schwegmann, Ullin, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Laura J. White, Murphysboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; no valid registration, \$120. Brett W. Elwood, Cape Girardeau, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Harley S. Wren, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$65. Noble Michelle Robbins, Anna, child restraint violation, \$75.

Zackery Tyler Lorenz, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Carlos Alfredo, Alamo, Tenn., child restraint violation, \$75.

Christina Maria Schultz, McClure, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Sonny D. Schultz, McClure, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Kevin K. Jackson, Carbondale, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Ayoola E. Oyetunji, Carbondale, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Javed R. Kisat, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Brian A. Pender, Vienna, electronic communication device, \$60.

Justin A. Masterson, Louisville, Ky., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Lea A. Rogers, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Jacob M. Dent, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Machel L. Probst, Olive Branch, expiration of registration, \$120.

Tracy J. Stroehlein, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Irvin A. Bautista, Bells, Tenn., child restraint violation, \$75.

Curtis E. Betka, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Nicole O. Bollig, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$120.

Sandra A. Moreland, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Devin Alan Lafine, Buncombe, disregard stop sign, \$120.

Emily Suzanne Hubbs, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Allison L. Davis, Cape Girardeau, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Elias Ray Mileur, Bloomington, Ind., disregard traffic control device, \$120. Dennis S. Couch, Murphysboro, disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Ryan Fulton Bone, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Janice R. Zerbe, Marion, electronic communication device, \$120. Trent J. Spiker, Taylorville, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

### Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

Seth W. Adams, 24, of Marion, and Miranda G. Annable, 21, of Vienna.

Matthew Gerard Howard, 27, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Sarah Rae Van Gorder, 28, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Terry Lawrence Allen, 54, of Anna, and Teresa Jane Poole, 51, of Anna.

Jorge Francisco Ramos Amaya, 21, of Anna, and Alondra Martinez, 20, of Anna.

Andrew Martin Kirby, 24, of Anna, and Jordan Shaye Edwards, 24, of Jonesboro.

Nicholas Graham Stearns, 23, of Murphysboro, and Fallon Lynn Horn, 23, of Carbondale.

Matthew Eugene Ahlfield, 25, of Murphysboro, and Shelby Nicole Satterlee, 22, of Murphysboro.

Douglas A. Connell, 30, of Marion, and Taylor A. Henderson, 24, of Marion.

Aaron Everett Jones, 21, of Kamak, and Nataline Caroline Hubbard, 22, of Grand Chain.

John D. Elder, 29, of Oak Park, and Jessica L. May, 30, of Oak Park.

Edward Eugene Smith, 61, of Anna, and Sheila Renee Skelton, 42, of Anna.

Jeremiah Kerry Bean, 25, of Radom, and Morgan Dawn Bozarth, 25, of Carbondale.

David Howard Siegfried, 53, of Cobden, and Kimberly Kay Campbell, 53, of Murray, Ky.

Brandon Lee Pind, 22, of McClure, and Cara Brooke Farris, 20, of Jonesboro.

Timothy R. Morrison, 56, of Cobden, and Shelley M. Fields, 52, of Cobden.

Dwight Douglas Lochhead, 46, of Chester, and Mandy Lynn Kueker, 41, of Perryville, Mo.

Ryan Lane Ginther, 21, of Carbondale, and Summer Renae Karch, 22, of Carbondale.

## "The Preaching Pen" Freedom in Christ!

July 4th is Independence Day, our nation's birthday. The celebration of our nation's birthday is really a celebration of freedom. We celebrate the precious gift of our freedom because of the price others paid. You see, we must remember that freedom isn't free. Freedom is very expensive. It has cost some people everything, including their lives. Our Founding Fathers risked their fortunes, their families, their reputations and their honor. They risked their very lives and many of them paid for our freedom with their blood and the blood of their children.

Jesus came in order to bring us freedom also: free from a host of human ailments. In John 8:34-36 Jesus says, *"Verily, verily I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. <sup>35</sup>And the servant abideth not in the house forever: but the Son abideth ever. <sup>36</sup>If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."*

Later, the Apostle Paul wrote these words regarding the work of Jesus in setting us free: *"For the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus Christ hath made me free from the law of sin and death"* (Romans 8:2).

Today, we celebrate our independence from tyranny and bondage to an oppressive government, an independence won over 200 years ago, but should we not, daily, celebrate freedom from the tyranny and bondage of guilt, sin, fear and death; a freedom won over 2,000 years ago—a freedom that can last for all of eternity?

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PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-756

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PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-09-00-748

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PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STONE ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND RUNNING THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 13 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 18-1/2 RODS; THENCE WEST 13 RODS TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE NORTH 18-1/2 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1-1/2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. EXCEPT A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A STONE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND RUNNING THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION, 13 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 30 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST 13 RODS TO A POINT ON THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION WHICH IS 30 FEET SOUTH OF THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 03-07-01-438

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This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 318.34 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF 150.24 FEET TO A POINT WHICH SHALL BE THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THIS DESCRIPTION; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 309.84 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID NORTH LINE TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAID PUBLIC ROAD WHICH IS LOCATED 250.24 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID CENTERLINE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 86°47'30", A DISTANCE OF 250.24 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BASED UPON A SURVEY MADE AT THE REQUEST OF GRANTORS BY J. T. BLANKINSHIP, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR ON FEBRUARY 14, 1974. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-25-04-872  
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This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

LOTS NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN (115) AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN (116), IN PURCELL HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-09-619

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THE EAST HALF OF LOT NUMBERED 6, AND 22-1/2 FEET OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF LOT NUMBERED 8 IN A. J. MENEES' ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-403

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**TO: RUBEN QUESADA, GRACIELA A. QUESADA, FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE U.S., ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS**

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

ALL THAT PART OF LOT NUMBER 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF THE U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 51, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4.69 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED IN SURVEYORS RECORD 2 ON PAGE 298 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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JUNE 24, 1977, FILED JUNE 27, 1977, IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 33 AT PAGES 60-61 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-28-03-978

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**TO: HEATHER R. ROBINSON F/K/A HEATHER PORTER, ANDREW ROBINSON, ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, C.E. BASDEN, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS**

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PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-16-04-547-A

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

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 84°-32'-19" W 21.19 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF PETRAS LANE; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) CALLS: THENCE N 59°-19'-43" W 147.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 50°-26'-25" W 173.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 82°-07'-18" W 515.70 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 83°-38'45" W 197.73 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 87°-17'-07" W 207.38 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 89°-37'-34"

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PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-35-01-271-B  
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This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET OFF OF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT NUMBER 4 IN JACKSON FRICK'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGES OF COBDEN, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-10-138  
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**TO: DOROTHY WOOD, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS**

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THE SOUTH ONE-HALF (S1/2) CONTAINING THREE AND SEVENTY-NINE HUNDREDTHS ACRES (3.79) OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4) OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18) IN TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING 5.57 CHAINS EAST OF THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION AT A STAKE SET IN THE EAST LINE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL

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PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-18-03-329  
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**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130034**

**TO: Quesada Ruben, Quesada Ruben, Illinois Department of Revenue, IRS Department of Treasury, Willow Creek Financial Group LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 04-29-02-597-P

S29 T11 R1W PT NW

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130045**

**TO: Karraker Lorraine A, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Union County Hospital, First State Bank of Dongola, Moreland Robert Shawn & Lorraine, Ryan Wagner & Brittany Alley and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 05-05-02-994  
S5 T12 R1W NE CR NW NE

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130065**

**TO: Hileman Brenda M and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 05-20-03-677  
S20 T12 R1W PT NW SE

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130083**

**TO: Smoot Lonnie L and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 06-15-04-536-B

S15 T13 R1W NW CR SW NW

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130098**

**TO: Rolfe Charles L, Administrator of Small Business Admin, Discover Bank, Cach LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 06-26-04-887  
S26 T13 R1W PT SE NE  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130136**

**TO: Crane James Raymond, Charles C Westlund Jr, Union County Hospital, Women First and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 08-50-06-95  
SDH T12 R2W PT LOT12 DUG HILL SUB 210' X 210' S OF RT 146

Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

**TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130167**

**TO: Hansen WM A & April M, Capital One Bank, Asset Acceptance LLC, Discover Bank, IRS Department of Treasury and unknown owners or parties interested.**

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 14-00-07-849  
PT LOT 6 LOTS 7 &



WM Clingsmith's Addition  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130176

TO: Spiller Robert & Laura,  
Deborah Kay Sims, Capaha Bank,  
Household Finance Corporation III,  
Union County Hospital, Credit Control LLC and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-08-360 LOT 13 L W Ashley's ADD. 49.5' X 198  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130182

TO: Harris Marvin L & Juanita,  
Harris Marvin L & Juanita,  
Anna-Jonesboro National Bank and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-08-493 LOT 14 LOT 15 & NE CR LOT 16 JOHN B JONES ADD>  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130184

TO: Velasques Juan H and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-08-529 LOT 2 & 20' OFF N END OF LOT 1 J F MARTIN'S ADD.  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130205 & 130206

TO: H Holcomb & Son Welding & Machine Works INC,  
H Holcomb & Sons Welding & Machine Works Inc and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below

low has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-09-262 & 14-00-09-263  
LOT 9 BLK 8 FOREST PLACE ADD.; & LOT 10 BLK 8 FOREST PLACE ADD.  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130218

TO: Dietterle Todd P/ Dilard Tracy,  
Dietterle Todd P and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-09-912-A  
LOTS 15 & 16 W 35' LOT 17 BLK F ORIGINAL PLAT OF COBDEN  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130257

TO: Medlin Rhonna Christine,  
The First State Bank of Dongola and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-10-671-T  
LOT 20 KRAATZ SUB KRAATZ SUB  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

TAKE NOTICE  
Certificate No. 130279

TO: Moore Michael E and unknown owners or parties interested.

A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL  
Parcel No. 14-00-11-384 LOT 8 RM RENDLEMAN'S 2ND ADD WOLF LAKE. 50' X 100'  
Said property was sold on 1/21/2015 for the general taxes for the year 2013. The period of redemption will expire on 10/23/2017. On November 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta,  
Petitioner  
28-30gc

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice pursuant to the Illinois Department of Labor certifies a copy of the current prevailing wage rates for the County of Union effective June 5, 2017, are appropriately on file at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District #81 Superintendent's Office at 608 S. Main

Street, Anna, IL 62906.

Anna-Jonesboro C.H.S.D.  
#81  
Board of Education  
June 19, 2017  
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ADOPTION NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS.  
COUNTY OF UNION

Circuit Court of Union County

In the Matter of the  
Petition of  
DAVID JAMES CRISLER and  
MELISSA JEANINE CRISLER,  
Husband and Wife,  
to adopt  
MATTHEW ROBERT DUNCAN,  
a male child,  
Adoption No. 17-AD-3

To: Ronald Joseph Hansen,  
and all Unknown Fathers

Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Jonesboro, Illinois, for the adoption of a child, named Matthew Robert Duncan. Now therefore, unless you, Ronald Joseph Hansen, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise

file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 3rd day of August, 2017, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.  
Dated, June 19, 2017

Tiffany Busby  
Union County Circuit Clerk

Susan Burger  
Attorney for Petitioners  
06189627  
105 Willards Ferry Road  
Jonesboro, IL 62952  
(618)-833-8677  
(618)-833-9818 (FAX)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY RION, Deceased.  
Case No.: 16-P-46

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Dorothy Rion of Anna, Union County, Il-

linois. Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2016, to Doug Rion of Anna, Union County, Illinois, whose attorney is John Womick of the Womick Law Firm, Chtd., 501 Rushing Drive, P.O. Box 1187, Herrin, IL 62948.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 21, 2017.

Doug Rion,  
Representative  
WOMICK LAW FIRM,  
CHTD.

JOHN WOMICK  
WOMICK LAW FIRM,  
CHTD.  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
501 RUSHING DRIVE  
P.O. BOX 1187  
HERRIN, IL 62948  
(618)-993-0911  
jwomick@womicklawfirm.com  
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Balancing act  
A hawk appeared to be doing a bit of a balancing act on a utility wire over the highway when this image was captured one day recently along old U.S. Route 51/West Vienna Street in Anna.

News from  
First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "Picking Up Where We Left Off," with scripture from Matthew and 1st Chronicles.

The church will be participating in the River To River yard sales on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, beginning at 8 a.m. on the church parking lot, just behind Stinson Memorial Library.

Summer Fun for Everyone events are planned on Sunday evenings during July: July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30 from 6 p.m. to 8

p.m. The events will be free and are for the whole family.

A Crazy Carnival is planned July 9, with two bounce houses, games and food.

A Hillbilly Hangout is planned July 16, with "red-neck games" and food.

A Family Fishing Derby is planned July 23, with food and other games for younger children.

A Family Movie Night is planned July 30, with popcorn, nachos and beverages. A movie will be shown on the church parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring

lawn chairs and blankets.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, July 10, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hamburgers and potato salad with coffee, tea or lemonade will be served. The meal is

Hess News

June's saddle club meeting was held at the home of Fred and Wanda Schlenker, who filled us all with a delicious meal.

At Anna Heights Baptist Church, the Young at Heart monthly fellowship group met for a potluck last week. Everyone was amazed and entertained by 13-year-old singer Julia Hall.

Our son Danny and three grandchildren Sam, Raeann and Andrew from Alabama spent two weeks with us. A good time was had by all.

Juanita and I celebrated our 56th anniversary Saturday night at the Ullin High School class reunion held at Shawnee College. We

Gospel singing set in Villa Ridge

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, July 1, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. Voices of Praise from Marion and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

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free.

On Saturday, July 15, Three Bridges will be at Anna First Baptist Church in concert at 6 p.m. Admission is free. No tickets are necessary. An offering will be taken.

By Glenn Heisner

enjoyed visiting with old friends Clinton and Shirley Wright from Elgin.

Thank you Joe McMahen for giving me credit for The Gazette-Democrat renewal.

Louise Williams celebrated her birthday June 11 with family and friends.

Bon and Jean Kohler celebrated their anniversary June 18.

News from  
Immanuel Praise,  
Worship Center

Sunday's message at the Immanuel Praise and Worship Center near Cobden shared that "the knowledge that God can give us peace should give us the contentment to stay the course of God's plan for our lives."

Vacation Bible School is scheduled July 24-28. There will be a special night at Rent One Park in Marion on July 29 for all who attend VBS.

An ice cream social and cookout are planned Saturday evening, July 15.





### Ribbon cutting ceremony

The Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Re/Max Southern office in downtown Anna. The office is located at 301 S. Main St. John Nimmo is owner/managing broker. Debbie Lence and Lisa Tomazzoli are managing brokers. Debby McKibben, Karen Cupp, Laura Benson, Bill Dillow and Nancy Watkins are broker associates. Re/Max Southern also has an office in Goreville.

## Union County Soil, Water Conservation District awarded grant funding for watershed project

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, SWCD, has received an EPA 319 Grant of \$104,000 for inventory work related to the Gulf Hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Gulf Hypoxia is a dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico 5,300 square miles in size.

Scientists believe it is because of the excess nitrogen and phosphorus found

in the water from the Mississippi River that feeds the area causing low oxygen in the water.

This study is a result of the Gulf Hypoxia problem, which had made the Mississippi and Ohio River Watersheds a priority with USDA and EPA.

Money from the federal government will be available in the next few years for those watersheds which

have conducted studies and identified willing landowners and operators who would like to do conservation practices that would reduce nitrogen and phosphorus from the waters of a watershed that drains into the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

The area in this study includes the Upper part of the Upper Cache River Watershed in Union and Johnson counties.

The Union County SWCD is asking for help from anyone living or working in the study area to fill out an opinion poll ranking their concerns for 21 items listed as concerns for the watershed.

Even if you do not have control of any land in the study area, the district would still like and need your opinions of the watershed.

The district needs at least 200 opinion polls filled out to qualify for the future grants of cost shares to landowners and operators who would want to do conservation work.

Anyone who has soil erosion problems on fields

or stream banks should indicate on the survey that they would like to be contacted for someone to explain the program to them.

Things the district thinks will qualify for cost share help in the future are:

Log jams in streams. Stream bank erosion (bare banks and slides into streams).

Side inlets into streams from fields. (woodlands, grass and cropland). Sloping cropland fields (with gullies).

Cropland fields within 120 feet of streams. Concentrated livestock feeding areas within 500 feet of streams.

Streams that are unfenced for livestock. Eroding levees on shallow water wetlands from flooding.

For more information, contact the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District, 201 Springfield Ave., Anna, Ill. 62906, phone 618-833-5666, extension 3; or the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District, 807 N. 1st St., Vienna, Ill. 62995 phone 618-658-3411, extension 3.

## Inaugural Cross of Peace dinners planned in July

Inaugural Cross of Peace dinners are planned during July at two Southern Illinois venues.

The dinners are planned Saturday, July 15, at Hedman Vineyards in Alto Pass and Saturday, July 29, at Walker's Bluff in Carterville.

The dinners are being held to help to support the perpetual care and maintenance of the Cross of Peace, which is located on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

Both dinners are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with social time. A program and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for each dinner is \$100 per person and \$150 per couple. A limited number of tickets are available for the event at Hedman's Vineyards.

The events are being presented by the funds development committee of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

The committee was formed in late 2016 to establish opportunities to raise funds for the Cross of Peace, both in terms of perpetual care and special projects outside of day-to-day-operations.

Dinner reservations can be made online at [www.baldknobcross.com](http://www.baldknobcross.com).

## McGrath receives award for building client relationships

Tim McGrath of the financial services firm Edward Jones recently won the firm's Frank Finnegan Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships. McGrath's office is in Anna.

McGrath was one of 880 of the firm's 15,000 financial advisors to receive the

Frank Finnegan award.

The award is named after Frank Finnegan, who joined Edward Jones in 1953 in St. Louis after playing professional baseball. He is the firm's longest-tenured active financial advisor.

"It's truly an honor to receive recognition for building relationships with those clients we serve," McGrath said.

"And it's quite inspirational to receive an award named after a firm legend such as Frank Finnegan who was dedicated to individual investors and understood each investor's unique financial goals."

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company, provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. The firm has its headquarters in St. Louis.

## Officers elected

The Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board Inc. has elected officers for program year 2017.

The officers were elected at the board's June 13 meeting.

The officers are Royce Carter of Fairfield, chairperson; Dawn Williams of Carmi, secretary/treasurer; and Dean Rogan Sr. of Pulaski, vice chairperson.

## Union County Museum extends Kennedy exhibit

The Union County Museum in Cobden has announced plans to extend an exhibit about John F. Kennedy for another month.

The exhibit honors the legacy of President Kennedy, who would have been 100 years old this year. The exhibit will be on display through the end of July.

In announcing plans to extend the exhibit, Union County Historical Society president Patrick Brumleve commented: "We have had a tremendous response to this exhibit and we are proud to extend it through the end of July."

The display features a variety of rare and interesting items about Kennedy's career.

Unique items include the program and a ticket for the birthday celebration where Marilyn Monroe gave her famous rendition of "Happy Birthday" and a shoe horn that was given by Sen. Kennedy to members of his wedding party when he married Jackie Bouvier.

The museum, which is operated by the historical society, is located in downtown Cobden on South Appleknocker Drive.

Museum hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The phone number is 893-2067.

## Healthy Circle bingo cancelled

Members of the Union County Hospital Our Healthy Circle program are reminded that weekly bingo has been cancelled during the months of July and August.

Members should be receiving their July-September newsletters in the next two weeks.

## Karaoke set

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna on Saturday, July 1.

Karaoke is planned from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## Apostolic Lighthouse Quarterly Dinner Friday, June 30th 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

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**River-to-River Yard Sale**  
**June 6th-9th**

If you need a place to set up for the River to River Yard Sale, the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge #1641 will have spots available for rent in their parking lot for \$15 a day or \$50 for the weekend.

Call Carter at (618) 697-4786 or Ken at (832) 755-2376 to reserve a spot, 427 E. Jefferson St. Food, water, and soda for sale with public restrooms available.

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**The following Union County banks will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.**

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# Three persons die in I-57 accident

Three persons sustained fatal injuries in a two-vehicle traffic accident which happened early Wednesday morning, June 21, on Interstate 57 in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 reported that the accident occurred at 2:14 a.m. June 21 in the southbound lane of the interstate.

The accident involved a 2002 GMC Yukon and a 2001 Volvo truck tractor semi combination.

The driver of the Yukon was identified as Eric M. Barnett, 25, of Adrian, Mich.

Three passengers were traveling in the Yukon. State police identified the passengers as Michael A. Villalobos, 26, of Tulia, Texas; Taylor D. Garza, 24, of Adrian, Mich., and a 3-month-old female.

The identity of the driver of the second unit was not available.

State police reported that preliminary investigative details indicated that the semi unit was southbound on I-57, approaching mile marker 32.5.

The Yukon was northbound in the southbound lane of I-57, approaching mile marker 32.5.

# Opioid manufacturers facing investigation

The Illinois attorney general's office is conducting an investigation with attorneys general across the country into several opioid manufacturers.

The focus of the investigation is to determine whether the manufacturers have engaged in unlawful practices in the marketing and sale of opioids, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said in a news release.

The investigation also will address what role the companies may be playing in creating or prolonging the country's opioid epidemic.

Nationwide and in Illinois, opioids – prescription and illicit – are the main driver of drug overdose deaths, the attorney general said.

Opioids were involved in more than 33,000 deaths nationwide in 2015, and opioid overdoses have quadrupled since 1999, according to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I want to know whether drug companies, seeking higher profits, have intentionally, recklessly and unlawfully pushed addictive opioids," Madigan said in a news release.

"We must hold drug companies accountable for their role in the epidemic levels of opioid overdoses and deaths in Illinois and around the country."

The Illinois Department of Public Health reports that Illinois was one of 14 states with statistically significant increases in overall drug

The Yukon collided with the semi head on, causing both units to leave the roadway.

The driver of the Yukon was airlifted to a regional hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the semi refused medical treatment at the scene.

The three passengers in the Yukon were pronounced dead at the scene by the Union County coroner's office.

State police reported that the driver of the Yukon was wearing a seat belt. The adult passengers were not wearing seatbelts. The infant was restrained by child restraint.

The crash is being investigated by the Illinois State Police traffic crash reconstruction unit, with the assistance of Zone 7 investigations.

I-57 was closed for seven hours for crash investigation and clean-up.

Illinois State Police, the Anna Fire Department, Union County Rescue, the Union County Ambulance Service and the Union County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident call.

overdose deaths in recent years.

In 2015, there were 559 overdose deaths directly attributed to prescription opioids in Illinois, and 1,339 overdose deaths in which opioids were involved.

In addition, the Chicago metropolitan area ranks first nationwide in emergency department mentions for heroin use.

Cook County ranks first in the nation in the percentage of arrestees testing positive for opiates.

In August 2016, Madigan filed a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical company Insys Therapeutics Inc. for deceptively marketing and selling Subsys.

Madigan said that Subsys is a highly addictive opioid drug, to physicians treating non-cancer patients for off-label uses like back and neck pain in an effort to rake in high profits.

In addition, in September 2016, Madigan and 35 other attorneys general filed an antitrust lawsuit against the makers of Suboxone.

Suboxone is a prescription drug used to treat opioid addiction.

The lawsuit was filed over allegations that the companies engaged in a scheme to block generic competitors, forcing people to pay artificially high prices at a time when the companies reaped more than \$3 billion in profits.

Madigan's office also provides training to medical professionals on identifying and treating patients with opioid addictions.

# Infant fatally injured in area traffic wreck

An infant sustained fatal injuries in a single vehicle traffic accident which happened early Monday morning, June 26, in Alexander County.

Illinois State Police District 22 reported that the accident happened at 7:09 a.m. Monday on Illinois Route 127, north of Trinity Road in Sandusky.

The accident involved a 2010 Scion TC two-door hatchback vehicle.

State police identified the driver as Valencia Holloway, 19, of Tamms.

An infant, also from Tamms, was a passenger in the vehicle. The infant sustained fatal injuries. The infant was pronounced dead

at the scene by the Alexander County coroner.

State police reported that the driver was not using a seatbelt, and that a child safety seat was not used.

State police reported that the vehicle was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 127 north of Trinity Road. State police reported that an eyewitness indicated that the vehicle left the roadway to the right, struck a culvert and went airborne.

The vehicle rolled, ejecting the driver and the infant passenger. The driver was transported by emergency medical services with life-threatening injuries.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

# The Big Eight

The director of two community economic development associations in Utah compiled the following tongue-in-cheek list of sure fire ways to "Ruin Your Town":

1. Stay away from town meetings and be sure to criticize the way things run. You don't have to be there to know that somebody else is not doing it right.

2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.

3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.

4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.

5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.

6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?

7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.

8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.

Most people interact with 10 or more people every day of their lives. That's 310 individuals this month alone. Think of the good you could do by keeping a more positive attitude when talking about your community.



# Obituaries

## Floyd F. Ferry

Floyd F. Ferry, 90, formerly of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at 7:08 a.m. at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on Nov. 1, 1926, in East Carondelet, the son of Leo Frank Ferry and Matilda Schmidt Ferry.

On Nov. 27, 1947, he married Rosemary B. Ferry at Christ Evangelical Church in Dupo. Together, Floyd and Rosemary shared almost 70 years of marriage.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Nelson A. (Susan) Ferry Sr. of Jonesboro; three grandchildren, Angelieke Desiree' (David) Waite of Bellevue, Neb., Nelson A. (Jennifer) Ferry Jr. of Bridgeport, W. Va., and Casey Lynn Ferry of Carbondale; six great-grandchildren, Katherine Elizabeth Waite of Riverview, Fla., Shawn Christopher Waite, Julia Rose Waite and Robert Mason Waite all of Bellevue, Neb., and Briston Amber Ferry and Brayden Alexander Ferry, both of Bridgeport, W. Va.; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Melya Kronk and Cleo McBride; and six brothers, Olizen "Bea", Harlan, Vernon, Donald, Nelson and Al Smith Ferry.

He joined the U.S. Merchant Marines. He later served in the U.S. Army, 11th Airborne, in the Pacific Theater of Operation during World War II.

Following his honorable discharge from military service, he graduated from Summers College of Commerce in East St. Louis. He worked for a time at the Swift and Company packing house and Cargill Elevators in East St. Louis.

He was employed by the Skelly Oil Company, Skelgas Division of Tulsa, Okla. During his 35-year career he worked as an accountant, warehouse manager, district salesman, merchandiser salesman, area salesman, area representative, branch manager of St. Louis Skelgas and an assistant area manager and regional coordinator, throughout Illinois and Missouri.

He was a member of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna. He was a 48-year member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Locust Lodge No. 623 AF & AM at Owaneco, and currently was member of Cobden Masonic Lodge No. 466 AF & AM. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Southern Illinois, Belleville, as well as a member of the York Rite Bodies in Murphysboro, Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 164, Cryptic Masons Council No. 49, and Beauseant Commandery No. 86 Knights Templar of Illinois. He was a member of The Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Ainad Temple) and the Tacusah Chapter No. 682 Order of the Eastern Star and was of the Baptist faith.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating, camping and gardening. He was most at home when he was with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

A Masonic service will be conducted at 4 p.m., followed by military honors and a flag presentation.

Following the service, there will be a luncheon held in the Vienna Public Library's, community room at 401 Poplar St. in Vienna, IL.

Memorials can be made to the veterans member benefit fund at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for the family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Happy birthday to our son, Kevin Eudy of Cape Girardeau on Monday, July 3.

Happy anniversary to our son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., on Monday, July 3.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Jonathan, Betsy, Nash and Kyndal Oxford of Anna attended a softball game in Cape Girardeau last week where Brylee Oxford was playing.

Hunter Wilson of Cape Girardeau celebrated his 14th birthday on June 19, at the home of his great-grandparents, Dolores and Jack Reynolds. Others present were Justin and Gracie Wilson and friend Brandy of Cape Girardeau and Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna enjoyed eating at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau on Saturday night.

Daphne Huffman of Thebes visited with her parents, Berniece and Don McRaven of Fair City.

Gary and Judy Gibbs and Brad and Lori Pender, all of Jonesboro vis-

ited with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Sue Eudy of Anna visited Sunday afternoon with her uncle, Wilburn Gibbs, at River to River in Anna.

Maxine and Fred Pender visited Saturday with Tony and Krista Pender and family in Metropolis. Kerry and Penny Hill of McClure, Kacie Golliher of McClure and Julie Burton of West Palm Beach, Fla., visited with Shirley Miller.

Those having lunch at Cracker Barrel in Marion last Thursday were Shirley Miller, Elva Scantlin of Harrisburg and Joe Walker of Marion.

Shirley Miller visited Sunday with Vivian Bennett of McClure and James and Betty Chow of California.

We extend our sympathy to Vivian Bennett on the passing of her husband, Floyd Bennett, last week.

Emma Eudy and Johnathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau were supper guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Friday night.

Please remember those who helped us achieve the freedoms we celebrate on Tuesday, July 4, and please "Don't Drink and Drive."

## Larry L. Elkins

Larry L. Elkins, of South Elgin died on June 11, 2017.

Larry's positive, yet accepting attitude helped him thrive and comfort others during aggressive treatment for pancreatic cancer. His final hours were spent at home surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born in Jonesboro, on Jan. 25, 1942. He was the fourth of six children born of Guy and Ina Elkins.

After graduating from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1960 he married his high school sweetheart, Janet Fitzgerald. In 1961 the young couple moved to Elgin, where he accepted employment at Chicago Rawhide.

Completing his apprenticeship as a millright he was employed in manufacturing maintenance for 42 years. He took pride in his work and the security it provided his family.

Jan and Larry raised their family in Carpentersville, where their children attended Dundee Community High School. Larry and Jan were avid supporters of Dundee athletics and the Dundee Scots.

After his family, his lifelong passion was fast-pitch softball. From the 1960s and forward he was a sought-after pitcher in the Elgin area.

He was a member of Dundee Jockey Club Fast pitch softball team.

He pitched over 1,500 games in his career and was known for mastering the knuckleball. The family lost count of the number of "no-hitters" he pitched.

To the surprise of many, he was still pitching when his son, Dale joined the team. This was the achievement of one of his personal goals and made him very proud.

After retirement in 2003 he logged many volunteer hours leading fast-pitch clinics with the Dundee Park District. He served as the pitching coach for Hampshire High School where he was affectionately referred to as "Coach Larry." The shining star in his softball career was coaching two of his granddaughters during their years at Hampshire High.

Larry and Jan spent retirement winters in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where they walked the beach daily with their dog, Angel. Larry will be missed by many close friends, fellow snow-birders at Myrtle Beach.

He is survived by his wife Jan; his son Dale (Heather) Elkins; daughter Tina (Tim) Hurst and daughter Tammy (Ken) Worthington. His grandchildren include Kevin (Katie) Eagan, Valerie (Mathieu) Queau, Eric Eagan, Jennifer Hurst, Rebecca Hurst, Allison Elkins and Sophia Elkins. Great-grandchildren are Connor and Willa Eagan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Frank Elkins. His surviving siblings include Fred (the late Pat) Elkins, Darrell (Linda) Elkins, Marilyn (the late Cliff) Jones and Carolyn (the late Carl) Ferguson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who remember him best for his amazing sense of humor.

Larry and Jan attended Christ Community Church in St. Charles, where they received encouragement in their faith in Jesus Christ. Larry's assurance of heaven brought him peace and today brings comfort to his family who survive.

Memorials can be made to The American Cancer Society, Pancreatic Cancer research.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory in South Elgin. Cremation was private at the Countryside Crematory.

## Frank 'Larry' Wiedlocher

Frank "Larry" Wiedlocher, was born on June 27, 1949, in Anna, the son of Carl and Dorothy DeMonde Wiedlocher, and died at home on June 18, 2017, in Salem, Mo., at the age of 67.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

On Dec. 28, 1968, he married Gloria Green in Carmi.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Vietnam

veteran. Following discharge, he graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in forestry. He was an avid reader and always enjoyed learning, raising small animals, farm work and hiking in the great outdoors. He had a personal relationship with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Carl and Dorothy Wiedlocher; a sister, Anne Jenette Wiedlocher; and a brother, Christopher Wiedlocher.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Wiedlocher of Salem; children Bradley A. Wiedlocher and wife Sylvia of St. Louis, Zachary B. Wiedlocher and wife Laura of St. Louis, and Stephanie A. Hough and husband Peter of Alton; brothers Carl Wiedlocher III of Las Cruces, New Mexico, George Wiedlocher and wife Jeanne of Carbondale, and David Wiedlocher and wife Clare of Lebanon, Tenn.; sisters Sharon Martin and husband Gale of Midland, Texas, Penny Ottesen and husband Bill of Centerville, Tenn., and Regina Siadek and husband Jim; grandchildren, Cedric, Elias, Eden and Asher; extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 1, at 11 a.m. at the Grace Community Church in Salem, Mo.

Memorials can be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America and/or Life of Hope Ministries in Joplin, Mo.

Wilson Mortuary in Salem, Mo., is in charge of arrangements.

## James H. 'Jim' Blair

James H. "Jim" Blair, 70, of Woodlawn, and formerly of Union County, died at 9:17 p.m. on June 21, 2017, at his residence. He was born on Nov. 21, 1946, in Anna, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Connie K. (Harre) Blair of Woodlawn; a brother, Kenneth William Blair and wife, Jeannine, of Centralia; siblings-in-law Geri Harre of Yorba Linda, Calif., Lois Obermeier and husband, Leonard, of Okawville, Don Harre and wife, Gerry, of Okawville, Ruth Harre of Okawville, and Betty Hasheider and husband, Norbert, of Okawville; nephews and nieces, W. Wylie Blair and wife, Kristy, of St. Louis, Lisha Alta of Wasilla, Alaska, Julia Harre of Portland, Maine, Jane Harre of Rohnert Park, Calif., Bryan Harre and wife, Karla, of Oxnard, Calif., Deb Harre of Newport Beach, Calif., Nancy Peterson and husband, Brian, of Barrington, Jill Hobart of Barrington, Jeff Obermeier and wife, Laura, of Okawville, Pam Wienstroer and husband, Keith, of Okawville, Jason Obermeier and wife, Dana, of Okawville, Scott Harre and wife, Kelly, of Bartleso, Stacy Bartling and husband, Nathan, of Nashville, Nathan Harre and wife, Jessica, of Chicago, Greg Harre and wife, Tara, of Okawville, Dannon Harre and wife, Jill, of Okawville, Kristen Miller and husband, Dan, of Collinsville, Nicole Heberer and husband, Justin, of Okawville, Michelle Burianek and husband, Jason, of Okawville, Matt Hasheider and wife, Crystal, of Nashville, Kelly Schumacher and husband, Tim, of Aviston, and Kate Glynn and husband, Joe, of Aviston; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Wylie and Alice Adelia "DeeDee" (Lamer) Blair; his father-and mother-in-law, Henry and Verdell Harre; brothers-in-law Ken Harre and Duane Harre; and great-nephews Brenden Bartling and Brody Miller.

He taught English at Mount Vernon Township High School for 35 years. He enjoyed reading and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

A private graveside service was held at the Anna Cemetery on Monday, June 26, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Timothy P. Mueller of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Covington, officiating.

Memorials can be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association-Greater Saint Louis Chapter, to Pets Are Worth Saving, PAWS, in Anna or to the donor's choice.

Hughey Funeral Home in Mount Vernon was in charge of arrangements.

## Betty J. Thornton

Betty J. Thornton, 88, of Anna, died at 4:17 a.m. Sunday, June 25, 2017, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1929, in Anna, the daughter of James Hosea and Clara Anderson McDonald.

She married Charles A. Thornton on Dec. 30, 1945, in Piggott, Ark. Together they shared 58 1/2 years together. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2004.

She is survived by her daughters, Judy (Wayne) Brown of Dongola and Sue Treece of Anna; a son, James (Sheila) Thornton of Lick Creek; grandchildren Becky (Chris) Ritter of Geneseo, Jeff (Kim) Brown of Dongola and Eric Thornton of Anna; great-grandchildren Hannah, Isaac, Sarah and Sam Ritter, and Jacob, Steven and Micah Brown; a sister-in-law, Mildred McDonald of Alton; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles A. Thornton; five brothers, Bert, Victor, Jack, Bill and Donald McDonald; three sisters, Frances Sponza, Dorothy Rosson and Peggy Odle.

She dearly loved children and all her family. In her past time she enjoyed quilting and fishing. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church for many years.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Thornton were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, at the Anna City Cemetery, with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Carmi Baptist Children's Home or to the New Hope Baptist Church.

To leave online condolences, visit [www.rendleman-hilemanfh.com](http://www.rendleman-hilemanfh.com).

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# Check out the yard sales in this weeks paper!

## Obituaries

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# A variety of activities, including fireworks displays, are planned in the area in celebration of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4th.



## Cape Girardeau Celebration

A Great American Fourth of July Celebration is planned at Arena Park in Cape Girardeau.

At 6 p.m., Arena Park and the grandstand are scheduled to open for spectators. Patriotic music will be presented by the Cape Girardeau Municipal Band at 8 p.m.

A Southeast Missourian newspaper Spirit of America award presentation is planned at 8:30 p.m. A fireworks display is scheduled to begin at 9:15 p.m.

## Anna Fireworks

A fireworks display is planned Tuesday, July 4, at the Anna City Park in Anna. The display is scheduled to begin at dusk.

## Tamms Celebration

An annual Independence Day celebration is planned Tuesday, July 4, in Tamms. The event will be at the Tamms Community Park.

The celebration is sponsored by the Tamms Volunteer Fire Department. Activities are planned throughout the day and into the night.

A car, truck and motorcycle show is scheduled to begin with registration from 10 a.m. to noon. The show is an open entry event, with all vehicles welcomed. Judging for the show begins at 3 p.m. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

The celebration also will feature gospel music, a bounce house, a dunking booth, a duck pond, games for the kids, door prizes, barbecue, fish and burgers. Entertainment featuring Beak & Co. is planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A fireworks display is planned at 10 p.m.



## Celebrate holiday safely

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel and Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds are reminding the public to have a safe Independence Day next week.

The Independence Day holiday will be commemorated on Tuesday, July 4.

The Union County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police and municipal police departments will be patrolling for drunk drivers.

Everyone who will be drinking is reminded to choose a designated

driver.

First-time DUI offenders are subject to thousands of dollars in fines and court costs, jail time and loss of driver's license for six months.

Repeat offenders can be subject to up to \$25,000 in fines, a felony conviction and prison time.

The sheriff and the state's attorney joined together to remind the public that "driving drunk is not worth the consequences. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday: Don't drink and drive."

## Goreville Celebration

A Freedom Fest celebration is planned in Goreville. During the event, a Kid Fun Zone is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A corn hole tournament starts at 9 a.m. at the city park.

A gospel music concert featuring The Cornerstone Worship Band is planned at 3 p.m. The concert will be at the corner of Broadway (state Route 37) and Collins Street.

A parade is scheduled at 4 p.m. A concert begins at 6 p.m. at the city park. Kali Lynn is headlining the concert. A fireworks display will follow the concert.

Food vendors and other attractions also are planned at the festival.

## Carbondale Fireworks

A fireworks display is planned in Carbondale on July 4. The display will be at the Carbondale Superblock.

## Vienna Celebration

The City of Vienna plans to have an Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 1. The celebration will be at the Vienna Ballpark, which is on the west edge of the city.

Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. A fireworks display is planned at dusk. Children's activities are planned.

The Johnson County Youth League will sell snacks at the concession stand. Just Chill will be selling flavored shaved ice. DJ Craig Bradley will present music.

The Vienna VFW post plans to have a tent set up at the park and will offer information about the organization, as well as refreshments.

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## Middle-class households on decline

CHAMPAIGN – A new report from a University of Illinois expert in urban development and local economies found that the share of middle-income households in the State of Illinois has fallen steadily from nearly 60 percent in 1970 to below 50 percent in the current, post-Great Recession period.

The large middle class in Illinois that emerged during the middle of the 20th century has experienced a consistent but multifaceted squeeze since roughly 1980, with middle-class incomes stagnating relative to higher incomes, according to Robert Habans, a postdoctoral research associate in the School of Labor and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois.

The paper takes a deep dive into exploring the middle class in Illinois, including the relatively wide variation in the way that the middle class is defined, Habans said.

“Analyzing the middle class is not a straightforward exercise, so it’s become increasingly difficult to even define what the middle class is,” he said.

“And if there’s ambiguity in defining the middle class, there will be a disconnect between policy decisions and their impacts on middle-income households.”

After adjusting for household size, Habans calculated the lower and upper bounds of a middle-income household income for a family of three in

Illinois in 2015 as ranging between \$43,000 and \$130,000 per year.

An analysis of income patterns from more than three decades of data suggests that the declining portion and changing composition of middle-income households are closely tied to increasing inequality and the changing structure of economic opportunity since 1980, according to the paper.

“The national trends are reflected in Illinois in that, over recent decades, incomes in Illinois have become increasingly polarized,” Habans said.

“In this respect, the state is certainly not unique, but the slow hollowing out of its middle class has been stark.”

In 1980, the manufacturing industry accounted for a large portion of middle-income jobs, “so the loss of manufacturing jobs is certainly part of the story,” Habans said.

“As these and other middle-skill jobs have declined, the service industries that have experienced growth tend to support a wider and more polarized range of skill levels and earnings.

less than their male counterparts, Habans said.

“Both the State of Illinois and its middle-income workforce have grown more diverse – and it’s certainly a good thing to see evidence of increasing equality in the labor market, even if it’s incomplete,” he said.

“But one effect of that is, if you look at household incomes, the rise in female earnings has offset the decrease in male earnings.”

Another troubling trend is that black and Hispanic households are still under-represented in the middle- and upper-income households in Illinois, according to the report.

“Although the middle class is becoming less white and less oriented around male workers, race and gender continue to shape access to middle-income employment,” Habans said.

Policies to help the middle class must be a mix of “growing from below” and “stabilizing from within,” Habans said.

“It’s all about giving people opportunities to jump from low-wage work to something that pays better, because conventional pathways to middle-class income levels have evaporated for many workers,” he said.

Meanwhile, labor market institutions such as unions and the minimum wage have diminished in their potency to support a broad pattern of income distribution, Habans said.

“If you’re going to affect the labor market, you can do that by raising the standards of work or by programmatic interventions in the labor market, such as raising the minimum wage,” he said.

“And the goals of the interventions should be to build pathways from lower-income jobs to middle-income occupations. So that could be improving the quality of low-wage jobs, creating more opportunities to move to a higher-income job, or shoring up and protecting jobs in the middle-income range.”

Habans’ paper is part of the Project for Middle Class Renewal, a research-based initiative tasked with investigating the labor market institutions and policies in today’s economy while elevating public discourse on issues affecting workers. The project is directed by U of I labor and employment relations professor Robert Bruno.

## Where in Union County am I?



**The Old Feed Store**

Diana Fuller Moutell sent the first correct email to PAST which identified this piece of architecture as belonging to The Old Feed Store on North Appleknocker in Cobden.

The building housed the Cobden Flour and Feed Store, owned by Frank Wiedlocher. Then, it was purchased in 1935 by Robert J. Basler. Basler’s Feed Store was owned by Mr. Basler for 45 years and then his son, Mike, and wife Penny ran the store for about 11 years more.



**New puzzler**

The new puzzler picture (shown above) may be identified by sending the name of the location or street address by email to [hileman14@frontier.com](mailto:hileman14@frontier.com).

The person with the earliest correct email answer will receive a small gift from PAST of Union County and will be named as the winner in next month’s article. Photos provided.

## Legislator's staff sets office hours

The staff of State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, plans to host satellite office hours Friday, June 30, in Goreville.

Office hours are planned from 10 a.m. until noon at Goreville Village Hall. The villlage hall is located at 105 W. Collins Ave.

Members of Phelps’ staff are scheduled to be available to meet with local residents to discuss issues that concern them, as well as help provide access to state-related services.

For more information, contact Phelps’ constituent service office at 618-253-4189 or email [bphelps118@gmail.com](mailto:bphelps118@gmail.com).

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**LAWN MOWERS**

Husqvarna R25424 Zero Turn mower w/Kohler Courage 24 engine; John Deere L120 automatic mower, 48" cut; Troybilt 22" string trimmer, 6 hp; Signature 22" push mower.

**FURNITURE**

3 pc. bedroom suite (queen bed, dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers); 3 pc. bedroom suite (full bed, dresser w/mirror, armoire); Bernhardt Furniture Co. North Carolina dining table w/6 chairs; Kitchen table w/4 chairs; China cabinet; Kitchen hutch; Sofa & love seat; Rocker recliners; Swivel rocker; Arm chairs; Rocking chairs; Blonde chest of drawers; Side tables; Night stands; Sofa table; Computer desk; Office desk w/chair; Entertainment center; Metal kitchen rack; Cedar storage chest (in box); Bedroom bench; TV stand; Shelving; Floor & table lamps; AND MORE.

**APPLIANCES & FLATSCREEN TV'S**

Roper washing machine & elec. dryer; Admiral fridge; Gibson chest freezer; Vizio 60" E Series flat screen TV, 4K Ultra HDTV; Vizio 32" D Series flat screen TV.

**HOUSEHOLD**

GE microwave & cart; Mr. Coffee coffee maker; Bella coffee maker; TFAL deep fryer; Presto fryer; Hamilton Beach slow cooker; Rival crock pot; Deluxe jewelry steam cleaner; Ultimate blender/chopper; Foodsaver; Hamilton Beach elec. knife; Weber Smokey Joe; Humidifier; Kitchenaid Pulse; Hamilton Beach can opener; Pressure cookers; Ironing board & elec. irons; Toaster; Stainless pots & pans; Skillets; Corning Ware; Pyrex; Glass baking dishes; Water pitchers; Coffee server; Egg plates; Glassware: Platters, Stemware, Serving bowls, Vases, Berry bowls, Serving pieces, Etc.; Coffee cups; Snack sets; Covered candy dishes; Drinking glasses; Footed cake stand w/dome; Truffle dish; Bread box; Kitchen utensils; Kitchen knives; Stainless flatware; Rolling pin; Kitchen rack; Canister sets; Spice carousel; Chopping board; Measuring cups; TV trays; Bathroom cabinet/ shelves; Luggage sets; Household linens; Candles/holders; Wall art; Closet organizers; Lasko heater; Canon copy/fax/scan; Figurines; Artificial plants; Plant stands; Umbrella holder; Books; Portable radio; Computer monitors; Shark, Bissel, Kirby vacuums; Brother sewing machine; Swivel mirror; Christmas items; AND MORE.

**COLLECTIBLES**

Cedar chest; Vintage child's cowboy rocker; Germany sugar & creamer; Carnival glass; Walking sticks; Collectible plate & china; Brass items; Collectible model cars; Costume jewelry; Political stickers & signs; Vintage toys; Men's hats.

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# July 4th ‘Facts for Features’ reflect on nation’s independence

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.

This most American of holidays will be marked with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues across the country.

As the nation celebrates this Independence Day, Americans reflect on how the Founding Fathers enshrined the importance of statistics in the Constitution as a vital tool for measuring our people, places and economy.

In commemoration of Independence Day, the U.S. Census Bureau shares the following “Facts for Features”:

**2.5 million**

In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

**323.1 million**

The nation’s estimated population on July 4, 2016.

**The Signers**

**56**

The number of signers to the Declaration of Independence.

Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five that drafted the declaration.

Jefferson, regarded as the strongest and most eloquent writer, wrote most of the document.

It is also worth noting that:

John Hancock, president of the Second Continental Congress, was the first signer, and a merchant by trade.

In 2015, there were 7.7 million business establishments with paid employees in the United States; 1.1 million, like Hancock, were in the retail trade industry.

Benjamin Franklin, who

represented Pennsylvania, was the oldest of the signers at age 70. Edward Rutledge, of South Carolina, was the youngest at age 26.

Two future presidents signed the Declaration of Independence: John Adams (the second president) and Thomas Jefferson (the third president). Both died on the 50th anniversary of signing the declaration (July 4, 1826). There are 12 counties nationwide named Adams and 26 named Jefferson.

Robert Livingston, who represented New York, was on the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence but was recalled by his state before he could sign it.

Charles Carroll, who represented Maryland, was the last surviving signer of the declaration. He died in 1832 at the age of 95.

Roger Sherman, who worked as a land surveyor and lawyer, represented Connecticut.

In 2015, there were an estimated 25,698 surveyors, cartographers and photogrammetrists employed full time, year-round, and 879,090 lawyers employed full time, year-round nationwide.

**The Bombs Bursting in Air**

**\$296.2 million**

The value of fireworks imported from China in 2016, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$307.8 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$10.0 million in the same year.

**\$368.6 million**

The value of fireworks sales by retailers in 2012.

**\$482.6 million**

The value of fireworks and firecrackers sales by wholesalers in 2012. There were 172 wholesalers who sold these items in 2012.

**You’re a Grand Old Flag**

**\$5.4 million**

The value of U.S. imports of American flags in 2016. The vast majority of this amount (\$5.3 million) was imported from China.

**\$27.8 million**

The value of U.S. flags exported in 2016. Mexico accounted for the vast majority of U.S. flags exported (\$26.1 million).

**This Land Is Your Land**

**33**

The number of counties and census incorporated places that contain the word “Liberty” in the name.

Of the 33 areas, four are counties: Liberty County, Texas (81,704); Liberty County, Ga. (62,570); Liberty County, Fla. (8,202); and Liberty County, Mont. (2,409).

**1**

The number of incorporated places that has “Patriot” in its name: Patriot, Ind., has an estimated population of 208.

**18**

The number of counties

that have “Union” in the name. Of the 18 counties, the three largest in population are: Union County, N.J. (555,630); Union County, N.C. (226,606); and Union County, Ohio (55,457).

(Note: There’s also, of course, Union County, Union County, Illinois, was named after a “union” meeting which involved two religious denominations.)

**The British Are Coming**

**\$109.7 billion**

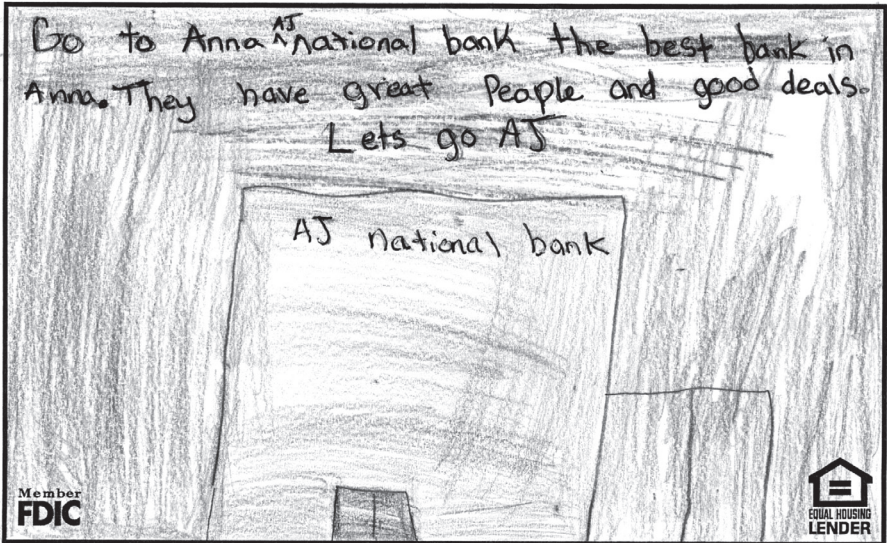
The value of trade between the United States and the United Kingdom in 2016, making the British our adversary in 1776, the seventh-leading trading partner today.

**23,959,441**

The number of people reporting English ancestry in the United States. People claiming English ancestry ranked third behind those claiming German (45,526,331) and Irish ancestry (32,713,324).

## Design an Ad

Welcome to a feature created by students at Union County area public schools. Students in the 4th and 5th grades used their imagination to create unique advertisements for a wide range of local businesses. The advertisements appear on the accompanying pages. The Gazette-Democrat voices appreciation to the students and their teachers for these special ads. The paper also thanks the businesses which participated in this special project. We hope our readers enjoy the ads.



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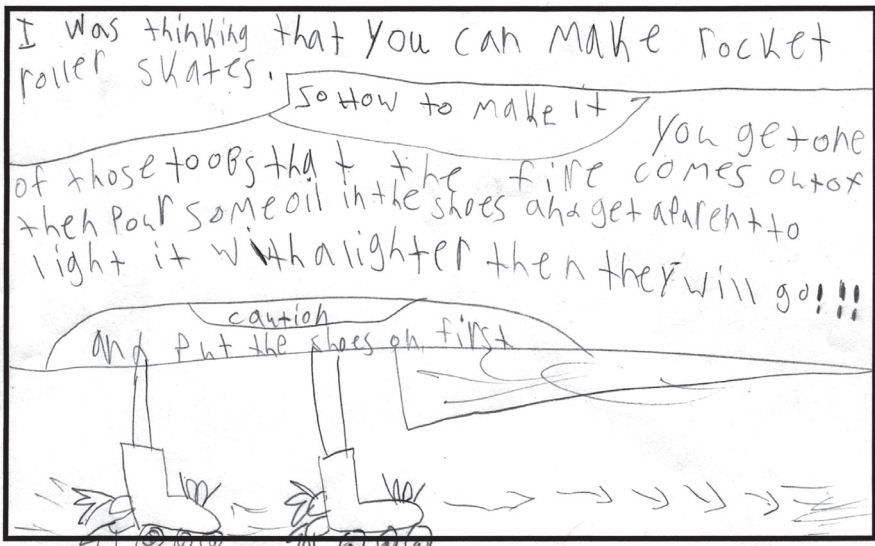
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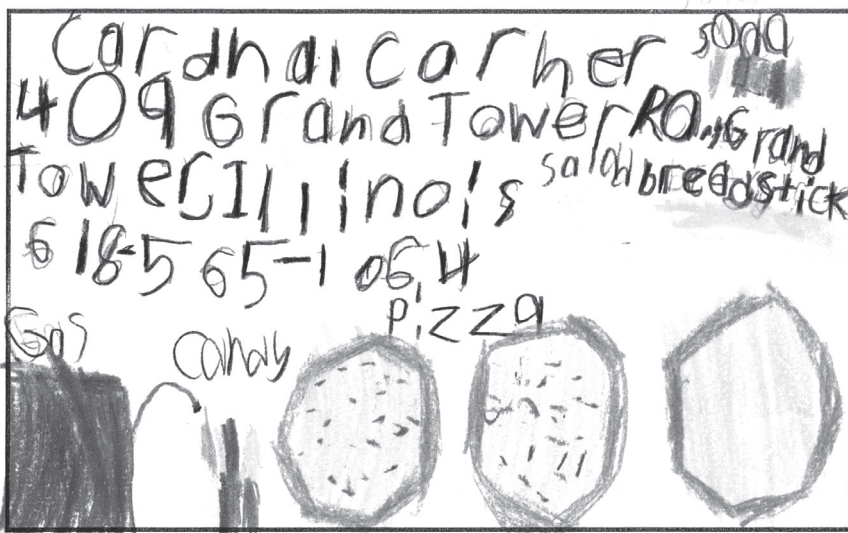
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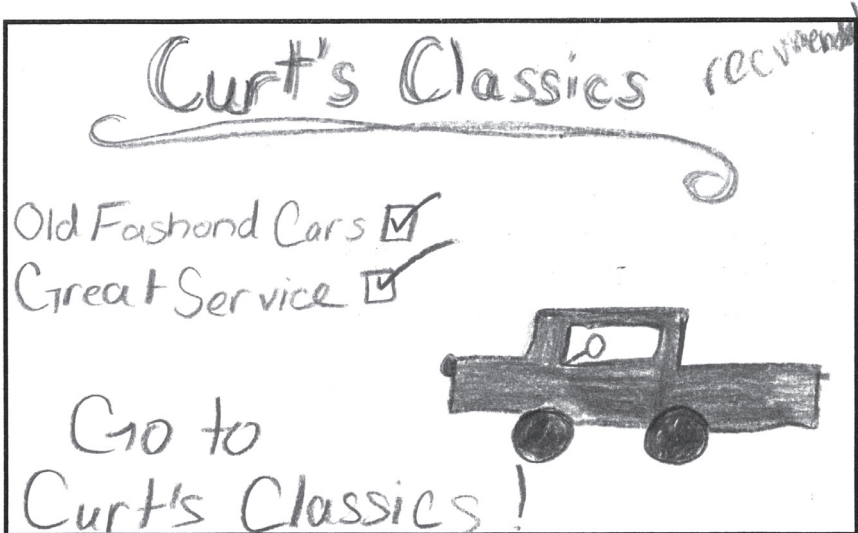
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# The Meisenheimer legacy

## Horse showing success over the past thirty years

Jim Meisenheimer didn't realize what might come out of his purchase of a couple of riding horses for his son Mike back in the 1960s. The horses were going to be a hobby for Mike. Jim died in the late 1960s.

Mike bought a farm below Jonesboro on Welding Lane in 1976. The farm had two horses. Mike went to an auction in Mississippi and purchased one performance racking horse. The racking horse is an off-breed of the Tennessee walking horse. The racking horses started in the early 1970s.

This was the beginning of a long and very rewarding hobby career. Mike started slow and entered some local racking and gaited horse shows.

The walking and gaited horses originated on the plantations. The plantation owners loved them. They would ride them all over the plantations in the south.

These walking horses got their start in riding shows right after the Great Depression in the 1930s in middle Tennessee. The shows were relatively small in the beginning and have transitioned into much larger shows now. In a week of shows, it is not uncommon for shows to have 20,000 in attendance per day and as many as 100,000 over a week.

Mike started with racking horses in 1980. In his class of two year-olds, Mike placed ninth among 50 horses entered in his first horse show. Mike's daughter Lindsay got her start in 1989



**Lance Meisenheimer**  
Lance Meisenheimer and Pumped Up Kicks.

at age 10 in the youth division. That same year, Mike entered the style pleasure division with his horse named EB's Special Edition and won a world championship and followed up in 1990 and 1991 with two more world championships.

Mike won the world championship again in 1996 with a horse named Pride Goal Miner. This came in the amateur owned and trained division. The owners would have to train the horse themselves to enter this show.

Mike's son Lance started at age 10 in 1995. His start was very good as he won the Missouri state championship in 1995.

In 1997, Lance won the Reserve World Champion-

ship in Decatur, Ala. This was in the racking horses M&M future market youth owned and trained division.

Lance said, "Not a lot of people own and train anymore. My dad helped me to learn how to train. This helped me learn responsibility at an early age. I'm very grateful for his guidance during my early years."

"In high school I started concentrating on the horses more in 1999-2000. In 2002 I won my first two world championships on the same night in Decatur, Ala. My first was with my horse On Call in the youth owned and trained division, the second with my horse Ramblers Money Train in the youth show pleasure division. It was really an exciting night



**Meisenheimer family**  
The Meisenheimer family has a legacy of thirty years of success in horse showing. Photo provided.

for me.

"Later in the same month (September), my horse On Call won third place in the youth owned and trained division of the World Grand Championship, this time on my horse Ramblers Money Train, I won the Reserved World Grand Championship.

"From this time in September 2002, I was motivated to keep on going. Winning is a tremendous motivational tool.

"My horse, On Call, had a very good career. I retired him in 2015 at the age of 18. He won two Reserved World Championships in his 15 competitive years.

"Ramblers Money Train at age 16 won the Show Pleasure World Grand Championship in 2010. In the same year I won the World Grand Championship with a mare called Illumination in the amateur owned and trained class. This event was very special because my dad had won the event.

"In 2011 I was elected to be the World Championship judge. I was the second youngest judge. It was a

great honor to be chosen at a young age to do this important event.

"In 2012 I showed Ramblers Money Train in a different division. The division was the style pleasure where we won the World Grand Championship. The horse was 18 years old, which made this event super special. My dad won this event in 1989 with EB's Special Edition. Ramblers Money Train was retired in 2015 at age 21.

"The next year in 2013, our horse Jet Black won the Reserved World Grand Championship. Jet Black was sold after the World Championship.

"In 2013 we retired Illumination and are now using her as a brood mare. She has two foals. A two year-old filly was sold recently in South Carolina. We will breed Illumination in a few weeks (2016).

"2016 turned out to be quite the year. I changed my philosophy. I used to show six or seven horses and now I'm taking three horses-quality over quantity. "I obtained a horse named

I'm Lucky in the Sky (mare) this past January. I had my eye on her for a long time, probably five or six years. We won four shows with Lucy, her barn name. Her division was specialty action park performance. She won first place at the Magnolia Spring Celebration, the Missouri State Championship and first place in the specialty action park performance World Grand Championship in Decatur, Ala.

"Another horse, Pumped Up Kicks, won two more championships in 2016; one World Grand Championship and the Reserve World Grand Championship in the specialty action amateur owned and trained division. This brought the total to six championships in 2016.

"We are now beginning our third generation of showing horses."

(Editor's note: this article and the accompanying pictures were shared by Ron Fulenwider, who said he was "so impressed with the accomplishments of the Meisenheimer family over the past 36 years. They have an outstanding farm and training operation. Congratulations.")



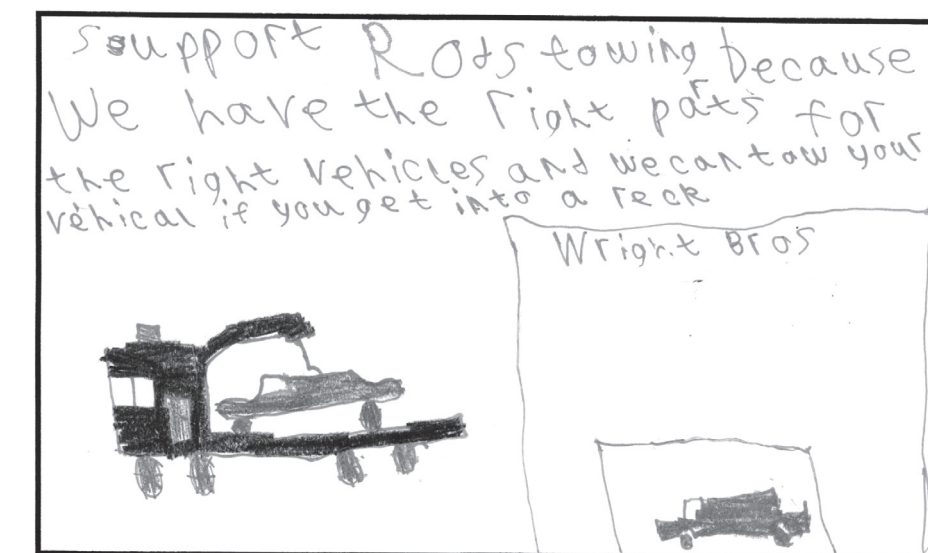
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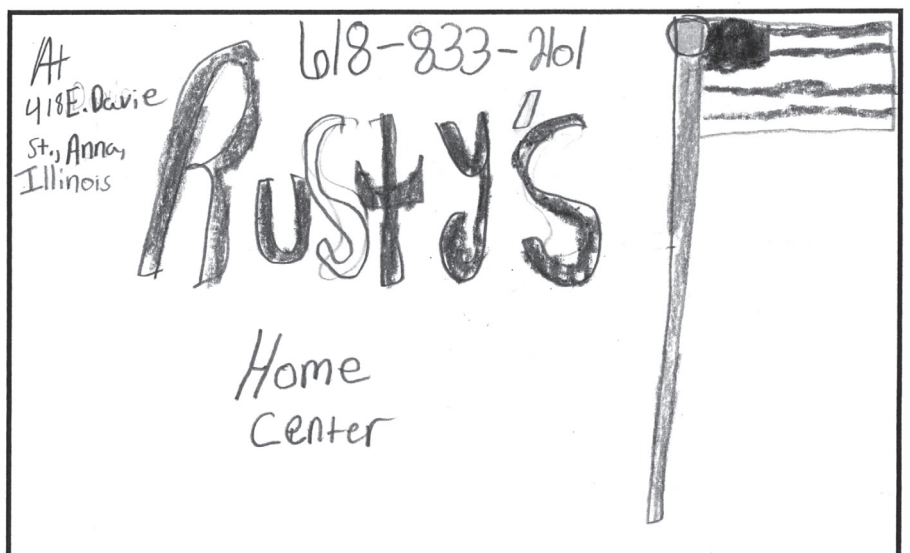
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## News from

## Camp Ground Church, Community

The message Sunday, June 25, was titled "Why Many are Called, But Few are Chosen," with scripture from Matthew and Isaiah.

The message shared that "we don't like to wait for anything; in traffic, in checkout lines, for our prayers to be answered, or any other time; waiting is maintaining our hope in the future.

"When one is 'chosen' to be an effective witness for Christ, life will test us

## News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday, June 25, morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

The offertory was provided by Betty Odum. Curly Ralls, Terry Wiseman Sr., Robert Smith and Curt Lyerla served as ushers.

Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare.

The morning message, "Into the Deep," based on scripture from Luke, was brought by Pastor McBride.

The sermon shared that "Christians who set out for the deep, but then lose their forward momentum for Christ become confused in their walk with God. Our 'navigation system' is only programmed to work by faith. God never gives fruitless commands."

The Sunday evening service began with a meal in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m., followed by the missionary service conducted by Tammy Vicenzi, the local NMI president, as acting DJ of WNAZ, she encouraged the congregation to take the gospel to the world through radio, television, and internet programs by giving to the World Mission Broadcast Offering. On the air since 1951, World Mission Broadcast reaches even the most remote parts of the world, with words of hope and holiness, and lives are changed.

With enthusiasm and excitement Tammy shared several ideas about ways the church will have to become missionaries' local and abroad in the upcoming year.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Tammy Vicenzi following prayer requests being taken from the congregation.

Birthdays: Abram Brooks, June 25; Jason Elkins, June 30.

Anniversaries: Curly and

## News from

## Walnut Grove Church

On Sunday, June 25, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

Everyone thanked Rev. Dr. Michael Mayfield for serving as guest preacher during the past couple of months.

The special music was "Not My Will," played by Carolyn Moore on piano and Loren Herold on flute.

Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, and the family of Mabel Landreth, who was a long-time member of Walnut Grove.

Rev. Mayfield read scripture from the Acts of the Apostles. He advised the congregation that "no matter what issues we each have to deal with, we all need to study scripture and pray together as unified Christians for God's help and forgiveness."

The next ladies' lunch will be on Friday, July 7, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Hut in Anna.

The Sunday service starts at Walnut Grove at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Route 127.

via our time, our study of the Bible, and our willingness to do for others.

"We must not allow our impatience to prevent the deepening of our faith. We must not waver in our belief in the promises of God in the Bible. We must take on a servant mind set toward our fellow man, especially those who don't have a relationship with Jesus."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Rodney and LaDonna Miller.

Shirley Ralls, June 25; Larry and Verna Fuller, Mark and Diana Shelton, June 29.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. 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. on Wednesday in the fellowship hall.

Rodney Miller is the elder for the month of July.

On Sunday, Camp Ground Church will be dedicating new play ground equipment. Following morning worship, there will be a potluck. All who plan to attend are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

The church extends sympathy to the family of Kevin Cooley, the son of Terry and Brenda Cooley, whose funeral was Friday.

They also extend sympathy to the family of Dan Hileman of the community, whose funeral was also Friday.

Megan Barnes, Memphis, Tenn., Mandi Armstrong, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Robin Layne, Gurley, Ala., and Amanda Batts, Martin, Tenn., spent a three-day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boaz. They had been roommates and sorority sisters while at Bethel University.

## News from

## Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark Hasty's message on Sunday referenced a present day coach's locker-room pep talk when he explained Jesus' "tough" message in the Gospel of Matthew.

"Some of Jesus's words are meant more for encouragement than to establish doctrine," he said. "Everything Jesus said is important, but not all is doctrine on which we build our faith. Don't be afraid to carry your faith out into the world and live it."

Flowers on the altar were from the Wright family. A service of celebration for the life of long-time member Morton S. Wright was conducted Friday, June 23, at Mt. Moriah. Pastor Mark Hasty officiated. Interment was in Immanuel Lutheran Church West Point Cemetery in Campbell Hill.

Prayers were offered for those in need of healing

Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Beth Martin, Debbie Dale-Ford, Alma Osterholm, Wilea Bettis, Russell Johnson, Ed Beckman and Virginia Corzine.

Prayers were also offered for those grieving for Jack Johnson, Jane Guilbeau, Shirley Davis and Mort Wright.

Vacation Bible School was in full swing this week, with a pool party scheduled for Friday evening.

Adult Bible study continues on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah for both Salem and Mt. Moriah churches.

Church council will meet Thursday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Men's group will meet Monday, July 10, at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies night out is set for Tuesday, July 18. They will meet at the church at 5 p.m.

The Hands of Faith

Quilting group will meet on Tuesday, July 11, at 9 a.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

The youth of Mt. Moriah and Salem plan to have a trivia night Saturday, July 15, in the cafeteria of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The event is a fund raiser for the youth to go to The National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, next summer.

Competitive teams are being formed with the goal of a fun time for all. A Texas themed dinner will be served before rounds 1 and 2 of trivia.

During intermission and before the final trivia rounds, there will be a pie auction and silent auction. Admission to the event is \$12 per person.

Sunday worship at Mt. Moriah is at 9 a.m., with fellowship at 10 a.m. and Bible class at 10:15.

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Summertime brings family vacations. Often we pile into the car and drive with the sole intent of getting to our destination as quickly as possible. The journey itself could be enjoyable, we could stop at an overlook; take time for a picnic; stop to visit a friend along the way. As we travel with loved ones, let's stop to realize a measure of our lives might be how we spend our time along the way. God intends for us to enjoy our "journey" in life as we work toward reaching our goals. Praise Him at your chosen house of worship this week and enjoy the journey toward your destination.

Daily Devotional Reading						
Galatians 2:1-21	Galatians 3:1-14	Galatians 3:15-4:7	Galatians 4:8-31	Galatians 5:1-26	Galatians 6:1-18	Matthew 18:15-35

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# Cobden School students participate in Too Good for Drugs program

Students in 5th, 6th and 7th grade classes at Cobden School participated in the Too Good for Drugs program during the 2016-2017 academic year. The program was presented by The Fellowship House preventionist, Mandy Hazel.

The Too Good for Drugs curriculum is a 10-week course that gives students opportunities to participate in activities such as games and role plays, making learning both fun and interactive.

Through these activities, students gained knowledge to help them learn how to deal with peer pressure, become better decision makers, set goals, communicate effectively, manage their emotions and recognize the emotions of others, as well

as building relationships.

Students also learn about the effect tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs can have not just on their brains and bodies but their future goals as well.

A few students stated the following when asked what they learned in the program: "Don't ever start drugs, alcohol or tobacco because it can affect your goals."

"I got to learn the parts of my brain and how drugs can affect it."

"You are more important than anything else."

"Ways to refuse drugs."

"To stay drug free and live a healthy life."

Teachers expressed positive feedback regarding the program as well:

"I believe that this is a very important program



Kelly Flamm's 5th grade class. Photo provided.

for my students. I love that it not only focuses on drugs and alcohol but also helps with decision making and peer pressure."

"Thank you for implementing this curriculum into the classrooms. I believe it has a positive effect on all students. It makes them aware of the potential dangers of poor choices."

These are some of the comments students and teachers provided on a survey about the program.

Upon completing the 10-week course students are allowed to keep their books and given a certificate of completion for the program.

Classes who participated were Kelly Flamm's 5th grade, Kacey Brinkerhoff's 5th grade, Leslie Stark's 6th grade, Stephanie Brumleve's 6th grade and Craig Partridge and Rebecca Hale's 7th grade.

Funding for the program is provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

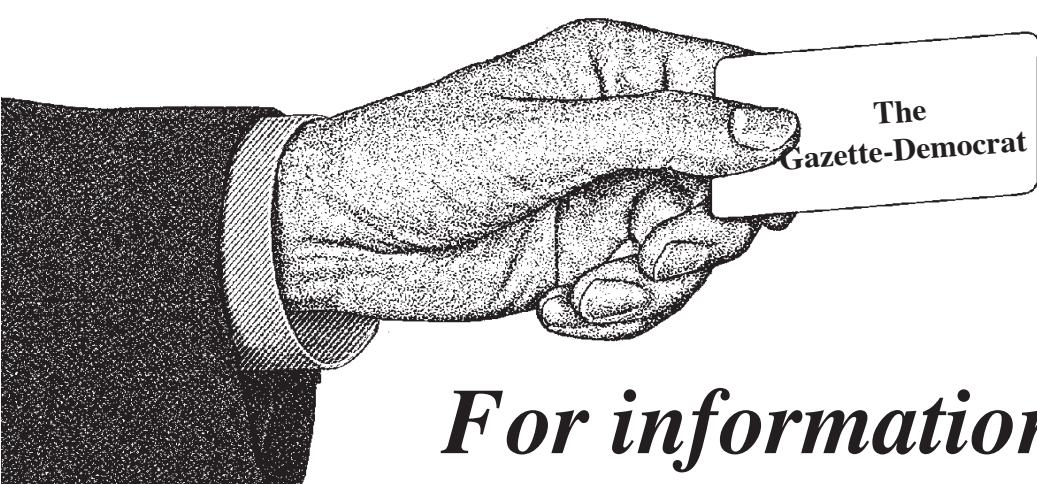
For more information about the program, call the Fellowship House at 833-4460.



Kacey Brinkerhoff's 5th grade class. Photo provided.



Leslie Stark's 6th grade class. Photo provided.



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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



**Cheyenne Cohee Trambley, Tressa Marie Moore and Darla Moore attended the Bikers on the Square motorcycle rally held around the Courthouse Square in Perryville, Mo.**

## Happy Birthday America

Hoping everyone has a wonderful 4th of July. This day commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, 241 years ago. It means much more than picnics, parties and fireworks. It is when our country declared its independence from Britain.

## Celebrating Father's Day

Don Verble had a good Father's Day. Don and Janet's daughter Joy and husband Dave Roberts visited from Mt. Carmel, their son Don Jr. from Jonesboro, a niece, Jane Kay Thomas and her daughter from Indianapolis, a niece Jeannie Benz from St. Louis, his sister and brother. Don was blessed for having so many stop by and wish him a happy Father's Day.

## 88th Birthday

Dorothy Hilliard will celebrate her birthday June 29 and will be 88. If you would like to send her a card, send it to her daughter's address: Bobbie Lence, 1002 N. Mill St., Apt. D, Festus, Mo. 63028. Dorothy has moved to be closer to her family. We will miss her in Anna.

Bobbie says her mom

has settled in comfortably. She is at Scenic Rehab and Nursing Facility in Herculaneum, Mo. It is on the same street as Bobbie's apartment, only one and a half miles or three minutes away. They are not certain if that is where she will stay permanently, but she likes it there and fell in love with all the pretty flowers.

## Family Reunion

A Dodson, Lazenby, Clardy reunion was Saturday, June 24, at the State Forest. About 50 people attended and brought food and drinks. Games were played. Everyone took home leftovers. Potted plants had also been fixed for everyone to take home.

## Guests

Josi West from Plainville, Ind., visited her grandmother Shirley West for two weeks. Her son Brian also visited. They attended United Methodist Church with her.

## Wedding Anniversary

Mike and Kathy Stegle celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. Harold and Barb Smith celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Scott and Lori Ann Trammel celebrated seven years.

## Guests

Gaylon and Clara Cates' friends Bob and Joan Hernandez from Elwood



**Jimmy Trambley had his crafts at Bikers on the Square motorcycle rally held around the Courthouse Square in Perryville, Mo.**

came for a visit and to help them for a while since Clara has not been able to walk a lot with her foot injury.

## Get Well

Jane Boyd Gimbel, formerly of Anna, now of Jacksonville, Fla., recently had a fall and sustained a hip fracture.

Friends and family who would like to send her a card may do so at Taylor Care Center, 6535 Chester Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32217.

Jane is the sister of Barbara Bauer and Collin Boyd of Anna.

## 19th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Peggy Rains will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary today, Thursday, June 29.

## Birthday Twins

Andrew and Addison Brown celebrated their 5th birthday Saturday, June 24, with a swimming party.

## 51st Wedding Anniversary

Nona and Don Trambley celebrated their 51st anniversary June 25.

## Thanks

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

## VFW

July 1 is the membership fish fry starting at 4 p.m. Fish and trimmings for only a \$5 donation. Children under 12 eat free.

The auxiliary will be set up to take dues from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will also have the President's pens and the cookbooks that the auxiliary is selling to raise money for child services.

If you know of someone who is eligible to join the post or auxiliary bring them along to the fish fry. Let them meet all the great people who make up this VFW post and sign them up.

## Guest

Jim and Peggy Rains' son Ethan Rains is home visiting from St. Paul, Minn.

## PAWS Fundraiser

If you would like a smoked pork butt to support Pets Are Worth Saving please give them a call 618-713-1709. Pick up dates are Friday, June 30, Saturday, July 1, and Monday, July 3, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at PAWS Place at 139 E. Vienna St. in Anna. Just in time for your 4th of July celebration. They are \$35.

## Red Hat Ladies

Thirty Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies visited Murphysboro Southern Que restaurant for their dinner and meeting.

Hostesses were Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards, Martha Schwagman, Pat Jones and Brenda Lovelace. After dinner they treated everyone to ice cream and cupcakes.

Happy birthday to Rev. Millie Sloan. She was honored for her birthday month and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to her. Rev. Millie blessed the food before dinner.

Door prizes were given. Gifts were exchanged. Getwell wishes to Ann Wilcox who fell.

Linda Clutts led the singing, Illinois our state song, and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

There was a program on the State of Illinois flag, how it was designed and what the emblems were. Joan said in 1970 Gov. Ogilvie signed the proclamation to place the word Illinois on the flag. The history, the laws, even the proper ways to fold our state flag is often not described to the public.

The women were encouraged to count how many state flags and where they see them flying for the next 30 days. Martha Schwagman gave the program on honoring the flag.

Pat Jones has a beautiful banner flying high from her porch on Jefferson Street in Anna. The ladies are promoting respect for our Illinois flag as well as our national flag.

The ladies will be receiving their own Illinois flag soon to look at with pride and share the true value of its meaning, which is that we are a free people.

The group has been together for 17 years June 21. The ladies always stand and sing "God Bless America" before they leave.

July 19 their meeting will be at the Golden Corral in Carbondale.

Some of the ladies toured the John A. Logan Museum after the meeting. Joan presented Mike Jones, the curator, with a hand-carved out of wood tankard that had been found by the railroad in the 1925 tornado. She gave the history of who found it and where it had been all these years.

Samuel M. Cavaness, Joan's uncle, a railroad signal foreman was called to assist at the side of the track.

When he stepped off his railcar, this tankard was left there by storm winds. He said he laid it on the seat of the cart. When he returned hours later it was still there.

He brought it home to Cobden and it's remained with the Cavaness family ever since.

Sam had died and at age 87, Joan Cavaness Graves Edwards is the last of the family to know the history of this tankard. Joan wished to bring it back to be kept as part of Murphysboro's history at John A. Logan Museum 92 years later.

Joan says she knows

her uncle would want this to happen and in his name Samuel M. Cavaness. Joan presented the tankard to Mike Jones curator for continued historical keeping. Joan signed the tankard as the last Cavaness to be the keeper of the tankard. It was requested to be placed in the Murphysboro history section by the Cavaness family.

## Guests

Fred and Linda Clutts granddaughter Kasey and great-granddaughter Trudy have been visiting the Clutts family for a two week vacation.

Kasey and Trudy attended the Little Egypt Red Hat meeting with Linda. They also visited her dad Kenny Clutts.

They all enjoyed a meal at Denny's in Carbondale. They went to Jackson, Mo., and the Iron Mountain Railway. It took two hours to ride at 10 miles an hour, and they got off at a town and ate watermelon and roasted marshmallows.

There was a bank robbery, they sang on the train and had a player piano. The train goes to Gordonville then back to Jackson.

Linda and her family Kasey, Trudy, Kenny, Pam, Tom and Natalie ate at the China House Buffet in Cape Girardeau. Thursday, Fred and Linda ate breakfast at Mary Lou's in Carbondale and in the evening went to Turley Park and listened to music. Friday night Linda played and sang music at Ullin.

## 15th Birthday

Elijah Glen Ellis celebrated his birthday with a party at his home and a trip to Lambert's.

## HCE

Linda Clutts attended the HCE District 6 and 7 meeting at Benton with 70 other ladies. They were very informative about the state meeting they attended.

## Father's Day

Tina and Louie Bryant went to Sunny Street restaurant to celebrate.

## Locks of Love

A special thanks to Christine Bridges for donating her beautiful hair to Locks of Love for cancer patients.

This is the third donation to Locks of Love Christine has made. She said it takes 10 inches now before you can donate. It used to only have to be 8 inches.

Christine said it takes 15 months or a year and half for her to grow her hair and plans to let it grow so she can donate again.

Emily Beanland Christine's hair. If there is grey in your hair they will separate it and use for men and women and the other for the children's wigs.

## Special Thanks

Christine Bridges asked some of the Presbyterian Church members when she found out they were going to tear down the home next to the church where PAST was for a while if she could have the stained glass windows from the house.

Christine's parents Charlie and Greta Roberts owned the two-story brick home in the late 1960s. They beautifully remodeled the home.

Christine's dad Charlie made the two stained-glass windows but left them in the house when they sold it. He had also made a stained glass window with grapes for the kitchen but the woman who bought the house took that window when she moved.

These windows were very special to Christine. At first they told her they were going to put them in the Main Street Center so everyone could enjoy them.

Christine kept asking them and finally asked if she could have one (continued on page 7)



**Congratulations to Gabe and Jenna Harner Herbst, who were married June 24.**



**Proud parents Jessie and Thomas Watson present Ian Matthew (Ian means God's grace and Matthew means God's gift) and Jewels Railla (she is their little Jewels and her middle name is after both of her mamaws). Ian weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Jewels weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces and was 17.5 inches long. They were born May 31.**

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Anna News

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and they could keep one. Christine’s plans to get a picture with her dad and her with the window and find someone to repair the window.

She appreciates them changing their mind and giving her one window for a keepsake. Her dad is 89 now. Charlie was business administrator at Choate Mental Health. Greta was a school teacher at A-JCHS.

It was good to visit with Christine and learn of her days growing up in the cottages on the Choate grounds when the doctors, nurses and other staff lived there.

**Artist**

Some of Randy Bridges’ pictures he painted have been on display since April at the Alto Vineyard. Five of them have sold that they know of.

He also showed his painting at the Varsity Theater in Carbondale with Ellen Spalt’s paint class. Ellen teaches paint classes at the Presbyterian Church in Cobden. Ellen does the background painting in a lot of the plays at the Anna Arts Center.

**Bikers on the Square Motorcycle Rally**

Jimmy and Cheyenne Cohee Trambley attended the Bikers on the Square Motorcycle Rally that is held around the Courthouse Square every year in Perryville, Mo.

This was their first time attending this particular event. There were vendors of all kinds. The food was fabulous. When they first got there it looked like they were going to get rained out but then the weather went completely around them and did that all weekend.

The public turnout was very good. They had good sales and had some friends stop by and visit. There was a band stand set-up and live band playing both days.

Everything from biker leathers, chain mail, food, clothing, purses, stainless steel jewelry and motorcycles for sale everywhere. The bike show was amazing. Wonderful artwork was shown.

A blessing of the bikes took place after the blessing of the motorcycles. There was a parade down Main Street. They were doing burnouts.

Cheyenne said when you do a burnout pit on blacktop that smoke fills the entire square you know it’s taking place. They will definitely be returning next year and they recommend anybody that appreciates motorcycle artwork or riding should give this event a try.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Rev. Carl celebrated his first year of being pastor of the church.

Rev. Carl Johnston’s sermon was on things a disciple should know with a gospel lesson from Matthew. He told the children “God loves us so much that

even the hair on our head was numbered.”

Barbara House led the singing and call to worship. Special music was “Charlots A Comin’” by the ladies choir, which included Bethany Nork, Kathie Watkins, Barbara House, Chris Foster, Elizabeth Corbit, Marcy Morris, Kristin Nance, with Carla Anderson leading the singing and playing the piano.

Rev. Richard and Marilyn Sullins from Marion, former pastor of the church and their grandsons Tyler and Mac Helein from Woodstock, visited the Sunday morning service. There were other guests and a woman who stopped by on her way to Lincoln. They were all welcomed and it was good to have them attend.

The men enjoyed a meal prepared for them by the women in honor of Father’s Day in the family fellowship hall Saturday night.

Sign language class will be taught by Maggie Johnston. July 3 is the first class. Children must be older than 10 years old. Monday and Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday is Loaves and Fishes free meal to all from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**1973 Class Reunion**

A-JCHS class of 1973 Class reunion will be at The Brick House Grill at 4 p.m. on July 1. Any questions please email Gail at ajwildcats73@gmail.com.

**Class of 1967**

A-JCHS Class of 1967 will celebrate their 50th class reunion the weekend of Oct. 13-14. For more information, call Joan Dallas at 833-8316.

**Anna Star Chapter 522**

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

**Birthday Celebrations**

If you would like your birthday and how you celebrated in the paper email me or give me a call.

**Free Community Dinners**

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

**Military Prayer List**

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Cold War Patriots presenting quilt exhibit

Cold War Patriots, CWP, plans to honor Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and Allied Chemical workers with its Remembrance Quilt Experience.

The tribute was scheduled to begin June 28 and continues through July 11 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

The Remembrance Quilt Experience is a traveling tribute to the men and women who worked in the nuclear weapons and uranium industries.

The exhibit is being showcased at only a few select locations across the country.

CWP is a community re-

Dance lessons set at arts center

Waltz and cha cha dancing will be taught July 8 at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council’s Anna Arts Center.

Lessons are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. Light refreshments will be served.

The cost is \$10 per person. Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by July 5; call 904-625-1109 or email vabchless@gmail.com.

source and advocacy group that helps nuclear weapons and uranium workers and their families to receive recognition, compensation and health care.

The centerpiece of the exhibit experience is a quilt fashioned in the shape of an American flag. The quilt is three times the size of a typical flag.

The quilt features over 1,250 fabric squares hand-printed with the name of former workers, the work-

Dinner will help Steve Cremeens

An event to help support Steve Cremeens of Alto Pass is planned Saturday, July 8.

A barbeque dinner will be served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alto Pass Community Center. The center is located in downtown Alto Pass.

The dinner is being sponsored by churches and friends of Alto Pass.

The dinner will include pulled-pork sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert and drinks. The suggested donation is \$10 per plate.

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ers’ years of service and the facility where they worked.

An interactive kiosk includes a behind-the-scenes look at the atomic weapons program in the United States, profiles of the men and women who made it possible and the massive industrial process that made up the nuclear weapons program.

CWP collected the quilt squares throughout 2011, and since then the quilt

has been temporarily displayed at select locations across the country, including the U.S. Senate and the U.S. Department of Labor.

A CWP volunteer spent 300 hours over the course of a year sewing the squares together with 1,000 hand-tied bows.



To learn more about the history and significance of the Cold War Patriots Remembrance Quilt Experience, visit [www.coldwarpatriots.org/quilt](http://www.coldwarpatriots.org/quilt)

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6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	★★½ "Retaliation" (13)	(515) "Frozen" (13)	"Central" (HD)	"Australia" (08) (HD)	"Breach" (HD)
7 PM :30	Boy Band (HD)	Big Bang Pieces	Beat Shazam (HD)	Hollywood (HD)		Seinfeld Seinfeld Big Bang Big Bang	"Fast & Furious" (09) <i>Deadly convoy heist.</i>	Hotel Andi Mack Liv Maddie Liv Maddie	Real Sports - Gumbel Veep (HD)	"Bug" (07) A lonely waitress. (HD)	"Becoming Cary Grant" (16)
8 PM :30	Network (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Love Connection (HD)	The Wall (HD)		Big Bang Big Bang					I'm Dying Up Here
9 PM :30	The Gong Show (HD)	Zoo (HD)	Local Programs	The Night Shift (HD)	Arm Wrestling "World Championship" (Live)	Big Bang Big Bang	Queen of the South	Undercover Undercover	"The Birth of a Nation" People to freedom.	"Morgan" Bioengineered child.	Twin Peaks "Part 8"
10 PM :30	Local (35) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)		Conan Zany sketches. Seinfeld	"Fast & Furious" (09) <i>Deadly convoy heist.</i>	Hotel Jessie Stuck Mid.	Insecure Sil Valley	★★ "The Abandoned" A haunted farmhouse.	Gigolos Gigolos I'm Dying Up Here
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan		Andi Mack	"Enfield"		

FRIDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Mod Family Mod Family	Stuck in the Middle	"Transform" (HD)	"The Exorcist" (73)	(545) A. Santino (HD)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver "Compass"	MasterChef (HD)	America's Talent (HD)	30 for 30 (HD)	"Madae Goes to Jail" (09) <i>Misfits in prison.</i>	Mod Family Mod Family Mod Family	Andi Mack Andi Mack Bizaard	★★★ "War Dogs" (16) <i>Over their heads.</i> (HD)	"Gods of Egypt" (16) Unlikely alliance. (HD)	★★★ "Free State of Jones" (16, Drama) Rebellion. (HD)
8 PM :30	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Lucifer New evidence.	Dateline NBC (HD)			Mod Family Mod Family	Bizaard			
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		MLS Soccer (Live) (HD)	"Why Did I Get Married?" (07) Tyler Perry.	Mod Family Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	Real Time (HD)	★★ "Max Payne" Conspiracy case.	"Lincoln" (12) President seeks to pass 13th Amendment.
10 PM :30	Local (35) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	Sports		Playing Playing	Hotel Bizaard	VICE (HD) Real Time (HD)		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Wrecked Chrisley	Chrisley	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	VICE (HD)	"RocknRolla" Real estate con.	

SATURDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series "Coke Zero 400" (Live) (HD)	MLS Soccer Portland vs Sporting Kansas City	2 Broke 2 Broke	NCIS Military crimes.	Walk the Prank (HD)	"Erin Brockovich"	(500) "The Box" (09)	"Bridge of Spies" (15) Prisoner release. (HD)
7 PM :30	Network (HD)	To Be Announced				Big Bang Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.	★★★ "Cars" (06, Comedy) Car learns lessons.	"Loving" Interracial couple's right to marry.	★★★½ "Die Hard" (88, Action) A lone hero. (HD)	"The Hateful Eight" (15) Group encounters betrayal and deception.
8 PM :30	20/20: In an Instant "Frozen on the Mountain"	To Be Announced			College Baseball "2017 Home Run Derby"	Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.				
9 PM :30		48 Hours	Local Programs			Big Bang Frontal	NCIS Military crimes.	Hotel Bizaard	Insecure Sil Valley	"Die Hard with a Vengeance" (95) Cop battles bomber.	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local information.	American Grit (HD)	Local (29) Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wrecked	NCIS Military crimes.	Andi Mack Undercover	Andi Mack Bizaard	"Now You See Me 2" (16) (HD)	I'm Dying Up Here
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	"The A-Team" (10)	Queen of the South	Liv Maddie Liv Maddie	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack		

SUNDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Bob's Bgr Last Man	Sunday Night (HD)	MLB Special	"Catching Fire" (13)	Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD) Hotel (HD)	★★★ "Loving" (16) Right to marry.	"The Express" (08)	(535) "Free State of Jones" (16) Rebellion.
7 PM :30	Feud Eva Longoria.	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons Family Guy	The Wall (HD)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at St. Louis Cardinals (Live) (HD)	"The Hunger Games" (12) <i>24 kids compete in bloody survival game.</i>	Law & Order: SVU Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD) Hotel (HD)	"X-Men: Apocalypse" (16) <i>Mankind threatened.</i> (HD)	★★★½ "Die Eagle" (16) (HD)	★★★ "Snowden" (16, Drama) On the run. (HD)
8 PM :30	Funderdome (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	American Grit (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Spinning Bridge. (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD) Stuck Mid.			
9 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	NCIS: L. A. "Kulinda"	Local Programs Local information.				Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack Bizaard			
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs		Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Wrecked	Mod Family	Undercover	Oliver		I'm Dying Up Here
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Sports	"The Hunger Games" (12) (HD)	Mod Family Mod Family Mod Family	Bizaard Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	"Now You See Me 2" (16) (HD)	"Play It to the Bone"	Twin Peaks "Part 8"

MONDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Family Guy Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Bizaard	"Nice Guys" (04)	(505) "Phoenix" (04)	Twin Peaks "Part 3"
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette Guys play games. (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	SYTYCD (HD)	American Ninja Warrior (HD)		Family Guy Family Guy Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Undercover Undercover	"Mission: Impossible II" Virus leak threat.	"Any Given Sunday" (99) Hotshot player hassles coach.	Twin Peaks "Part 4"
8 PM :30	black-ish black-ish	Mom (HD) Pieces	Superhuman (HD)			Family Guy		Liv Maddie Liv Maddie			★★★ "Free State of Jones" (16, Drama) Rebellion. (HD)
9 PM :30	Still Star-Crossed	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Spartan (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Am. Dad Am. Dad		Tangled Tangled	"The Conjuring 2" (16) Vera Farmiga. Enfield poltergeist.	"Morgan" Bioengineered child.	I'm Dying Up Here
10 PM :30	Local (35) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family Mod Family	Hotel (HD) Jessie			"Lincoln" (12) Lincoln's legacy.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Mod Family Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	Oliver	★★½ "The Forest" (16)	

TUESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	NCIS "16 Years" (HD)	Bizaard	America	"National Treasure" (04)	Twin Peaks "Part 7"
7 PM :30	The Middle Fresh Off	NCIS "Rogue" (HD)	Lethal Weapon (HD)	4th of July Fireworks Pyrotechnic display.	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Undercover Undercover	Tom Hanks. Emergency landing.	"High Anxiety" (77) Psychiatrist.	Twin Peaks "Part 8"
8 PM :30	black-ish black-ish	Bull "Light My Fire"	The Mick Brooklyn			Big Bang Wrecked		Liv Maddie Liv Maddie			★★★ "Bad Moms" (16) Mom goes wild.
9 PM :30	Housewife The Middle	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	4th of July Fireworks		Wrecked Wrecked	Mod Family	Undercover	"Jason Bourne" (16) Bourne re-sources. (HD)	(35) "To Be or Not to Be" (83) Polish actor.	(45) "The Gift" (15) Wife learns secret. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local (35) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Dax Shepard.	Mod Family Mod Family	BUNK'D Jessie			
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Mod Family Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack			"Enemy"

WEDNESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Chrisley	Undercover	★★★ "Dead"	"The Road Warrior" (10)	"The American" (10)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs Speechless	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Big Shots (HD)		Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang	Chrisley	Bizaard	Tonight	"Spider-Man" (02, Action) Hero teen. (HD)	"Punisher: War Zone" (08) Vigilante's fight.
8 PM :30	Mod Family Housewife	Criminal Minds (HD)	The F Word (HD)	Carmichael Superstore		Big Bang Big Bang	Chrisley	Undercover	"Now You See Me 2" (16) Impossible heist.		
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	This Is Us (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang Frontal	Chrisley	Undercover	(15) ★★½ "What Women Want" (00) Man hears thoughts.	(05) "Gods of Egypt" (16) Unlikely alliance.	★★½ "Trans- porter 3" (08) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local (35) Jimmy Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Wanda Sykes.	Chrisley	BUNK'D Jessie			(45) "The Bank Job" (08, Crime)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Big Star Little Star	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack			

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- JULY 8-9 Sugar Creek Arts Festival
- JULY 14-16 Stanford Good Old Days
- JULY 22 Medici Craft Beer and Jazz Street Fair
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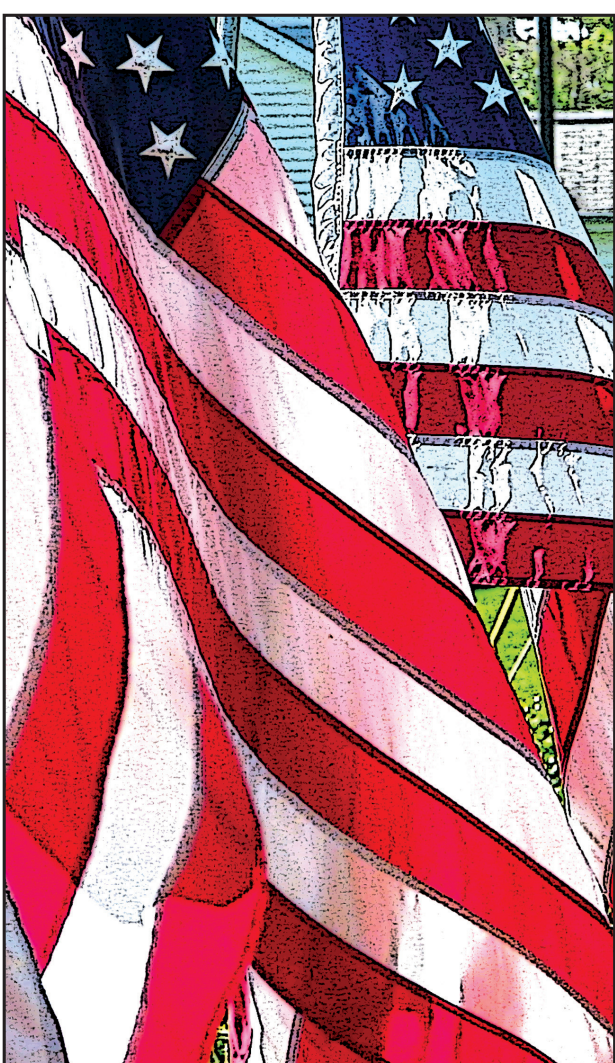
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# Opinion and Commentary



## Editorial

### Most cherished symbol of liberty

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

Those words from the Declaration of Independence are so familiar – and they should be.

"The Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty," the National Archives declares on its website.

Our most cherished symbol of liberty was drafted by Thomas Jefferson in June of 1776. The document was adopted on July 4, 1776.

The National Archives has noted that the "exalted and unforgettable phrases" crafted by Thomas Jefferson "expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people."

The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers.

What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

For many of us, July 4 will be a holiday, a welcomed day off. Perhaps, as we pause to celebrate our nation's birthday, we can heed the advice of the National Archives and take the time to read the Declaration of Independence. At the least, we might consider the opening paragraph of the document, and its closing words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



### Fun With Photoshop

This week's colyum is going to be pretty simple. We're going to call it Fun With Photoshop.

Yours truly had to be out of town for a few days, so I did not have time to come up with a Pulitzer Prize winner for this week. More about our journey next week. I hope.

Anyway, what you're seeing this week are some images that were created on my nifty laptop, with a little bit (actually a lot) of help from Photoshop.

It's an old version of Photoshop, but that's OK. The person who created the images is an old version, too.

Hope you enjoy the pics. And I hope you have a fun time on the Fourth of July.



### Letter to the editor Litter in Anna worse than ever

To the editor,

I just returned from a bicycle ride in Anna. I thought I would do a different route today, so I biked around on the east side of Anna and rode down Lewis to Limekiln Road, and on Limekiln from the second entry to Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center to Highway 51.

I have never seen so much litter on the road. It's been bad before, but never this bad. There were fast food containers, paper cups, plastic bottles, napkins, glass bottles, and beer and soda cans all up and down the road, all on the road, and not counting what was in the tall grass where you couldn't see the trash. There were no furniture items on the road this day.

As I was nearing Highway 51 past the sewage plant, a beautiful doe jumped out of the woods in front of me, jumping over a beer can.

When I got to Highway 51, I waited for my friend, and as he pulled up, the first words out of his mouth were: "Did you see all that trash on the road?"

There is a recycling center on the same road. Why doesn't the city do something about this litter?

Signed, Laura Mueller, Anna

### State officials: leave fireworks displays to those license, trained

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, is reminding organizations and individuals sponsoring fireworks displays in the state to be sure their fireworks vendor has the required state licenses and certificates issued by the IDNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, OSFM, prior to their fireworks show.

The Illinois Explosives Act requires that anyone who purchases, possesses, uses, transfers, stores or disposes of explosives, including display fireworks, must have an explosives license and explosives storage certificate issued by the IDNR.

Licensing and storage requirements administered by the IDNR do not apply to consumer fireworks (classified as 1.4 explosives).

Approved consumer fireworks are regulated by the OSFM and are permitted only in villages, counties and municipalities that have passed ordinances allowing such displays.

Consumer fireworks may be purchased and displayed only by adults who have obtained permits from their local jurisdiction.

Hand-held fireworks, including fire crackers, Roman candles and bottle rockets are not approved for sale or use in Illinois.

In addition to requiring comprehensive licensing, training and examination for individuals, the law requires that unattended display fireworks and explosives must be stored in an explosives magazine, storage facility or container that is inspected and certified by IDNR.

State officials noted that anyone possessing, using, transferring or purchasing display fireworks without a valid IDNR individual explosives license or storage certificate is violating Illinois law and could incur penalties. A violation of the Illinois Explosives Act can be a Class 3 felony, with a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In addition, the IDNR can assess administrative fines for violations involving display fireworks and other explosives.

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