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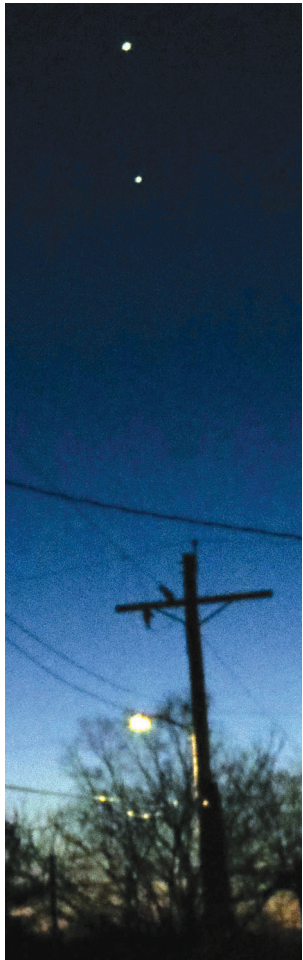
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News

Notes

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



The planets Venus and Jupiter (the two bright "dots" at the top of the photo) appeared very close together late last week in the evening sky over Union County.

It's almost time to spring forward...Daylight Saving Time begins early Sunday morning, March 12. Remember to set your various "time pieces" ahead one hour.

Tickets were scheduled to go on sale March 8 in the superintendent's office for the upcoming presentation of "The Wizard of Oz" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are set for 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Union County school.

Princesses and other special visitors are scheduled to be in Anna and Jonesboro from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 11.

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World Kidney Day activities planned in Anna

World Kidney Day is March 9 and the Illinois Public Health Association, IPHA, is hosting a community health fair at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna and at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Organizers of the event report that the event is scheduled to include:

Health screenings for Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, vision and hearing; opportunities to consult

with medical professionals and products from regional health care teams.

Health risk assessments and tests for cholesterol, blood pressure and blood glucose levels.

Participation is free. There are no residency requirements. Health insurance will not be required.

Community health workers supported by IPHA are working with the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois to bring their World

Kidney Day to Southern Illinois for the first time.

World Kidney Day is a day to celebrate kidney health and promote awareness of kidney disease across the globe.

IHPA notes that 37 million American adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease, but they have reason to believe hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans are unaware of their condition.

In the United States, kid-

ney disease is the 10th leading cause of death. In Illinois, it's the ninth.

The current wait time in Illinois for a donor kidney from a person who has passed away is between five and eight years.

The KidneyMobile originally had been scheduled to be on-site to administer diabetes and chronic kidney disease screenings.

Those screenings now are scheduled to be available from noon to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, in room 134 at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.

Persons 18 years of age and older who would like to participate in a screening are asked to preregister and complete a questionnaire online ahead of time at <https://mobilescreening.nkfi.org/preregistration>.

Morning appointments at Union County Hospital are scheduled to be available (continued on page 2)

Storm system Friday brings heavy rain, strong winds

A strong storm system led to significant impacts across the region on Friday, March 3.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that heavy rainfall amounts of 3 to 4.5 inches produced widespread flash flooding, along with numerous road closures.

Very strong winds occurred, ranging between 50 and 70 miles per hour. The winds were associated with both thunderstorms and gradient winds afterwards.

The line of storms moved through during the late morning and midday time period, and then very strong winds continued for hours afterwards through the afternoon.

The weather service office issued a rare high wind warning to account for the strong winds that persisted for hours.

The magnitude and duration of this wind produced significant damage to trees, power lines, homes and other structures.

Soggy ground due to the excessive rainfall likely contributed to some trees being more susceptible to being blown over, the weather service reported.

Numerous power outages occurred, particularly across Western Kentucky.

A brief EF-2 tornado occurred just south of Paducah, Ky., shortly after 11 a.m.

Finally, the lowest barometric pressure of all-time was observed in Paducah (977.7 mb).

Winds

Some areas across western Kentucky observed their strongest winds along the line of storms that moved through between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday. These were generally in the 60 to 70 mph range.

Most areas tended to observe their strongest winds after the rain ended though.

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Clear Creek

Vehicles cross a bridge on Illinois Route 146 between Jonesboro and Ware Friday morning over a rain-swollen Clear Creek.

Southern 7 to join young people in observing Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action

On March 31, Southern 7 Health Department plans to join local young people in observing Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action.

The Day of Action is a nationwide movement organized by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

The health department will help local young people advocate for more comprehensive smoke-free policies, including outdoor spaces and vaping, in their schools and communities.

On Take Down Tobacco Day, youth advocates across the country will rally together to stand up and speak out against the influence of the tobacco industry on kids.

According to the CDC, nearly nine out of 10 adults who smoke cigarettes daily first try smoking by age

18, and 99 percent first try smoking by age 26.

Each day in the United States, about 1,600 young people smoke their first cigarette and nearly 200 youth start smoking every day.

Southern 7 Health Department shared that if cigarette smoking continues at the current rate among young people in the country, the CDC projects that 5.6 million of today's Americans younger than 18 will die early from a smoking-related illness. That's about 1 of every 13 Americans aged 17 years or younger who are alive today.

Smoking by youth and young adults can cause serious and potentially deadly health issues immediately and into adulthood, the health department noted.

Young people who smoke are in danger of having lasting effects on adolescent brain and lung development and function.

In addition to in-person events across the country, Take Down Tobacco is launching a digital game of "Joker Takedown," an online game that educates and motivates youth across the country to expose, document, advocate and pledge to take down the impact of the tobacco industry.

Take Down Tobacco empowers young people to create change in their schools, communities and states and help achieve the first tobacco-free generation.

More information about the campaign can be found online at www.takedown-tobacco.org, by downloading the Southern 7 app, at

www.southern7.org or by contacting Clarissa Johnson at Southern 7 Health Department by phone at 618-524-2657 or by email at cjohnson@s7hd.org.

Services set at Kornthal

A second Thursday worship service is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church in Union County.

Kornthal Church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

A worship service also is planned at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 2, at the church.

The Palm Sunday service will be held instead of a second Thursday service.

Job fair set at Shawnee

A job fair is planned from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 15, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The job fair will be hosted by Shawnee Community College Career Services. The job fair is a partnership with the Shawnee Development Council.

The event will again be held in the Edward M. Smith Gymnasium on the college's main campus.

The event is free and open to the public. Dozens of employers representing various industries from Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky plan to participate in the job fair.



Anna Junior High School Scholar Bowl team

The Anna Junior High School Scholar Bowl 8th grade team participated in the 2023 SIJHSSBA tournament March 1-2 and earned a fourth place finish. The tournament has been hosted since 1985, and this was the first time in school history that Anna has had a team compete in the final rounds. Scholar Bowl is a trivia type competition in which students are asked a variety of questions to test their knowledge. The Anna Junior High School team members include Beckett Thorpe, Charlie Pierson, Brian Thompson, Tyler Haywood, Finley Diemer, Maxwel Ruddick, Dillon Moreland, Jaron Taliseo and Liz Hammer. The team is coached by Rebecca Yates. Photo provided.





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News Notes

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 The City of Jonesboro plans to flush fire hydrants on March 10, beginning at 8 p.m.

 Shawnee Mass Transit District plans to have a groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. on March 15 at the site of its new Union County depot. The ceremony will be at 120 Denny Dr. in east Anna.

 Looking ahead a bit... PAST is planning to host its soup and chili supper and dessert auction March 17 at St. Anne's Church in Anna. The evening is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

 A Scholastic Book Fair is planned March 15-24 at Lincoln Elementary School in Anna.

 The Southern Illinois Baseball & Softball Association planned to conduct registration for the 2023 t-ball, baseball and softball seasons during the past week at Anna Junior High School.

 The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center at the PAST organization of Union County are planning to host a Civil War Weekend March 24-26. Activities are scheduled in Anna and Jonesboro.

 Coffman's Martial Arts in Anna plans to have its 11th annual Break-A-Thon on April 1, starting at noon.

The event will help to support the CMMHRN and Cancer Pathways Midwest in honor of Grandmaster Robert Cutrell's son, Jason Cutrell, who passed away from cancer last October at the age of 36.

 Disc golf tournaments are planned Sept. 10 and Nov. 12 in Cobden.

 The Dirty South Roubaix bicycling event was scheduled last Saturday in Union County. More than 600 bicyclists were slated to participate in the event, which began and ended in Alto Pass.

 The Illinois Department of Public Health has launched a new effort to eliminate viral hepatitis in the state.

 The Southern Illinois Earth Science Club plans to host its annual gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16, at the Pavilion of the City of Marion.

 Researchers at the University of Illinois are inviting adults in the state to complete an online survey about their experiences with wild white-tailed deer. The survey is part of a larger effort by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to study wild deer in relation to the prevalence and transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 in people.

Heavy rain, strong winds

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 Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded a wind gust of 40 miles per hour at 1 p.m. Friday.
 Many locations, including Paducah, recorded wind gusts in the 55 to 62 mph range anywhere from 20 minutes to three hours afterwards.

Highest winds were along and to the east of the surface low pressure track that moved from New Madrid, Mo., to Paducah and on to Evansville, Ind.

The extreme wind produced widespread power outages across Kentucky. At the peak of the event, over 500,000 customers were without power across the entire state.

Flooding
 Flash flooding was widespread across the region, with numerous roads flooded/closed due to extremely heavy rainfall amounts.

Flash flood warnings were in effect for 53 of the 58 counties in the Paducah weather service office's



Route 146 near Ware

Lots of water could be seen last Friday morning along Illinois Route 146 near Ware. Heavy rain had fallen for a few minutes just before the photograph was taken.

forecast area, including Union County, during this event. Water rescues occurred due to vehicles driving into flooded roads.

The heavy rainfall on March 2-3 resulted in rises along creeks, streams and rivers.

Minor to moderate flooding was forecast to occur along many points along the Ohio, Green, Wabash, Little Wabash, Patoka, Big

Muddy, St. Francis, and Current rivers in the days after the event.

All-Time Lowest Pressure

A surface low moved northeast from Texarkana, Ark., around 9 p.m. on March 2 to Evansville, Ind. around 1 p.m. on March 3.

It rapidly deepened as it moved from northeast Arkansas to New Madrid, Mo., and then up the Ohio River from Paducah to Evansville, Ind. By 6 p.m. on March 3 it was already located near Columbus, Ohio.

The pressure dropped 13mb from 989mb to 976mb over a seven-hour period.

The weather service reported this was very rare for the region to experience barometric pressure levels that low.

In fact, both Paducah and Evansville, Ind., recorded their all-time lowest pressure on record.

For comparison this was roughly 10mb lower than what the pressure was when Hurricane Ike passed through the region back in September 2008.

Pressure falls of 8 to 10 mb in two hours occurred during the afternoon as the low pressure system lifted to the northeast.

Rain Reports

Widespread rainfall totals of 3 to 4.5 inches occurred across the heart of the region. Rainfall totalled 2.09 inches in Jonesboro.

A small corridor of lower totals, ranging from 1 to 2.5 inches, occurred along the northern tier of Southern Illinois from Perry to Wabash counties and across the southern Pennyrile region of Western Kentucky.

Daily rainfall records were established at all five of the weather service office's official climate stations.

The daily total of 4.16 inches at Paducah on March 3 was the wettest calendar day in nine years, since 4.55 inches was observed on Aug. 30, 2014.

The highest two observed amounts were 5.20 inches from a trained spotter in eastern Pope County in Southern Illinois and 4.74 inches from a weather service employee in Lone Oak, Ky.

World Kidney Day

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 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for cholesterol, A1C and blood glucose screenings that require fasting for the best results. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Results will be mailed. Appointments can be made by calling Ana Kelly at 833-4511, extension 4297.

The City of Anna is working to promote the World Kidney Day event.

The city invites businesses and residents "to paint the town orange" by displaying orange lights on March 9.

The city notes that nearly 20 vendors plan to be on hand for the health fair.

Participating vendors are scheduled to include:

Arrowleaf, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, CHESI, the City of Anna, the Cobden Lions Club, Egyptian Area Agency on Aging.

Epsilon Lambda Omega Chapter of the AKA Sorority, the Illinois Migrant Council, the Illinois Public Health Association, MidAmerica Transplant.

NAACP Alexander/Pulaski Counties, NAACP Carbondale, Rural Health Inc., Shawnee Community College, Shawnee Health, Shawnee Mass Transit, Southern 7 Health Department, Union County Hospital.

Here's a look at the schedule for World Kidney Day:

7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cholesterol, A1C and glucose testing at Union County Hospital. (Fasting and ap-

pointments are required, as noted.)

Noon. World Kidney Day health fair begins. Kidney health assessment. Nutritional trivia. Children's activities. Balloon artist and giveaways.

Noon to 3 p.m. COVID and flu vaccines from CHESI.

Noon to 5 p.m. Hearing and vision screenings sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

The Lions of Illinois Foundation notes that hearing loss is one of the most common chronic disabilities in the United States. The earlier the detection, the better the chances are for successful treatment.

Early detection of vision disorders such as macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy is critical to preserve vision. Persons 55 and older are encouraged to take advantage of the free eye screening.

2 p.m. Mini Zumba class.
 3 p.m. Mini Zumba class.
 4 p.m. Mini Zumba class.
 5 p.m. Event concludes.

Volunteers from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois are scheduled to be at the event to distribute food and produce boxes. Many of the items in the boxes will be what recipients would need to prepare a dinner recipe provided by the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.

Shawnee Mass Transit is planning to offer free rides to and from the health fair in the Anna and Jonesboro area.

Weather

Heavy rain, strong winds, mild temperatures

Heavy rain, strong winds and mild temperatures highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of Feb. 28 through March 6.

Rainfall for the period totalled 2.81 in the Jonesboro area, which included .72 of an inch on March 2 and 2.09 inches on March 3.

A wind gust of 40 miles per hour was recorded at 1 p.m. on March 3.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 73 degrees to a low of 30.

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 28	66	39
Wednesday, March 1	73	40
Thursday, March 2	58	44

Friday, March 3	54	40
Saturday, March 4	61	30
Sunday, March 5	66	32
Monday, March 6	73	43

February Weather

The high temperature for the month of February was 74 degrees, which was recorded Feb. 27. The average high for the month was 56.

The low for the month was 17, which was recorded Feb. 3. The average low was 33.

Precipitation for the month totalled 3.89 inches.

The most rain measured in a 24-hour period was 2.57 inches, which was recorded Feb. 8.

No snow was recorded during the month.

Precipitation for 2023 through the end of February totalled 8.78 inches.

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Ribbon cuttings held

Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored two recent ribbon cuttings at local businesses.



Peace Hill Boutique

Natalie Linton was joined by family, friends and members of the community for a grand opening celebration for her new business, Peace Hill Boutique. Formerly operating out of Hebrewz Coffeehouse, Linton's new establishment is located on Williford Road in Jonesboro. Peace Hill Boutique offers women's clothing in all sizes as well as kids clothing, jewelry and MYRA bags. They also offer locally made products like Girly Nature Goods from Dongola. Peace Hill Boutique is currently open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, Peace Hill Boutique can be found on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.



Main Street Billiards

Terry Foster, owner of Main Street Bar and Billiards in Anna, commemorated the opening of his new establishment with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, March 3. Main Street Bar and Billiards features eight Diamond pool tables as well as darts and gaming machines. The bar hosts pool leagues Mondays through Thursdays and pool tournaments on Saturdays. They also offer karaoke on the first and third Fridays of the month. Current hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Sundays. More information can be found on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083301820943](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083301820943).

Agriculture scholarships to be awarded

Local McDonald's restaurants across Southern Illinois are accepting nominations for the second annual McDonald's Agriculture Scholarship Awards Program.

Now through March 22, members of the community can nominate students who are studying agriculture to be considered for one of twenty \$500 scholarships.

Nominations can be submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/McDonaldsAgAwards>.

To be eligible, nominees must be enrolled in a college agriculture program and be a resident of or attending college within an eligible county in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky or Indiana listed at the nominee application link.

Winners will be selected this spring 2023 by local McDonald's organizations.

Local McDonald's owners/operators across Southern Illinois, including Stephanie Bishop, John and Mary Moreland, Michael Moreland, Brad Short, Tina Short and others, have partnered to offer the scholarship for a second year.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Brad and Amber Easton took a weekend off. Rev. Dee Ann Thompson filled the pulpit at Camp Ground Church in his absence. Her sermon was titled "Nic at Night," based upon the account of Nicodemus' visit to Jesus one night in the Gospel of John.

The sermon shared that "Nicodemus was a religious scholar, a respected teacher, a judge, a wealthy family man: a paragon of success.

"But Nicodemus knew he was missing something. To protect his reputation, he came to Jesus under the cover of darkness.

"By his conversation, Nicodemus obviously had heard of Jesus: His teaching, His healing and His miracles.

"Jesus told him that he needed to know God personally, not just know about God. Jesus said that salvation could not be

learned nor earned.

"Jesus said that we must be born again: born by the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ who died for our salvation.

"Once the Holy Spirit comes into our life, we will never be the same, and neither was Nicodemus. During Jesus' trials, Nicodemus stood up for Jesus, not during the darkness of night, but before his peers.

"There are a whole lot of people, like Nicodemus, who need to see the light of life in Jesus Christ. We need to be about telling our loved ones and neighbors about salvation."

During the announcements, Karen Vaughn was presented a certificate in appreciation of her faithful service as an active elder 2020 through 2022.

Vodra and Aldi Gerard rang the bell to begin worship. Addi and Raelynn Bonner took up the offering.

Camp Ground Church's lead elder for March is Sandra Boaz.

Wishes for a happy birthday on Saturday, March 11, go to Zoey Kaylor.

Chad and Amanda Batts spent the weekend with her parents, Dwight and Sandy Boaz. Sunday, they visited her godparents, Steve and Sharon Robbs in Simpson, and Gary and Donna Taylor at Lake of Egypt.

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.

Candidates forum set at A-JCHS

A meet the candidates forum is planned Thursday evening, March 16, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The forum is set for 7 p.m. in the media center at the Union County school.

Candidates for the A-JCHS District No. 81 Board of Education in the April 4 election have been invited to attend the forum. Eight candidates are on the ballot.

The candidates will be given an opportunity for a short introduction and then will respond to questions posed by a moderator.

Hospital auxiliary accepting scholarship applications

Union County Hospital District Auxiliary is accepting applications for the auxiliary's Alma Wilson Health Care Scholarship.

Interested applicants can request an application from the Human Resources Office at Union County Hospital, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906, or by contacting the Human Resources Office online at www.union-countyhospital.com.

To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be accepted and enrolled in at least one class in a health career program at an accredited College or University.

Preference in awarding the scholarship will go to applicants who are residents of Union County, or who are current employees of Union County Hospital.

If a position is available at Union County Hospital upon completion of the program, the hope is that the student would consider employment with the facility.

The number of scholarships and the amount of the scholarships are flexible, depending on the funds available for the particu-

lar year and the number of classes the applicant is taking.

The auxiliary noted that applicants must complete the application, provide documentation of acceptance and enrollment in a health career curriculum and must remain in good standing academically.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2023, to be considered.

Union County at low level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced Friday, March 3, that the CDC was reporting 18 counties in the state were at an elevated community level for COVID-19, compared to 20 the previous week.

Of those, four counties in Southern Illinois were at a high community level for COVID-19, compared to none the week before; and 14 counties were a medium community level, compared to 20 for the previous week. Union County was at a low

community level. Alexander and Pulaski counties also were at a low community level.

Johnson and Massac counties were at medium community levels.

Jackson and Williamson counties were at high community levels.

IDPH had recorded a total of 4,072,972 cases and 36,386 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

The department was reporting 10,772 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois in the week ending Feb. 26, and 52 deaths.

"COVID-19 community levels across the state remain stable again this week," IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release on March 3.

"However, we are reporting four counties in Southern Illinois that are at a high community level for COVID-19.

"IDPH continues to monitor COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases closely throughout Illinois, with extra attention towards those most at-risk.

"Treatments continue to be effective, but timing is important. Seek treatment with your local healthcare provider or use the newly available test to treat service as soon as you develop symptoms."

Union County COVID Cases Update

March 1: 6,852 total cases. 69 deaths.
 Feb. 22: 6,839 total cases. 69 deaths.
 Feb. 15: 6,831 total cases. 69 deaths.
 Feb. 9: 6,826 total cases. 69 deaths.
 Jan. 29: 6,813 total cases. 69 deaths.
 Jan. 6, 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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Sports

A-J baseball team boasts pitching depth

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball coach Aaron Roberts likes what he sees after only a few days of practice for the upcoming spring season.

"We've got a lot of talent," Roberts said. "So far, it looks pretty good and I think we will be competitive."

The Wildcats lost five starters to graduation from last year's 18-11 squad, which won a Class 2A regional title.

"We lost a lot, but we've got a good core coming back," Roberts said. "A lot of guys are competing for open spots. There are going to be some changes and we will have to see who emerges."

There were nine seniors on the team last year who graduated.

This season's seniors include catcher Hayden Ralls, first baseman/pitcher Dylan Ahlberg, utility player Jake Merriman and outfielder

Ayden Dillman.

Juniors are shortstop/pitcher Dylan Harvel, second baseman/pitcher Drake Hartline and outfielder/pitcher Nick Hannan.

Sophomores include pitcher/utility player Aaron Sheffer, pitcher/infielder Daylon Butler, outfielders Taj Hodges and Trevor Goines, first baseman Bryle Hartline, pitchers/utility players Noah Chotner and Lucas Salazar and utility player Luke Vaughn.

Roberts said a few freshmen could move up and compete at the varsity level, as well.

Pitching could be a big key to how well the Wildcats do this spring.

"We have a lot of depth pitching and that will help us a lot," Roberts said. "We have a lot of good arms. I am excited about the season."

A-J is scheduled to open the season at home Monday, March 13, against Egyptian.

A-J track teams set to open outdoor spring season at Triad

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School track coach Michael Eudy likes what he sees on the girls' team so far. Eudy sees a lot of talent on the squad.

The A-J girls' and boys' track teams are scheduled to open the outdoor spring season Friday, March 24, at Triad.

The A-J girls' team will be built around returning senior Brodie Denny, who holds school records in the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter runs. She will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale on a track scholarship next season. "She's been a great athlete for us," Eudy said.

Other seniors are sprinter/jumper Kaylee Stover and sprinter/vaulter Sophia Loomis.

Juniors include distance runner Bree Hazelrigg, middle distance runner Bailey Mix, distance runner/sprinter Katie Sullivan, sprinter Alexis Peeler, jumper/sprinter Cassidy Janke and sprinter Jaden Brimm.

Sophomores are distance

runner Zoe Jones, shotput/discus thrower Kylie Tripp and sprinter/jumper Abby Clay.

Freshmen are distance runners Reese and Raegan Jones, Kenzie Miller and Maggie Gordon, shot put/discus thrower Eden Lee, sprinters Heidi Miller and Emily Edwards and jumper Lauren Jackson.

"The freshmen could all compete," Eudy said.

Eudy looks for distance running to be strong for the boys this spring.

"I think our distance running will be our best group for the boys," Eudy said. "We've got a good number of underclass boys running distance."

The three seniors are middle distance runners Nile Chotner, Yovani Carrillo and Matteo Vaca Diez.

Juniors are distance runners Zach Henry and Eric Chen and Lucas Hoehner, shotput/discus throwers Om Patel and Edward Dahmer and sprinter Adriel Del Rosario.

Sophomores are sprinter Wyatt Wright and distance runner Lucas Vaca Diez.

A-J track teams in action at indoor events

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School track teams are scheduled to compete Friday, March 24, at Triad.

But both the boys' and girls' teams have participated in two indoor track meets already this season.

No scores were kept at a 30-team meet at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Saturday, March 4.

Three members of the A-J boys' team competed at the event.

In the 1600-meter run, Zach Henry finished in 18th place in 5:04 and Lucas Vaca Diez in 32nd place in 5:19. In the 800-meter run, Nile Chotner finished 16th in 2:50.

In the girls' competition, A-J's Brodie Denny finished in 3rd place in the 1600-meter run in 5:17.6, breaking her school record.

The A-J girls' 4x800-meter relay team of Denny, Reese Jones, Raegan Jones and Kenzie Miller finished in 3rd place in 10:31.

Other finishes for the A-J girls included: Miller, 400, 16th, 1:10; Reese Jones, 400, 21st, 1:12; Raegan Jones, 800, 7th, 2:41; Bree Hazelrigg, 800, 12th, 2:44; Aleah Box, 800, 25th, 2:56; Zoe Jones, 1600, 12th, 5:46; and Maggie Gooden, 1600, 30th, 6:25.

Marion Event

The A-J girls' finished in 6th place with a score of 35 at the Joe Elliott Indoor Meet at Marion, Thursday, Feb. 23. Nineteen teams competed at the event.

Denny won the 1600-meter run in 5:30.13. Zoe Jones won the 3200 in 12:12.70.

Other A-J finishers were Kaylee Stover in the 800, 11th, 1:12.49; Aleah Box, 1600, 12th, 2:59.09; Raegan Jones, 1600, 8th, 5:59.38.

The 4x400 relay team of Stover, Denny, Raegan Jones and Zoe Jones finished in 4th place in 4:41.91. The 4x800 relay team of Hazelrigg, Miller, Denny and Raegan Jones finished 2nd in 10:43.98.

Cobden baseball young on pitching mound this spring

The Cobden High School baseball team won't have a lot of pitching experience this spring.

"We only have one pitcher returning with experience," Cobden baseball team head coach Dana Pearson said. "We're going to be young and inexperienced on the mound. Right now, everybody is a pitcher."

The Appleknockers finished 12-4 last spring and won a South Egyptian Conference title and Class 1A regional.

"We should compete for the conference championship again," Pearson said. "Herrin Agape should be the favorite."

The lone pitcher returning with experience from that team is senior Tyler Franklin, who will be on first base when he is not on the mound.

Other seniors are outfielders/pitchers Jake Tally,

Xach Roberts and Jesus Zamora and second baseman/pitcher Dawson Short.

Juniors include infielder/pitcher Jace Wyatt, infielder/utility Hunter Pitts, first baseman/designated hitter Steven Brown and outfielder/pitcher Mitchell Howell.

Sophomores are infielder/outfielder Thomas Coleman and outfielder Jackson Rendleman.

Pearson said the experience his team gained by playing last fall should help the squad to be successful this spring.

"We got a lot of experience in the fall," Pearson said. "A lot of our guys are competing for spots," he added.

Cobden opens its season Monday, March 13, at Webber Township.

"I look for a lot of improvement as we go long this spring," Pearson said. "We hope to keep getting better."

Four seniors return for A-J softball team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team has a good number of players who could help out as the season goes along.

"We've got a ton of talent," A-J softball coach Rodney Seip said. "We just need to put it together and see how well we jell."

The Lady Wildcats finished 20-12 last season. Four seniors return from that team: outfielder Avery Osman, catcher Shea Thorn, outfielder/pitcher Jenna Sadler and outfielder/utility player Carmin Smith.

The lone junior is outfielder Brook Carmack.

Sophomores include infielders Ariana Turner and Hallie Plott, outfielder Olivia Schaefer, pitcher/outfielder Chesnee Marks and pitcher Ruby Yates.

Freshmen include infielders Jayci Needling and Kansas Craig, catcher/outfielder Jayda Shepard, pitcher/utility Sadie Cross, outfielder/utility player

Vienna church plans to serve fish fries

St. Paul Catholic Church in Vienna is planning to serve fish fries on March 17 and March 31.

Serving is planned each day from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church's parish hall, which is located at 2020 State Highway 146E.

The menu will include hand-battered fish, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert and drinks.

Cost will be \$12 for adults. Children under 8 will be \$5 for a meal which includes fish, chips, drink and dessert or grilled cheese, chips, drink & dessert. Children under 3 are free.

The church encourages reservations for both carry-outs and dine-in meals.

Reservations can be made from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Thursday before each fish fry by calling 217-714-4568 or 618-697-1694.

The church plans to offer a 50/50 drawing for those who are dining in. Proceeds will be shared between the Vienna Food Pantry, the Heather Treat Memorial and the Blessings in a Backpack program.

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Sign ups announced for Cobden Summer League play

Cobden Summer League signs ups have been announced. Sign ups are planned at the community center in Alto Pass.

A posting on social media announced the following schedule for sign ups: March 9, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; March 11, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The league announced this year will include the following ages:

Girls: T-ball (co-ed), 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U.

Boys: T-ball (co-ed) 8U,

10U, 12U, 14U.

T-ball will be in 2 age groups: 1st year (age 3-4), 2nd year (age 5-6).

The fee for each player will be \$40, which includes jerseys, trophies and equipment if needed.

Sign up payments can be made with cash or checks. Checks are to be made out to Cobden Summer League.

Those who cannot make the sign up fee are asked to turn in a sheet to Paige Lacy at the Cobden School.

Pitching expected to be key for Shawnee baseball team

Shawnee High School baseball coach T.C. Schaefer looks for pitching to be the key to the team's success this spring.

"We'll be competitive if our pitching holds up," Schaefer said.

Shawnee was limited to 10 games last year due to injuries and not having enough players to finish the year. Shawnee finished with a 5-5 record.

Returning seniors are center field Dryden Wills and catcher Austin Kinder.

Juniors are right fielder/first baseman Ryan Libbert,

right fielder Ethan Smith, second baseman/outfielder/pitcher Luke Choate, third baseman/pitcher Brody Wills, shortstop/pitcher Chase Woodard, first baseman/pitcher Kayman Ford and left fielder/pitcher Zach Bell.

Sophomores are shortstop/second baseman Cole Pender and outfielder Noah Mayberry.

A freshman who could see action is second baseman/pitcher Gabe Ellet.

Shawnee is scheduled to open the season Wednesday, March 15, at Elverado.

Cobden softball team in rebuilding mode this spring

The Cobden High School softball team will be in a rebuilding mode this spring.

"We look young and inexperienced," first-year Cobden head softball coach Wally Britt said. "We've got a good mix of veterans and brand new players...and the new players are eager to learn."

Several players return from last year's Cobden team that lost in the Class 1A regional championship to Goreville.

Seniors on the squad are first baseman/pitcher Karleigh Ellis, outfielder Hailey Gaines, infielder Emma Phillippe and utility

player Bianca Vicente.

Juniors include infielder/outfielder Tricia Aldridge, pitcher/first baseman Kylie Hale, infielder Tess Brummer and outfielders Dora Jones, Agent Inman, Emma Kilpatrick, Yanet Romero and Anna Shipley.

Sophomores include outfielder Dixie Kaufman and infielder Emma Roberts.

Freshmen include utility player/pitcher Natalie Franklin and outfielders Amelia Long, Mayrell Maples and Ana Olvera.

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 5, during the morning worship service, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about "the benefits of prayer...and why aren't we using it?" The message was based on scripture from Matthew and Luke.

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. Robert McCain played the guitar and sang the song, "Where Could I Go But to the Lord?"

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

The senior adult group,

Living Longer and Loving It, planned to have a monthly meeting Tuesday morning, March 7. Guests were scheduled to be Randy Wheaton and Stacy Freeman.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 12.

The church plans to have a monthly business meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12.

Birthdays: Jim Ralls, Doris Rhodes, March 7.

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.

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Daily Bible Readings						
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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILD)

REQUEST OF: Jamie Reann Bauer TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD 23-MR-04

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice. There will be a court date on a *Request for Name Change (Minor Child)* for this child: Current Name of Minor Child: Ethan Wayne Hileman Proposed New Name of Minor Child: Ethan Wayne Hileman-Bauer

The court date will be held on March 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, in Courtroom 1.

Jamie Reann Bauer
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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 22nd day of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of 46 Farms with the place of business located at 215 Old Saratoga Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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

ESTATE OF GLEN E. MCRAVEN, DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-4 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Glen E. McRaven, of Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2023, to Peter McRaven, 18003 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, 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 September 2, 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 21, 2023.

PETER MCRAVEN

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL

CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2022-JR1 TRUST, PLAINTIFF VS.

RALPH J. FOX, SHIRLEY ANN FOX; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS
Case No.: 2022FC7
Property Address: 180 Chestnut Street Alto Pass, IL 62905

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 3, 2023, the Union County Sheriff will on April 5, 2023, at 09:00 AM, at the Union County Courthouse, 307 W. Market, Lobby, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOTS NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN (27) AND TWENTY-EIGHT (28) BEING IN BLOCK NUMBER TWELVE (12) IN THE VILLAGE OF ALTO PASS, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS
P.I.N. 14-00-10-985
COMMON ADDRESS: 180 Chestnut Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905

Terms of all sales are Ten percent (10%) of the opening bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment.

No Refunds.

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

The improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home

The judgment amount was at \$28,222.62

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 225 West Washington Street, Suite 1550, Chicago, IL 60606. 312-236-0077. SPS001287-22FC1 8221-930469

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF,

vs. MADELINE H. CORREA; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT BOYD, DECEASED; AMIR MOHABBAT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BOYD, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: 2022FC9

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 411 SPRINGFIELD AVE ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT BOYD, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Union County against you and other defendants, for

foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:

LOT NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE SOUTH PLAT OF HARTLINE BROTHERS SUBDIVISION, REFERENCE BEING MADE TO PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 67, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 411 SPRINGFIELD AVE ANNA, IL 62906 PIN: 14-00-11-863

Said mortgage was executed by ROBERT W. BOYD, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR U.S. BANK N.A., as mortgagee, on 1/13/2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois as Document Number 2009R0080.

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 http://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 with your local circuit clerk's office.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 04/03/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Thomas LaSalle 6340111

Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 22-013044

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 8221-930505

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the Petition for the Adoption of Lillian Grace Duckworth, a female child. Adoption No. 2023-AD-2

NOTICE To — Joshua L. Miller and/or any unknown fathers and all whom it may concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Lillian Grace Duckworth. Now, therefore, unless you Joshua L. Miller and/or any unknown fathers and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, Room B, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 3rd day of April 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time that day or after and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATE at Jonesboro, Illinois, this 24th day of February, 2023.

Kerri Clark, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Hillary B. Hines-Holl, ARDC #: 6327032 Taylor & Lynch 216 South Center Street P.O. Box 478 Clinton, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com 12-14g

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: KINNLEY SHADOWENS, A Minor. NO. 2019-JA-40

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 8/13/2021 a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and for Appointment of Guardian with Power to Consent to Adoption was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PHILLIP BUTLER, Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KINNLEY SHADOWENS, a minor", and that in Judge Timothy D. Denny courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 6th day of April, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. UNLESS YOU APPEAR YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER WRITTEN NOTICES OR PUBLICATION NOTICES OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS CASE, INCLUDING THE FILING OF AN AMENDED PETITION OR A MOTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clark Clerk of the Circuit Court Dated: March 9, 2023 13g

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 7th day of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of Kirk & Co. with the place of business located at 85 Lingle Creek Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Sarah Kirk 85 Lingle Creek Road Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 13-15gc

Clean out the closet, yard sale season is upon us! To place your ad call (618) 833-2158

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

March Weather

Well, March certainly came in like a lion, but time will tell if it goes out like a lamb.

There are only 12 more days until spring from this newspapers date. This has certainly been a wet winter, and not just for us.

At least we aren't getting the 10 feet of snow some areas of California have had, or the constant barrage of snow they've had up north. I am enjoying the mild and sunny days we've had between our bouts of rain.

Saving Time

Speaking of spring... don't forget to "spring" your clocks forward one hour this weekend.

I really dislike daylight saving time and wish they'd do away with it. We've progressed past the point of it being necessary any longer. The older I get the more I dislike my sleeping patterns being messed with too.

Sunday Message

Brother Bobby Newberry brought a great message Sunday morning about how God will not abandon you. As the storms of life, like

those of spring, arrive, we need to remember this. His sermon centered around a story of a man and his daughter.

The mother had died in childbirth and so the father and daughter had a tight bond and a long tradition of dancing on Christmas Eve was formed.

The love a father has for his children should be the same selfless love that God has for us, His children.

As the daughter grew up, she became rebellious and eventually ending up running away. She found herself alone, homeless and reached a level of despair.

Her father tried to reach her through countless letters and cards, but in her pride and shame she ignored them. She didn't want to read what she thought was her father's disappointment in her choices.

Satan often steps in to block or distort our view of the Father. Isaiah 53:6 likens us to sheep that have gone astray.

But, as in this story, our father, God, doesn't stop loving us, the child. He

doesn't give up or abandon us.

All too often trouble comes like a dense fog to obscure our way and we need to seek the center line or edge of the shoulder to help us stay on the road.

In the story, the father finds his daughter dancing in a club and drops off another card when she's not there.

This scares her, to know that he knows the level that she had reached in life. God always knows where we are, what we are doing, and like the father of the story He loves us anyway.

The daughter finally opens the card to find an invitation to come home and dance at Christmas.

This leads her to open all the other cards and letters, which say the same. Christmas comes and she accepts that invitation and is reconciled with her father.

In 2 Corinthians 5:19-20, God gives us this same invitation, to go home, and be reconciled with Him.

We need to open God's love letter to us, the Bible, and find His invitation.

By Suzan Harvel

Once we do, He will lead us away from Satan's hold and into a state of forgiveness. Colossians 1:12-14. He is always there for us.

Prayer List

We ask special prayers for Jessica Pind and Joanie Pind. They and their family are going through so much right now and can use every prayer out there.

Travel mercies are also asked for the Henderson family as they travel next week, and for all those who have children in sporting events that require travel.

We offer up praise for those who are doing much better: Shirley Harvel has had all her stitches removed and is doing well from her eye surgery, Lula Belle Tripp is doing much better since her pacemaker was installed; and Brother Bobby Richardson is home finally and we ask God to soon heal him completely.

Enjoy Spring

Have a great week everyone and take a moment to enjoy the warmth of the sun when we have it, hear the birds singing, look at nature blooming and greening up, enjoy watching the rain fall, and let your spirits soak it all up and be reborn with the coming spring.

Television Listings

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, March 9, 2023.

FRIDAY MARCH 10, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, March 10, 2023.

SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, March 11, 2023.

SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, March 12, 2023.

MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, March 13, 2023.

TUESDAY MARCH 14, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2023

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Obituaries

Brenda Kay Augustine (Flamm)



Brenda Kay Augustine (Flamm), 61, a Naperville resident since 1992, and formerly of Cobden, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at her home surrounded by her husband, children, mother and sisters. She was born on May 11, 1961, in Cobden, Ill.

Beloved wife of David F. Augustine, whom she married on Dec. 17, 1987; loving mother of Adam (Bethany) Augustine of Oswego, Brianne (Scott) Mann of Lisle and Catherine (fiancé, David Tasevski) Augustine of Lisle; adored grandmother of Evelyn and Kinsley Augustine; devoted daughter of Nancy Flamm (Clutts) and the late William Flamm; dear sister of Susan (Richard) Lewis, Karen (the late Dwight) Kiefer, Patty (Kenny) Flamm, Rita (Clay) Mitchell and the late David Flamm (infant); daughter-in-law of Joseph Augustine and the late Theresa Augustine; fond niece, cousin, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt and friend of many.

Brenda grew up on her family's farm, Flamm Orchards, in Cobden, Illinois. She adored her days on the farm with her four sisters and many cousins. Brenda was a true "Daddy's Girl", spending her days alongside her father Bill Flamm.

Brenda studied at Southern Illinois University before moving to the Chicagoland area.

In Naperville, she started her family with David Augustine. Brenda was the mother to three children (Adam, Brianne, and Catherine).

She treasured her time spent at home raising her children. Days were spent outside in her yard, planting flowers and chatting with her neighbors.

Brenda was well known for her cooking (her pancakes won first place in the state fair!) and was eager to celebrate holidays with family and friends. She had a great love for animals, in particular her dogs.

In addition to raising her own children, Brenda loved to care for others around her. She taught her children to be strong, loyal, and compassionate.

Brenda's greatest joy was being promoted to Grandma. She spent each day with her two granddaughters, Evelyn and Kinsley. The girls brightened her days.

Brenda and David enjoyed weekends spent at their boat and with their friends at Starved Rock Yacht Club.

Brenda's life was filled with love – of her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 9, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill Street, Naperville.

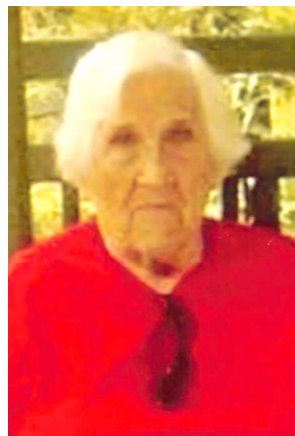
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Rd., Naperville.

Entombment will follow at Holy Apostles Mausoleum in SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville.

Donations in Brenda's memory may be made to: Gastric Cancer Foundation, Administrative Office, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, N.C. 27513, <https://gastriccancer.org/ways-to-give/> or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, Ga. 30394, 844-739-0849, lovetotherescue.org.

For more information, visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call 630-355-0213. To plant a tree in memory of Brenda, visit the funeral home's floral store at <https://www.friedrichjones.com>.

Luella Marceline Sitter Hammack



Luella Marceline Sitter Hammack, 91, of Anna, and formerly of Elgin, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9:14 a.m. at her residence.

She was born on June 21, 1931, in Dongola, the daughter of Owen Marion and Cora Gladys Beggs Sitter.

She married Jess V. Hammack on Jan. 24, 1959. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 2001.

Prior to retirement, she worked as a laundry supervisor at Elgin Mental Health, where she worked for 37 years. She loved sitting on her front porch. She dearly loved her pets. Most of all, she loved taking care of her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Cherry Hammack; granddaughters Lisa M. (Jason) Shipley and Alexis Hammack; great-granddaughter Makayla Shipley; great-grandson James Shipley; adopted daughter, Pam (Ron) Hinkle; sister Wanita Derrossett; nieces Debbie (Steve) Christianson and Sherry Hammack (Dan Moore); and many adopted grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who loved her and called her Granny and Aunt.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Malear; and grandchildren Nicole Hammack, Preston Hammack, Ashley Hammack and Sunset Hammack.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Pastor Robert Loveless officiating.

Interment followed the funeral services at Anna City Cemetery.

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

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



Rev. John Neace

Rev. John Daniel Neace, 73, of Benton, passed away at 3:50 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the VA Community Living Center of Marion, Illinois.



Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the First Church of God, 1200 Grand St., Benton, Ill., with the Rev. David Hall, the Rev. Wayne Absher and the Rev. Eric Livingston officiating.

Burial with Military Honors was in Meisenheimer-Mt. Olive Cemetery of Dongola.

Leffler Funeral Home of Benton was in charge of the services.

Rev. Neace was born on Jan. 25, 1950, in Murphysboro, Ill., the son of the Rev. Daniel Hobert Neace and Alice Elizabeth Reed Neace. He would graduate from Murphysboro High School with the Class of 1967.

He married the former Barbara Kay Gibson on July 27, 1969. She survives.

He would further his education and obtained his master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He served in the U.S. Army, from August of 1972 through September of 1993. Because he knew how to type, his family said the Army placed him in graves registration. He would retire as a sergeant.

Most importantly he served God as a minister with the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana).

He was the pastor of First Church of God of Benton, Ill., from July 1989 until his death on March 2, 2023.

Previously he pastored at the First Church of God of Shady Grove, Ky. (from 1976 to 1978); and First Church of God of Lovington, Ill. (from October 1979 to July 1989).

Rev. Neace was an elder with the Illinois State Ministries, he was a past secretary and treasurer with the Southern Illinois Church of God Campground Association, serving in that capacity for 22 years. He was an active member of the Benton Ministerial Alliance, serving in various positions, until his health would not allow him to serve.

Pastor Neace enjoyed reading the Bible and listening to "Classic Country" music. His family said he loved going to the library. He loved attending camp meetings, revival services, and gospel music concerts. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with family, especially his wife Barbara and son Jonathan.

Surviving are his loving wife of 53 1/2 years, Barbara Kay Neace of Benton; his loving son, Jonathan Daniel Neace of Benton; his mother-in-law, Joan Gibson of Anna; four brothers, Hobert Neace and wife Phyllis of Murphysboro, Ill., Claude Neace and wife Norma of Fruitland, Mo., Andrew Neace of Jackson, Mo., and Donald Neace and wife Lisa of Port Coral, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Dewayne Gibson and wife Mary of Vienna; several nieces and nephews; and his church family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. Daniel Hobert Neace and Alice Elizabeth Neace; a sister, Betty Ripley and husband Junior; a brother Robert Neace; father-in-law Floyd Gibson; a stillborn sister-in-law, Nancy Joan Gibson; and a brother-in-law, the Rev. Michael Gibson.

Memorials can be made to the family of Rev. John Daniel Neace and can be mailed to Leffler Funeral Home, 401 E. Main St., Benton, Ill. 62812.

To leave online condolences to the family, or to share memories of Rev. Neace, visit www.lpfuneralhome.com.

Samuel K. Brim

Samuel K. Brim, 77, of Goreville, and formerly of Wolf Lake, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

He was born on June 5, 1945, in Anna, the son of Samuel Kent and Ella Mae Dirden Brimm.

He married Alice JoAnn Morse on June 11, 1961.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Brim; a son, Samuel K. Brim Jr. of Jonesboro; two daughters, Annie (Richard) Wade of Goreville and Deirdre (Michael) James of Herrin; 10 grandchildren he affectionately knew as Blossom, Blue Eyes, Handy, Dandy, Baby Girl, Little Girl, Boo Boo, Sweet Thing, Lovin and Fisherman; 36 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Rick Brim, Mary Strubble, Velma Lyerla, Jack Brim and Larry Brim.

He served in the U.S. Navy. He never met a stranger and everyone he met quickly became a friend. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Funeral services for Samuel K. Brim will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Interment will follow in the Anna Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 and the U.S. Navy funeral honors team.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. Friday, March 10, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

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

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



Larry Calvin Lovell

Larry Calvin Lovell, 75, of Anna, died at his home on Saturday morning, March 4, 2023.



He was born on Oct. 25, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Jasper Calvin Lovell and Georgia Charlotte Lamb Lovell.

On Sept. 5, 1970, he married Diane Kluesner of Chaffee, Mo.

Mr. Lovell worked for 40 years at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Dongola, serving the last 23 years as executive vice president/general manager.

In 1975, Mr. Lovell received his bachelor of science degree, with a major in mathematics and a minor in business administration from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

He served on several boards of directors, including Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, Marion, Ill.; United Utility Supply Cooperative, Louisville, Ky.; ACES Power Marketing, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Union County Hospital, Anna, Ill.

His miscellaneous endeavors included the NRECA/CFC Joint Member Task Force on Rural Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Washington, D.C., from February 1994 through February 1995. In 2001, the Illinois Cooperative Council presented him with the Cooperative Management Award.

He was particularly proud of being instrumental in the formation of SouthWater Inc., a regional not-for-profit water system in Dongola.

Another project that he was honored to be a part of was his role as chairman of Union County Hospital District that he and others successfully negotiated a lease with Community Health System, CHS, from Franklin, Tenn. The lease allowed Union County Hospital District to retain ownership of the hospital, pocket over \$3 million and a provision for CHS to upgrade hospital infrastructure. The citizens of Anna were able to keep a quality hospital when other small community hospitals were struggling. The best part is that the hospital district was able to stop taxing Anna residents, saving taxpayers money each year.

Mr. Lovell was an active member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Anna. He was a member of the parish council, a trustee and longtime chairman of the finance committee. He was honored that God allowed him to be an active volunteer for the church.

He loved the many get-togethers with his family, especially the Sunday dinners with his children, grandchildren and great-grandson.

The many family trips and the trips with friends were also very special and memorial to him. He always had the best of times. All of his grandchildren and great-grandson were the highlight of his life and he enjoyed every minute with them.

He also enjoyed fishing with his family and playing golf with friends. He will be truly missed by his family and so many other people. The light is dimmer here today and brighter where he has gone; but, his memories and his wisdom will be with us forever.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Diane Lovell; daughter Alysia (Jay) Kaufman; son Jason Lovell; grandchildren Cameron Lovell, Lydia (Trent) Grider, Alexandria Lovell, Caleb Kaufman, and Nathan Kaufman; great-grandchild Carter Andrew Grider; brother Dennis (Valerie) Lovell of Greenville, Texas; sister Janis (Ronnie) Burford of Benton, Mo.; brother-in-law AJ (Betty) Kluesner of Cape Girardeau; sisters-in-law Flora Brucker of New Hamburg, Mo., Clairene Priest of Cape Girardeau and Helen Kluesner of Scott City, Mo.; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Anna.

Father Uriel Salamanca will lead the Rosary at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. Mary Church in Anna, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

Entombment will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Lindsey Cemetery, just east of McClure.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, St. Mary Church or Lindsey Cemetery. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



3D AUCTIONS

March 18, 2023 10:10 a.m.

SPORTSMAN CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS!

GUNS, FISHING, HUNTING, SPORTS, DECOYS, CAMPING, WILDLIFE PRINTS, SIGNS, ETC.

March 25, 2023 10:10 a.m.

OUTDOOR CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS UNTIL MARCH 21ST!
TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, VEHICLES, OUTDOOR ITEMS, ETC.

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Obituaries Online at
annanews.com

Kenneth Lloyd Calvert



Kenneth Lloyd Calvert, 78, of The Villages, Fla., and formerly of Thebes, died on Feb. 5, 2023, at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1944, in Cairo, the son of Kenneth D. and Mary Frances Clutts Calvert.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963 to 1967. He earned several medals, which were meritorious promotions, including Okinawa.

He was a deputy sheriff for Alexander County from 1976 to 1977. He entered the Illinois State Police Academy and graduated in 1977. He was assigned to Districts 2, 11, 13, 22 as a patrol officer.

He served on the Tactical Response Team as an Illinois State Trooper. He also was one of the highest Criminal Activity writers and a Field Training Officer in District 11.

He then became an IBG agent at Players Casino in Metropolis. He resumed his service as a patrol officer from 1997 and retired as a Master Trooper in 2001.

After retirement from the Illinois State Police, he became a U.S. Marshal assigned to the Federal Courthouse in Paducah.

Upon retirement he enjoyed golfing. He moved to Florida in 2010 and enjoyed hobbies like pickleball, softball, table tennis and golf. His passion was table tennis and his team won first place in the senior games in 2022.

He was a member of the American Legion in The Villages, Florida.

Mr. Calvert is survived by his sisters, Sherri Marlo (Tom), Sharon Nunn (Dave Westenberg) and Angela Richard (Scott).

He also is survived by his grandchildren, Jeremy Calvert, Cassidy Calvert, Tyler Berry, Jake Berry and Harley Berry; one great-grandson, Tracy, and great-granddaughter, Rowlette Calvert. He also had several nieces and nephews he enjoyed and loved to harass. He was the kindest man you would ever meet and was always willing to help or serve others.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tracy Calvert; his brother Terry Calvert; his parents and grandparents.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until noon Thursday, March 16, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, March 16, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Brent Gordon officiating. Military rites will be accorded following the service by the U.S. Marine Corps and area veterans.

There will be a potluck lunch at the Olive Branch Senior Center following the services.

Entombment will follow at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

Memorials can be made to the American Legion in The Villages and to other veteran's organizations.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held March 5 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 "Believe On the Cross & Love Others." Scripture was from John.

The sermon can be listened to on the church's website at 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.

Special music was provided by Tammy Hagler and Pastor Wright.

The evening message, titled "The Tower of Babel," was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Genesis.

Birthdays: Bob McClure, Sarah Treece, March 5.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 12.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 12.

Morning worship and

Cobden

Women's

Club to meet

The Cobden Women's Club plans to meet Thursday, March 16.

The meeting will be at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

Hostesses are scheduled to be Judy Kilmer and Janis Corrington.

All area women are welcome to attend the meeting and to learn about what the club does.

Karen Ertis Young St. Arbor



Karen Ertis Young St. Arbor, 83, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau on Hospice Care.

She was born on March 16, 1939, in Rochelle, the daughter of Lowell Auburn and Juanita Erma Wood Young.

She is survived by her four sons, Donald Keith (Deborah) St. Arbor of Arlington, Ky., Douglas Mark (Marla) St. Arbor of Jonesboro, David Kevin (Diane) St. Arbor of Jonesboro and Dale Scott St. Arbor of Cairo; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Larry (Ann) Young of California, Nancy Young of Anna, Kent (Melinda) Young of Anna, Woody (Robbie) Young of Kiln, Miss., and Randy (Tonya) Young of Marion; her favorite uncle, Byford Wood of Breese; many nieces and nephews; relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Dana Lowell St. Arbor; favorite aunt Ertis Young; and her former husband, Donald Keith St. Arbor.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School with the class of 1957. She graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with the class of 1963, and then attended Wayne State University in Michigan, graduating with her bachelor's degree in education. Later she received her master's degree in library science from Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

She worked as the librarian for the school district in Carlisle, Ky., for many years. After retiring from teaching she worked for Lowell Kent Young Trucking and Raymond Newell's Trucking Company. She maintained log books and records for the drivers, as well as many other duties.

She was a member of the Eastern Star for many years. She enjoyed traveling, playing bingo and going to the casino. She loved watching westerns and murder dramas. Her favorite football team was the Green Bay Packers. She was an avid reader until she lost her sight, but continued her love for reading with audio books.

She was a member of the Christian Church of Anna for over 60 years. Upon returning to Southern Illinois, she attended Lockard Chapel and Kornthal Church. She dearly cherished her time with all her family. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

She is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit. Her body was donated to science to help further educate future young minds; it was her hope that in doing so, they will learn about diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Private memorial services will be planned at a later date. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Lutheran Home or Hospice Care of Cape Girardeau. Envelopes will be available for memorials at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Those enjoying eating at Grecian Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau last week were Shirley Miller and Vivian Eudy of McClure, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro and Pam Merhle and John of Jonesboro.

Shirley Miller visited with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna on Wednesday, March 1.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Marjie Stark of Anna on Saturday, March 4.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City recently were Russ and Patsy Pender and grandson Ridge of Olive Branch, Josh, Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Tamms, Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro.

Sue and Steve Eudy and Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., enjoyed eating lunch Wednesday at Wendy's in Cape Girardeau.

Happy birthday wishes to our daughter-in-law, Susan Eudy of Jackson on Wednesday, March 8, and to our granddaughter Megan Eudy Ross of Jackson, Mo., on Monday, March 13.

Happy belated birthday to Kayde Pender of Olive Branch on her birthday which was Friday, March 3.

Russ Pender hosted a

birthday dinner for his wife, Patsy, at their home on Saturday. Those present were Russ and Patsy Pender, Leslie Grace, Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender, Josh, Heather, Slayton and Chesleigh Miller and Maxine and Fred Pender. Patsy's birthday was March 3.

Sunday visitors of Fred and Maxine Pender were Brad, Lori and Austin Pender.

Happy 59th anniversary to Fred and Maxine Pender on March 7.

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.

Gospel music set at Anna church

The Glory Road Travelers are scheduled to sing March 11 at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

Singing begins at 6 p.m. The church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna.

In Loving Memory
Cathy Elkins
1959-2022

It broke my heart to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
Part of me went with you,
the day God called you home.
Not a day goes by when you
are not loved and missed.

Mom, sister, family and friends.

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March 15 in the sanctuary and on Zoom. Youth group and children's Bible quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

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

"The Preaching Pen"
What Would You Like Not to Lose?

Everyone loses things sometimes; we lose money, clothes, keys, and other common items. Sometimes our losses can be great, like the loss of a loved one, but no matter what we lose, and no matter how painful our losses may be, we must never lose Christ.

We must not lose our courage. Courage is the ability to accomplish tasks in the face of fear and doubt. In **Joshua 1:3-9** God promised his people a blessing if they would be "daring" "according to the law," daring in mouth, mind, and actions. God's expectations did not change after the death of Moses. Joshua still followed and encouraged others **Joshua 10:25**; so should we. Our courage can inspire and stir up the courage of others. We must be thankful for the opportunities like Paul in **Acts 28:15**.

We must not lose heart. As with our previous point, it is easy to lose heart in our negative society. When we become discouraged, we feel like giving up, but no matter how negative things can get, and no matter how terrible that makes us feel, we must never lose heart. We must override our tendency to let feelings control our lives. **Luke 18:1** encourages us to "faint not." Regardless of the circumstance, we must not faint (lose heart) in our service to Christ. To do so is to abandon HIM. God gives grace; we should not complain.

We must not lose Christ, but rather gain Christ. If we lose Jesus, we will never recover. Instead, we must gain Christ, even if it means we lose everything else. Paul had dual citizenship, a topflight education, and a lucrative occupation, but all of these "worldly gains" were obstacles to him in accomplishing his mission for Jesus. We must subtract the things of the world from our lives to be spiritually successful. In **Matthew 19:21 & 29** the law commands that we have a love of God and others. We must gain Christ even if it means losing everything else.

While we could gain temporary and fleeting opportunities from this world, chasing such things will distract us from what truly matters, the maintenance of our soul. Our salvation should be our greatest purpose, our foremost concern. Our soul is the most important thing we possess; no worldly thing could ever replace it.

Ryan Thornsberry
Anna church of Christ

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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.

Florida Trip

Keith and Dianna Robertson went to Florida. Keith has been battling with cancer and wanted to go see the ocean again.

On their way down they stopped in White, Ga., to visit with Dianna and Craig Shackelford.

After their visit they were back on the road with several resting stops.

They spent a night in Sarasota then went to Naples to visit with Ron and Janice Garner.

They were surprised when they arrived Kim Cates, Ron and Janice's daughter was there and granddaughter Hailey Abernathy.

Dianna said they both really enjoyed their time with them setting around telling and listening to many stories, going out to eat, the beach, listening to music, seeing alligators and going on Ron's tours.

They had many laughs together and Dianna said she has never seen Keith so relaxed.

After staying for a couple nights back on the road to Boynton Beach and made a surprise visit and saw Linda and Jerry Rodighiero.

Jerry doesn't get out much anymore but Linda took them to Georgia's on the Bay to eat and they had a nice visit.

Leaving there they head-

ed up the coast and spent a night at Ponte Vedra Beach then went to the Turtle Shack at Flaggers Beach and met with friends Joan and Barry.

Next stop was the drag strip at Odale by Valdosta, Ga. They surprised Chris Lence from Anna who was there helping a crew with their race car.

One more stop would make their trip complete. They headed to the Smokey mountains and Tazewell, Tenn. to see Dianna's long time friend Susan Eastwood Curtis and her husband Steve. Went to a couple antique stores and then headed home.

Dianna said they both needed this time away together with no time limit and no plans and make those memories while you can.

Don't Forget to Vote

Early voting is now at Union County Courthouse. Election Day is April 4 for city councils and school boards.

World Kidney Day

Today, Thursday, March 9, at Shawnee Community College Anna Extension Center from noon to 5 p.m.

Special Thanks

To Gaylon and Clara Cates, Sandra Schuster, Glenda McDowell for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Happy 90th Birthday Ruby Brimm

In the fellowship hall at Anna First Baptist Church March 11, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. a come and go birthday party for Ruby Brimm will be given by her family. Everyone welcome to come help Ruby celebrate.

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The ladies will travel to Golconda for their meeting.

Annabelle Festival Committee

Will meet at the Chamber Tuesday, March 14, at 10 a.m. to continue to plan for the Annabelle Festival that will be June 10 in beautiful downtown Anna.

April is Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 3 at 9 a.m. will be Proclamation Day at the Union County Courthouse. Wear your blue. Decorate your homes in blue. Get your blue cookies at Davis Pastry Shop and Anna Baking Co.

Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club plans to attend the program at the Union County Courthouse April 3 at 9 a.m.

The ladies met at Pizza Hut in Anna. Guest speaker was Melise Oakley, community education coordinator, Hospice of Southern Illinois. Melise spoke about life and living and told how many had been on hospice and actually got well and were able to go back to their normal life.

Sympathy

To the families who have lost loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers.

Voyage Former River to River

Jacqueline Etherton, OPC, and Casey Huff, LCPC, donated bingo prizes on behalf of Union County Hospital and Senior Solutions bingo prizes for the residents of The Voyage, Anna.

The Voyage is requesting bingo prizes and items for their residents. They encourage others to donate. Jacqueline Etherton, OPC, Senior Solutions, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906, 618-833-4505, fax: 618-833-4507.

Strolling

Through the Colon March 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at Ferne Clyffe State Park in Goreville. Fun for the whole family, dogs welcome. Your choice of trails. Door prizes and much more.

Visit

Sharon Dillow and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed the Chamber of Commerce Dinner at The Villa Pizza Villa in Anna and then visiting and having coffee at Hebrewz in Jonesboro last Thursday

Sunshine Inn

Tuesday, March, 14 Senior Solutions will be at Sunshine Inn.

A-JCHS Musical

The Wizard of Oz at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School will be on



Apostolic Lighthouse Church hosted a Hyphen/Rally Friday evening and Saturday. There were young people from approximately nine churches in this area. Westerly Loyd led the praise team for worship and praise, before the speaker, Bro. Kyle Rhodes. Bro. and Sis. Rhodes are from the Indianapolis area. The theme for the weekend was "No City Too Strong." Saturday morning the young people met for split sessions to discuss various subjects. There was also a worship and praise service before lunch. God was definitely moving among the young people and children on this day.



Around 30 members and guests attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting at The Villa Pizza Villa in Anna. They enjoyed a great dinner.



Don Spurlock, who served with Brian Romines in Iraq, was guest speaker at the Union County Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday. Don told about his days serving our country and his business Thrive Dispensary Illinois and how it can help people with pain. The meeting was at The Villa Pizza Villa in Anna with around 30 members and guests present. Left to right Brett Whitnel, Dori Bigler, Martha Ann Webb, Lisa Tomazzoli, Tracey Smith, Don Spurlock, Sharon Dillow, Debbie McKibben. Lisa and Debbie have the new Union County shirts on that can be purchased at Annabelle Market in beautiful downtown Anna.

March 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and March 19 at 2 p.m. You may buy your tickets at the school now. Students \$7 and Adults \$10.

Soup, Chili and Dessert Auction

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Anna, March 17, St. Patrick Day. Starting at 5:30 p.m. No cream pies. If anyone would like to bring something for the auction you are welcome to, just no cream pies. Carl Dillow and his family will be in charge of the auction.

Red Hat Ladies

Will meet at Pizza Hut in Anna Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m. for a St. Patrick dinner party.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Jesus at the Center. This week Growing in Christ.

Upward Celebration is Saturday, March 11, at 6 p.m. in the gym. Donations of cookies, brownies or Rice Krispie treats are needed.

Operation Christmas Child collection for March is girls underwear.



Anna First Baptist Church worship team Sunday morning Rev. Lupe Lopez, Vickie Wagner, Yadi Lopez, Zach Tomkinson.



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Happy 51st wedding anniversary March 5 to Jim and Jackie Koonce of Cartersville. Jim is the president and founder of our Honor Wreaths for Veterans branch off Wreaths Across America. We appreciate them both so much for all the volunteer work they do.



Special thanks to Tom Caldwell for the new sidewalk from Anna City Hall to the Anna City Garage.



A special thanks to Chris Plott for taking down the rotten limbs from the big tree so many of us played under when we were in Lincoln School.

Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC Chapel. This month's project is a sock bunny.

Preschool egg hunt is Sunday, April 9. Lots of wrapped candy is needed. Please leave at the collection center.

Mother daughter brunch is planned for Saturday, May 6. The theme is "These are a few of my favorite things." If you would like to decorate a table please sign up at the welcome center.

Food collection for the A-J High School comfort closet needs to be brought into the collection center.

Eggs for Elmwood Park need to be filled and left at the collection center by March 23.

March birthdays: 8th Hope McFarland, 9th Aerie and Madison Dickinson, Jason Prater, 10th Ben McFarland, 11th Nicole Tygett, 12th Eric Chen, Robert Burnett, Sharon Laster, ID Tripp.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Tim Gossett welcomed everyone and led in prayer for those sick and who have lost loved ones.

Prelude was by Maddie Sullivan "Firefly," and "A Little Latin." Opening hymn was "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Lenten candle litany was by Jane Bauer. Special music while the offering was being taken was by Paxton Boreup "Electric Blues," "Snappin Harriet."

Hymn "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Special Music by Ava Boreup was "Ecoisaise" and "Flying Fingers."

Children's time Rev. Tim showed them flour, sugar, baking powder, cocoa and told them individually they didn't do much but put them all together you can make a cake or muffins. The same with sports teams it takes the whole team working together. That is the way with church. It takes everyone in the church family working together to make things happens.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Breaking the Law, with scripture from Matthew. Celebration of Holy Communion. Closing hymn was "Lord of the Dance."

Anna First Baptist Church

Sunday School lesson taught by Cissi Cuthbertson was Only Jesus can truly satisfy my thirst. The ladies signed get well cards for those who have been sick for a long time and prayed for them along with many others who are sick. Everyone is welcome to come join them on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

The ladies will have an Annie Armstrong Tea Sunday afternoon, March 12, at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Our Lord's Supper was taken. Dale Denny welcomed everyone and gave the announcements.

Call to worship was by Rev. Lupe Lopez. Rev. Lupe prayed for those who are lost and do not know Jesus, the sick, a cure for cancer, those in our military, those who have lost loved ones.

Tom Fisher led in reading of Psalm 100 and the reading of "The Lord's Supper." Rev. Lopez's sermon was "Is It I Lord?" With scripture from Matthew and Luke.

Jean led and played the piano for the songs Victory in Jesus, and Jesus is Lord of All. Jean also asked everyone to bring items for the shoe boxes for the operation Christmas Child.

The worship team, Rev. Lupe Lopez, Yadi Lopez, Vickie Wagner, Zach



Family members who attended David Bauer's 60th birthday party were: seated Ursula Bauer, cousin Emily Beanland and Debra Bauer. Standing David's son Cameron Bauer, mom Barbara Bauer, David, dad Norm Bauer, siblings Tim Bauer, Beth Hileman and Lou Bauer.



"Union Countians" gathered in Cazenovia, Wis., on March 4 to celebrate David Bauer's 60th birthday. Seated are Paul Leske who lives now in LaValle, Wis., Barbara Bauer and Beth Hileman, Anna. Standing are Gloria Leske, LaValle; Cameron Bauer, Milwaukee; David Bauer, Cazenovia; Norm Bauer, Anna; Timothy Bauer, Cazenovia; Emily Beanland, Anna; and Lou Bauer, Chesterfield, Mo. David was completely surprised at the gathering planned by Ursula Bauer that included about 25 of David's friends and family. During the evening, David received a call from long time friend Eric Massey and some friends gathered in Anna.

Thompson led in the singing of "When Death was Arrested" and "Waymaker, Miracle Worker, Peacemaker."

Please be in prayer for the Mission trip to Mexico.

This week starts the Annie Armstrong Offering and week of prayer.

There was a women's Bible study last Monday.

Wednesday evenings there is a youth program at 6 p.m.

Glory Road Travelers will be at Anna First Baptist Church Saturday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Anna Arts Center March 24-26 will be Civil War Weekend.

Friday, March 24, at 6 p.m. will the Blue and Gray Dinner catered by The Kitchen at Lafayette. Call Lee if you plan to attend so they can get an idea of how many meals to order.

Guest speaker will be Seth Graves, who will portray D.L. Moody, a member of the United States Christian Commission during the Civil War. Lots of activities over the weekend.

SES Specialized Equine Services, SES, had their annual fundraising event with a Mardi Gras theme on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Walkers Bluff.

This supports their therapeutic riding programs for children and adults with disabilities along with their veterans program called "Veteran Equine Therapeutic Services" (VETS).

To kick off the Mardi Gras-themed parade, four members of the Anna Jonesboro Community High School band Isabel Tehandón - alto sax, Kosie Tripp bar sax, Lucas Tehandón - sousaphone, Brilea Smith - snare drum led the parade playing, "When the Saints go Marching In." Rachel Norton the band director was there as a chaperone and in her band capacity as director.

Kevin MacDonald said they did a superb job and were wonderfully spoken

of all evening. A special thanks to Kevin for asking them to lead the parade. Kevin said these kids handled themselves with great maturity and had fun doing it.

Daylight Saving Time Sunday, March 12, set your clocks up one hour. Spring ahead. Daylight Saving Time Begins.

Spring On a good note Monday, March 20 is the first day of spring.

Welcome New Business to Southern Illinois U pick Tulips

I met Alice Thodoropoulos from Metropolis when I was a P. M. at the DAR meeting held at the PAST House. Alice told about her son and daughter-in-law's tulips. Their u-pick tulip patch should be opening within the next three weeks or so.

When I was in 7th grade my parents Claude A. and Bessie Mae Corbitt Davis took me to see all the beautiful tulips in Holland, Mich. I still have my wooden shoes they bought me from there. I remember all the beautiful tulips and walking the path between them.

I was so excited to receive this information from Natalie Thodoropoulos and want to share with everyone that very close to us is another beautiful tulip patch where we can actually go pick our own tulips.

From Natalie Hi Mrs. Webb

After two seasons of growing tulips as cut flowers from their home in Paducah, Ky., Adrian and Natalie Thodoropoulos, owners of Tulip Lane, decided it was time to do more with a flower that has held such a special place in Natalie's heart over the years.

Her grandfather grew mass plantings in his front yard when she was young. Little did she know, 34 years later, how much of an impact those cheery little flowers would have on her life.

Retailing and wholesal-

ing tulips on a small scale has allowed Natalie to obtain a greater understanding of a flower that can be so fleeting in the spring.

After attending a workshop in Vermont in 2022, she learned the ins and outs of forcing tulips to bloom outside of their regular season. Thanks in no small part to this workshop and her existing knowledge, this year has been the first year she's been able to consistently grow tulips outside of their typical spring season.

Valentine's Day this year was an incredibly special day for her, as she was able to have locally grown tulips in the middle of winter, when local flowers are scarce.

Natalie, along with other small growers across the U.S., are working hard to gain a foothold in a market that is dominated by imports. Close to 80 percent of the cut flowers sold in the U.S. are imported from places as far as Columbia, Ecuador, and The Netherlands. They are standard varieties without fragrance that have been shipped out of water over long distances.

In addition to retailing and wholesaling tulips this year, Adrian and Natalie will be hosting a u-pick tulip patch outside of Metropolis.

Last fall she and her husband, along with friends and family planted 30,000 tulips for people to enjoy this coming spring. "Planting that many tulips without equipment is rather comical," says Natalie, "but we managed to make it work". By offering a u-pick tulip patch, they hope to cultivate more awareness and appreciation for locally grown flowers in the community.

Natalie's phone number is 1-618-841-4445. For more information on the u-pick tulip opening day, follow Natalie and her family on Facebook and Instagram at @tuliplaneflowerfarm or sign up for email updates at www.tuliplaneflowerfarm.com.



Barbara Bauer (and Norman) were pleased to visit St. Louis recently to spend time with their great-grandson Oscar Paul Bauer.



Anna residents Emily Beanland and Beth Hileman recently got acquainted with their relative, little Oscar Paul Bauer in Chesterfield, Mo. Looking on is Oscar's proud grandfather, Lou Bauer. Oscar was born on Nov. 28, 2022, to Matthew and Paula Schwartz Bauer.

Memorial Service Bill and Sue Abernathy received an email from Barbara Keistler Grace who sent she will not be having the service for her husband Chuck until May 30 at the Mound City National Cemetery day after Memorial Day.

Barbara is still not strong enough to travel, but is starting therapy to work on that. Barbara said she is bound and determined to be able to travel by then. Also, Chuck's son broke his leg a month ago and won't be able to walk for about a month to six weeks

and not drive until May. He is coming from Cleveland and he and his family were going to drive instead of fly, he should be good to go by sometime in May.

Family and friends please be there by 10:30 a.m. Barbara hopes it is meant to be this time. Chuck will have been gone a year on March 25.

Barbara hopes to see Bill and Sue there. She will be in touch mid May to confirm all the details.

Happy Birthday Wishes March 8 to Nathan Bracken.

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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:

Anna CCSD #37	301 S. Green St	618-833-6812	8AM - 3PM
<i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>

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.

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	1,551,664	217,769	367,217	104,687	224,334	360,846	36,592	70,932	43,569
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	3,804,967	0	0	92,295	0	50,000	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	2,345,004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		7,701,635	217,769	367,217	196,982	224,334	410,846	36,592	70,932	43,569
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		7,089,186	162,620	400,505	145,573	216,831	68,819		64,259	76,365
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	34,343	(34,343)	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		1,930,203	214,370	88,736	208,204	52,124	182,525	1,378,400	35,036	53,760
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		2,542,652	269,519	89,791	225,270	59,627	524,552	1,414,992	41,709	20,964
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		2,597,454	269,519	89,791	225,270	59,627	524,552	1,414,992	41,709	20,964

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and Over
Janet Boyd, James Gentry, Nathan Guined, Belinda Jerolds, April Kissiar-Ferguson, Jason Leek, Angela McClelland, Michael McClelland, Penny McFarland, Morgan Rathjen, Amanda Rich, Bailey Stearns, Cheryl Stewart, Melisa Taylor	Sara Duke, Sarah Goforth, Alma Gomez, Andrea Laster, Scarlett Pierson, Elaina Poulos-Keller, Brittanie Rendleman, Lisa Tripp	Tammy Bailey-Smith, Shari Biggs, Nikki Burrows, Stella Dallas, Michael Eddings, Michael Eudy, Andrea Feloni, Karen Frick, Sherri Goforth, Malori Lambdin, Terra Lyerla, Shelley Marshall, Rachel Massa, William McKenzie, Tamara Mucher, Stacey Plott, Justin Richardson, Anna Rodriguez, Jenny Sadler, Ginger Staples, Erin Suggs, Brandy Thurston, Leslie Thurston, Christina VanAlstine, Rebecca Yates, Hannah Youngman	Shelly Clark, Angela Clay, Carolyn Gaddis, Kevin Goins, Jennifer Hall, Tonya Hammer, Barbara James, Lisa James, Rebecca Lannom, Robert Lannom, Cheryl Ligon, Holly Newman, Jennifer Osman, Heather Reynolds, Lori Rich, Joshua Shearer, Gail Webb	Dr. Julie Bullard, Mark Laster

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and Over
Keelie Bartruff, Meaghan Boomer-Ballard, Marlin Burd, Sadie Carwyle, Treena Ditto, Amanda Eddings, Brayden Fitzgerald-Deener, Shawn Fleming, Beth Frank, Dalton Goddard, Hunter Grisham, Katharine Hileman, Courtney Holshouser, William Hooks, Richard Isaacs, Heidi Jones, Brittany Kane, Richey Kirt, Alexander Linton, Jessica McCormick, Benjamin McFarland, Olivia Mchughs, Larry McIntosh, Alan Mighell, Brien Moore, Kathryn Mueller, Tina Otten, Lynda Palmer, Wesley Penrod, Patricia Pitts, Melody Presswood, Ashley Roach, Landon Roach, Carolyn Schramka, Kyle Shuster, Nancy Shearer, Amy Sturgeon, Abigail Thompson, Lindsey Toler, Linda Turner, Jonathan Vicenzi, Tina Waller, Ronald Watkins, Susan Yates, Kimberly Yeast	Julie Bonner, Jacqueline Cates, Penny Costa, September Davis, Casey Goddard, Kim Goddard, Lisa Houseman, Margaret Jones, Sara Jones, Brandy Kimmel, Candace Linton, Jonathan Meirndorf, Kristie Menees, LaDonna Miller, Clarissa Ralls, Heidi Ruddick, Patricia Shaffer, Kimberly Shirkey, Samantha Taylor, Carla Whitaker, Sheri White, Jeanie Wright	Erica Goines, John Keehn, Sandra Landis, Heath Newman, Candice Sauerbrunn	Robert Needling, Nick Sadler

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

If no payments were made, put "None" in "Person..." column and "0" in "Aggregate" column.

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
95 Percent Group	5,311	Electrocoat	6,950
AFLAC	17,798	GoBulk.com	2,756
Ameren Illinois	69,140	Great Lakes Sports	3,552
Anna State	651,499	Heartland Mech Contracting	170,699
Apptegy	14,690	Home Depot Pro	31,475
ASH Credit Union	136,541	Houghton Mifflin	19,700
Band Shoppe	5,594	IASB	6,368
Bank of America	19,300	II Ed Association	44,951
BB Community Leasing	34,343	IMRF	207,597
Best Rubber Mulch	9,097	II School Dist Agency	46,787
Beussink & Hickam	11,000	TRS	373,230
BMO Harris	129,650	II Dept of Revenue	203,514
Bradfields	157,248	IMRF-VAC	6,000
CDW Government	58,351	Jim Carter Tire	12,099
City of Anna	21,090	Kimmel Plumbing	16,778
Clearwave	20,053	Kriha Boucek	13,321
Common Goals	10,429	Lakeshore Learning Material	6,280
Cook Sales	5,420	Lincoln Prairie	2,700
CRS One Source	137,391	Lunsford Architects	66,331
Curriculum Associates	27,185	Marlin Leasing	7,171
Dist 37 Revolving Fund	18,788	MH Equipment	14,967
DNS	2,800	Midwest Bus Sales	3,600
Moby Max	6990	Riverside Insights	9268
National Seating & Mobility	3215	Roth Restaurant Supply	37001
Nearpod	4500	Rusty's Home Center	3217
Northbridge Professional	2640	School Outfitters	19114
Notable	3707	School Specialty	3057
Novacom	17715	Security Alarm	3757
Onarga	7503	Shivelbine's Music	9570
Osborne Office	5137	SI Builder	5419
OTIS	3317	Sonova	3569
Pekin Insurance	5362	Southern FS	15114
Penninger Asphalt	54680	Specialized Data System	7093
Prairie Farms	41011	Spurlock Trash	8472
Really Good Stuff	2703	STL LED	28008
Repperts Warehouse	12812	Supplyworks	4737
T&I office	30126	Techno Ply	5993
Teaches Health Insurance	57879	Tri-County Special Ed	518966
Uline	9422	US Bank (Menees)	5008
US Bank (Lannom)	7326	Verizon Wireless	6896
US Bank (Whitaker)	5383	Waller Electric	33296
Worthington Direct	3690	Workers Compensation	21921
Wrightway Transportation	27763		



Students of the quarter honored

Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored its students of the quarter for the second quarter. The students were honored at a Feb. 21 meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education. The students were selected for the honor for their academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. Each student received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. From left are Kashton Mikel, 5th grade; board of education president Tim Qualls; Peyton Clymore, 8th grade; and Sydney Wilson, 1st grade. Students who could not be present for the photo included Nick Dallas, 8th grade; Alana Davis, high school freshman; and Dryden Wills, high school senior. Photo provided.

Fish fries planned at Cobden church

Fish fries are planned during Lent at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. The church is located at 101 Centennial St. Fish fries will be served in the church's parish hall.

Fish fries are scheduled to be served on the following Fridays: March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each week.

The menu will feature fried fish, baked fish, baked beans, french fries, fried squash, cucumber salad, cole slaw, dessert and a drink. Carry outs will be available.

Costs are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 10. Children 4 and under are free.

Raffles are planned in conjunction with the fish fries.

A 50/50 raffle will be held each week. The winner will be drawn at 7 p.m.

A raffle for a spring time basket also is planned. The winner will be drawn on March 31.

Tickets for each raffle are \$1 apiece, or six for \$5. Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win.

Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge to award scholarships to students going into trades

Union County is home to several benevolent organizations that perform many charitable actions for people in the county.

Along this vein, Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for each of the four high schools (Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola and Shawnee) that serve Union County students.

The scholarship will be given yearly to a student at each high school.

The scholarships are intended for students who are going into the trades and plan to attend ei-

90th birthday celebration set

Family members are planning to host a party to celebrate Janet Browning's 90th birthday.

The celebration is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 12 at the Old Depot Restaurant in Anna. Family and friends are invited to attend.

ther Shawnee Community College, John A. Logan College or a local program preapproved by the Elks.

The lodge set the criteria for the scholarship, but each high school will be responsible for choosing their recipient.

In determining a trade it will be as one that is defined by each college's course offering guides.

The Elks believe that this is an underserved population and that the trades are an area that is, and will be, in high demand.

A smaller \$500 second-year scholarship also will be offered to those recipients who have met those qualifications.

Any current senior at the four high schools who is interested can see their counselor for an application.

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease detection, treatment offered at Rural Health

Rural Health Inc., RHI, is accepting patients into its newly launched Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)/Non-alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) program.

With the program, RHI offers a multidisciplinary approach to disease detection and treatment.

The program includes Fibroscan screenings, weight loss management, dietician referrals, lifestyle modification and liver protection management.

The NAFLD/NASH program is provided at all five RHI clinics, with Fibroscan screenings provided at the Anna clinic only for the time being.

Program screening and treatment options are covered by most insurance carriers.

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is the term for conditions in which fat builds up on the

liver in individuals who drink little or no alcohol.

Of those who have this condition, most have fat in their liver that doesn't cause damage, and then some have a more serious type called nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

NASH is a buildup of liver fat that leads to inflammation and damage.

Over time, this can cause scarring of the liver, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver failure.

Most people with NAFLD/NASH may have no symptoms whatsoever. However, RHI noted, experts have identified certain risk factors for NAFLD/NASH including:

High cholesterol. High triglycerides. High blood pressure. Obesity. Type 2 diabetes.

Those who may be interested in the program can learn more by calling RHI's main office in Anna at 833-4471.

Business, Community Expo planned by District No. 37

Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37 is inviting local businesses to take part in an upcoming Business and Community Expo.

The expo is planned during District 37's parent/teacher conferences. The goal of the expo is to promote and support local businesses.

The conferences are scheduled on March 16 and March 21. Hours are

planned from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

The event will be the first of its kind hosted by the Union County school district.

The school district is inviting local businesses to set up a display on one or both days to showcase their unique products.

Those organizing the expo said they would like businesses which take part in the expo to participate in an interactive experience by handing out a sample, a coupon, branded merchandise (such as pens, pencils and notepads), a business card or an order form as a way to introduce themselves to the parents of District 37.

Anna School District No. 37 includes Lincoln Elementary School, Davie Elementary School and Anna Junior High School.

The school district plans to provide a raffle, food and a bingo game with prizes in an attempt to draw a larger crowd for both nights.

Those who would like to participate in the expo can contact Missy Taylor (mtaylor@anna37.com), Becca Yates (byates@anna37.com) or Lori Randolph (lrandolph@anna37.com).

Anna VFW to host events

A corn hole tournament, a Queen of Hearts drawing, music and Taco Tuesday are planned at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

A corn hole tournament is scheduled Thursday, today. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Food will be available. No outside food or drinks are allowed. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

Brian Pender is scheduled to be at the post from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 12. The public is welcome.

Taco Tuesday is planned March 14. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hard shell tacos, soft shell tacos and taco salads will be available.

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Opinion and Commentary

Farm bill critical to keeping America's food supply affordable

By Richard Guebert Jr.
Illinois Farm Bureau President

Farmers across the state are gearing up for another productive spring planting season.

Once the frost melts and the soil temperatures rise, it will be time to hit the fields, but for many farmers high prices for fertilizer, fuel and other critical tools remain a challenge.

Like consumers, farmers are feeling the pain of ongoing inflation.

The ripple effects of the war in Ukraine and supply chain issues pose significant hurdles for farmers.

Heading into the spring season and farm bill negotiations, these difficulties remain top of mind at Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB.

In early February, the United States Department of Agriculture's latest Farm Sector Income Forecast report indicated that U.S. net farm income will fall nearly 16 percent from the previous year, while production costs are expected to increase more than 4 percent. That's on top of an already record increase in production costs in 2022.

While fuel and fertilizer prices are expected to soften, other costs related to marketing, storage and transportation are expected to increase 11 percent, and labor by 7 percent.

Rising interest rates and farm sector costs are another concern, as the USDA projects farm sector debt will increase \$31.9 billion to a record \$535 billion.

General inflation is a long-term issue squeezing the pocketbooks of families across America, but the farm income forecast is a reminder that farmers are not benefiting from higher prices at the grocery store.

While some commodity prices are rising, farmers are grappling with additional circumstances, such as drought, avian influenza and supply and labor costs.

After accounting for business expenses, farmers' share of the food dollar is only 7.4 cents.

That is why the farm bill is so important for everyone, not just farmers. Farm bill programs provide farmers with critical support to mitigate natural disasters and other crises.

Other programs secure America's domestic food supply, which keeps our agricultural economy strong while providing consumers with affordable, high-quality products at the grocery store.

The farm bill also addresses hunger through nutrition programs, which serve our most vulnerable populations and ensure that everyone has access to affordable, fresh and healthy food.

Conservation is another key focus of the farm bill, which invests in agriculture research and conservation programs to increase sustainability.

IFB is dedicated to working with our members and elected officials on both sides of the aisle to pass a farm bill that meets the needs of all agriculture segments.

Our members and leaders believe the farm bill must maintain the link between nutrition and commodity programs.

IFB also supports maintaining the current crop insurance program, providing price and revenue protection for farmers, and retaining both SNAP and TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) in the farm bill in their current form.

As we head into another eventful spring, I look forward to working with our members and elected officials to get this critical piece of legislation to the president's desk.

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By Geof Skinner



A patch of daffodils were in bloom in late February along Kaolin Road. More random patches of the flowers showed up here and there, all along Kaolin Road.

Another cat named Bob...daffodils...tomatoes...

A trip to Carbondale...a trip along a country road in Union County...and a trip upstairs are inspirations for this week...

And it was a good thing those adventures came to mind late on Monday night... 'cause your writer was experiencing a bit of a case of writer's block...

...so, I watched the 10 o'clock news, hoped for some inspiration, and went upstairs, which we'll get back to shortly...

The Other Half and your writer went on an adventure to Carbondale last Saturday morning.

When we made it to the outskirts of the big city, I just happened to notice a sign along the highway about a book sale. The sale was happening that very day at the public library in Carbondale.

Like a moth drawn to the light on our front porch during a warm and humid summer evening, I was ready to go look for some bargains. Did we "need" more books? Nope. Especially not at this time in our lives, but that's another story...

Both of us found some treasures at the book sale to bring home. One of the books I discovered was written by a Pulitzer Prize winning author yours truly had an opportunity to meet back in the day. I still treasure a copy of another book which the same author had written and signed for me.

And, a bit by accident, I also found a book which, I suppose, was meant to go home with me.

That book was titled "A Street Cat Named Bob...And How He Saved My Life." The front inside flap of the book shared that Bob was a "stray cat looking for somewhere warm to sleep." Bob also was a cat who possessed "some kind of magic."

As you may recall, we have a cat named Bob. Like the cat in the book, our Bob has "some kind of magic." Sometimes, when we take him outside, he's able to magically make an escape and vanish into a nearby culvert. However, like the Bob in the book, our Bob also likes to have somewhere warm to sleep, so he keeps coming home after his magical vanishing act.

I haven't had a chance to read the book about Bob the stray cat, yet. Stay tuned...

Another recent trip took your writer on a drive along

Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden. I often make that journey, just to see what there might be to see. Recent sightings included white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

Daffodils were the highlight of the most recent adventure. Random patches and clumps of the bright yellow flowers showed up here and there, all along the road. Sometimes, there would be a just a few daffodils, sometimes there would be lots and lots of these colorful signs of spring's arrival.

And that brings us back to the trip upstairs on Monday night...

The Other Half has turned one of the rooms upstairs at our humble abode into what amounts to a greenhouse. This would be in addition to the actual greenhouse she has in the backyard.

For a number of years, The Other Half has started her plants for the garden upstairs. She plants seeds in all sorts of trays, puts everything under some grow lights...and hopes for the best.

So far, things look good. Lots of tomato plants are growing, along with various other green things that I don't know much about. The Other Half insists that I will be learning more about gardening this year. We shall see.

Just for the sake of thinking about warm summer days, I touched a couple of the tomato plants Monday night. Those who garden will know about the familiar aroma associated with tomato plants.

I'm glad now that I made the trip upstairs Monday night. To tell you the truth, I was getting kind of desperate about this week's column.

I actually did some online "research" in what was seeming like a fruitless search for inspiration. That was when I stumbled across something written by a fellow named Mark Twain. Maybe you've heard of him. I've heard that he was a pretty good writer.

"The time to begin writing an article is when you have finished it to your satisfaction," Mr. Twain wrote in the early 1900s. "By that time you begin to clearly and logically perceive what it is that you really want to say."*

Well, I've reached the end of this article. I hope I said what I really wanted to say...

*The words written by that Twain fellow appeared on the twainquotes.com website.

Deer hunters, meat processors, food pantries work together to fight hunger

URBANA – When food prices are high, everyone takes a hit, including food pantries. But now, a local and widespread source of protein – venison – is making its way from the field onto plates providing 24,500 meals with the help of the University of Illinois Extension Deer Donation Program. One in 10 people in Illinois struggle with hunger every day, including one in eight children.

The 12-county pilot program aims to fight food insecurity by connecting hunters in East Central Illinois with meat processors and food pantries.

"Food prices are high, meat prices are high and pantries are really struggling with getting meat right now," says Michelle Fombelle, Extension SNAP-Ed educator. "This is an opportunity for hunters to help their communities while doing something they enjoy and supporting local small businesses."

Extension staff made their first venison delivery to a food pantry in November. Since then, hunters have donated at least 6,137 pounds of venison, providing more than 24,548 meals for Clay, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby counties.

Those involved with the program say it is a win-win for everyone – the environment, local economies, and hungry individuals. Hunters with full freezers can harvest more deer and reduce the population size, preventing deer-vehicle accidents and damage to natural areas and crops.

Meat processors get more business and are reimbursed through funds provided by donations and grants. And food pantries can share protein with those in need.

Fombelle and other Extension staff have been exploring a deer donation program since 2016.

Many surrounding states have had similar programs for years, and Fombelle reached out to understand their process and the challenges they face, such as limited processor capacity and fewer hunters.

"The timing ended up being perfect for this project," Fombelle said. "We see food insecurity all the time in our communities, but after the height of the pandemic, we all saw the food crisis with increased prices and shortages."

None of it would be possible without local meat processors. The six initial processors for the pilot program

stored and cured the donated whole deer during the busy hunting season before butchering it into 1- to 2-pound frozen packages of ground venison. Each deer provides about 60 pounds of meat, and processors are reimbursed \$100 per deer.

Extension staff deliver the finished product to pantries where SNAP-Ed staff provide samples, cooking tips, nutritional information and recipes.

"I had no experience working with venison or wild game, and there are pantry clients in the same situation," says Extension nutrition and wellness educator Caitlin Mellendorf.

However, an encouraging 84 percent of pantry clients surveyed early in the process said they would feed venison to their family.

Mellendorf says that to get people more comfortable with venison, they did a lot of recipe testing. "We found out venison chili might be the go-to for a lot of people, but what are the other things that we can do?" Some of the favorites so far have been shepherd's pie, tacos and a classic Midwestern comfort food: Tater Tot casserole.

The deer donation program has received support from food pantries, hunting organizations such as Whitetails Unlimited Illinois, and the Illinois Association of Meat Processors.

The program is funded by grants, donations, and the Health Equity Achieved Together project, a multidisciplinary collaboration with University of Illinois Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education.

In November, the Lumpkin Family Foundation provided a \$25,000 grant to reimburse meat processors. Extension staff have raised at least \$34,600, which will cover the cost of processing 346 deer and provide an estimated 83,040 meals.

With such positive feedback in their first year, Mellendorf and Fombelle are now looking for ways to expand the program to more counties and find consistent funding moving forward.

"I would also love for deer donation to become a common practice," Fombelle said. "And to one day have hunters go out and harvest a deer specifically to feed their community."