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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...

Congratulations to all of those who were involved with last week's ColorFest activities.

If you haven't seen the creative and colorful Pumpkin Town displays at the Anna City Park, there is still time to do so.

Anna city officials are making plans for this year's Christmas in Downtown Anna, which is planned Nov. 26.

A Cops and Bobbers/ Hooks and Ladders family fishing event is planned Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Anna City Park. A big truck event also is planned.

The electricity went out for a number of people in the Union County area shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday. Power was out for several hours.

Shawnee Community College reports that the Accreditation Committee on Education in Nursing has granted initial accreditation for the college's practical and associate degree nursing programs.

Arrowleaf has received grant funds to open a Molina Community Closet at its facility in Anna. Items stocked in the closet include hygiene products, baby diapers and more.

A Southern Illinois Made Expo is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, at The Pavilion in Marion.

The Fort Massac Encampment is scheduled Oct. 15-16. Hours for the event at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is participating in an Official Passport Library Crawl event during October. The program is presented by the 125 libraries in the Illinois Heartland Library System.



Under the lights...on a Saturday night...

ColorFest activities were underway under the lights last Saturday night along East Davie Street in Anna. ColorFest in Anna featured live music, vendors, arts and crafts, food and refreshments. Activities took place along East Davie and Lafayette streets.

Rain was possible Wednesday

Elevated fire danger continues in region

Parts of the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky areas remained extremely dry during the past week.

The forecast from the National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for the possibility of showers and thunderstorms on Wednesday in the Union County area.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded no rainfall in the Union County area during the period of Oct. 4-10.

Elevated to critical fire weather conditions were forecast Thursday, today, for the region.

The weather service was urging the region's residents to please heed all burn bans.

Burn bans have been issued for Union County and for the City of Anna.

The weather service advised that after Wednesday's chance of storms,

a period of very dry and breezy conditions will arrive.

"Combined with the ongoing drought conditions and dry fire fuels, this will lead to an elevated fire danger Thursday through Saturday," the weather service stated.

Information posted on the U.S. Drought Monitor website showed that as of Thursday, Oct. 6, Union County was experiencing moderate drought conditions.

In addition to remaining extremely dry, the region faced the possibility of the first frost of the season last weekend.

A frost advisory was issued for much of the region for early Sunday morning, when temperatures were expected to drop into the low 30s. The low Sunday morning in Jonesboro was 32 degrees.

Entries still welcomed for Veterans Day parade

There is still time to submit an entry for the annual Veterans Day parade in Anna.

The parade, set for Nov. 11, is hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

The VFW says it is always looking for parade participants who are willing to show their patriotism and respect to the nation's veterans by being a part of the parade.

Businesses, organizations, clubs and groups that

would like to participate in the parade can pick up an entry form at the VFW post near Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln., just off old U.S. Route 51 near Anna.

Entry forms can be picked up during the post's regular business hours, which are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The deadline to submit an entry form is Nov. 4.

The theme for this year's parade is "Let Freedom Ring."

Anna Park hosts Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Town displays continue this week at the Anna City Park. Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development declared on social media that the 2022 displays are "the BEST Pumpkin Town we can remember! Everyone should visit the Anna City Park and see these wonderful displays and go downtown and see their displays then head to Jonesboro and see all the wonderful Halloween displays there! Thank you all for participating and for your creative work!"

The chamber said that Pumpkin Town judges "had a very hard time making the decision for 1st and 2nd place and we thank them for their time! Our 1st place goes to Linda Hileman with P.A.S.T. with the Ninja Turtle display and 2nd place went to AJ Garden Club for their display." The first- and second-place Pumpkin Town winners are featured in the accompanying photos. Pumpkin Town is scheduled to be taken down Oct. 17.



P.A.S.T. Ninja Turtle display, first place.



Anna-Jo Garden Club display, second place.

Union County CEO program Meet the Mentors Breakfast held

Members of the Union County CEO class gathered Wednesday, Oct. 5, for this year's Meet the Mentors Breakfast. The event was held at the Davie School Inn in Anna.

The CEO students were introduced to this year's

mentors. The mentors will be guiding and assisting class members through their CEO experience for the 2022-2023 school year.

The mentor program is a vital part of enriching each student's CEO experience.

Mentors are chosen from

the local business community and volunteer their time, business expertise and networking skills to assist the students in developing a class business and personal business.

Mentor qualities of being a good communicator and

listener, honesty, expressing positivity and inspiring a student to push outside her or his comfort zone were highlighted.

This year's mentors shared a description of their current career and the path that led them to where they

are today.

By sharing their personal life experiences, the mentors conveyed that making a career decision usually changes throughout your life and that mistakes or failures are really temporary obstacles that make you a better person, employee and business owner.

The mentors and the CEO students have been paired and will begin meeting in person and virtually as the class explores ideas for their class business and personal business ventures.

This year's volunteer CEO mentors who are giving of their time and expertise are Betsy Oxford, Amy Penninger, Travis Montfort, Doug Hileman, Keri Clark, Casey Johnson, Jeanne Brumleve, Stephany Hoehner and Samantha Smith.



Meeting with mentors

A Union County CEO class Meet the Mentors Breakfast was held Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Davie School Inn in Anna. Photos provided.



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Board members welcomed

Six years after the Arrowleaf human service organization's board of directors amended its bylaws to encourage participation by more community members, three board members have stepped down upon completing two consecutive terms and three new board members have taken their places.

Among those stepping down at the start of the fiscal year was long-time board president Norma Turok of Johnson County.

Stepping in as president was new board member Artie McBride of Alexander County.

McBride was an employee for the Illinois Department of Public Aid from 1986 to 1997 and the

Illinois Department of Human Services from 1997 to 2018 as a caseworker and eventually as a supervisor and office administrator.

McBride is the supervisor of the Pandemic Health Navigator Program for the Alexander/Pulaski branch of the NAACP and the Illinois Department of Public Health and the secretary for the Cairo Heritage Foundation.

McBride is the first African American board president that Arrowleaf has had since its founding in 1974.

Arrowleaf has board members from Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, and Pope counties, covering four of the seven counties it serves.

Arrowleaf is looking for board members from Union, Massac and Pulaski counties.

Weather

No rainfall; low 32

The Union County area remained dry during the period of Oct. 4-10, with no rainfall recorded.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 81 to a low of 32.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 4	76	38
Wednesday, Oct. 5	78	36
Thursday, Oct. 6	81	49
Friday, Oct. 7	70	50
Saturday, Oct. 8	63	36
Sunday, Oct. 9	72	32
Monday, Oct. 10	80	39

Church plans clothing giveaway

The Anna Church of Christ plans to have a clothing giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The giveaway is scheduled to be from 8 a.m. until noon.

Various sizes of clothing will be available and all will be free.

The church is located at 104 Nile St. in Anna. The clothing giveaway will be in the fellowship hall, which is located beside the church building.



Attends investiture

The Rev. Dr. David Fischler, pastor of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna, attended the annual Investiture of the Priory of St. Norbert in Chicago on Oct. 1. The Priory is one of the districts of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, a Christian order dedicated to the assistance and protection of Christians and holy sites in the Middle East. He is shown here with fellow knight Col. Allen West, a former congressman from Florida. Photo provided.

ColorFest celebrated Saturday in Anna

ColorFest was celebrated last Saturday in Anna. ColorFest featured live music, vendors, arts and crafts, food and refreshments. Activities took place along Lafayette Street and East Davie Street, where musicians performed.



The Ethan Stephenson Band kicked off Saturday afternoon's events.



Local musician BJ Reach performed an acoustic set for the ColorFest crowd.



The Anna Arts Center hosted a Paint the Town event. The arts center provided paint supplies to participants, who could create sidewalk murals.



Alexa and Ava added their names to a rainbow on their concrete canvas.



A trio of kids posed for a picture with a Dug Hill Farms cutout board.



The Deuce Denninger Band performed Saturday night.

County moves to low community level for COVID

Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, director Dr. Sameer Vohra received a COVID-19 booster and a flu shot Friday, Oct. 7, in East St. Louis at the East Side Health District.

Vohra stressed the importance of getting fully up-to-date with protection from COVID-19 and the flu ahead of the oncoming winter season.

The event was held as the CDC released data showing that 14 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level for COVID-19.

Union County had moved to a low community level as of Friday. Other area counties at a low community level were Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Williamson, Pulaski and Alexander. Pope County was at a medium community level.

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting 11,447 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, including 62 deaths since Sept. 30.

"I feel very fortunate to have received both the COVID-19 bivalent booster

and the flu shot today to protect myself and my family," Vohra said in a news release.

"With fall underway, it's vitally important for everyone to protect themselves from both COVID-19 and the flu.

"We now have two powerful tools readily available to keep us safe, healthy, and protected during the fall and winter respiratory virus season.

"The new COVID-19 bivalent vaccines are designed to offer extra protection against the now-dominant Omicron strain of the virus.

"Additionally, the seasonal influenza vaccines are designed to keep us protected from this season's influenza strain.

"As we return to our pre-pandemic activities this winter, I encourage all of you to use these important tools to keep yourself and your loved ones healthy this upcoming holiday season."

More than 637,000 Illinoisans have received a dose of the new, bivalent COVID-19 vaccines since they were approved for use

in early September, including 144,200 doses in the last week.

Daily vaccination numbers were at the highest level seen since early February, during the major surge in illnesses caused by the Omicron variant.

Public health officials stress that the vaccines are especially important for those most vulnerable to severe illness, such as those individuals over 50, those with underlying medical conditions, and those who are immunocompromised.

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,773,667 cases, including 35,073 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, Oct. 6, 929 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 111 patients were in the ICU and 28 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. All data are provisional and are subject to change.

Union County COVID Cases Update

Oct. 7: 6,376 total cases. 67 deaths.

Oct. 3: 6,371 total cases. 67 deaths.

Sept. 26: 6,352 total cases. 67 deaths.

Sept. 22: 6,213 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 31: 6,195 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths.

July 31: 6,001 total cases. 66 deaths.

July 7: 5,748 total cases. 66 deaths.

June 30: 5,691 total cases. 66 deaths.

June 1: 5,501 total cases. 65 deaths.


May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.

April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths.

March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.

Jan. 18: 4,378 total cases. 58 deaths.


Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.



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Sports

Jonesboro School softball team takes second at state tournament



Jonesboro softball team
The Jonesboro School softball team finished second in state tournament play. Photo provided.

An undefeated season for the Jonesboro School softball team ended at the finals of the 2022 Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association Class S state tournament with a loss to Okawville. The Lady Bulldogs finished second at state. The state tournament was played in Coulterville.

Jonesboro met Woodlawn in the semifinals of the tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 4, with the Lady Bulldogs coming out on top by a score of 8-4.

Jonesboro's Mackenzie

Barnhart was 2-for-2 in the game. Addie Suggs, Carley Pearson and Macayla Nance each contributed a hit.

Pitcher Brooke Sheffer picked up her fifth postseason win, allowing 4 runs, 6 hits and 1 walk in 7 innings while striking out 10.

The victory sent Jonesboro to the championship game against Okawville on Thursday, Oct. 6, in Coulterville.

Jonesboro was down 5-0 after the 3rd inning before rallying with 3 runs in the 4th and 5th innings.

The Lady Bulldogs would come up short however, losing by a final score of 5-3.

Addie Suggs led Jonesboro at the plate, going 2-for-3. Macayla Nance, Brooke Sheffer and Addison Pinnon had a hit each for Jonesboro.

Pitcher Brooke Sheffer had her only loss for the season. In 6 innings pitched, Sheffer allowed 5 runs, 4 hits and 2 walks, with 1 strikeout.

The Lady Bulldogs finish their season with a record of 22-1.

A-J golfer advances to state



Aidan McFadden
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Aidan McFadden finished in the top 3 at the Class 1A sectional golf match played in Effingham on Monday, Oct. 3.

The top 3 individuals not on a 3rd place qualifying team advanced to the state meet. The top 3 teams also advance.

"We finished fourth as a team at the sectional, one spot out of qualifying as a team," A-J golf coach Jim Woodward said. "But we had a good season."

The Wildcats had won a Class 1A regional title this season.

McFadden advanced to the Class 1A state tournament earlier this week at Bloomington with a score of 82.

He was followed by teammates Taj Hodges, 83, Hayden Ralls, 87, and Tim Plott and Landon Brown with 98 apiece. Nick Hannan shot an 87, but was disqualified on a scoring error.

A-J to host Madison

The Madison High School football team will travel to Anna-Jonesboro to play at The Pit Friday, Oct. 14. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Trojans are 3-3 after losing to Carterville, 45-19, last Friday. The Wildcats are 2-5 after losing to Du Quoin.

A-J head coach Brett Detering said Madison is a small school with some good athletes.

Madison's quarterback is Carlos Wilson.

The backfield is led by senior Jaylenne Williams and sophomores Steven Moore and Jalen Belford.

A-J will be playing its final home game of the season Friday, which will be Senior Night.

Du Quoin outscores visiting A-J

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team had numerous opportunities to score in the first half, but fell short in a 42-14 loss to host Du Quoin Friday night, Oct. 7.

"We had opportunities," A-J head football coach Brett Detering said. "We didn't make plays and it changed the way things went."

The Wildcats were in Indian territory at least four times in the opening half and failed to score each time, while the Indians scored three times.

Both teams were stopped on their first possession of the game, and then Indian running back Jonathan Hamilton scored on a 66-yard run on the first play. Joey Wood's extra point kick gave Du Quoin a 7-0 lead with 2:52 remaining in the 1st quarter.

Following a 6-play drive, quarterback Camden Waller connected with Da'Marion Johnson for a 37-yard touchdown pass. The extra point kick was good and the Indians took a 14-0 lead with 5:23 remaining in the 2nd quarter.

dians took off again.

Hamilton scored on a 2-yard run following a 5-play drive. The extra point kick was good and the Indians led 21-0 with 29.9 seconds left in the 2nd quarter.

Both teams traded turnovers to begin the 2nd half. A-J fumbled and the Wildcats' Levi Jones intercepted a Waller pass.

A-J fumbled on its series and Cameron Ford scored on a 10-yard run after 2 plays. The extra point kick was good and the Indians led 28-0 with 8:26 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Wyatt Wright recovered a fumble on the Indians next drive, but the Wildcats were halted on an intercepted pass.

Several plays later, Triston Webb scored on a 48-yard run. The extra point kick was good and the Indians led 38-0 with 8:26 remaining in the 4th quarter.

Quarterback Payton Denny scored on a 5-yard run after a lengthy drive.

4-H archery shooters compete at state event



Young archer
Landon Ralls represented Union County at the recent state 4-H archery competition. Photo provided.

nois 4-H Shooting Sports are amazing" says Curt Sinclair, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

"But beyond that, how the families bring such a wholesome attitude of togetherness is what stands out to me as the real benefits of this program."

In the event's county recurve archery category, Lake-McHenry County placed first, Mason County placed second and Pulaski County placed third.

While skill development and mastery are the focus of the competition, attitudes of fun and friendliness also prevail.

"Anyone that steps foot on the grounds of this competition instantly feels the mastery these youth possess in archery skills and better yet...the respect they show to each other," Sinclair said. "Many new friends were made."

The archery event kicked off the state shoots season, with competitions in shotgun, rifle and pistol scheduled during the fall.

Information about 4-H shooting sports is available from local U of I Extension offices.



Breakfast volunteers
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, coaches and cheerleaders were treated to breakfast at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Anna on Friday morning, Oct. 7. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers at the church. The volunteers included Mark Laster, Bo Utley, John Hughey, Luke Lyerla and Larry Goldsmith.

A-J cross country teams run at Benton Showcase

The Anna-Jonesboro Community high school girls' and boys' cross country teams were in action Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Benton Class 1A Showcase.

The A-J girls won the 18-team event with a score of 45. Du Quoin was next with 95 and Carterville followed with 110.

The Lady Wildcats' Brodie Denny led her team with a 3rd place finish in 17:34.

Zoe Jones was next in 13th in 18:59, followed by Kenzie Miller, 14th, 19:08; Raegan Jones, 15th,

19:12; Reese Jones, 18th, 19:15; Kaylee Stover, 30th, 20:26; and Bree Hazelrigg, 44th, 21:13.

The A-J boys finished in 12th place.

Matteo Vaca Diez led the way with a 23rd place finish in 16:27, followed by Lucas Hoehner, 32nd, 16:40; Lucas Vaca Diez, 48th, 17:25; Eric Chen, 81st, 18:45; Logan Abernathy, 111th, 20:31; and Dalton Cobb, 125th, 22:15.

Both teams run again Thursday, today, at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference meet at Nashville.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the Benham Ridge Trailhead parking area.

The hike is intended for people who are in good health who have done some walking.

The trail society advised that hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

More information, including a Google Maps link to the trailhead, can be found on the trail society's website at www.rivertoriverrtrail.net.

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Alto Pass Congregational Church
Homecoming!

A black and white photograph of the Alto Pass Congregational Church, a two-story white building with a steeple and a porch.

If you've ever been a part of our Church Family, we'd love to have you attend and share your memories in the celebration of our 137th year! Open to all. October 16, 2022.
Church service at 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Come and have reunion with friends, share old stories and memories!

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HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING PLANNED

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on October 13, 2022.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of Union County Hospital.
The agenda will include roll call, review of previous meeting's minutes, helipad project discussion, executive session and adjournment.

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High school soccer action
Visiting Carbondale defeated the host Anna-Joneboro/Cobden co-op high school boys' soccer team (in dark uniforms) 2-1 Thursday, Oct. 6. Ryan Frazier scored the lone goal for A-J/Cobden. Goal keeper Carter Lannom spent 80 minutes in goal and had 10 saves. A-J/Cobden, 9-8-1, is scheduled to host Class 2A soccer regional quarterfinals against Carterville Saturday, Oct. 15. Photo by Tiffany Dillow.

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Fall trout season to open

The 2022 Illinois fall trout fishing season is scheduled to open Saturday, Oct. 15, at 59 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

Fishing sites in the Southern Illinois area include:

The Mount Vernon Game Farm Pond, Ferne Clyffe State Park Lake in Johnson County, Fairgrounds Pond at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

Derby Lake at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, the Randolph County State Fish and Wildlife Area Lake, the Jones Lake Trout Pond at the Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reports that for the 2022 fall trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 15. During the season,

the daily catch limit is five trout.

All anglers must have an Illinois fishing license and inland trout stamp, which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets.

Locations can be found on the IDNR website at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased with a credit card online at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>.

IDNR advised that for information about site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout.

Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers should confirm the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

Homecoming underway at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's 2022 homecoming celebration is underway this week.

Homecoming began Oct. 10 and continues through this weekend.

The theme for homecoming is a Saluki Walk of Fame, which is an ode to old Hollywood glamour with an added celebration of past and present famous Salukis.

A homecoming parade, featuring bands, floats, marchers and more, will travel Illinois Avenue onto campus beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The Salukis take on Western Illinois in gridiron action at 2 p.m. Saturday.

A flyover is planned during the national anthem, about 1:50 p.m., featuring multiple U.S. Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft with 1999 Saluki aviation alumnus Joshua Rose as the lead pilot.

Rose is a pilot for Southwest Airlines and an Air National Guard lieutenant colonel for the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, Ind.

A complete schedule of events and more information can be found online at homecoming.siu.edu.

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Trail walk set at Giant City

Local interpreter Steve Garipey plans to lead a casual, relaxing walk along the Post Oak Trail at Giant City State Park near Makanda on Friday, Oct. 14.

Scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., the walk along the accessible trail will be about 1/3 of a mile long.

Organizers said the walk will feature an opportunity to share a love for the outdoors, the environment and the planet. Those who plan to attend are invited to bring a favorite quote to share.

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),

vs.

BRANDON BASS, BOBBI JO BASS, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Case No. 22 FC 5

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on November 9, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the UNION COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 309 W. MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

Common Address:
402 E. HEACOCK STREET,
JONESBORO, IL 62952
P.I.N. 14-00-07-533

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenants thereunto belonging

shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8038.

Sheriff of Union County, Illinois

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF LARRY R. LINGLE, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-22 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Looking for full and part-time Custodians for Shawnee Community College in Ullin. Apply at Main Campus front desk. Phone 618-634-3200, ext. 3436.

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CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 22 FC 5

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LOT NUMBER 31 AND 48 IN MCELHANY'S HEIRS THIRD ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS.

Common Address:
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P.I.N. 14-00-07-533

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

ESTATE OF EMILIE MARLENE ATWOOD, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-21 IN PROBATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Emilie Marlene Atwood, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 20, 2022, to Thomas Dean Atwood, W. 11044 N. Lake Point Dr., Lodi, WI 53555, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to Dallas Lape, whose address is not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered on September 20, 2022, admitting to probate the Last Will and Testament of Emilie Marlene Atwood dated April 13, 2010.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 29, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: September 20, 2022.

THOMAS DEAN ATWOOD

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
ARDC# 6244394
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff(s),
vs.
BRANDON BASS, BOBBI JO BASS, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 22nd day of September, 2022, under the Assumed Name of Shawnee

Pond Retreat with the place of business located at 880 Winstead Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Andrew & Gail Robinson
960 Winstead Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 30th day of September, 2022, under the Assumed Name of Lake Lodge with the place of business located at 1250 Sheppard Lane, Makanda, Illinois 62958, and

that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Tim Szymcek
1321 Upland Drive
PMB 18965
Houston, TX 77043

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 1ST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY -
JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE,
LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC F/K/A
QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
PLAINTIFF

vs.
GARY SHOREY, JR.;
ATHENS DEMARTINI;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS
2022FC1

Address: 305 Winstead
Road Cobden, IL 62920

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 2, 2022, I, Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on November 16, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 AM at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Courthouse Lobby, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S. 01 DEGREES 25' 44" W.,

ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 833.36 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID EAST LINE, N. 89 DEGREES 32' 38" W., A DISTANCE OF 343.94 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD THENCE N. 01 DEGREES 29' 44" E., A DISTANCE OF 633.36 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD ON THE NORTH LINE AT THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 12; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 32' 38" E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 343.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

COMMON ADDRESS:
305 Winstead Road,
Cobden, IL 62920
P.I.N.: 07-12-05-317-A5

The real estate is improved with a single-family residence.

THE JUDGMENT
AMOUNT WAS:
\$160,000.06

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real

estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 20 8038.

Sheriff of Union County,
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REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

*The Gazette-Democrat plans to publish a 2022 special section,
A Salute To Our Veterans,
on Thursday, November 3rd.*

The section, published in commemoration of Veterans Day, will honor the accomplishments of area men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces.

*This special section again will honor the accomplishments of our veterans,
both living and dead, and is designed as a "Keeper Section."*

The section will be filled with photographs of veterans and will be highlighted with some of their heroic stories. If at all possible, please submit a copy of a photo. Please note, however, that original photographs will be kept on file and will be returned to the owner.

Veterans and their families are asked to fill out the accompanying form. The information will be used to create a biographical sketch about each veteran who is honored.

Please submit materials for "A Salute to Our Veterans" by no later than Friday, October 14th.



The Gazette-Democrat

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Area Veterans To Be Honored

Area veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored in a special section of The Gazette-Democrat to be published in conjunction with Veterans Day. All are invited to submit pictures and information about military service to be included in the section at no charge.

To be included all you have to do is:

1. **Submit a picture** with your name printed on the back. Newspaper clippings and photo copies won't work. We'll take good care of your photo and return it to you. If you bring it to our office we can often copy it while you wait.
2. **Provide information** about your military service using as much as you can of the form below.
3. **Repeat last year's article and photo.** You may update information or photos. **You must let us know if you want last year's article repeated!**

Current information on veteran or person submitting form

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Military Service

Veteran's name _____
Branch of service _____ Years in which you served _____
Military unit _____ Rank _____
Military job/specialty _____
Primary places of service _____
Campaigns or operations _____
Awards or achievements _____
Is veteran living or deceased? _____
Additional notes and comments: _____

Please bring or send this form with photo to:
The Gazette-Democrat
112 Lafayette Street
P.O. Box 529
Anna, IL 62906
You may also email photo and information to
news@annanews.com

Obituaries

Martha Sue Clover

Martha Sue Clover, 61, of Anna, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at 6:38 a.m. at her home in Anna, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1960, in Anna, the daughter of Carl “Frog” and Opal (Hinkle) Brimm.

She married the love of her life, Kevin Clover, on Jan. 17, 1987.

She was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in the class of 1979. She started working at age 17 for the late Robert “Bob” and Patricia Chamness at City Care Center of Anna.

When the Chamness family opened Chamness Care, she continued working for them in many areas. Until recently, she was still actively working for Chamness Care as their chief financial officer.

She enjoyed spending time with the clients and employees who became family. She loved spending time with family and friends, camping with Kevin, working on her crafts, canning, cooking and she loved attending church. She became a member of United Missionary Baptist Church in 1990 and has attended there since.

Survivors include her mother, Opal Brimm of Anna; her husband, Kevin of Anna; a daughter, Megan (Clayton) McClellan of Pulaski; a sister, Mary (Greg) Plott of Anna; a nephew, Kevin (Stacey) Plott of Thebes; a niece, Amy (Eric) Jerrell of Anna; great-nephews Tyler and Kyle Jerrell of Anna and Brandon Plott of Thebes; a great-niece, Breanna Plott of Thebes; sisters-in-law, Sandy (Jim) Carter of Anna, Rhonda Ballard of Coleman, Texas, and Rebecca Clover of Decatur; brothers-in-law Steve (Debbie) Clover of Alto Pass and Tim (Dina) Clover of Cobden; many other nieces and nephews; other family and a multitude of friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; her father; brother-in-law Danny Clover; niece Sarah Carter; niece; Penny Amos; and a nephew, Daniel Ray Clover.

Funeral services for Martha Sue Clover were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at United Missionary Baptist Church in Lick Creek, with the Rev. Paul Sadler, the Rev. Ken Wilson and the Rev. Lonnie Lewis officiating. Interment followed in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to United Missionary Baptist Church.

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

To view her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Kimberly Elkins

Kimberly Elkins, 58, of Anna, died at 7:01 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 2022, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1964, in Anna, the daughter of Bobby and Darlene Pearce Rohlfing.

Kimberly married Wayne Elkins on April 1, 1984. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 2018.

Survivors include her son, Nick (Jennifer) Elkins; adopted daughter by heart Tonya Taylor; grandchildren Abby Elkins, Jacob Elkins and Emma Elkins; grandchild adopted by heart Hunter Lincoln; two sisters, Robbin (Charlie) Mezo and Jade Rohlfing; a brother, Jason Rohlfing; and several other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Wayne Elkins.

Cremation rites will be accorded and no services will be held at this time.

Memorials can be made to the Shriners Children’s Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home. Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



Ronald L. Cunningham

Ronald L. Cunningham, 83, of Anna, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on July 22, 1939, in Chicago, the son of John and Doris Mitchell Cunningham.

He loved to watch westerns and country movies, mostly the ones with John Wayne and Chuck Norris. He liked to help in the garden, especially by eating all of the tomatoes. Ronald also enjoyed shopping at Walmart, taking Snapchat pictures, and visiting the koi pond at his home. He loved helping with children and was an all-around great guy. He was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister, Connie Foster of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a niece, Melissa (Michael) Lamy of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a great-niece, Alyssa Lamy of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a special lady in his life, Anne; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Jackie Cottrel.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Lindsey Pippin officiating. Interment followed in the Anna City Cemetery.

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



Marissa Reynolds

Marissa Reynolds, 43, of Cobden, and formerly of Ullin, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2022.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1978, in Paducah, the daughter of Sam and Cathy Kommer Ulen.

She married Adam Reynolds on Dec. 5, 1998, in Wolf Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Adam; three sons, Brady Reynolds and wife Brookelyn, Bryce Reynolds and girlfriend Taylor Harvel and Brock Reynolds; her parents, Sammy and Cathy Ulen; her brother, Brian Ulen and his wife, Lexie; her nieces, Bryleigh, Brielle, Brynn and Britton Ulen, Ryleigh Wahaib and Ady Choate; her nephews, Luke Choate and Titan Cobin; and her maternal grandmother, Mary Kommer.

She is also survived by her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rodney and Vicki Reynolds; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sara and Joey Choate; sister-in-law Lara Reynolds; Adam’s grandmother, Deloris Reynolds; her aunt and uncle, Karen and Daniel Finke; numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Bill Kommer; paternal grandparents Sam and Hazel Ulen; Adam’s grandfather, Jack Reynolds and grandmother, Doris Jean Williams.

She loved her family, especially her boys. She spent 20 years following them to every baseball and basketball game. She also loved her dogs, Cookie and Tank.

Funeral services for Marissa Reynolds were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with the Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Interment followed in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

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

Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Cathy Austin

Cathy Austin, 73, of Thebes, and formerly of St. Louis, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center.

She was born on Oct. 1, 1949, in St. Louis, the daughter of Manning Eugene and Evelyn Kathryn Murphy England.

She married Loyal “Kirk” Austin on Oct. 6, 1967, and together they shared 55 years of marriage.

She went to cosmetology school and loved to fix hair. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Kirk; a daughter, Gina Bledsoe; a grandson, Corey (Alicia) Caldwell; a granddaughter, Courtney Bledsoe; a great-grandson on the way; a sister, Jill England; a brother, Jeff England; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Ronnie England.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Interment will follow the service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

Visitation will be Thursday, today, from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com. Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.



Billy D. Schluter

Billy D. Schluter, 86, of Pekin, and formerly of Dongola, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Pekin Manor.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in the little country home up the road in Dongola, the son of Clyde L. and Velma Johnson Schluter.

He married Vida Ann Lentz on June 30, 1957. She preceded him in death on July 16, 2014.

He worked as a customer engineer at IBM for 32 years. He enjoyed listening to music, as well as singing with the band he performed with. He loved to play his guitar, washtub and harmonica. He loved to draw and do wood working.

Survivors include his daughters, Brenda A. (Jerry) Kidd of Havana, Barbara J. (Steve) Snell of Roanoke, Va., and Tammy J. Juliuson of Kennewick, Wash.; a son, Rodney D. (Renee) Schluter of Valencia, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vida; four sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola on Monday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Brent Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., and again from 9 a.m. until the hour of the service on Monday.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.



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

Roger Tyrone Petrich

Roger Tyrone Petrich, 84, of Dongola, died at 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 6, 2022, at his residence.

He was born on July 26, 1938, in Fargo, N.D., the son of Arnold Friedrich and Cora Junetta Torbenson Petrich.

He married Laurel Matje on June 8, 1968. She survives.

Mr. Petrich was initially interested in architecture. He discovered music to be a better outlet of his creative expression, earning a bachelor of music degree, magna cum laude, from St. Olaf College. Subsequent dedication earned a master of arts degree and a master of fine arts degree, both from the University of Iowa.

He studied music composition with the Pulitzer Prize winning American composer Leo Sowerby, and also with the German composer Ernst Pepping.

He was among the first Fellows of the College of Church Musicians at the Washington Cathedral and also studied at the Berlin School of Church Music.

Called to religious music, he spent five decades serving churches in Iowa, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Illinois and North Carolina.

His compositions have been published by Oxford University Press, Selah Publishing, Concordia, MorningStar Music, Augsburg, and Fortress Press. His music has been featured in recorded performances by the trumpeter Paul Neebe and the Slovak State Philharmonic Kosice.

Besides his wife, Laurel, he is survived by four sons, Erik (Donna Lewis) Petrich, Mikkel (Erna) Petrich, Karl Martin (Amanda) Petrich and Kurt (Gretchin Emerick) Petrich; three grandchildren; a sister, Linda (Tom) Clifford; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Arnold Petrich Jr.; and several aunts and uncles.

The family will hold a memorial service at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale at a later date. Inurnment will take place at Enderlin City Cemetery in Enderlin, N.D.

Memorials can be made to MSF/Doctors Without Borders and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com. Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



Pamela Rae Dudek Hudson

Pamela Rae Dudek Hudson, 67, of Anna, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1955, in Gary, Ind., the daughter of Edward Francis and Adeline Frances Korczyk Dudek.

Pamela Dudek married Richard Hudson on May 14, 1976.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Hudson of Anna; siblings Cynthia Dudek (Neth Hass) of Anna, Michael (Julie) Dudek of Anna and Susan Dudek (Ike Mezo) of Waukegan; many nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She worked as a licensed clinical laboratory technician for many years. She and Richard lived in Indiana, Florida and North Carolina before retiring to Southern Illinois in 2018 to be closer to family.

She will be missed by Sammie, her beloved Golden Doodle and her cats, Maddison and Annabelle.

She was authentically and wholeheartedly there for all those in her life. She loved cooking for her family, especially her award-winning brownies. She also enjoyed many forms of arts and crafts and decorating for the holidays.

There will be no services at this time.

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



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



Larry C. Houston

Larry C Houston, 78, of Dongola, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at his residence. He was born on Dec. 13, 1943, in Anna, the son of Claude C. and Alma Casper Houston.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked as a millwright in the steel industry for his entire working years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

Survivors include his sisters Rita Dillow and Jo (Russell) Hill; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Charles Houston.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Larry Jordan officiating. Interment followed in the American Legion Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Legion Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.



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

Michael Giddings

Michael Giddings, 61, of Makanda, died Sunday, Oct. 2, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on May 8, 1961, in Chicago.

Survivors include his partner, Mary Theresa Kern of Anna.

No services will be held at this time.

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



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

Catherine ‘Kathy’ L. White

Catherine “Kathy” L. White, 88, of Bloomington, died at 1:10 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, surrounded by her family.

Her funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, today, at Carmody-Flynn Funeral Home in Bloomington, where the visitation will be after the service from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Anna City Cemetery in Anna.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to Doctors Without Borders.

To express condolences online, visit www.carmody-flynn.com.

She was born on July 24, 1934, in West Frankfort, the daughter of Herrin and Ethel Mae Atteberry Gill.

She married William E. White on July 3, 1954, in Corinth, Miss.

Surviving are her husband, William E., of Bloomington; five children, Chandra White of Fishers, Ind., Kim Shockey of Hamilton, Ohio, Becky (Bob) Knapp of Canton, William L. (Barbara) White of Naperville and Anne Marie (Jeff) Clark of Philo.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, Dr. Taylor (Justin Joyce) Shockey, Lisa (Adam) Hemmen, Mark (Lauren) Niemann, Ashley (Robert) Mayfield, Scott (Amanda) Niemann, Audrey (Dean) Lam, Andrew White, Rachel White, Matthew Clark, Madison (Dustin) Haake, Michael Clark and Mackenzie Clark; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Daniel Gill; and one sister, the Rev. Janet Smith.

She retired from District 87 in 1987, where she worked as a secretary. After retirement, Kathy and Bill looked forward to the winters that they spent in Naples, Fla.

She enjoyed golfing, cooking and spending time with her “Ladies of the Evening” group, meeting for lunch, attending the community theater or having a nice dinner, but her greatest enjoyment came from being surrounded by her family.

She had a strong Christian faith and loved God. She attended Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington and the First United Methodist Church in Naples, Fla., over the years.

Everyone will remember her as someone who knew no strangers, was a great friend and loved a good dessert.

Her family will fondly remember Kathy as being a loving wife and a devoted mother who cherished her grandchildren, who lovingly call her “Goosie.”



County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel



Grandson Godfrey visited Beggs Family Farm.



Newlyweds Allison and Eric Austad.

As it’s always a good lead in...isn’t this weather wonderful. God has blessed us with cooler weather and some color finally showing a bit in the leaves and did you see that gorgeous full moon this weekend?

ColorFest

ColorFest was really busy when I stopped by. I’m glad so many participated.

New businesses are popping up downtown and exciting ones sure appreciate

your business.

The new mural downtown is certainly an eye catcher. The artist did an amazing transformation of a plain brick wall. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing what becomes of another plain brick wall in Jonesboro soon.

Fall is Busy

Fall is busy with other events. Congratulations to Mike and Marilyn Meisenheimer, along with their children Lance Meisenheimer and Lindsay Johnson, and all their grandchildren, have put so much effort into their horse winning at show.

Beggs Family Farm has been a busy place of late. My grandson, Godfrey’s, kindergarten class, with my daughter, Nikki, along as a chaperone, enjoyed all there was to see and do.

Now she’ll have to take all the kids now. David Wilkins and family appeared to have their whole crew there. Chuck and Martha Harvel had their son, Sam, with all six of his children there for a wild time, as well.

There is such beauty in our world, some God made and other’s His creations have created. Get out and enjoy them, protect them, and share them with the world.

My thanks to Melodie Penrod for sharing her photos of many of those beauties, and for dropping off items needed for our DAR meeting in Vienna today.

Car Shows

Car shows are busy plac-

es of late too. I stopped by last weekend to cruise through the one held in Cape Girardeau. Gary and Dawn Rider have been busy at one in Paducah. Also, Jim and Glenda Marrow won showing their vehicles. Unfortunately, Glenda’s car took a hit from a deer right after she got home.

Visiting Family

Some folks are out visiting family. Aunt Connie Harvel, along with her daughter, Jennifer, visited with her family out in Carlsbad, N.M.. Amy Kram was visiting in Rifle, Colo. She’s been busy downloading all her beautiful photos and sharing them. The one at Rifle Falls State Park is wonderful. I’m sure she’ll have stories for us at the Mill Creek board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

We were glad to see Junior and Lula Belle Tripp back from their trip to Branson, Mo., and to visit with some of their daughters.

Another photo, and one that took me by surprise, was of Billie Henderson, Regina Hubble and Karen Sadler up on a glider above the Gulf of Mexico. They have spent a fun filled week in Panama City, Fla., and I’m guessing that was the highlight. Who knew Karen was so adventuresome? They returned home last night so more stories will be forthcoming, I’m sure.

My cousins, Guy and Brenda Meiron, have been out to the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Congratulations on getting to see the wild horses on Corolla. We were out there several years back and never saw the first one. They had some come up right behind the house

they were staying in. Beautiful. I hope they are among the many of my Smiddy family that are coming into town this weekend for our mini family reunion.

Anniversary

Congratulations to more of my cousins, Diane and Darryl Harvell, on their 40th anniversary. I loved the t-shirts their daughter, Jessica, had made up for them. I so enjoy Darryl’s posts of local spots too.

Newlyweds

Congratulations also to my daughter, Allison, and my new son-in-law, Eric Austad. They married in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada this past month. I’m finally getting the photos from the wedding, as they eloped.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Mill Creek Baptist Church services, led by Brother Bobby Richardson addressed how we are to reach out to others about God.

Our message came from chapter of Acts 4. We need to be bold in our outreach. If we don’t start speaking up, those that do and don’t speak the truth, will have taken over. Touch someone’s life in a special way and tell them about Jesus before it’s too late for them.

Prayer List

Our prayer list has expanded to include the losses in many families.

Please pray for the families of Martha Clover, Jannetta LaRue, Elaine Helton, and Jack Lewis Jr. Melodie Penrod also lost an uncle and we offer her our sympathies. I ask that you please remember these families as well.

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Thank You

Our family would like to thank everyone for the love shown to us at this time of grief. We appreciate so much the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, memorials, visits and the many prayers. Thank you to Crain Funeral Home for their compassion and guidance during this time.

The family of
Shannon Wilkins-Menkhaus

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

ColorFest

A special thanks to everyone who had a part in making ColorerFest a success.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to Kathy and Dennis Thornburg for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Visit Anna

Barbara Hash from Park-er, Texas has been visiting our area and enjoyed Col-orFest.

Trip

Cathy Ziegler and her brother Daryl McCoy spent five days near Akron, Ohio, and visited their 93-year-old half-brother and his wife. They also had supper at TGI Fridays with three of their nieces and nephews and their spouses.

They visited another nephew on Monday.



Pastor Appreciation Day at United Methodist Church Anna for Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett. The church had after church fellowship with snacks, cake and ice cream.

Saturday they visited the McKinley museum and really enjoyed that. They also spent part of a day in Hartville.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday was the 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was "The Grateful One," with scripture from Luke.

Special music was presented by the ladies choir, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying."

For Pastor Appreciation Sunday, a dinner was served after church in honor of Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett.

Sunday evening was the district rally for clergy and laity at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion.

Wednesday at 7 a.m., men's Bible study. Wednesday at 1 p.m., Women's Bible study. Choir practice meets at 6 p.m.



Kay Johnson celebrated her 80th birthday with many surprise parties in her honor last week.

Friday is game night in the church fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes will be Tuesday, Oct. 18, starting at 4:30 pm.

If you would like to send a card to Greg Larsen, former administrative assistant, his address is 318 W. Stanley Ave., Queen Creek, Ariz. 85140.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Martha Clover. She was a very special lady and will be missed by so many.

Class of 1967

The class of 1967 is celebrating their 55th class reunion.

There will be a luncheon at noon on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Giant City Lodge. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes meal, drink, tax and gratuity. If you have not paid, you may pay at the lodge on Saturday, Oct. 22. Hope to see all of you at the reunion.

4th Anniversary

On Oct. 18, Honeys Quick Stop in Ullin will be celebrating their 4th year in business. Congratulations to Bryan and Stacey Crain, owners.

The restaurant is decorated with pictures of the past with lots of neat antiques.

If you have never eaten there, it's worth your drive to check it out. Lots of sweet ladies to wait on you and makes you feel right at home.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

I received this email from Barbara Bauer:

I found the U of I article extremely interesting about the beautiful Annabelles.

After hearing the program at our GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club by Arborist Tom Caldwell and Shawnee U.S. Forest Service specialist Linda Hauser, I better understand the importance of tree and plant life to support and sustain all other kinds of life including birds, insects and humans!

So now I wonder if these native plants, the Annabelle, we have propagated right here in the Kirkpatrick neighborhood, passed down for generations, is more viable to wildlife than those that have been developed in the nurseries around the country?

Anna's Horticulturist Bon Hartline probably informed the Illinois spe-



Harry Brockus, chief executive officer at Union County Hospital, was guest speaker at the chamber of commerce dinner meeting at the Peach Barn in Alto Pass. He introduced two new doctors at Union County Hospital, Dr. Drew Johnson, general surgeon board certified, and Drew's wife Belinda, nurse practitioner. A special thanks to Harry and Union County Hospital for sponsoring the dinner.



Barbara Hash from Parker, Texas, visited her hometown for ColorFest. She is pictured with friend Nancy Ragain in front of the new Annabelle sign.



Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Oct. 3 at El Jalapeno for their first meeting of their new year. Pictured are, left to right, Marie Samuel, Martha Ann Webb, Martha Schwegman, Barbara Bauer, Lillian Milam, Susie Kessler and president Jane Bauer.



Olivia Gordon was home for the weekend from New York City and her bestie Jada.



Back row, Tara Rowan, Terry and Rhonda Bittle, owners of Annabelle Market, and Tanya Loveless. In front, Tasha Faire and Trisha Cobb. Rhonda and Terry have four daughters. A special thanks for all they do for our city and community. Great ColorFest weekend.



Chris and Stacey Plott celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary Oct. 9. Happy anniversary.



Dr. Aaron Hepp with his sign on South Main Street in Anna supporting ColorFest.

cialist about the plant.

When stories are handed down verbally as well as written, as we all know, the facts become adjusted and results vary! We all have our own versions! We can just continue the historical conversation and share all our community has to offer.

Thanks, Anna, for the wonderful, welcoming mural.

Barb Bauer for GFWC Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.

Barbara also did the devotion on trees mentioned in the Bible and their verses. She read the poem on trees that anyone having Mary Helen Benefield as a teacher had to memorize in 7th and 8th grades.

President Jane Bauer called the meeting to order and everyone stood and said the Pledge of Alle-

giance to the American flag honoring our country and the Club Collect.

Secretary Susie Kessler read the minutes. Martha Ann Webb told about current events.

Other members present were Marie Samuel from Carterville, Lillian Milam from Jonesboro and Martha Schwegman from

Metropolis.

Get well wishes to Joan Graves Edwards who was unable to attend. Also missed, treasurer Debbie Rossberg who was out of town.

The club always welcomes new members. If you would like to read the article published by U of I: <https://extension.>



Willie and Terrie Rhymer announce their 16th grandchild on Oct. 6. Rowan Tyler Rhymer. Parents are Jordan and Alexis Rhymer. He was welcomed home by his brothers and sisters, Junior, Hadley, Jaxson and Emmy.

Terrie Rhymer recently met her cousin Roberta Muir in Pinckneyville for supper.



Congratulations to new store The Mud Dress Boutique in beautiful downtown Anna at 309 S. Main St. The new store owner is Megan Crabtree.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Oct. 9, in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "All Lives Matter to God." Scripture was from Proverbs, Jeremiah and the Psalms.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

Birthdays: Mark Smith, Oct. 9; Draven Hinkle, Oct. 14.

Anniversary: Mark and Lottie Smith, Oct. 11.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Oct. 16.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Youth group and children's Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

Olivet Nazarene University preaching and music Ambassadors are scheduled to be at the church for the morning service at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

A missionary rally is

planned Oct. 27 at Carbondale New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene. The new NMI district president, Dan Reinhart, is scheduled to be the guest speaker. He plans to share how God led him to, and through, 12 years of volunteer missions service. An offering is planned to support the Western Mediterranean field partnership.

The Craguns, a family group, are scheduled to perform in concert at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30.

Trunk or treat, with decorated trunks with candy, a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs and more, is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 9, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both services.

His morning message addressed "core beliefs of the Christian and practical daily living putting those beliefs on display."

The message was based on scripture from Romans in the New Testament.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. She also sang and played the song "Your Great Name."

Men's Bible study was planned Monday at 7 p.m.

A Women on Mission meeting is planned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

On Sunday, the evening service will be canceled so everyone can attend the Clear Creek Baptist Association's annual meeting. The meeting is planned at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

Birthdays: Jim Brumitt, Oct. 9; Mable Lamb, Oct. 13; Irma Brown, Linda Eudy, Oct. 14; Madi Wilkins, Oct.

15.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Youth are scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Dig-In Children's program is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult Bible study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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When it's dark outside, the light on the lamppost illuminates the path and guides us to our front door. At times, we enter dark periods in our lives and can't see the way – we need some enlightenment. Psalm 119:105 says, "God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." How can we walk in the light of God's Word? Visit His house and learn about His Word; the light of the Lord will guide us through the darkness.

Daily Bible Reading						
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Chief Justice Burke to retire from Illinois Supreme Court in November

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne M. Burke announced Monday, Sept. 12, she will retire from the bench, effective Nov. 30.

She has served on the state’s high court since 2006 and has been chief justice since 2019.

“The decision to retire was not an easy one,” Burke, a Democrat, said in a statement.

“However, after having been blessed to serve as a justice of the Illinois Supreme

SIUC named one of best in Midwest

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is one of the best universities in the Midwest, according to Princeton Review’s “Best of the Midwest” feature.

The university is one of 158 Midwestern colleges and universities chosen by the education services company.

The Princeton Review’s 2023 Best Regional Colleges constitute just 23 percent of the nation’s four-year colleges.

From hundreds of institutions considered in each region, The Princeton Review selected these schools primarily for their excellent academics.

It also weighed what students attending the schools reported about their campus experiences.

The colleges that The Princeton Review chose for its “Best in the Midwest” list for 2023 are in 12 states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Court for the past 16 years, and as chief justice for the past three years, the race has been run and it is time to pass the gavel to a successor.”

Burke, the court’s third female justice, will be replaced by 1st District Appellate Justice Joy V. Cunningham, who will follow current Justice Lisa Holder White as the second Black woman seated on the court.

Holder White was seated earlier this year. The court has constitutional authority to choose interim successors.

Burke was born in Chicago in 1944 and raised on the city’s south side.

She attended DePaul University School for New Learning and majored in education. She began her career teaching physical education at the Chicago Park District.

She volunteered for a park district program teaching sports to children with mental and physical disabilities which, she said in an exit letter, inspired her to propose “a citywide competition as a way for these special children and young adults to showcase

Hate crimes addressed

The Illinois attorney general’s office has been awarded a \$394,772 U.S. Department of Justice, DOJ, grant.

The funds are for a 48-month project that will provide specialized hate crime training to law enforcement officers and prosecuting attorneys in Illinois.

The grant, which was awarded through the DOJ’s Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Program, will support the attorney general’s office’s efforts to increase the reporting of hate crimes and improve the criminal justice system’s response to hate crime victims.

their abilities and love of competition.”

It grew into the Chicago Special Olympics which eventually gave way to the International Special Olympics that brings together athletes from 192 nations.

In her effort to organize the event, she said she was told by Eunice Shriver Kennedy to “think bigger.”

“Those words and my husband, Ed’s encouragement, inspired me to return to college at DePaul University, where I graduated with a degree in education. I then enrolled at Chicago-Kent College of Law,” she said.

She was 40 years old and a mother of four when she completed law school and started at a small practice serving families and as a guardian for children who could not represent themselves in litigation.

In 1987 Republican Gov. Jim Thompson appointed her the first female judge on the Illinois Court of Claims, and she was reappointed to the post by Republican Gov. Jim Edgar in 1991.

In April 1994, she was appointed special counsel to the governor for child welfare services, and in 1995 she was appointed to the 1st District appellate court, being elected for a full term the following year.

The news release announcing her departure highlighted her work navigating the courts through the COVID-19 pandemic and moving statewide “listening tours” organized by the Illinois State Bar Association online.

“I have always believed that the nearly 12 years I spent as a justice of the Appellate Court and the 16 years I have served on the Supreme Court have been a continuation of my core desire to speak for those who have no voice of their own and to improve the lives of all of the citizens of

the state,” Burke said in her letter.

She thanked constituents of the 1st District and her family.

“I thank, first and foremost, my family – my husband, Ed, who has been at my side through 54 years of marriage, and our children, Jennifer, Ed Jr., Emmett (deceased), Sarah and Travis, and our nine grandchildren – for the sacrifices they have made for me and for being constant sources of love and encouragement,” she said.

Burke’s husband, Ed Burke, a longtime alderman in Chicago, was for years considered one of the body’s powerbrokers as chair of the Committee on Finance. He was seated on the council in 1969, most recently gaining reelection in 2019 despite having been charged with extortion and racketeering that year.

Prosecutors alleged that Burke attempted to use his city position to solicit business for his law firm, Klafter & Burke, although he has denied wrongdoing and remains on the council despite stepping down from the finance committee and his law firm in 2019.

Cunningham, Justice Burke’s replacement, will not be the next chief justice, a rotating post that is generally given to the most tenured justice who has not yet held the title. Burke’s term as chief justice was scheduled to end Oct. 25.

The court later on Monday, Sept. 12, announced Justice Mary Jane Theis, a 1st District Democrat who has been on the high court since 2010, as the next chief justice. She’ll be on 1st District ballot in November when voters choose whether to give her another 10-year term.

Cunningham has been on the appellate court since 2006 and serves on its executive committee.

She received her bachelor

of science degree from the City University of New York and earned her juris doctorate from the John Marshall Law School.

Cunningham was sworn in as an associate judge in Cook County Circuit Court in 1996 before leaving the bench in 2000 to serve as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at Northwestern Memorial Healthcare.

In December 2006 she was elected to the 1st District appellate court and was retained by voters in 2016.

Due to the timing of Burke’s retirement after the November election, Cunningham’s interim term will run through Dec. 2, 2024, at which time a successor will be given a 10-year term by voters in the general election the month prior.

The Supreme Court has seven judges elected in five districts. District 1, which includes Chicago and some of its surrounding areas, has

three justices, while the remaining four districts each have one.

All 1st District justices are Democrats, making up the biggest chunk of the court’s 4-3 Democratic majority.

In this November’s election, voters will grant a 10-year term to two justices, one in the 2nd District, which includes Chicago’s north and west suburbs, and one in the 3rd District, which runs from the state’s northern tip to south of Springfield, encompassing most of northwestern and west central Illinois.

Those contested races could affect the partisan makeup of the court.

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Attend conference
Union County Sheriff Dale Foster and his wife, Lori, attended a recent Illinois Sheriffs’ Association conference in Peoria. The conference featured continued training opportunities and updates about new laws. Photo provided.

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First, I love Union County and our people. Union County is where I chose to live and raise my family. As a former educator, I instructed students for thirteen years at Jonesboro Elementary. Union County has some of the most beautiful scenery in the state. We must capitalize on that and find ways to grow our local economy and keep our kids close to home.

I understand the diversity of Union County and will work to ensure the concerns of rural residents' voices are heard along with those residing in our cities and villages during meetings conducted by the County Board.

I will step up to ensure actions taken by the County Board are open and transparent and decisions made by the County Board are fiscally responsible, and in the best interest of **ALL** Union County residents, not just a few.

Accessibility of any elected official is the cornerstone for building a strong unit of local government. If elected, I will be a strong independent voice for the people of Union County.

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I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH.

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My motto is and will remain "people over politics, service above self!"

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"The Preaching Pen"

Looking at the Cross

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Mark 15:32 reads, "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe."

When we think of the crucifixion of Jesus, images of a young man hanging with nails driven through his hands and feet come to mind. But do we remember that crucifixion was a punishment reserved for non-Romans, slave, prisoners of war, and violent criminals?

There were different groups watching the crucifixion, and they saw different viewpoints. For example, the crowd saw an opportunity to rail and wag their heads at Jesus **Matthew 27:39**. The Jewish leaders saw an opportunity to mock Jesus **Matthew 27:41**. The thieves saw an opportunity to revile Jesus **Matthew 27:44**. The soldiers saw an opportunity of ridicule Jesus **Luke 23:36-37**.

But what did Jesus see? Christ saw an opportunity to forgive those who were putting him to death **Luke 23:34**. Jesus saw an opportunity to pardon the sin of mankind as he did with the penitent thief **Luke 23:43**. Our Savior also saw the opportunity to voice his care and compassion upon his family **John 19:26**. What an amazing difference of viewpoints!

What do we need to see when visualizing the cross? We need to see that sin has a cost **Romans 6:23**. But Jesus paid it for us; as a result of sin, someone had to die. Jesus is the one who ultimately died for sins of all mankind **1 Peter 2:24**. We need to see that sin has a destination; that destination is HELL! Hell is a real place **Matthew 18:9**. Even though man may try to imagine otherwise, it does not negate the fact that many will find their souls lost in Hell **Rev 21:8**. Jesus saves souls from Hell- **John 3:14-21**, **Matthew 22:1-14**. We need to see that sin has a cure. The blood of Jesus washes away sin **Acts 22:16**.

Throughout the ages of history, man has mocked Christ's suffering but without it none could be cured from sin **Mark 15:16-20**. Are you in need of Jesus' cure?

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