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## News Notes

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



Gary Wright, who lives near Saratoga, shared a picture of a bald eagle which he saw recently in a Union County field.

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Edlein Dillow of rural Anna celebrated her 105th birthday on February 13. She said she is grateful to have been blessed with 105 years of life, being able to remain in her home and spend time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and for all the cards and well wishes for her birthday.

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Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22...the season of Lent begins.

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Rural Health Inc. reports that its staff relations committee put together numerous Valentines for residents of Union County's long-term care facility and patients at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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Spring could be coming...crocuses seen in Union County are one sign of a change in seasons.

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### 60 mile-per-hour wind gusts were possible

## High wind warning in effect Tuesday for region

Stormy weather last week in the region was followed by a high wind warning which was in effect for parts of the region on Tuesday.

The National Weather Service in Paducah on Monday issued a high wind warning for parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Union County was included in the warning area. Among the other area coun-

ties included in the warning were Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac in Southern Illinois and Cape Girardeau in Southeast Missouri.

The warning was in effect from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The weather service reported that south wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour were possible from late in the morning through the early evening hours on Tuesday.

A high wind warning meant that a "hazardous high wind event" was expected or occurring. Sustained wind speeds of at least 40 mph or gusts of 58 mph or higher could lead to property damage.

"Some trees may be uprooted, numerous large tree limbs will likely be knocked down. A few power lines may be knocked down, but damage to power lines is more likely through trees and limbs falling.

Numerous power outages are possible," the weather service advised.

The weather service advised that high-profile "vehicles like semi-trucks may have significant difficulty traveling particularly on east-west roadways."

As the paper was going to press Tuesday afternoon, the weather service was reporting 51 mph wind gusts at the Southern Illinois Airport near Carbondale.

Strong winds were ex-

pected to continue this week in the region.

The forecast for Wednesday was calling for sunshine, a high near 70 degrees, with gusts up to 28 mph.

Here's a look at the upcoming forecast posted by the weather service:

Thursday, today: 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. Breezy, with wind (continued on page 2)

## County at medium level for COVID

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Feb. 10, announced that the CDC was reporting 15 counties in the state are at an elevated level for COVID-19, compared to 5 a week ago.

Of those, one county was at a high community Level for COVID-19, compared to none the week before; and 14 counties were at a medium level.

Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Jackson and Williamson counties were at a medium level. Johnson and Massac counties were at a low level.

IDPH director Dr. Sammeer Vohra also announced today that the department is launching a new rapid response unit called the STATEam (Support, Treatment & Access Team).

The team will be deployed on as-needed basis to long-term care facilities if and when there is a sudden surge of COVID-19 cases.

The STATEam is designed to strengthen IDPH's county health department partners in their efforts to support long term care facilities.

The support will include testing, vaccinations, contact tracing and treatments.

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### County officials hear about technology update

New courtroom technology was highlighted during a Union County Board of Commissioners meeting held last Friday morning. Judge Timothy Denny shared information about the technology with county officials who had gathered in one of the courtrooms at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. A new video screen in the courtroom can be seen in the upper left.

### County board meets Feb. 10

## New courtroom technology highlighted

New courtroom technology was showcased at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Feb. 10, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Also at Friday morning's meeting, information was shared about a pending recording fee increase.

### Courtroom Technology

Part of Friday morning's county board meeting included a visit to Courtroom One on the second floor of the courthouse. Two court-

rooms are located at the courthouse.

Judge Timothy Denny shared information with county officials about ongoing technology updates in the courtrooms.

The county has received a \$45,521.16 courtroom technology grant through the state judicial system for the improvements. Technology upgrades are being made in both courtrooms.

County officials were able to see a recently installed large video screen which has been installed in the courtroom. Judge

Denny said the upgrades are part of a work in progress. He noted the improvements allow the Union County Courthouse to be a standout facility in Southern Illinois when it comes to technology. Additional grant funds are being sought which would be utilized to upgrade computers.

Judge Denny thanked Union County Circuit Clerk Keri Clark and Union County administrator Angie Johnson for the work they are doing on the technology upgrades.

Clark said the work is

doing a good job of building infrastructure in the county's courtrooms and offices. She voiced appreciation to the county board for its ongoing support of the technology improvements.

### Recording Fee Increase

An upcoming Rental Housing Support Program recording fee update was shared by Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer.

As a result of the passage of state legislation, the fee is scheduled to double from a current \$10 to \$20 on July 1.

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### Groundbreaking ceremony held for Cobden School District gym project

Cobden School District No. 17 took a big step into the future this week. A ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony was held Monday afternoon, Feb. 13, on the site where a new multipurpose addition to Cobden High School will be built. The new facility will be built on the location where a gymnasium which had been built in 1954 once stood. The old gym was razed in the summer of 2022.

Students from Cobden Elementary School were among several groups who participated in Monday afternoon's ceremony. Cobden School District Board of Education members, school officials and staff members, village representatives, project team members and others were on hand for the special event. The project includes a 14,200 square foot addition and 2,650 square feet of renovation work. Fager-McGee Commercial Construction in Murphysboro is the project's general contractor. Dodd Architects of Anna is the project's architect. NAVIGATE Building Solutions in Brentwood, Mo., is the project's construction manager. Look for more photographs and information about Monday's groundbreaking ceremony in an upcoming edition of the paper.





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## News Notes

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Looking ahead...Illinois attorney general's office representative Marsha Griffin is scheduled to present a consumer fraud program at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Anna City Hall. Community members are urged to attend.

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The 87th Easter sunrise service is planned Sunday morning, April 9, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

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Jena Guined is the new executive director for the Cross of Peace. The cross board's annual meeting was planned Tuesday evening, Feb. 14.

Cross of Peace merchandise is now available at Annabelle Market in downtown Anna.

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"A beautiful marriage proposal" was reported at the Cross of Peace. A posting on social media shared that "one of the couple's first dates included Bald Knob Cross."

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The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children was recently honored with a \$25,000 donation from the George A. Bates Memorial Foundation. Dr. Michael Murray, a trustee for the Foundation, presented the check to the founders of the Poshard Foundation, Glenn and Jo Poshard.

## COVID update

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IDPH had recorded a total of 4,040,139 cases and 36,229 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

The department was reporting 10,234 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois in the week ending Feb. 5, and 62 deaths.

"We are seeing a slight increase in COVID-19 community levels this

week," Vohra said in a news release.

"However, as COVID-19 community levels are relatively low and the State of Illinois plans for the end of the statewide disaster declaration in May, IDPH remains dedicated to staying vigilant and protecting the most vulnerable Illinoisians.

"This is why we are excited to announce the launch of the new STATeam. This innovative new program will provide additional layers of support for our local health departments and long term care facilities, protecting our most at-risk residents and keeping them safe from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses."

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**Union County COVID Cases Update**  
 Feb. 9: 6,826 total cases. 69 deaths.  
 Jan. 29: 6,813 total cases. 69 deaths.  
 Jan. 4, 2023: 6,712 total cases. 69 deaths.  
 Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.

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## High wind warning Tuesday

(continued from page 1) gusts up to 37 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 37. Wind gusts up to 28 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. Wind gusts as high as 22 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Wind gusts as high as 31 mph.

Monday: Chance of rain, mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Wind gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Feb. 8-9 Storm System**  
 Tuesday's high wind warning followed a storm system on Feb. 8-9 which impacted the region with "a multitude of hazards," the

weather service reported. Heavy rainfall amounts of 2 to 3-plus inches led to flooding issues across portions of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 2.57 inches of rain in Jonesboro on Feb. 8.

The weather service reported rainfall amounts of 3.04 inches and 3.15 inches at locations near Cobden.

Numerous flood advisories were in effect throughout the event. One of the advisories covered Union, Johnson and Pulaski counties.

A water rescue was per-

formed in Hamilton County on the morning of Feb. 9.

During the evening of Feb. 8, a few thunderstorms developed that produced strong winds.

After midnight, what instability there was seemed to dissipate, but a line of heavier showers was able to mix down some of the stronger winds aloft, allowing for scattered tree damage and power outages to occur.

After the rain ended, strong gradient winds developed during the early morning and continued through the day on Feb. 9.

Most locations observed

peak wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph, but there were some locations that experienced wind gusts of 55 to 60 mph.

The highest observed gusts were 62 mph at Carbondale and 59 mph at the Ballard County, Ky., Mesonet.

A 45 mph wind gust was recorded at 3 a.m. on Feb. 9 in Jonesboro.

Strong gradient winds developed after midnight and continued into the day on Feb. 9.

Some of the highest gusts were associated with the last line of heavy showers that moved through.

Other locations observed their highest winds after the rain exited during the early to mid morning hours.

The strong winds occurred due to a rapidly deepening low pressure system that moved from near Springfield, Mo., to Chicago.

A tight pressure gradient developed across our region and the strong winds just off the surface were able to mix down.

These winds produced scattered tree damage and caused some power outages as well.

At the peak, several thousands customers were without power across Southern Illinois. Isolated power outages also occurred in neighboring states.

## Anna City Council meeting held

An update about plans for a new playground project was shared at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, at Anna City Hall.

Work is progressing on development of the Hadley's Haven all-inclusive playground at the park.

The new playground will be located across the street from one which currently exists at the park.

The city is looking at future use for the equipment which is currently located at the playground.

Future use of the current playground site also is being considered. One suggestion is the development

of a parking area.

During the annual Union County Fair, the site of where the new playground will be located is used for parking.

In other business at last week's meeting:

Lt. Jessica Roberts from the Anna Fire and Rescue Department reported on the department's activities for December 2022 and January. Roberts shared the following statistics:

January: Two structure fires. One electrical fire. One lift assist. Two grass/field fires. Two auto alarms. One landing zone. One spontaneous combustion fire. One gas odor. One auto accident. Seven hours

of training.

December 2022: Five automatic alarms. Two good intent calls. One electrical fire. Two auto accidents. Two lift assists. Two gas leaks. Two mutual aid calls. One structure fire. One car fire. Four hours of training.

The council authorized allocation of up to \$67,000 for public works capital equipment, including a used track hoe and a pump.

The council authorized allocation of up to \$37,000 for police department capital equipment. The funds will be used for the purchase of 10 tasers. The police department currently has tasers which cannot be upgraded.

## School bus involved in traffic accident

A Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 school bus was involved in a traffic accident Monday afternoon, Feb. 13.

The school district posted a news release on its Facebook page which reported that the bus was traveling north on Illinois Route 3 when the accident occurred. The bus was carrying one student and the driver.

The bus was involved in a multi-vehicle accident which occurred at approximately 3:10 p.m. on the Alexander-Union County line.

Shawnee Community Unit District No. 84 administrators responded to the scene. Various emergency services agencies were already on the scene.

The driver and the student were transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

The news release posted on social media closed by stating that Shawnee Community Unit District No.

84 "is so thankful for the swift response of all of the first responders and emergency agencies to today's accident."

An update posted on the school district's Facebook page at 6:30 p.m. shared that the bus driver and student had been treated and released from the hospital.

The Union County Sheriff's Office in Jonesboro posted a message on social media Monday afternoon that Illinois Route 3 had been closed due to a traffic accident.

The highway was closed from Illinois Route 146 W at the State Route 3 Ware intersection to the Union-Alexander county line in McClure.

Traffic was being asked to avoid the area and to detour through Olive Branch and State Route 127.

At about 7:30 p.m. Monday, the sheriff's office posted on social media that the road had been cleared and Route 3 was back open to traffic.

## County board

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The fee is levied on all documents which are recorded at the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

Revenue generated by the fee is earmarked to assist low-income Illinoisians with the cost of housing rental.

Meisenheimer reported that the fee generated \$21,879 in the county in 2020, \$24,381 in 2021 and \$19,818 in 2022.

Concerns are being shared by clerks in other Illinois counties about allocation, or lack of allocation, of the funds by the state back to the local level.

The county clerk also reported that he is working on a cost study related to recording fees.

## Weather

### Heavy rain, 45 mph wind gust recorded

Heavy rain and strong winds highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of Feb. 7-13.

Rainfall amounts included .04 of an inch on Feb. 7, 2.57 inches on Feb. 8 and .08 of an inch on Feb. 9.

A wind gust of 45 miles per hour was recorded at 3 a.m. on Feb. 9.

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 7	59	45
Wednesday, Feb. 8	54	44
Thursday, Feb. 9	62	34
Friday, Feb. 10	40	25
Saturday, Feb. 11	50	24
Sunday, Feb. 12	58	26
Monday, Feb. 13	64	35

*"The Preaching Pen"*

**Belonging to God: Psalm 100:3**

As human beings it is important that we feel a sense of belonging in our lives. Belonging is an emotional need to be accepted by others. Left unchecked, this emotional pull can easily influence our behavior and even change our beliefs and attitudes. As Christians, we must make sure we belong to God, even if it means not belonging to family or friends.

**Belonging to God means we are accepted by HIM:**  
 In **Isaiah 43:1**, the promise is spoken about God's connection with mankind. In the passage, the prophet is not talking about the fleshly Israel but Spiritual (church). This type of belonging is because you and I are taken by Him, received by Him, and held by Him. Such a relationship can only come through our obedience to Jesus Christ **Ephesians 1:6**. We BECOME objects of God's favor. Jesus is the only allowable means for us to be accepted by God. How do we continue to be accepted? **Acts 10:35** fear (worship) and righteous works (abstain from evil and give all) are the means by which we are accepted by God. After all, HE created us, formed us, redeemed us, and called us for adoption **John 1:12**.

**Belonging to God means we are accompanied by HIM:**  
 Another meaning for this belonging is to follow together with Him. **Mark 9:41** tells about how servants of him belong to HIM. A servant must bring rewards. There is no unimportant service to God. **Luke 14** reminds us about the true cost of discipleship. We must deny family and self. Without our sacrifice, we cannot follow; we cannot belong to God. How do we remain in His company? **1 Timothy 6:11-12** urges us to FLEE and in verses **3-10** to FOLLOW righteousness and godliness.

**Belonging to God means we are sealed by HIM:**  
**2 Timothy 2:19's** seal is an inscription with double meaning. A seal displayed builder and was a mark of ownership. A seal also makes an impression because it shows mark of authentication which denotes security; The Lord Know his (he approves, watches, provides). The totality of humanity belongs to God; but he will only accept those who want to belong to him on HIS terms.

Ryan Thornsberry  
 Anna church of Christ

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# Wellness on Wheels van set to visit Anna

As the winter flu season continues in the region, Southern 7 Health Department reminds the community there is still time to get an annual flu shot and a COVID-19 booster.

Through a grant funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Southern 7 Health Department provides flu shots, COVID-19 boosters and many other services through the IDPH Wellness on Wheels, WOW, van. The van is available through a grant funded by IDPH.

The WOW van travels to high health risk communities in the lower seven counties of Illinois. The counties are served by Southern 7 Health Department.

The WOW van is scheduled to be at the Dollar General Store in Anna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 22.

Free services which are available include NAR-CAN training, blood pressure checks, colorectal cancer tests (FIT) and medication disposal packets.

Services which are available for a fee include blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy and TB

skin tests and well water tests.

All services will be offered while supplies last. No appointment will be necessary for services. Walk-ins are welcome.

Charged services, including COVID-19 vaccines and boosters and flu shots, require a health insurance card.

Southern Seven advised that those who will be requesting a COVID-19 booster are asked to bring their vaccine card.

The Wellness on Wheels

van is a multidisciplinary unit which is available to the Southern Seven Health Department through a partnership with IDPH to provide health screenings and other services.

IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services at the Wellness on Wheels van at sites where people can come for medical services.

More information about the WOW program are available by contacting Shawna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or by visiting S7HD on Facebook, the Southern 7 app and at www.southern7.org.

## Anna VFW events noted

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna has a variety of special events on the calendar. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

**Corn Hole Tournaments:** The post plans to host corn hole tournaments on Thursday, today, and Thursday, Feb. 23. The public is welcome.

Sign-up for the tournaments starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. No outside food or drinks are allowed. The public is welcome.

**Benefit Tournament:** A benefit corn hole tournament is planned Sunday,

Feb. 19. The tournament begins at 2 p.m.

The tournament will help with expenses for high school student Clayton Richardson, who received a kidney transplant and is now battling cancer.

Brian Pender is scheduled to play from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Whiskey River Band:** The Whiskey River Band is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. There will be a \$5 cover charge for this event.

**Taco Tuesday:** Taco Tuesday is planned at the post on Feb. 28. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hard shell tacos, soft shell tacos and taco salads will be served. The public is welcome.

## Cobden Women's Club plans to meet

The Cobden Women's Club plans to meet Thursday, today.

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

The club will be working on its 2023 calendar. Dues for the year will be collected. Any interested women are invited to attend.

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# Anna School District No. 37 celebrates DARE graduates

Anna School District No. 37 hosted a graduation ceremony for students who completed the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on Thursday, Jan. 26.

The DARE program teaches students nationwide the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

The program is led locally by Officer Jason Leek of the Anna Police Department.

Officer Leek handed out diplomas at the ceremony and announced the winners of the DARE essay contest

and poster contest.

The 2022-2023 DARE graduates include:

Riley Barnhart, Riley Benefield, Aubrey Cast, Kaegan Craig, Meleigha Gomes, Miley Grant, Kameron Hall, Eliza Hutcheson, Christopher James.

Baylee Jensen, Braxton Law, Aliyah Potter-Casey, Riley Rowan, Kendrix Schuster, Ella Smith, Cheyenne Turner, Violet Yates.

Raymond Beegle III, Kathryn Borders, Kaitlyn Butler, Layla Carney, Knox Colboth, Angelica Gutierrez, Mayli Knight, Matthew Lang.

Brynlee Miller, Jeremy Miller, Savannah Miller, Ronnie Quick, Jacob Roberts, Cooper Schmidt, Tillie Stanley, Lydia Thomas, Chelsea Vaca-Miron, Wyatt Vaughn, Drew Werner.

Jordan Basler, Raelynn Bigham, Sabryna Borders, Paxton Boreup, Liam Brazil, Michael Caraker, Bentley Carter, Olivia Clark, Naomi Cook Taylor.

Gabriel Hammer, Abigail Hinkle, Nicholas James, Landon Lee, Brooke Meyer, Benito Orea, John Reynolds, Emma Sanders, Benjamin Thompson, Nolan Thurston.



**DARE graduation**  
Anna School District No. 37 had a DARE graduation ceremony at the end of January. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



**Essay winners**  
The winners of the DARE essay contest from each class were given certificates of recognition and were allowed to read their essays as part of the graduation ceremony. From left are Officer Jason Leek and essay winners Kaegan Craig, Naomi Cook and Savannah Miller.



**Poster winners**  
A winner from each class was chosen for the DARE poster contest from among this year's graduating class. This year's winners, pictured with DARE Officer Jason Leek, are, from left, Violet Yates, Raelynn Bigham and Brynlee Miller.



**Spirit Awards**  
The DARE Spirit Award is given to one student from each class for "exemplifying the spirit of DARE." Winners were presented with a medal and a certificate of achievement. With Officer Jason Leek, are this year's winners: from left, Matthew Lang, Aliyah Potter-Casey and Liam Brazil.

## Farm Bureau to award scholarships

Union County Farm Bureau is accepting applications for the Farm Bureau scholarships, the Halford Dillow Memorial Scholarship and the William Flamm Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarships are available to high school students who are planning to attend college and students who

already are in college.

Scholarships are available to children of voting and associate members or young adults who are already Farm Bureau members, who are all studying agriculture or a coursework that will prepare them for a career in agriculture.

A link to the online ap-

plication can be obtained by emailing unionfb@frontier.com or by contacting local school guidance offices.

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is Friday, March 31.

More information is available by calling the Union County Farm Bureau office at 833-2125.

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# Sports

## A-J hosts Century

Anna-Jonesboro hosted Century in a boys' high school basketball game on Feb. 7. The home team posted a win in the game involving non-conference opponents. Photographer Tiffany Dillow shared pictures of A-J players (in white uniforms) in action during the game.



Payton Denny



Dylan Harvel



Dawson Trammel

## Boys' regionals slated

Boys' high school regional basketball play is scheduled in the region.

Schedules were posted on the Illinois High School Association website and include:

**Class 1A**  
**Goreville Regional Saturday, Feb. 18**  
 Game 1: 1 p.m., Dongola at Mounds Meridian.  
 Game 2: 5 p.m., Cairo at Ullin (Century).

Game 3: 2 p.m., Tamms (Egyptian) at Goreville.  
 Game 4: 5 p.m., Wolf Lake (Shawnee) at Cobden. Game will be played at Jonesboro Elementary School at 309 Cook Ave. due to gym construction.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
 Game 5: 6 p.m., winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 2.  
 Game 6: winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4.  
**Friday, Feb. 24**  
 Game 7: winner Game 5 vs. winner Game 6.

**Class 2A**  
**Harrisburg Regional Saturday, Feb. 18**  
 Game 1: 7 p.m., Harrisburg at Eldorado.  
 Game 2: 3 p.m., Anna-Jonesboro at Carmi (Carmi-White County).

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**  
 Game 3: 6 p.m., Carterville vs. winner Game 1.  
 Game 4: 7:30 p.m., Vienna vs. winner Game 2.

**Friday, Feb. 24**  
 Game 5: 7 p.m., winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4.

**Friday, Feb. 24**  
 Game 5: 7 p.m., winner Game 3 vs. winner Game 4.

## Four A-J wrestlers qualify for state

Four Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestlers have qualified for state.

The A-J wrestlers moved on to the state tournament based on their finishes at the Carterville Class 1A regional Saturday, Feb. 11.

Two girls on the A-J wrestling team advanced to state. Two boys joined them in moving on.

The A-J girls who qualified were Zoe Sadler, 105 pounds, 1st, 3-0; and Orié Dover, 120 pounds, 3rd, 3-1.

The A-J boys who advanced to state were Drew

Sadler, 106 pounds, 1st, 3-0; and Daniel Dover, 126 pounds, 4th, 2-2.

Two Wildcat alternates were Brett Smith, 120 pounds; and Drew Holsouser, 152 pounds.

The overall records for the A-J wrestlers who qualified for state include:

Drew Sadler, 47-2; Daniel Dover, 42-8; Zoe Sadler, 38-5; and Orié Dover, 23-9.

The top four finishers in each weight class at the regional advances to the state tournament at Champaign today, Thursday, that will run through Saturday.

## Cobden defeats Egyptian

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team scored a win over Egyptian in recent action.

**Cobden 42, Egyptian 39:** Tyler Franklin led Cobden with 22 points in the win Friday, Feb. 10.

Mitchell Howell scored 8 points for Cobden, Aron Funes 5, Matthew Howell 4 and Brady Bundren 3.

**Paducah Christian 85, Cobden 58:** Franklin led the visiting Appleknockers with 39 points in the game played Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Mitchell Howell scored 6 points, Matthew Howell

5 and James Eagle, Thomas Coleman, Xach Roberts and Funes 2 each.

**Pope County 65, Cobden 43:** The host Pirates led 18-6 at the end of the first quarter on their way to the win Monday, Feb. 6.

Franklin led Cobden with 30 points. Coleman scored 4, Roberts 3 and Bundren, Mitchell Howell and Funes 2 each.

Cobden, 11-16, is scheduled to play Shawnee at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Jonesboro in the quarterfinals of the Goreville Class 1A regional.

## Du Quoin defeats A-J

The Du Quoin High School boys' basketball team took an early lead on its way to a 56-45 win over host Anna-Jonesboro on Senior Night for the home team Friday, Feb. 10.

Du Quoin was ahead 12-7 after one quarter, 24-19 at the half and 38-27 heading into the final quarter.

Dawson Trammel led the Wildcats with 15 points and 6 rebounds. Dylan Harvel had 15 points and 4 rebounds. Taj Hodges had 7 points and a rebound. Drew Page had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Payton Denny had

2 points and 15 rebounds. A-J was 15 of 35 from the floor, 3 of 19 from 3-point range and 6 of 16 from the free throw line.

Du Quoin was 22 of 47 from the floor, 3 of 10 from 3-point range and 3 of 9 from the free throw line.

The Wildcats were scheduled to close out regular season play earlier this week at Century.

A-J, 10-17, is scheduled to play Saturday, Feb. 18, at Carmi-White County in the quarterfinals of the Class 2A Harrisburg regional.

## Century outscores Shawnee

The visiting Shawnee High School boys' basketball team couldn't hang on to a 13-11 first quarter lead in a 58-51 loss to Century Friday, Feb. 10.

Shawnee was ahead 28-26 at halftime. The game was tied 39-39 after three quarters. The Centurions went on a 19-12 run in the fourth quarter to post the win.

Brody Wills led Shawnee with 20 points and 2 rebounds. Dryden Wills had 16 points and 9 rebounds. Ryan Libbert and Noah Mayberry each had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Austin Kinder had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Kayman Ford had a point and 3 rebounds.

Shawnee plays at Jonesboro Saturday, Feb. 18, against Cobden in the quarterfinals of the Goreville Class 1A regional.

## A-J girls' season ends at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team lost 42-28 to host Vienna in the first round of the Class 2A Massac County regional Saturday, Feb. 11.

The Lady Eagles led 9-7 after one quarter, 21-12 at the half and 36-22 after three quarters.

Jayci Needling led A-J with 7 points. Tete Harris added 6, Jayda Shepard 4, Riley Cruse and Ava Alsip 3 each, Macie George and Kayleigh Wheaton 2 each and Kansas Craig 1.

**Massac County 70, A-J 29:** The host Lady Wildcats trailed early in their game of the regular season. Massac County had 10 3-pointers in the game.

Shepard and Needling led A-J with 6 points each. Savannah Smith and Craig had 5 apiece, Alsip 3 and Cruse and George 2 each.

## A-J girls in action

After trailing early, the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team rallied for a 47-43 win over Du Quoin Monday, Feb. 6. Photographer Tiffany Dillow shared pictures of A-J players (in white uniforms) in action during the game.



Jayda Shepard



Savannah Smith



Jayci Needling

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**1973 sectional champions**

Shawnee Community College is planning to honor its 1973 men's basketball team. In 1973, the college had its first basketball team. The Shawnee squad won a sectional championship in 1973. This Saturday, the college is planning to have a ceremony to honor the 1973 team. Some of team members from that first season are scheduled to be in attendance. The ceremony is scheduled at about 2:45 p.m. on the college's main campus near Ullin. The ceremony is planned between a women's game which tips off at 1 p.m. and a men's game, which is set for 3 p.m. Shawnee Community College photo.

**Exhibit, short story, photo sessions featured at Anna Arts Center**

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host an art exhibit, a short story and pizza night and a photography portrait session.

**Art Exhibit**

An exhibit by artist Rita Blitt is planned at the arts center. The exhibit is scheduled to open Feb. 16.

Rita Blitt is an international award-winning painter, sculptor and filmmaker, whose words "Kindness is contagious. Catch it!" have inspired people all over the world.

An opening reception is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 119 W. Davie St. in Anna. Admission is free and refreshments are planned.

The exhibit is on loan from the Margaret Harvel Art Museum in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

The exhibit will show case Blitt's watercolors, drawings and paintings.

The exhibit is scheduled

to be on display from Feb. 16 through March 12. It will be open to view on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. It is free to visit the exhibit.

Those who have questions, or groups that may want to see the exhibit, can call Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com to set a date and time for viewing.

Blitt's works have been featured in over 70 solo exhibitions. Her works are included in many museums and private collections.

Her art work celebrates love of life, nature, music and dance.

In 1977, she wrote "I feel like I'm dancing on paper." Later, her comment turned into a 6-minute film, Caught in Paint. The film was a collaboration involving Rita Blitt, David Parsons, choreographer, the Parsons Dance Company, and Lois Greenfield, dance photographer.

The film has won 16 awards and has been invited to be shown in over 130 film festivals. The

film can be seen online at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e\\_C8iqusqQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e_C8iqusqQ).

**Short Story, Pizza Night**

Short story and pizza night, led by Tom Caldwell, is planned at 6 p.m. on Feb. 20.

The short story titled "The Beau Catcher" by Frederick Laing will be discussed.

Those who plan to attend are asked to read the story in advance and then come ready to discuss and eat pizza.

The short story can be retrieved at [https://stallingsela.weebly.com/uploads/3/8/9/9/38992841/beau\\_catcher.pdf](https://stallingsela.weebly.com/uploads/3/8/9/9/38992841/beau_catcher.pdf).

Everyone is asked to bring their favorite drink and \$3 for the pizza. For more information, text Caldwell at 1-217-994-3449. An RSVP is requested prior to the event.

**Portrait Sessions**

Portrait sessions by Caleb Hale are planned Feb. 25. The event will be a fund-raiser for the arts center. Only 10 slots are available. Sign up is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/4vchcd7j>.

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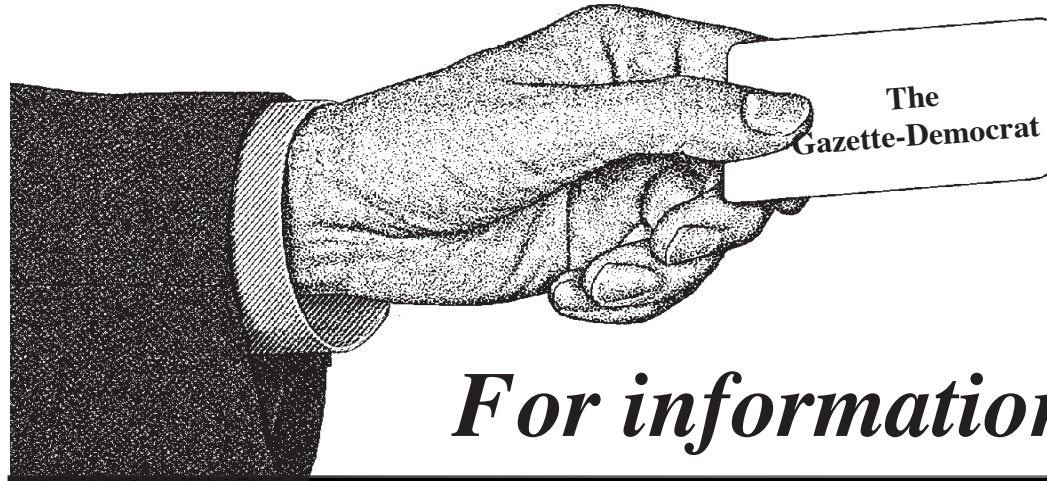
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SPECIAL MEETING PLANNED**

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of Union County Hospital.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the donation request for surgical instruments and the helipad relocation.

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# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 12, during the morning worship service, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about "healing and thorns in the flesh." The message was based on scripture from 2nd Corinthians, Numbers, the Psalms, John and Hebrews.

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 the worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Connor Benbrook sang the song "How Great is Our God."

Women's and men's Bible study were planned at 7 p.m. Monday.

A Valentine's Day get-together with finger foods, games and a skit was planned Tuesday evening.

Birthdays: Cindy Pender, Liz Wilkins, Feb. 15; Jackie Dillow, Feb. 19.

Anniversary: Joe and Martha McRaven, Feb. 11, 25 years.

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.

The Dig-In Children's program for children ages 4 through 6th grade is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Youth are scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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

## Soup, chili dinner set in Cobden

The Cobden Community Association is planning to sponsor a soup and chili dinner.

The dinner is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Cobden Presbyterian Church. The church is located on Jefferson Street. The dinner is open to the public.

The costs will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). The menu will

feature hot dogs, side dishes and desserts.

The Cobden Community Association is made up of community-minded citizens who want to promote the Village of Cobden.

One of the group's main activities is cosponsoring Christmas in the Village. Plans are being made to sponsor more community events.

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**Daily Bible Readings**

John 3:1-21	John 3:22-36	1 John 1:1-2:6	1 John 2:7-29	1 John 3:1-24	1 John 4:1-21	1 John 5:1-21
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# State museum sites return to pre-pandemic hours

After nearly three years of reduced operating hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois State Museum, ISM, announced that effective Feb. 1, its flagship facility in Springfield and its Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown would return to pre-pandemic operating hours. Additionally, the Illinois State Museum flagship facility in Springfield and all its affiliated locations will continue to offer free admission.

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The museum's downtown Springfield facility is scheduled to be open to visitors seven days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

More information about the Illinois State Museum's location and hours can be found online at [www.illinois-statemuseum.org](http://www.illinois-statemuseum.org).

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually. Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

<b>Shawnee CUSD 84</b>	<b>3365 State Hwy 3 N Wolf Lake, IL 62998 1157</b>	<b>618-833-5709</b>	<b>9AM - 3PM</b>
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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,678,015	301,903	548,871	68,450	78,605	131,823	18,634	161,033	17,147
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	912,747	0	0	304,331	0	50,000	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	1,596,657	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>4,187,419</b>	<b>301,903</b>	<b>548,871</b>	<b>372,781</b>	<b>78,605</b>	<b>181,823</b>	<b>18,634</b>	<b>161,033</b>	<b>17,147</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>4,047,455</b>	<b>364,801</b>	<b>549,928</b>	<b>463,385</b>	<b>109,167</b>	<b>71,132</b>		<b>194,441</b>	<b>16,380</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021</b>		<b>1,651,070</b>	<b>87,858</b>	<b>50,670</b>	<b>204,310</b>	<b>98,033</b>	<b>255,116</b>	<b>2,199,512</b>	<b>44,397</b>	<b>118,833</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022</b>		<b>1,791,034</b>	<b>24,960</b>	<b>49,613</b>	<b>113,706</b>	<b>67,471</b>	<b>365,807</b>	<b>2,218,146</b>	<b>10,989</b>	<b>119,600</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022</b>		<b>1,843,427</b>	<b>24,960</b>	<b>49,613</b>	<b>113,706</b>	<b>67,471</b>	<b>365,807</b>	<b>2,218,146</b>	<b>10,989</b>	<b>119,600</b>

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Tech Guy	122,873	Johnson Controls Fire Protection	9,117
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US Foods	74,333	Shawnee Hills Landworks	7,200
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Schemel Companies	49,885	Cengage Learning Inc	5,796
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Southwest Solutions Group	14,569	E-Rate Funding Services	3,101
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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 1st day of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of formerly Ellet Cleaning Service to Ellet Scapes with the place of business located at 130 Jacob Street, Wolf Lake, Illinois 62998, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Jesse Ellet  
P.O. Box 61  
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Wolf Lake, IL 62988

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
9-11gpc

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO  
NATIONAL BANK,  
a National Chartered  
Bank,  
Plaintiff,**

**vs  
ANDREW H. SADLER,  
and MIKA L. SADLER,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE TAX LIEN  
UNIT, UNKNOWN  
OWNERS and  
NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 2023FC1**

### PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Andrew H. Sadler, Mika L. Sadler, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

#### EXHIBIT "A"

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Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Andrew H. Sadler, Mika

L. Sadler, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 2nd Day of March, 2023, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Keri E. Clark  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

**IN RE ESTATE OF  
SUSANNA HARTLINE,  
Deceased.  
2022-PR-2**

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Susanna Hartline of Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 17, 2023, to Rosiland Sedlacek and Roxanne Smallwood, as Co-Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Edward J. Heller of Reed, Heller & Cannell, 1100 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Williamson County Courthouse, Marion, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 2, 2023, and any claim not filed within that

period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Furthermore, the claimant shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk to your local circuit clerk's office.

REED, HELLER &  
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BY:  
EDWARD J. HELLER,  
Attorney  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**ESTATE OF  
BILLY LEE GOODMAN  
DECEASED.  
NO. 2023-PR-3  
IN PROBATE**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Billy Lee Goodman, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2023, to Phillip Goodman, 85 Goodman Valley Lane, Jonesboro, IL 62952, 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.

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 August 16, 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: February 10, 2023.

PHILLIP GOODMAN

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"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

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"I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers." Luis Bunuel

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers



# Obituaries

## Robert J. Kendrick

Robert J. Kendrick, 86, of Anna, died at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion.

He was born on April 30, 1936, in Albion, the son of William and Naomi Bunnage Kendrick.

He was a 1954 graduate of Chester High School, where he was a member of the Chester Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a feared adversary when he stepped on the football field and the basketball court.

He took great pride in being a Marine Corps veteran. He looked forward to spending time with the Morning Coffee Crew, as well as game nights with friends.

He also loved keeping in touch with extended family members. He enjoyed lighthearted debates (which he always won), watching sports, playing games, helping with dinner and spending time with his family.

Mr. Kendrick is survived by his only child, Robby (Lynne) Kendrick of Jonesboro; two granddaughters, Ashley (Dillon) Lascelles of Vienna and Courtney Kendrick of "Where are you now?" - Bob; two great-grandchildren, Addilynne Jo and Grayson Robert Lascelles of Vienna; as well as several other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Nancy Jo (Keller) Kendrick; his parents, William and Naomi Kendrick; sisters Ruth Bendof, Gerry Hamilton, Eldonna Harlan and Elanor Brunhofer; and one brother, Richard Kendrick.

Mr. Kendrick. Robert. Bob. Papa. Coach. Dad. Husband. Brother. Son. Friend. Uncle. Roberto. B3. Big Bad Bob.

Semper Fi.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home at Anna. Friends can call at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Military rites will be accorded at 1 p.m. at the funeral home by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

## Paula Orick Winn Casey

Paula Orick Winn Casey, 73, of McClure, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at her residence.

She was born on July 21, 1949, in Cairo, the daughter of Paul and Leona Lamb Orick.

She was retired from Dyno Nobel, where she worked as a detonator technician. Afterward she attended college for two years to study medical transcription. She also went to beauty school and worked out of her home.

She loved the outdoors, fishing, mowing and yard work. She could fix anything around her house.

Survivors include daughter Nina (Todd) Lasley; son David (Trish) Winn; grandchildren Michael (Aly), Mickenzie (Ad), Aaron, Miranda, Payton and Sara; great-grandchildren Emma, Benjamin, Lilly, Blakely, Riker, Carson, Jade, Payton and Kylie; five siblings, Robbie, Patty, Mike, Tina and Toby; stepmother Roberta; cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Diane Blaney officiating.

Inurnment will be at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure. Memorials can be made to Lindsey Cemetery.

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

**Crain Funeral Home**  
Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

### News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Feb. 12 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 "Father, Forgive Them." Scripture was from Luke and Matthew.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at [annanaz.com](http://annanaz.com) and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

A Sunday evening service was held in the church and on Zoom.

The evening message, titled "We Need God More Than Ever," was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 1 Samuel.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. Sunday School is planned



## Wayne N. Taylor

Wayne N. Taylor, 60, of Murphysboro, died peacefully with his wife and daughter by his side at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis at 5:21 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023.

He was born in Neptune, N.J., where he spent the first 14 years of his life growing up alongside the sea, spending countless days at the beach with his family.

He and his family later moved to Spring, Texas, where he resided until meeting his wife in 2001.

He moved to Anna, and married Karen Davidson on July 20, 2002, and they spent 21 loving years together.

He had many passions, including all things history, a love for politics and a love of the beach. He worked in retail management during his life. He was a one of a kind individual with a loving heart and dedication to his wife.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife, Karen Taylor of Murphysboro; daughter Anita Lucatero of Carbondale; grandchildren Kyler Washington, Kaitlyn and Kameron Zimmerman; special brother Jack Taylor of Florida; nephew Josh Matthews of New Jersey; great-nephew Julian Matthews; sister-in-law Joyce (Dewaine) Prater; and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his father, John Taylor; his mother, Betty Taylor; a sister, Valerie Matthews, mother-in-law Afton Davidson and father-in-law Harry Davidson.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Mark Hasty officiating.

Interment will follow the funeral services in the Anna City Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the donor's choice.

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

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



## Lois (Loie) Silliman

Lois (Loie) Silliman, 51, of Anna, died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Ind.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1971, in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of Calvin Harold and Ruth Delane Allen Silliman.

She worked for Chamness Care as a DSP. She was always the life of the party and made everyone smile. She enjoyed arts and crafts in her spare time and making cakes for birthdays.

Survivors include her son Kabastian Broc Silliman-Dunn; sisters Lisa Silliman, Tasha M. Mealer and Nancy Culver; brothers Harold (Tracy) Silliman and Shawn (Caitlin) Silliman; second mom to Lauren Bailey Bible; and other nieces, nephews; and other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Lara Silliman.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Cliff Waller officiating.

Interment followed the funeral services at Mission Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

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

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



## Rose A. Nevels

Rose A. Nevels, 88, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

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

## County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

### Lots of Rain

The rain this past week sure made an impact on local drought conditions. More is forecast for this week.

Clear Creek, along with other creeks in the area, which have been relatively dry, were filled to the brim by the storms that passed through.

Fields were saturated and more than a few limbs are in need of cutting up and removing from yards.

Keep in mind that spring isn't here yet, despite the weird temperature fluctuations.

We just might be in for another year of flooding. The northern states have really been racking up the number of inches in snow and once that melts, the Mississippi is going to rise back up.

Let's hope that it's not catastrophic flooding. 1973, 1993, 2011, and 2019 gave us plenty of that.

### Valentine's Day Dinner

Mill Creek Baptist ladies enjoyed a Valentine's Day dinner cooked and cleaned up by the men on Saturday evening. A spaghetti dinner, with salad, and garlic toast, plus desserts were enjoyed.

We thank these gentlemen for the lovely treat. A simple meal but made with love and a heartfelt desire to please. It doesn't get better than that.

### Church Meeting

Mill Creek Baptist Church had a business meeting Wednesday.

Items brought up since that meeting are Vacation Bible School, which we'd like to see held a lot earlier this year. As usual, workers are needed. A theme has not been chosen yet, nor the date, but if you are interested in working during VBS, please let the church know.

The date for our annual Easter egg hunt and luncheon is April 8 at noon. We will start with a light meal of hot dogs, chips and snacks, before moving on to the egg hunt.

Members are encouraged to start collecting large eggs, candy, individually wrapped cookies and snack cakes, snack sized chips,

bottled water and juice bottles. A collection point will be created in the fellowship hall for all these items.

Easter is April 9. Members will meet Wednesday, April 5, after services to stuff the eggs.

### Village Meeting

The Village of Mill Creek will be having a monthly meeting at village hall at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Residents are encouraged to attend. New board members are being sought and ideas for improvements in several areas would be appreciated.

### Prayer List

Many on our prayer list are improving and we give God praises for it all.

Dawn Rider received good news from tests she'd had run; a coworker of mine is recovering from recent surgery and doing well; Shirley Harvel had eye surgery Friday and is recovering at home; Brother Bobby Richardson is in the Anna hospital, where he's currently undergoing therapy on his feet; Jeff Starr has been admitted to the Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau for therapy; Lula Belle Tripp was back in church Sunday and is recovering well from her heart surgery; and Rage and Titan Henderson were back in church Sunday and it's nice to see they are both feeling well again.

Please take a moment of your time to visit some of these folks. Visits really do lift spirits and work miracles of their own. If you can't come, send a card, or pick up the phone and give them a call.

Those still in need, and those recently added, will be prayed for diligently: Christina Kennedy for kidney issues; Debbie Hackman for surgery on her foot; Jim Sullivan who has suffered a stroke; and Mary Richardson, Sue Starr, Doris Camden, Greg Stark, Helen Bergman, Clayton Richardson and Keith Robertson, all who have health issues.

### Sunday Message

Brother Bobby Newberry brought the message this Sunday from the book of

John, chapter 2. His focus was on prayers.

The Bible chronicles about 222 prayers. Most of these occur in the New Testament. All contain 50 words or less.

Our prayers don't have to be lengthy for God to act upon them. He already knows our heart and our needs. He likes to be called upon though. Our prayers demonstrate our faith.

In John 2: 1-12 Jesus performs His first miracle. Mary, Jesus' mother, had faith that her son could provide the needed wine for the wedding, even as Jesus said his "hour" had yet come.

She just turned and told the disciples to do whatever Jesus said and she walked away. Her faith was that strong.

We need to demonstrate faith like that. Give our problems over to God and walk away from them. He will deal with them, but probably faster, if we'd keep from picking those problems back up and worrying with them.

Sometimes His answer is no, sometimes it's not right now. We need to have the faith to know He knows what's best. That no answer might seem devastating, but we don't know what other events are at play in the background.

Patience is hard. Prayer isn't. Sometimes we are so bogged down with worries we find we have trouble praying or knowing what to pray for. At times like these, just pray "God Help Me." He'll take it from there.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Sunday, Feb. 12, with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Pam Mehrle and John of Jonesboro visited Saturday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro whose birthday was Saturday, Feb. 11.

Sunday visitors of Sue and Steve Eudy were Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.


Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Fred and Max-

ine Pender.

Shirley Miller visited Saturday with Penny Hill of McClure and her grandchildren Tessa and Micah.

Our sympathy to the family of Glen "Pete" McRaven of Jonesboro who passed away last week.

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



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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.

## Valentine's Day, Presidents Day

Wishing everyone a belated happy Valentine's Day.

Also wishing everyone a great long weekend for Presidents Day celebrating Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12 and Washington's birthday Feb. 22 on Ash Wednesday.

## Signs of Spring

John and Martha Schwezman said they have had daffodils blooming for a couple of days. Great news. Martha said they were just waiting on the sun now. They live in Metropolis.

Peggy Rains of Alto Pass also sent me a picture of her Easter flowers starting to bloom.

## Birthday Celebration

Carla Sims celebrated her birthday Feb. 10. She was honored with a dinner at Tom's in Tamms.

## Rhymer News

Willie and Terrie Rhymer traveled to Giant City Lodge on Feb. 12 along with Jordan, Alexis, Hadley, Jaxson, Emmy and Rowan Rhymer to celebrate Alexis's 23rd birthday.

## Birthday Celebration

Terrie Rhymer attended the first birthday party in honor of Kasen Johnson held at the Dongola Community Center on Feb. 12. He received many gifts and several relatives and friends attended.

## Outing

David and Marie Samuel of Carterville enjoyed a drive through Anna to Cape Girardeau and saw the Mississippi River is still low. They came back through Alto Pass and found the Havisham House Event Center where the Gala was held in January.

## Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: Feb. 15th. Bill Young, 16th Judy Halter, Joy Poole, 17th Isabella Gray.

Anniversaries: Feb. 20th Relis and Dianna Oliver.

Attendance: Feb. 5, 8 a.m. worship 77. 10:30 a.m. worship 125. Small group Bible study 196. 6 p.m. worship 27.

RA's Pine Box Derby Race Day is March 25 for boys in 1st through 6th

grades.

Muffins for Missions will be Sunday, Feb. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Muffins will be available for donations to raise money for upcoming missions events.

Celebrate Recovery will be starting a new group meeting on Sunday evenings. This is for any church or community people who need help and support with addictions, grief or support with daily struggles.

Anna Heights had its annual Souper Bowl chili, dessert, canned goods and attendance competitions.

Chili winners were 1st place Cara Pribble, 2nd Kevin Grisby. Desserts: 1st place Sharon Laster, 2nd Phyllis Miller.

Food Pantry Drive was a tie between Capel & Company and Truth Seekers Class.

Sunday School competition: 1st place Youth, 2nd place Children, 3rd Priorities.

Pastor Darryl Williams' message Sunday was on The Love Challenge, with scripture from Mark 12: 29-31.

## Sunshine Inn

Needs a volunteer to call bingo after lunch on Tuesdays.

## Nightstand Project

While in Florida Susan Whitemountain and Lee Hackney made two night stands from recycled items.

One was made from sailboat hatch covers for tops (handhold) and unfinished flooring. The other one is an old library index card box that they built a stand for it.

The other project was the beautiful table Susan made from a door.

## District Meeting

Four members attended a GFWC District 25 board meeting at Mackie Pizza in Marion for lunch last Friday: Suzie Kessler, Marie Samuel, Lillian Milam and Jane Bauer.

## Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

Janet Ulrich, former regional superintendent of education was guest speaker at the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club Monday, Feb. 6, at Shawnee Community College in Anna.

She told about work her and her husband have been doing since they retired. A special thanks to Janet for treating everyone with pink iced cookies and donuts from Davis Pastry. Also to Jane Bauer for bringing everyone candy Dove hearts.

Club president Jane Bauer called the meeting to order with everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Alliance to the flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Jane said all the yearly reports had been finished and would be judged at the district meeting that will be held Friday.

Marie Samuel gave the devotion on love and how Agape is the highest form of love, God's love for us and our love for God.

Lillian Milam told about the coming events at the PAST house: DAR Mon



GFWC Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Feb. 6 at Shawnee Community College Extension in Anna. Front row Marie Samuel, guest speaker Janet Ulrich, Jane Bauer, Susie Kessler, back row Lee Hackney, Lillian Milam, Martha Ann Webb and Barbara Bauer.



GFWC District 23 convention was held in Herrin. The theme of the meeting was Bee Our Guest.

day and Wednesday Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies.

Susie Kessler gave the secretary's report. Jane read the treasurer's report.

Lee Hackney invited everyone to come to the Anna Arts Center after their meeting to see the art work of artist Zachary Rowatt that was on display there. Marie Samuel, Dee Dillon and Martha Ann Webb joined Lee and were happy to get to meet the artist.

## Cache River

The city of Anna is a recognized steward of the Cache River from the Anna City Park to the water treatment plant on Lime Kiln Road.

The Adopt-a-River program is sponsored by Living Lands and Waters of East Moline. A sign was posted near the source of the river in the city park.

## Reuben, Reuben

I was with my daughter Bessie Mae at Postal Pal when I noticed a book for sale. It interested me because it said A Hobo's Journals.

When I was growing up I remember hobos coming to our back door and knocking right here in Anna. They didn't ask for money they were just hungry.

My mother Bessie Mae Corbitt Davis would fix them a sandwich and give them a drink. They never came in our home but would sit on our back steps eat and drink thank Mother then leave.

Back in those days we never locked our doors not even at night because no one ever came in homes around where we lived unless they were ask.

I opened the book to look at it and was even more surprised to see the author was a friend who I haven't seen in a long time Joanne Blakley.

I knew then I wanted to buy the book for sure. I met Joanne when I collected the volunteer hours for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP.

Joanne was in the process of getting the old Anna City Hall building and starting the Anna Arts Center. They would meet at the Anna City Park until they got the building.

One thing that always stuck out in my mind was seeing Joanne scrubbing the old safe out and it had black mold in it because the building had set empty for a long time. She had rubber gloves on and black was running to her elbows.

They had a poetry writing group and I remember Guiola Moreland was one of the ones in the group. Guiola had recently lost her husband so this group was



Jane Bauer is shown with the work she entered at the GFWC District 23 convention and got 1st place on.



Janet Ulrich, former regional superintendent of education, was guest speaker at the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club Monday, Feb. 6, at Shawnee Community College in Anna. Janet is pictured with Jane Bauer, president of the club.



Macky Cohen and Zack Womatt, board members of the Anna Arts Center, took down Zack's art work that has been on display. Sunday was the last day for his art exhibit. Zack sold several of his art pieces.

wonderful for her.

I got them interested in the RSVP and Guiola was in a group with Bonnie Kohler, Marchetta DeWitt and others who went to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, nursing homes and

other places to play instruments and sing for them. They wore black vests with white letters RSVP.

This book sure brought back some wonderful memories. I am looking forward to seeing Joanne soon and



Artist Marie Samuel from Carterville, Martha Ann Webb and Lee Hackney admired the work of pastel artist-geologist Zachary Bowatt at the Anna Arts Center. The picture they are standing in front of is Ferne Clyffe, among other work was Tower Rock done from the Grand Tower side and Garden of the Gods. Zachary is also on the board at the Anna Arts Center.



Shown here with her accepted entry in the Women's Voices 3 exhibit at the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro on display Feb. 7 to May 13 is Carterville artist Marie Samuel.



Fun making things from recycled items: Susan Whitemountain spent January in Florida building a dining room table from an old door and wood found in the garage. She did buy the legs for the table. Susan's next project is building chairs for the table on her next trip south.



Susan Whitemountain helped Norma Lee Hackney build night stands for the bedrooms.

having her sign my book. A special thanks to Joanne, Guiola, Bonnie Marchetta, Barbara Steffens, Dennis and Linda Kall and all the others who helped with this group and for being the first ones to start the Anna Arts Center.

High School Art Show

2023 High School Art Show reported by artist Marie Samuel:

Best of Show: 21 The Girl Sitting on the Edge of the World, Madeline Konstantopoulos, paint, Cartersville High School

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School art student awards follow:

1st, Contemplation of a Different Time, Sydney Waun, color pastels. 3rd, Oh Big Yawn, Sydney Waun, scratchboard.

Honorable mentions: Flooding Thoughts, Carmin Smith, photograph. Warmth and Gold, Kosie Tripp, wax/encaustic.

The awards program is Feb. 18, Saturday, at 1 p.m. in Marion at Little Egypt Art Association building downtown.

United Methodist Church, Anna

A memorial service for Marilyn Belcher was held at Sparta United Method-

ist Church on Saturday. Those attending from Anna United Methodist Church were Shirley West, Lovella Graig, Wanda Dillow and Jane Bauer. Sympathy to her family.

Sunday morning Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was on God is Love with scripture from 1 John.

Special music was "Worthy is the Lamb" by David Pedigo.

Happy Birthday

Lisa Karraker Stone visited her family in Kansas City for her granddaughter Avery's birthday. Avery's party was at Chuck E Cheese in Overland Park, Kan.

Anna First Baptist Church

Thanks Cissi Cuthbertson

The ladies ensemble, Carlena Thompson, Marilyn Mull, Peggie Bittle, Pat Mowell, Cissi Cuthbertson, Carol Kroeger and led by Sue Wilkins, graced the congregation at Anna First Baptist Church with a medley of hymns "I Love You, Lord," "Oh, How He Loves Me" and "Glorify Thy Name," accompanied by Jean Denny at the piano.

After that the team of Pastor Lopez, Yadi Lopez, Vickie Wagner, Luciano Lopez and youth pastor Zack led the church in worship.

Pastor Lopez's sermon was titled "Pride." He said that just as a parasite lives off its host animal or human, pride can act as a parasite and eat away at our relationships with people and God.

When we are offended by someone, our first inclination is to get revenge, but we need to ask ourselves if our pride means more to us than that person does; it shouldn't. Revenge is the Lord's only. Pride has no real value, so why do we hold on to foolish pride?

Romans 12:3 says, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

Valentine's Guest

Dalton Seip was home from Fort Branch, Ind., over the weekend visiting his family and a get together with friends watching the Super Bowl.

Valentine Dinner

Martha Ann Webb treated Bessie Mae and Curt Ellis to an early Valentine's dinner at Don Sol in Anna.

From Cherry Connolly

Join us one and all for our Winter Cobden Community Association Chili and or Soup Supper at the First Presbyterian Church of Cobden, 103 N. Jefferson

St. and Ash St, Cobden, east side of town, Monday, Feb. 20. A variety of all you can eat, chili, hot dogs, breads, salads, desserts, etc. will be offered for your dining pleasure. Plus you can bring a dish to share if you desire.

Donations will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years to 4.

CBA wishes to kindly thank the First Presbyterian Church of Cobden for their generous cooperation for the use of the church's beautiful community room.

Art Exhibit

Cartersville artist Marie Samuel has had an entry accepted in the Women's Voices 3 exhibit at the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro on display Feb. 7 to May 13.

Her entry titled "Selfie Inspired by Sylvia" is a tribute to Sylvia Greenfield, an inspiring watercolor teacher she studied with at SIU whose influence has lasted

for decades. The watercolor on rice paper is bordered with hand made paper.

The Women's Voices 3 exhibit is also showing at SIU in the University Museum for the same dates.

Both exhibits are free and open Tuesday to Saturday.

A closing reception is planned at the Murphysboro location, and everyone is welcome to attend from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 13.



Ron and Nancy Leske are enjoying retirement and celebrated 60 years of marriage. Ron is a retired barber and owned Main Street Barber Shop in Anna from 1971 to 1984. After he sold his shop he continued to cut hair at Joe's Barbershop until he retired in 2020. Ron also cut hair at Choate Mental Health for several years. Nancy is a homemaker. Wishing them many more wonderful, healthy and happy years together. A special thanks for having a business in Anna.



Ron and Nancy Leslie family all visited them to help them celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 3. Left to right, Teresa and Bill Leske, Chicago; Gloria and Paul Leske, La Valle, Wis.; Ron and Nancy Leske, Anna; Emily Hammer, Anna; Paige and Jason Charles, Anna.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

THURSDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 8:00pm.

FRIDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 17, 2023

FRIDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 7:30pm.

SATURDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 18, 2023

SATURDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 7:32pm.

SUNDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

SUNDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 8:00pm.

MONDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

MONDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 8:00pm.

TUESDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

TUESDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 7:00pm, 8:00pm.

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Rows for 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM.

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns: Time, SHOW. Rows for 8:00pm, 8:31pm.



## Showing support

Those in Shawnee School District No. 84 showed their support for superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill with a banner at the school in Wolf Lake on Monday morning and a special message: "We ARE so proud of you, your hard work and the leader that you are for our school. Way to go!!" Photo provided.

## News from

# Camp Ground Church, Community

"Depending on God's Grace, Part 3" was the title of Sunday's sermon, which was the conclusion of a three-week sermon series.

After a brief summary of the past two weeks' sermons, Bro. Easton read the concluding verses of Romans 5.

The sermon shared that "through our struggles, Christ is glorified; through our struggles, we grow as a person.

"When we do stumble, He is more than ready to forgive. We are not trapped in this struggle; with God by our side, it is a winnable 'war.'

"Like a tree pruned to grow internally and reach more potential, when God prunes us, we may not realize it, but growth is taking place.

"Once we realize that we will not be perfect on earth,

then we can shed our guilt of our sinfulness and not be hampered nor held back by it.

"From the time we accept Christ as our savior, we are to grow toward the perfection that will come when we die on Earth and receive our eternal life."

Aldi and Vodra Gerard took up the offering.

Camp Ground Church's lead elder for February is Tony Gerard.

This week, birthday wishes go to Jonah Simmons in Greenfield, Tenn.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts for early arrivals is planned at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

# Chancellor's Scholarships awarded to students by SIU

Thirteen high achieving high school seniors from throughout the region, including two from Union County, are receiving Southern Illinois University Carbondale 2023 Chancellor's Scholarships, which cover tuition, mandatory fees, food and housing for four years.

Union County students who received Chancellor's Scholarships include:

Alto Pass: Makenzie Hilliard, Cobden High School.

Jonesboro: Isabel Tehandon, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

On Feb. 6, SIU chancellor Austin A. Lane and other university officials paid surprise visits to present the scholarships and congratulate the 13 students, who were from 12 area high schools.

"I am excited to personally inform these high-achieving students in our own backyard about SIU Carbondale's highest honor," Lane said.

"Each student exemplifies what it means to be a Saluki who imagines making the world better. I look forward to seeing them this fall, where they will get a world-class education close to home."

Lane presented scholarships to students in Carbondale, Carterville, Herrin, Marion and Murphysboro. Others received surprise personal visits from university officials and Brown Dawg.

SIU will award 42 Chancellor's Scholarships this year. Almost 670 high school students competed in a selection process that included a scholarship application and essay, with finalists participating in a personal interview.

Selected students demonstrate high academic achievement, have a strong record

of leadership in their communities and participate in numerous extracurricular activities.

As in prior years, scholarship recipients will come from throughout Illinois and the United States.

The other 29 scholarship recipients learned about their awards during a Zoom session on Feb. 6.

The award is renewable for three years, contingent upon the students maintaining a 3.0 or higher grade point average and completing 20 hours of community service and campus leadership activities per year.

# Birding, Hiking 101, rare plants events planned at Giant City

A birding hike, a Hiking 101 program and rare plants are topics for upcoming programs planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

All of the events are free and open to the public. Registration is required for each event. More information is available by calling the Giant City Visitor Center at 618-457-4836.

**Birding Hike:** Park volunteer and Southern Illinois Audubon Society member Vicki Lang-Mendenall plans to lead a birding hike from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18.

Lang-Mendenhall will guide participants along the 1/3-mile accessible Post Oak Trail.

**Hiking 101:** Southern Illinois has a wide range of hiking possibilities and there are always new trails to discover.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., local Shawnee National Forest enthusiast Hiking with Shawn

# Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

## Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Chambourcin House and Vineyard LLC. Grantee: Great Grapes LLC. Tract Section 4 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David B. Miller, Davy Miller, Davy L. Miller, Mary E. Miller. Grantee: David B. Miller, Sara Jo Miller. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: John B. Cauble. Grantor: Donna K. Cauble, John B. Cauble. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alexa Buckner, Brock W. Buckner. Grantee: Herman Wells, Jessie Wells. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Buffy Wilson. Grantee: Collin Hugh Crane. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kathy Livesay, Alan L. Otten, L. Alan Otten, Pauletta Schneider. Grantee: Alan L. Otten, Sheila J. Otten. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jerry D. Palmer. Grantee: Christopher M. Adams, Rebecca A. Adams. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Derick D. Cummins, Tana R. Cummins. Grantee: Mark Tyler Eddleman. Tract Section 32 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kimberly A. Hale. Grantee: Isaiah J. Poole. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 2. Lot 21.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lisa A. Boget. Grantee: Colby Gage Lipe. Subdivision Name: J.H. Spans 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Illinois Central Railroad Company. Grantee: Amy G. Ralls, Robert L. Ralls. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Marilyn S. Veach. Grantee: Eddie Reynolds. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: P & P Motel Inc. Grantee: Lincoln Motel LLC. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Luanne D. Burdick, Michael C. Burdick. Grantee: John E. Wyatt III, Susann K. Wyatt. Subdivision Name: Lakeside 1st Addition. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rhonda Bittle, Terry W. Bittle. Grantee: Annabelle Market LLC. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Linda Louise Stewart. Grantee: Kenneth E. Gulley Jr. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Anna Heights Subdivision. Lot 69.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Robert Brett Witthoft. Grantee: Alisha A. Schlenker, Jeffrey S. Schlenker. Subdivision Name: Jacobi E. Wards 1st Add. Anna. Lot 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Woodrow L. Reed. Grantee: Dale R. Poole, Blake D. Ruddle. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Deborah D. Morrison. Grantee: Village of Dongola. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: T.J. Eddlemans 1st Add. of Dongola. Lots 8, 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rommel L. Hall, Tammy R. Hall. Grantee: Derick Cummins, Tana Cummins. Tract Section 8 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brittany C. Martin, Nicholas R. Martin. Grantee: Lawrence Uehle, Marilyn Uehle. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Sharon Subdivision. Lots 10, 11, 13, 14, 15.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jerry Reppert. Grantee: Community Integrated Living Inc. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Shannon Renee Heisserer, Tyra Dianne Johnson, Jerry L. Reppert. Grantee: Community Integrated Living Inc. Common Address: 205 E. Chestnut St., Anna.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Community Integrated Living Inc. Grantee: Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Common Address: 201 E. Chestnut St., Anna.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Susan O. Spellman. Grantee: Taryn Williams. Subdivision Name: McIntosh Heirs Addition of Jonesboro. Block 2. Lots 5, 6, 7, 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Wunderbar Woods LLC. Grantee: Aaron Hiatt. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ploumy LLC. Grantee: Hilltop Vacation Rentals LLC. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carolyn Thorn, Ronald Thorn. Grantee: Amy Thorn, Ronald Thorn. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carroll P. Foster Post 3455, Gary Jackson. Grantee: Glenda P. Mayberry, Marlin W. Mayberry. Subdivision Name: Weiss Addition of the City of Jonesboro. Block 1. Lot 562.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cindy L. Penninger, Michael B. Penninger. Grantee: Leo Childers. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Draperview Properties LLC. Grantee: Trainor Ag Properties LLC. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Matthew Clover, Stephanie Clover. Grantee: Stephanie Clover. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: VFW. Grantee: Gary G. Jackson. Subdivision Name: Hillcrest Addition Anna. Block 12. Lot 42. Hillcrest Addition Anna. Block 13. Lot 42. Hillcrest Addition Anna. Block 14. Lot 42.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lovella A. Craig. Grantee: Emily Goins. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gary Lee McConnell II. Grantee: Jansen Foster. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Estrella Godinez, Liliana Martinez Godinez, Jovo Mejia. Grantee: Real Estate Celeste Anna Inc. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Collin Cain, James R. Crane. Grantee: Randy Buelna. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Delores Charlene Adams.

## Record numbers reported for ACA

The final record-breaking numbers for the 2023 Open Enrollment Period, OEP, revealed that nationwide, more than 16.3 million people selected an Affordable Care Act, ACA, Marketplace health plan from Nov. 1, 2022, through Jan. 15, 2023.

In Illinois, 342,995 plans were selected, an enrollment jump of more than 6 percent compared to the previous year.

Grantee: Austin Robert Adams, Daniel Dean Adams. Tract Section 19 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jerry D. Palmer. Grantee: Rebecca A. Adams, Jeffery W. Palmer. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gary D. Fuller, Judith M. Fuller. Grantee: Randall L. Miller, Avisi Tshiseba Tshiamalenge. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

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Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charlotte Echols, Kendall A. Echols. Grantee: Kelly Ann Redden, Nathaniel Shane Redden. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dawn M. Walston. Grantee: Christopher Tyler Henderson. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lots 82, 83.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Benjamin L. Cook. Grantee: Jennifer L. Stokes. Tract Section 11 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Monica Bennett, Sean Bennett. Grantee: Michael J. Smith. Tract Section 17 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Clarice Hileman, Gerald Hileman. Grantee: Roger D. Hileman. Tract Section 14 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Christopher N. Bradley. Grantee: Scott T. Spurlock. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Centerstone of Illinois Inc., The Fellowship House. Grantee: Benjie Dunville, Janet Dunville. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kelly Curlee-Horn. Grantee: Brandi L. Grey, Samuel H. Grey. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union County Country Club. Grantee: Linda Dismore, Tracey Dismore. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edward Funkhouser, Karen Louise Funkhouser. Grantee: Davis Wayne Funkhouser. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Margaret L. Bush. Grantee: Cindy Pyne, Mike Pyne. Tract Section 20 Township 11S Range 1E.

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Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Selma Zimmerman. Grantee: Christine V. Zimmerman, Daniel H. Zimmerman. Tract Section 8 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Pauline Schluter Mallams. Grantee: Janson L. Pickel. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Sunset Hills Subdivision. Lot 2.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Fern Thompson. Grantee: David B. Thompson, Steven B. Thompson. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Stephanie Bridgette Barro, Stephanie Clover. Grantee: Eric Lambdin, Malori Lambdin. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Glen Blackstone. Grantee: David P. Burek. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Katelan Eddleman, Mark Tyler Eddleman, Katelan B. Webb. Grantee: Mark Tyler Eddleman. Tract Section 21 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amy Abernathy, Susan Crawford, Stephanie Davis, Billy G. Stout Jr., Richard Stout, Stacy Warner. Grantee: Estate of John Mark Stout, John Mark Stout. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry Cotham, Mary Cotham. Grantee: Michelle L. Won, Nathan L. Won. Tract Section 35 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Casie N. Jacobs, Casie N. Stastny. Grantee: Casie N. Stastny, Ladislav Stastny. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Jack W. Hendrix, Vickie L. Hendrix. Grantee: Stephanie R. Jones. Subdivision Name: A.J. Menees Addition. Lot 17.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Katelan B. Eddleman, Katelan B. Webb. Grantee: Mark Tyler Eddleman. Tract Section 4 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Pamela Jean Lentz. Grantee: Jonathon Nance. Subdivision Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola. Lot 74.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: City of Anna. Grantee: Donald Dublin, Kimberly Dublin. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 14. Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael G. Claunch. Grantee: Jack Shepard, Nina Shepard, Robert J. Shepard. Tract Section 35 Township 13S Range 1W. Tract Section 26 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jason B. Inman, David L. Miller. Grantee: Rest Area Lodge LLC. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Danielle Baity, Danielle R. Baity. Grantee: Village of Cobden. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sebastian Sullivan. Grantee: Angela R. Ralls, Justin T. Ralls. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Patricia A. McIntosh. Grantee: Patricia A. McIntosh, Kimberly C. Menees. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: William Clingingsmiths Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 5, 6, 7, 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jonesboro United Methodist Church. Grantee: County of Union. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Maricela Amezcua. Grantee: Mitzi W. Chambers. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Katherine L. Rider Revocable Trust, Katherine Rider, Katherine L. Rider. Grantee: Lowell Scott Rider. Tract Section 19 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Deborah Diller, Michael Diller. Grantee: Ashley Osborne, Gregory A. Osborne. Tract Section 6 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Brandi Richardson, Zachery Stout. Grantee: Misti Devillez, Brandi Richardson, Zachery Stout. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Misti Devillez, Brandi Richardson, Zachary Stout, Zachery Stout. Grantee: Charlie Pinnon. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carol S. Carter. Grantee: Carol Carter Revocable Living Trust. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Mr. Cooper, Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Grantee: Thomas Piacente. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kristen S. Cameron. Grantee: Benjie Dunville, Janet Dunville. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 4. Lot 10.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ida L. Miller, Raymond L. Miller. Grantee: Charles Conway Jr., Kimberly Conway. Tract Section 11 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 14 Township 12S Range 1W.

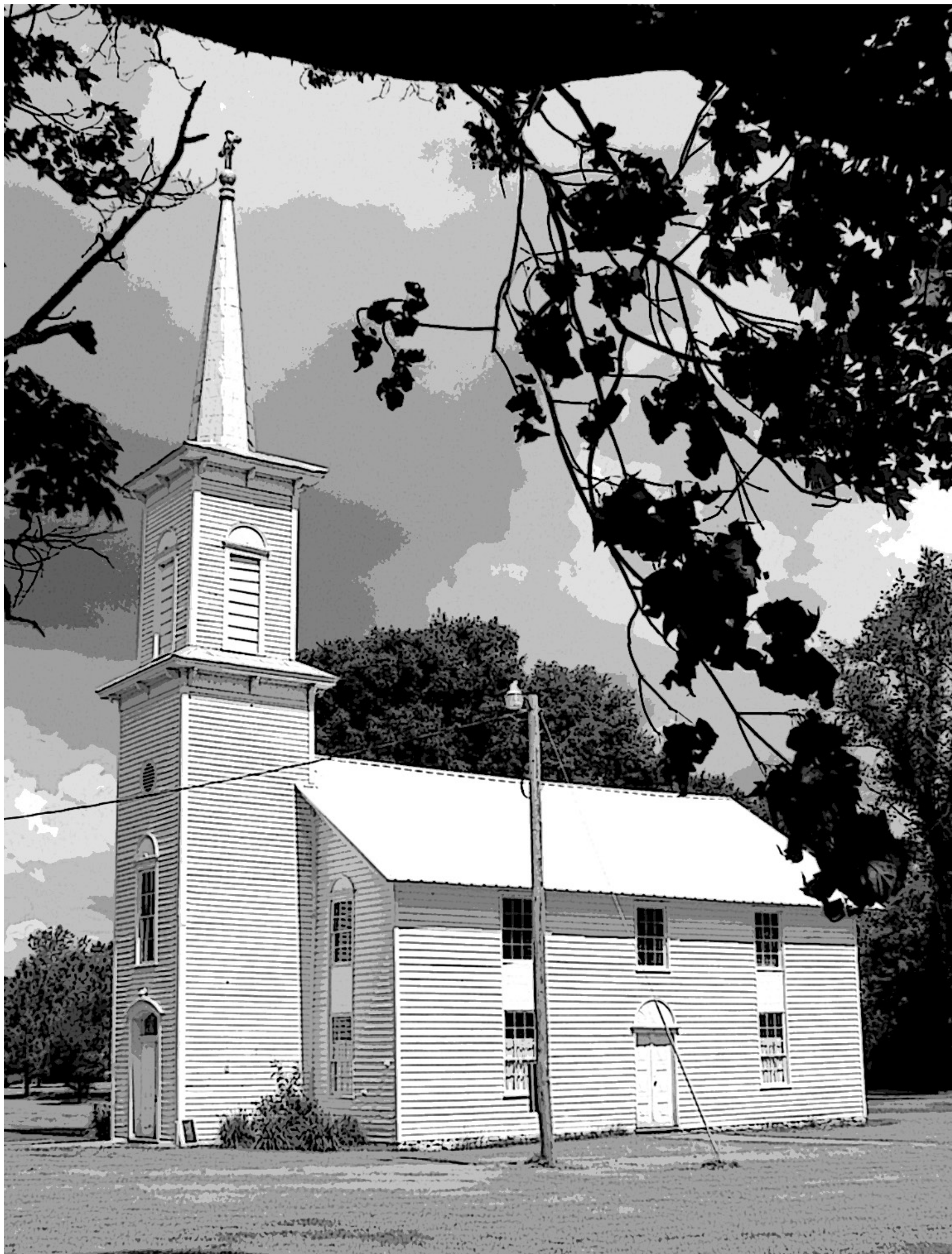
Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Heartland Property Solutions LLC. Grantee: Gregory D. Dillow, Rhonda E. Dillow, Michael Kinney. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lot 9.

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

Tyreek M. Thompson, West Memphis, Ark., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Anthony Thomas Love, Indianapolis, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Jonathan J. Munoz, Cobden, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Morgan B. Williams, Makanda, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Brittaney L. Phillips, Murphysboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$257. Antonio H. Cottingham Bobo, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.



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# Opinion and Commentary

## Rural America changing, not dying

By Tammie Sloup, FarmWeek

Ben Winchester is hoping to flip the script on the negative narrative surrounding rural communities.

"The narrative we're using to describe our small towns and rural places is terrible," said Winchester, rural sociologist for the Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota. As an example, he points to words like "sleepy" and "dying," which he sees used regularly in mainstream media.

"The implication is no one is doing anything," he said.

Winchester kicked off the University of Illinois Extension's Attracting Rural Residents interactive webinar series, cohosted by Illinois Farm Bureau, Rural Partners, the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools and the Governor's Rural Affairs Council.

During the first webinar on Jan. 17, Winchester walked those who attended through misconceptions about rural America and how to change the conversation. The three different webinars, the second was Jan. 31 and the third is scheduled for Feb. 14, are geared toward community leaders seeking design strategies to recruit rural residents.

Transformations in rural America have been happening since the early 1900s, including:

Technology reduced the

need for farm workers by 20 to 60 percent.

Road and transportation development.

Educational achievement. (The GI bill afforded an opportunity for rural residents, mostly men, to get a college degree.)

"We went from Little House on the Prairie to not Little House on the Prairie in 10 years," he said.

*There is so much change coming into our rural communities. It's almost unbelievable, over the next 25 years.'*

During the second half of the century, several more changes led to rural transformations: Main Street restructuring, school consolidations and hospital closings.

It's easy to think if a small-town grocery or hardware store closes, the town will "die."

"Rural is changing, not dying," Winchester said. "Show me all the dead towns; our landscape should be littered with dead towns at this point. ...We're not dead, we're still here."

He points to the housing market in rural communities to contradict that narrative.

"I can't find a home to buy across this country in our small towns and rural places," he said. "We're far from dead. In fact, we're

more vibrant and durable than ever."

So, how can community leaders and rural advocates fight this narrative? Winchester offered several suggestions.

First, watch your language. With more regionalized schools, hospitals and commerce, talk up the region, not just the town.

He also warned to never use population to determine success or failure.

"The rural population hasn't gone down, it's gone up. It's gone up by 11 percent," he said. "What's gone down is the relative percentage of Americans that live in small towns and rural places."

In 1970, one in four people lived in a rural area, but by 2022, it was one in eight.

So, how can the percentage decrease when the rural population went up?

"The pie got bigger; the pie of people," Winchester explained. "The population got bigger, and the rural part got bigger, but it didn't get as big and grow as fast as urban areas did."

While most Illinois counties lost rural population from 2010 to 2019, 71 percent gained housing units.

The composition of housing units also is a factor. Today, 30 percent of rural households are owned by people over the age of 70, while another 45 percent are Baby Boomers, he said, adding the average household size has decreased by one person.

"There is so much change coming into our rural communities. It's almost unbelievable, over the next 25 years," he said.

Other actions to change the narrative include creating vitality through community groups and bridging them, and starting a conversation with kids.

He pointed to the phrase "rural brain drain," meaning high school graduates leave and don't return. However, that trend is not uniquely rural, he stressed. Plus, it's not necessarily a bad thing for graduates to leave their hometown.

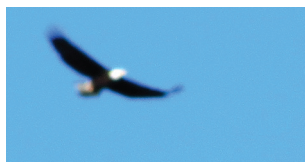
"Let the kids go but let them know there's somewhere to come back to," he said.

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# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

## Starting new holiday tradition?



**Chinese weather balloon? Nah. Bald eagle. Soaring way, way up in a clear blue sky...which is why the photograph isn't that great.**

Last Sunday afternoon was nearly perfect...in terms of the weather...and the little adventure your writer experienced in the bright February sunshine. All in all, it wasn't a bad way to spend some time on an unofficial national holiday.

National holiday? Sure. Unless you were hiding in, or under, some rocks, like the amphibian I encountered while walking through a creek bed last Sunday afternoon, you probably know that Super Bowl number something or another was played last Sunday night.

The Big Game has indeed become something of a national holiday. And a holiday means traditions, like eating too much and watching the commercials and maybe even paying attention to the game that is being played on the field.

Speaking of the commercials, the one about Binky Dad was my favorite. Moms and Dads know about binkies. Sometimes, a kid just has to have a binky. The right binky.

The game itself was pretty exciting this year, which was a good thing. Sometimes, Super Bowl games are, well, boring snooze fests. Kansas City and Philadelphia put on a good show last Sunday. I think Kansas City won.

Anyway, about those holiday traditions and the Super Bowl. In keeping with tradition, the Other Half and yours truly had a "feast" of sorts, with some yummy leftovers from Saturday night's dinner (pork roast, if you must know), and other goodies.

Sunday afternoon, hours before the Big Game kicked off, I may have started a new tradition. We shall see...

As you may recall from reading this column more than once or twice a year, your writer has had a Christmas Eve tradition of motoring to the Trail of Tears State Forest. Sometimes, I am accompanied by The Other Half, or maybe even some special visitors who have made their way to God's Country for the holiday.

Back in December, I had to forego the tradition on the day before Christmas. Simply put, it was way too cold. Even for me. I've been to the state forest on Christmas Eve when the temperatures were somewhere in the range of freezing and snowflakes were flurrying in the December sky.

In case you have already forgotten (which would probably be a good thing), on the day before Christmas in 2022, the weather outside was frightful. The high temperature that day was 25, which was practically balmy after a morning low of 5. That's why I just stayed home. So much for tradition.

I guess that was why when Super Bowl Sunday rolled around last weekend, I thought maybe it would be a good time to think about starting another tradition.

So I headed for the state forest. The weather

was wonderful. Sunshine. Clear blue sky. Temperature somewhere in the 50s, maybe even close to 60. Not a snowflake flurrying anywhere.

The state forest turned out to be a popular place last Sunday afternoon. A local school's track team was even out practicing.

On the way back home, it crossed my mind that I had not seen anything interesting up in the sky. I had just turned on to the Mountain Glen Road turnpike, and just happened to look up, to the north. High overhead, a bald eagle was soaring through the sky. Not a bad way to end a perfect afternoon...and maybe even start a new tradition.

Oh, by the way, I am keeping one other tradition this week. Once again, I used the words "Super Bowl!" without the express written consent of the National Football League.



**A tiny amphibian of some sort was taking advantage of last Sunday afternoon's nice weather when it was spotted in a creek bed at the Trail of Tears State Forest.**



**Super Bowl snackers? We had a couple of special visitors on our front porch last Sunday night. The picture is a bit fuzzy 'cause it was shot through two windows. An attempt to join the critters on the porch for a better photograph was unsuccessful.**

## Anna Shop with Cop/Firemen program once again successful

During the 2022 Christmas holiday season, the Anna Police Department and Anna Fire Department, along with employees from Anna School District No. 37, took 53 children who attend Anna Schools shopping on two separate nights.

The kids were treated to a supper of pizza, soda and cookies at the Anna Fire Department before they were taken to Walmart in squad cars and fire trucks.

To watch these kids pull up in the squad cars and fire trucks with big smiles on their faces with sirens blaring is a treat to those of us that help with this event every year.

This isn't possible to pull

off without the help of those who donate.

We would like to thank the individuals who donate to the police department and Country Companies/Charlotte Clover, City of Anna, ZX gas station with Lisa Graham, Bryan and Magen Watkins, Taylor, Dodd and Wood and Dodd Architects.

Rob and Pam Needling. We couldn't pull this off without the huge help from our school nurse, Candice Sauerbrunn. She along with teachers pick the kids that meet requirements for the program.

Anyone who would like to donate may do so to the Anna PD! Merry Christmas to all.

# Heart Smart

## TAKE THIS INFORMATION *to Heart*

You can take a proactive role in helping prevent heart disease from affecting you or those you love. The American Heart Association recommends taking the following steps to reduce your risk of developing heart disease:

Get Active

Lose Weight

Reduce Blood Sugar

Stop Smoking

Eat Better

Control Cholesterol

Manage Blood Pressure

Know Your Family Health History

FREE smoking cessation classes available!

Complete a **FREE** Heart Health Risk Assessment at [sehealth.org/heartsmart](https://sehealth.org/heartsmart)