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## News

### Notes

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

Union County officials received good news during an annual bond issue update last week. More on this to come...

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“Grandma Davie” is celebrating her 100th birthday.

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Union County Hospital Auxiliary plans to have its annual meeting on Thursday, July 28. The meeting is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship room at the United Methodist Church on West Monroe Street in Anna.

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The Rev. Chere Riedel is the new pastor of the Dongola Lutheran Parish. The parish includes the First Lutheran Church in Dongola and St. John’s Lutheran Church near Dongola.

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An exhibit featuring the photography of Larry Braun is scheduled to open with a reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Anna Arts Center. A photograph taken by Braun of the Mississippi River appears on a new U.S. Postal Service stamp.

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Anna-Jonesboro National Bank has announced new hours starting Aug. 1: lobbies will close at 4 p.m. on Fridays and drive-thru windows will close at 5 p.m. on Fridays.

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Online preregistration for Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students continues through July 22. In-person registration is scheduled to begin July 27.

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The A-JCHS varsity football season is scheduled to kick off at home against West Frankfort on Friday night, Aug. 26.

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Story hours are set to continue at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, and Tuesday, July 26, at the Jonesboro Public Library.

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## Heat index 123.2 degrees on July 5 in county

The Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky areas experienced oppressive heat and humidity during the period of July 4-8.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that a strong upper level ridge of high pressure built into the lower Ohio Valley on the 4th of July and remained in place until a cold front provided relief from the heat late on July 8.

The most oppressive days were July 5 and 6. High temperatures in the mid 90s to around 100 combined with extremely high dewpoints ranging from 75 to 80 to produce heat index readings above 110 in most locations, and localized readings up to around 120 were observed.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that the heat index reach 123.2 degrees at 4:30 p.m. on July 5 in Jonesboro. The high

temperature that day was 96 degrees.

Other heat index readings in Jonesboro included: 120.3 degrees at 2:30 p.m. on July 6, 119.1 degrees at 2 p.m. on July 7 and 116.4 degrees at 3:30 p.m. on July 8.

The weather service reported that some areas saw relief from the heat on July 7, especially parts of the Southern Illinois area.

Additional relief in the form of scattered showers

and thunderstorms occurred on July 8.

Paducah’s heat index of 114 on July 5 was its highest heat index since Aug. 3, 2011.

Paducah also managed to reach a peak heat index of 110 on four straight days from July 5-8.

This was the first time Paducah observed four straight days exceeding a 110 degree heat index since July 31 through Aug. 3, 1987.

Triple digit temperatures were also experienced for some areas. For Paducah, it was the first time since 2016 to reach 100 degrees.

### Records and Triple Digit Temperatures

Record warm lows were established throughout the region on July 6, with lows remaining in the upper 70s to around 80 degrees.

No record highs were set during the heat wave, the weather service reported.

## Anna park project receives \$400,000 in state grant funding

Plans for the development of a special playground in Anna received a major boost with last week’s announcement of \$30.3 million in grants for 87 local park projects that will help communities acquire open space and develop and improve recreational facilities throughout Illinois. The grant funding was announced Friday, July 8.

The funding includes \$400,000 for the Hadley’s Haven all-inclusive playground project, which is planned at the Anna City Park.

“Investments in our local parks are investments in our communities,” Gov. JB Pritzker said. The governor announced the projects in Springfield.

“Park projects don’t just create jobs and boost local economic development: they open the gateway for a healthier, happier Illinois. Every family in our state deserves nearby access to outdoor public spaces where they can gather with their friends and neighbors...and enjoy some sunshine, too.”

The grants announced

today are through the state’s Open Space Land Acquisition and Development, OSLAD, program, which is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR.

OSLAD grants can provide up to one-half of a project’s funds and, when combined with the investment of local matching funds, will support more than \$56 million in local park development projects and land acquisitions statewide.

The OSLAD program began in 1987 and has invested \$433.5 million in 1,816 local park projects.

The program receives dedicated funding from a percentage of the state’s real estate transfer tax.

Other projects in the Southern Illinois area which are set to receive grant funding included:

City of Christopher, park renovation, \$253,000.

City of Du Quoin, Du Quoin Municipal Pool bathhouse and parking renovations, \$390,500.

Harrisburg Township Park District, inclusive playground at soccer complex, \$396,000.

## SIU bolsters recruiting in Southern Illinois

With robust recruiting efforts, strong partnerships, solid financial support and more, Southern Illinois University Carbondale is encouraging potential students in the southernmost part of the state, including Union County, to become Salukis.

Last fall, enrollment from the Southern Illinois region grew nearly 34 percent from the previous year, and the signs for fall 2022 enrollment from the region are promising, SIU Chancellor Austin A. Lane said in a news release.

Applications, admissions and registrations are all up significantly, and there is still time to apply and enroll for the upcoming fall semester.

“Students from the Southern Illinois region have a first-class doctoral research university in their own backyard,” he said.

“When they consider college, we want them to imagine all the opportunities we have to offer close to home – many of them reserved for graduate students elsewhere.

“There is a misperception that when we seek new students, we prioritize other areas of the state above our own,” Lane said.

“To dispel that myth, I and other university leaders have met with many people at local schools, community colleges and organizations.

“In addition, we have increased recruiting, marketing and advertising in our region, and we have formed formal partnerships with schools, youth organizations and community colleges.

“Plus, we have backed up our promises with resources. I am proud to be among the university leaders to personally visit high schools and community colleges to award top students in Southern Illinois with our most prestigious awards, the Chancellor’s and Provost’s Scholarships.”

In May, representatives of SIU Carbondale’s financial aid and undergraduate admissions departments attended honors nights for 16 high schools.

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### Anna City Park

The City of Anna has received \$400,000 in state grant funds. The funds will support development of the Hadley’s Haven project at the Anna City Park.

## UNITE at the Cross music festival set at Cross of Peace

An upcoming event scheduled in Union County was promoted earlier this month at a country music landmark.

On Monday, July 4, Jeffrey Isbell, the executive director of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace near Alto Pass, was invited to promote the Cross at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

“It was a tremendous honor to step center stage at the Ryman to promote Southern Illinois’ most iconic landmark, the Bald Knob Cross of Peace,” Jeffrey Isbell stated in a news release.

Isbell was invited by the Sidewalk Prophets, who were performing in front of a sold out audience at the Ryman.

In the fall of 2021, Sidewalk Prophets hosted their Great Big Family Reunion at the Cross.

“The Cross and the Ry-



man have a lot in common,” Isbell said.

“The Ryman was originally constructed as ‘a place where all people could gather and worship.’ Much like the Cross, it faced a period of neglect and deterioration, but the community rallied together to restore it for future generations.”

Isbell encouraged the audience to visit the Cross and attend the first UNITE at the Cross Christian Music Festival, which is planned July 16-17.

The music festival will be just three hours from Nashville, Tenn.

UNITE at the Cross is scheduled to feature contemporary artists like We

are Messengers, Apollo LTD, Katy Nichole and others on Saturday night. Gates open at 2 p.m. The music is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, the Cross plans to welcome southern gospel artists like Jason Crabb, Kelly Crabb and the Bowling Sisters, Adam Crabb of Gaither Vocal Band and many others. Gates open at 1 p.m. The music begins at 3 p.m.

Tickets to UNITE at the Cross can be purchased online at [Uniteatthecross.com](http://Uniteatthecross.com) for \$25 per day or at the welcome center at Bald Knob Cross of Peace. The landmark stands on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

Food trucks and vendors are scheduled to be on hand for the music festival.

UNITE at the Cross is being produced by Great Big Family Productions in partnership with Midwest Music Supply and sponsored by ChildFund.



### New artifacts at Union County Museum

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden has added a significant collection of artifacts to the current exhibit of Native American artifacts. The museum said in a news release that the items were found in the Mill Creek area and are “a prime example of the type of Native American artifacts found in Union County. The collection consists of a great piece of pottery and eight artifacts made of stone.” The donor of the items wishes to remain anonymous, the museum noted. The museum generally is open on Saturdays and on Sunday afternoons, and on Fridays, by chance. Photo provided.





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Service set at Kornthal

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

Kornthal Church is located 2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

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The 2022 Pulaski County Fair is scheduled July 31 through Aug. 6 in Pulaski.

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Participants are being sought for the 2022 Cache River Days pageant, which is scheduled Friday evening, Sept. 9, in Ullin.

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Southern Seven Health Department is planning to present a seven-week workshop titled “Take Charge of Your Health: Live Well, Be Well,” beginning July 25.

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A local fan noted that it is “Christmas in July” time on the Hallmark Channel. Maybe that’s why Santa Claus was (sort of) seen in downtown Cobden recently.

SIU recruiting

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They offered nearly \$4.4 million in scholarships, supported by institutional funds and private donations, to almost 200 new incoming freshmen.

In Union County, students from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Cobden High School were among those to receive scholarships.

Students from the following Southern Illinois schools also received scholarships:

Agape Christian High School, Marion. Benton Consolidated High School. Carbondale Community High School.

Carterville High School. Du Quoin High School. Elverado High School. Herrin High School. Johnston City High School. Marion High School.

Massac County High School, Metropolis. Murphysboro High School. Pinckneyville Community High School. Vienna High School. Zeigler-Royalton Community High School.

These scholarships are a component of SIU Carbondale’s commitment to access.

In 2020, SIU launched the Saluki Commitment and Saluki Transfer Commitment.

These initiatives are the university’s pledge to close gaps between financial aid and the cost of tuition and

mandatory fees for Illinois students who qualify.

The university is also reaching out to Southern Illinois students before their junior and senior years of high school through partnerships with Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois and Scouts BSA Greater St. Louis Area Council, which serves Southern Illinois.

SIU is also committed to providing new pathways for students with limited options.

Last fall, SIU launched Saluki Step Ahead, thanks to an agreement with the Illinois Community College Board.

The Saluki Step Ahead program provides qualified community college students the option to earn their bachelor’s degrees remotely and at a lower cost in six academic programs.

Shawnee Community College, John A. Logan College, Rend Lake College and Southeast Illinois College are among the schools to sign on.

“The Southern Illinois region will be an important part of the success of our new strategic plan, Imagine 2030, which include pillars addressing student success and partnerships,” Lane said. “SIU Carbondale and the Southern Illinois region need each other.”

# State tax revenues exceed \$50 billion for first time in history of Illinois

**By Jerry Nowicki**  
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**SPRINGFIELD** – State tax revenues grew by \$5.5 billion in the fiscal year that concluded on June 30, exceeding \$50 billion for the first time in Illinois’ history, according to a new report from a state budgeting agency.

The 12 percent base revenue growth in Fiscal Year 2022 gave lawmakers near-unprecedented flexibility in the current budget year.

That allowed the General Assembly to approve \$1.8 billion in tax relief, pay \$500 million more to state pensions than statutes require, retire hundreds of millions of dollars in interest-accruing debts early, and drive the state’s “rainy day” fund to its highest-ever balance of over \$1 billion.

It also helped the state reach a zero-day accounts payable cycle, meaning it was caught up on its bills, for the first time in decades.

But the report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability also noted that the pandemic-related drivers of growth, which led to nationwide revenue windfalls for nearly all state governments, are likely to wane in the coming months.

That’s something Gov. JB Pritzker told Capitol News Illinois two weeks ago that lawmakers planned for in April when they projected Fiscal Year 2023 revenues at \$46.5 billion, an 8 percent decrease from the final FY 2022 numbers.

“We wrote that into the budget, that is a decrease in revenue just in this coming year,” Pritzker said in an interview. “So, we understand that there were some temporary nature of revenues that were coming in.”

All told, the FY 2022 base revenues reached \$50.3 billion without including direct federal aid. The number jumps to \$51.1

billion when including a \$736 million direct transfer-in of COVID-19 relief dollars.

The base revenues were nearly \$8 billion beyond the May 2021 projections on which the FY 2022 budget was based. Personal and corporate income tax grew \$6.1 billion beyond what was projected in May 2021, while sales tax revenues were about \$979 million beyond projections.

While the revenue windfalls won’t alleviate long-standing budget pressures such as a \$130 billion unfunded pension liability that demands about a quarter of state general revenue funds each year, it’s a level of good financial news that Illinoisans are not accustomed to hearing...and a level of progress Pritzker has hung his hat on as he seeks a second term.

“A significant surplus and a zero-day payment cycle mean that our schools are funded, our roads are being rebuilt, and our health-care providers are paid on time...and Illinois taxpayers are no longer dealing with hundreds of millions of dollars in interest payments because government didn’t do its job,” Pritzker said in a statement two weeks ago.

“Illinois’ massive bill backlog – eliminated since I came into office – once contained bills past due for as long as 500 days.”

The COGFA report noted that even though direct federal aid was not included in the base revenue calculation, the indirect effects of federal stimulus played a major role in the unexpected growth.

So major, in fact, that revenue came in beyond initial projections in 49 states in the fiscal year.

One driving factor, according to the report, was the “continuation of a pandemic-related shift” in consumer spending from non-taxed service-based sales to taxable goods, which created “strong market condi-

tions” that led to increased tax revenues from corporate profits and capital gains.

Republicans have also attributed the revenue spikes at least partially to an “inflation-induced sugar high,” noting that as prices increase so does sales tax revenue.

“The influence of these particular factors is expected to wane as the state enters into FY 2023 resulting in reduced revenue expectations for the upcoming fiscal year,” the COGFA report noted.

Still, June’s receipts remained strong, growing by \$736 million compared to the previous fiscal year.

As a result, final FY 2022 revenues were \$2.6 billion higher than the April estimate from the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget that was used as the basis of this year’s budget negotiations.

A GOMB spokesperson said in an email Wednesday that the surplus has not led to any discussion of amending the FY 2023 budget in the first week of the new fiscal year. But it’s likely to allow for some flexibility.

“FY 2022 revenues continued to outperform expectations through the last quarter of the fiscal year,” GOMB spokesperson Carol Knowles said in an email. “This will allow the state to be better positioned in the coming year as we continue to monitor the national economic outlook.”

Knowles noted that the higher-than-expected revenues contributed to the improving fiscal situation which Comptroller Susana Mendoza and Pritzker highlighted in a pair of news releases last week.

Those releases noted Illinois has erased its “bill backlog,” ending the fiscal year with a general revenue funds payment cycle of zero days from when vouchers are received by the state comptroller’s office.

The \$1.8 billion accounts payable balance was a far

cry from the height of the state’s two-year budget impasse between Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democrats in the General Assembly, when the bill backlog reached \$16.7 billion.

Pritzker has also touted, and bond ratings agencies have noted, that Illinois focused much of its spending of surplus dollars on relieving interest-accruing debt.

Illinois has seen six credit rating upgrades, two each from each of the three major agencies, in the past year.

In a news release two weeks ago, Pritzker contrasted those upgrades with the eight downgrades the state received during the tenure of Rauner, whom Pritzker unseated in 2018.

While the upgrades this year mark the first upward break from a downward trend that began in the Blagojevich administration, Illinois remains in the worst shape of all states as judged by the ratings agencies.

And while Illinois lawmakers dedicated \$1 billion to the rainy day fund, Mendoza said in a news release she’d push for laws mandating greater contributions to budget stabilization funds when Illinois has stronger-than-expected revenue performances in the future.

“The fact that we’ll have a billion dollars saved in our rainy day fund to help us during adverse downturns certainly helps, but Illinois must save more when we are able to with stronger-than-expected revenue receipts so that we strengthen our ability to weather through these unexpected crises,” she said.

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cal outcomes. In areas with elevated community levels, you should wear your mask in indoor public places and avoid indoor crowded spaces. If needed, contact a healthcare provider promptly to discuss what treatment is right for you.”

Tokars also urged parents and guardians to take the steps necessary to get children vaccinated, especially small children under 5 for whom COVID-19 vaccines were recommended by the CDC on June 18.

Tokars said that IDPH is supporting an education and outreach campaign by the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to educate healthcare providers and parents

27,543 new COVID cases reported in state

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, July 8, reported 27,543 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 48 deaths since July 1.

According to the CDC, 28 counties were rated at high community level for COVID-19, an area that included DuPage and Lake counties in northeast Illinois as well as Peoria, Champaign and Quincy. An additional 43 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level.

As of July 8, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,462,948 cases, including 34,198 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, July 7, 1,309 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 149 patients were in the ICU and 47 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

“With 71 counties in Illinois rated at medium or high community level for COVID-19 by the CDC, the majority of counties remain at elevated risk,” IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

“We urge everyone to protect themselves by making sure they are up-to-date with vaccines and booster shots,” Tokars said.

“This is especially important for people who are vulnerable to serious medi-

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

July 8: 27,543

July 1: 28,216

June 24: 27,094

June 3: 32,605

May 6: 30,633

April 1: 8,426

March 4: 10,462

Feb. 4: 60,389

Jan. 7, 2022: 201,428

Dec. 3, 2021: 42,559

Nov. 5: 17,462

Oct. 1: 18,735

Sept. 3: 30,319

Aug. 6: 16,742

June 18, 2021: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Union County COVID Cases Update

July 10: 5,767 total cases. 66 deaths.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Union County Fair queen pageant welcomes entries

Plans have been announced for this year's Union County Fair queen pageant activities.

**Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant**

The Union County Fair queen pageant is in search of contestants for the 2022 pageant, which will be Sunday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds (the Anna City Park).

There will be a come and go informational meeting July 25, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the fair office at the Anna City Park.

Attendance is not required to be able to enter. If you are interested in competing and cannot attend the informational meeting, please contact Janice Osman for information.

Contestants must be 16 years of age by Aug. 21 and not have reached their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2023.

They must have never been married, have never had a child and cannot be an adoptive parent.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County and not competing in another county fair queen pageant in 2022 or have been a former queen of a county fair.

An information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.union-countyfair.net](http://www.union-countyfair.net).

You will need to go to the EVENTS tab and then click on Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant, and then click on the link to download the information packet with required forms and the application.

You can also contact Janice Osman at 833-7777 to request an information packet and application or with any questions you may have.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the application.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 1. No late entries will be accepted after Aug. 1.

There will be a meeting Monday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. for Miss contestants at the Union County Fair Board office located at the Anna City Park.

All signed forms, applications and entry/sponsor fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Contestants will need to come "picture ready." A group photo will be taken for the local papers, as well as individual pictures for the pageant program and judges books.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janice Osman at (618)833-7777.

**Little Miss and Junior Miss**

The Union County Fair Queen pageant is in search of Little Miss and Junior Miss Contestants for the 2022 pageant that will be Sunday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds.

There will be a come and go informational meeting July 25, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fair office located at the Anna City Park.

Attendance is not required to be able to enter. If you are interested in competing and cannot attend the informational meeting, please contact Janice Osman for information.

Little Miss Contestants must be 8-11 years of age, and Junior Miss Contestants must be 12-15 years of age by Aug. 21.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County and attend a Union County school.

If contestants attend a private school outside of Union County they must provide proof of registration with their application.

Information packet and application link are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.union-countyfair.net](http://www.union-countyfair.net).

You will need to go to the EVENTS tab and then click on Little Miss & Junior Miss Pageant, and that will take you to a link for a printable information packet and application.

You can also contact Janice Osman at 833-7777 to request an information packet and application or with any questions you may have.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the

pageant information packet.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 1. No late entries will be accepted after the deadline.

There will be a meeting Monday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. for Little Miss and at 6:15 p.m. for Junior Miss contestants at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park.

All signed forms and entry fees can be turned in at the meeting.

Contestants will need to come "picture ready." A group photo will be taken for the local papers, as well as individual pictures for the pageant program book.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Janice Osman at 833-7777.

**Princesses**

The Union County fair queen pageant is in search of Princesses for the inaugural Princess Program class for the 2022 pageant that will be Sunday, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds.

All Princess participants will receive a tiara and sash. No judging will take place in the Princess Program. It's a fun opportunity for the younger girls to participate in a pageant setting without the judging portion.

Princess participants must be between the ages of 5 to 7 years old by Aug. 21 and need to be a Union County resident.

There will be a \$25 entry fee. The pageant will be accepting the first 20 entries and will take entries until Aug. 15, unless the 20 spaces are filled before that date.

The Aug. 15 deadline is for program participants only; for all other age groups entry deadline is Aug. 1.

There will be a required attendance meeting and practice on Aug. 18, from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Anna VFW post.

More details and an application can be found on the Union County Fair website at [www.unioncouthair.net](http://www.unioncouthair.net).

If you have any questions or would like an application you can also call or text Janice Osman at 833-7777.



**Cobden Women's Club visits Elizabethtown**  
Members of the Cobden Women's Club went to the E-Town Restaurant in Elizabethtown. The ate at the restaurant, which is located on the Ohio River. Club members also stopped at the Chocolate Factory near Golconda on the way home. From left are Christy Null, Susan Yates, Carol Nebughr, Carol Savini, Janis Corrington, Judy Kilmer, Dianna Yates and Lou Ann Hartline. The club's next meeting is set for 1 p.m. on July 21 in the fellowship hall at the Cobden Presbyterian Church. Hostesses for the meeting are scheduled to be Donna Budelsky, Julie O'Murphy and Joann Sharp. All women are invited to join the club at its meeting. Photo provided.

## DAR chapter meets in Vienna

**By Dixie Terry**

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Tuesday afternoon, June 14, at the Vienna Carnegie Library.

The opening ritual was led by regent Suzan Harvel and chaplain Carol Palmer.

Regent Harvel welcomed 14 members and five guests, who were Boy Scouts, Ben Hauser, Joshua Rochan and Mason Wren, of Anna Boy Scout Troop No. 7044 and their leaders, Nancy Morris and Stan Palmer.

The Boy Scouts demonstrated how to correctly fold the American flag and explained the meaning of each fold.

During the business meeting, Julia Mowery provided the president general's message. National defense was reported by Bonnie Hogue.

It was reported that the chapter provided the table decor for the District VII luncheon held at Walker's Bluff on May 26, with Carolyn Tripp, Suzan Harvel and volunteers Julia Mowery and Melodie Penrod doing the set-up, using an English country theme.

State regent Debra Coe provided information on the many upcoming changes of DAR.

Attending from the Daniel Chapman Chapter were Suzan Harvel, Juanita Broyles, Lillian Milam, Julia Mowery, Carol Palmer, Melodie Penrod, Doda Starkey and Virginia Street. The chapter had the highest attendance.

Regent Harvel manned a DAR information booth at the Annabelle Festival June 11 in Anna.

A copy of the revised by-laws has been submitted to the state DAR revising secretary.

Chaplain Palmer reported on the cards she has sent members.

The minutes of the May meeting were distributed and approved for recording.

The financial report was

given by Suzan Harvel in the absence of treasurer Susan Whitemountain. The report was approved for filing and auditing.

The registrar's report was given by Loudene Lemme.

Committee reports included: Sandra Boaz, Indian Minutes. Conservation, Melodie Penrod. Service to America, Doda Starkey.

A motion was passed to purchase bricks for the women's veteran memorial in Mt. Vernon for members who are veterans: Tambra Cain, Norma Lee Hackney, Susan Whitemountain and the late Margaret Smith.

A list of items needed for the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna was available.

An officer and committee planning meeting was planned Wednesday morning, July 6, at the Vienna Carnegie Library.

The first chapter meeting for 2022-2023 is planned at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, with state regent Coe as speaker.

A memorial service, led by Chaplain Palmer, was held for Charlene Grey James and Zella JoAnne McRoy. Sandra Boaz gave a eulogy for Charlene and Loudene Lemme gave the eulogy for JoAnne.

Hostesses for the meeting were Carol Palmer and Juanita Broyles, who provided refreshments for the social hour.

Members present were Suzan Harvel, Tamms. Juanita Broyles, Goreville. Sandra Boaz, Ann Toler, Anna. Carol Palmer, Lillian Milam, Jonesboro. Bonnie Hogue, Loudene Lemme, Doda Starkey, Virginia Street, Vienna. Dixie Terry, Marion. Melodie Penrod, Carterville. Martha Schwegman, Metropolis. Julia Mowery, Buncombe.

## Anna VFW, Auxiliary planning Jeep Poker Run

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and its Auxiliary are planning to host their first Jeep Poker Run on Saturday, July 16. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

"Jeep: A Military Tradition" is the theme for the poker run, which is open to the public, as well as veterans.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. on the day of the event. A hot dog lunch will be served. Pork butt sandwiches will be served to returning participants.

Jeeps will leave the post at 1 p.m. to start the poker run. Stops are scheduled in Murphysboro, Marion, Creal Springs and Vienna.

Mystify Music is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 16.

Prizes will be awarded for the best and worst hands.

Registration for the poker run is available online at [getmeregistered.com/carrollpfosterpost3455](http://getmeregistered.com/carrollpfosterpost3455) and is to be completed by no later than July 14. The cost is \$20 per person.

## Anna VFW plans meetings, pork steak dinner, Taco Tuesday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna announces several upcoming events.

**Meetings**

Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary plans to have their monthly business meetings.

The meetings are planned Thursday, today, at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The Auxiliary plans to meet at 6 p.m. A post meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m.

**Pork Steak Dinner**

The post plans to serve a pork steak dinner on Friday, July 15. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Pork steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans and dessert will be served for a donation of \$15.

The public is welcome. Carry outs are available. The post suggests that reservations be made, since the dinners usually sell out.

Information about reservations is available by calling 833-7737.

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

**Taco Tuesday**

Taco Tuesday is planned at the post on July 19. Serving is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tacos will be served for a donation of \$2 each.

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# Sports

## AJNB Knights finish baseball season



**AJNB Knights**  
Members of the AJNB Knights included, in the first row, Ryan Houseman, Bentley Cobb, Luke Dallas, Nolan Thurston, Weston Belmont and Logan Brumleve. In the second row are Ben Thompson, Sawyer Dawson, Blake Wells, Aaron DeMarie, Troy “Chaos” Beardsley, Paxton Boreup and Zander Sullens. Photo provided.

The AJNB Knights finished their season Saturday, July 2, in the semifinal round of the Route 13 baseball tournament in Herrin. The Knights finished the season with a record of 17-2-1.

The team advanced to the semifinal round after a come back victory Friday night that extended into extra innings, lasting more than three hours and ending after 11:30 p.m.

After three innings the Knights were trailing 8-2. The Knights got three runs in the bottom of the fourth after Bentley Cobb, Luke Dallas and Troy “Chaos” Beardsley hit back to back to back home runs.

The team was then able

to tie the game 8-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning with two outs off a L. Dallas walk and home run by T. Beardsley.

Blake Wells was able to keep the Knights alive in the bottom of the seventh when he hit his first home run of the season tying the game once again 9-9.

Weston Belmont looked to end the game in the bottom of the eighth with his first hit of the season but was unable to make it home extending the game another inning.

The Knights ultimately won the ballgame 10-9 in the bottom of the ninth when Cobb scored the winning run off Dallas’s sacrifice grounder.

Their opponent while driving the ball to the outfield was held to singles and doubles by outfielders Ryan Houseman, Paxton Boreup, Logan Brumleve, Sawyer Dawson, B. Wells and W. Belmont.

The Knights were back on the field less than 10 hours later where their season came to an end.

“Chaos” Beardsley led the Knights this season with 40 hits and 8 home runs. L. Dallas had 31 hits, 5 home runs; Aaron DeMarie 22 hits, 2 home runs; B. Cobb 18 hits, 1 home run; B. Wells 17 hits, 1 home run; Ben Thompson 17 hits; and Nolan Thurston-16 hits.

Thompson’s hits came in only 12 games after injury sidelined him for the rest of the season.

While unable to play Thompson was at every game to support his team and to make sure no teammates got too comfortable in his catchers gear.

The Ironmen of the team were Logan Brumleve getting hit by 7 pitches during the season and Weston Belmont getting hit by 6 pitches, none of which seemed to bother the 8 and 9 year olds.

The boys with the sharpest eyes were Z. Sullens with 23 walks, P. Boreup with 22 walks, B. Cobb with 21 walks and S. Dawson with 19 walks.

The Knights thanked their sponsor, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, and the Union County SIBSA board for a great season.

## A-J Elks Lodge golf scramble will support local scholarships

Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 is planning to sponsor a golf scramble on Saturday, July 23.

The golf scramble will be played at the Union County Country Club course in Anna. Tee times are set for 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds generated by the golf scramble will benefit local schools with four, \$1,000 scholarships.

One scholarship will be available for each high school in Union County.

The scholarships are for students who want to pursue trade or technical careers.

The entry fee is \$75 per player (\$300 per team).

The entry fee includes four Mulligans, \$20 skins per team.

The scramble will feature a maximum 18 teams in the morning and 18 teams in the afternoon. Teams will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hot dogs and beverages will be available during the scramble.

An awards presentation is planned at Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641, with food to follow. The lodge is located adjacent to the country club.

More information is available by contacting the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge at 833-5921.

## Local, state public health official urge continued West Nile virus awareness

Local and state public officials continue to advise the public to be aware of concerns related to West Nile virus.

As testing for the virus continues in Illinois, Southern 7 Health Department is asking everyone to be on the lookout for birds that may have died from the disease in an effort to track infections.

West Nile virus is transmitted to birds through the bite of infected mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes become infected by biting infected birds. Birds considered for testing by the state lab must meet the following criteria:

- The bird is dead, but the carcass is in good condition. Birds should be dead no more than about 48 hours prior to collection, and should not show signs of advanced decomposition (maggots, strong odor, dried or deflated eyes).
- The bird shows no sign

it died of causes other than disease. Birds with obvious injuries, such as wounds or missing parts should not be submitted for testing. Likewise, crushed carcasses and birds found along roadways are not acceptable.

- The bird must be one that is acceptable for testing. Some acceptable species are crows, blue jays, grackles, starlings, robins, cardinals, sparrows, finches, hawks and owls. Birds that will not be accepted include pigeons, ducks, geese, chickens, other large birds and endangered species.

Area residents who may have a bird which meets the requirements are asked to contact Southern 7 environmental health director Miranda Adams at 618-634-2297, extension 9114.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reported the first mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus in Illinois

in 2022 were reported in late May in Roselle in DuPage County. More Illinois counties subsequently had reported batches of mosquitoes that tested positive for West Nile virus.

There are no vaccines to prevent or medications to treat West Nile virus in people.

Most people infected with the virus do not feel sick. About one in five people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms. About one out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness.

The risk of contracting West Nile virus can be reduced by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants to prevent mosquito bites.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

## Anna Blue Dolphin swimmers compete at Marion Invitational

The Anna Blue Dolphins swim team competed Saturday, July 9, at the Marion Swim-Your-Own-Age Invitational.

Thirty-one Blue Dolphin swimmers participated in the meet.

Nine teams competed, with each swimmer swimming each of the four individual strokes.

The top three finishers in each event were awarded a bobblehead trophy.

Swimmers from the Anna squad who were among the top three finishers included:

Niah Chotner: girls 9 yr, 25 back 2nd place.

Nile Chotner: men’s 16 yr, 50 free 3rd place, 50 back 2nd place, 50 breast 2nd place, 50 fly 2nd place.

Luke Dallas: boys 10 yr, 25 free 3rd place, 25 fly 3rd place.

Bella Hawk: girls 14 yr, 50 free 3rd place.

Agent Inman: girls 16 yr, 50 breast 3rd place.

Isaac Janke: boys 10 yr,

25 back 3rd place, 25 breast 3rd place, 25 fly 2nd place.

Aden Lingle: girls 10 yr, 25 free 1st place, 25 back 2nd place, 25 fly 3rd place.

Ryker Lingle: girls 6 & under, 25 free 2nd place.

Ben Marggraf: boys 13 yr, 50 free 3rd place, 50 back 2nd place, 50 fly 3rd place.

Jamison Marggraf: boys 9 yr, 25 free 3rd place, 25 fly 3rd place.

Michael Marggraf: boys 11 yr, 50 free 3rd place, 50 back 3rd place.

Drue Teske: girls 14 yr, 50 breast 2nd place.

The Blue Dolphins are scheduled to compete in meets this week which are out of town.

The team’s final home meet of the season is set for Tuesday, July 19, at the Anna City Pool.

## Former area high school players continuing careers

Several former area high school athletes are still competing in sports at the collegiate level.

Cobden High School’s Noah Franklin is at Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo., where he is playing basketball.

Anna-Jonesboro’s Bryce Bowers is playing football at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

Other former A-J players include:

Hunter Ralls, who is playing baseball at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Ethan Ames, who is playing baseball at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey.

Addison Denny, who is playing basketball at McKendree University in Lebanon.

Marlee Smith and Luke Lasley are playing golf at John A. Logan College in Carterville.

Cobden’s Elliott Lown-des is playing basketball at John A. Logan Community College.

Hunter Ralls is competing this summer in baseball for the Cape Catfish in Cape Girardeau.

### Commentary

## Staying in shape key for all high school sports

**By Mike Estel**

With the summer in full swing, what does a high school athlete do to remain in shape before the sports seasons begins again?

The big thing for a potential athlete to do is remain in shape. For any event, especially cross country and track, one should have a good walk or good run daily.

Besides running, wrestlers, football, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball and soccer players should also visit a weight room regularly. Also, those involved in shot put or discus throwing in track should be there in the weight room as well.

For football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer players, having short sessions of

practicing their moves on the court, floor or field with their teammates would also be helpful.

From what I’ve observed with soccer, those individuals have to be in tip top shape, especially the way they run all over the field.

Golf wasn’t mentioned in getting shape, but walking good distances will help when it comes time to walking a course during the regular season.

All athletes in any sport should be ready to go once their respective season begins. This is especially hard on a person competing in two sporting events at the same time. They have to be completely on top of their game in both sports.

The big key is to be in shape for whatever sport or sports one is involved with.

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# County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

**Birthdays**  
Happy birthday to my eldest grandson, Godfrey. We celebrated his 5th birthday this weekend and he received many gifts and had ice cream cake.  
My nephew, Ivan, has a birthday tomorrow and will be 14. My brother-in-law, Chuck, has one on Friday...I won't give away his age, but it involves six decades.  
My husband's aunt, Connie Harvel, also celebrated a birthday this past week. Her 87th.  
Happy birthday to them all and prayers for many more to come.

**Time Slips Away**  
Time, it seems, just keeps slipping away on me. July is the busiest month for birthdays in our family. There are only 11 days without one. Three days have two birthdays on them.  
I once sent cards to everyone. The card companies made a tidy sum from our family alone.  
Now I'm lucky to get Christmas cards, or even a letter, sent out once a year.

Social media has made it too easy just to send a greeting and family news through cyberspace.  
I do, however, treasure those many old letters that others, and now I've, kept through the years.  
Letters written from my three times great-aunt to my great-grandmother, some to and from my great grandmother to other relatives, letters Mother and Daddy sent to each other while they were courting, letters my grandmother wrote me when I was a young girl, one I mailed to my great-grandmother that she kept, a letter my father wrote me from a war zone, a letter my husband sent to my

parents making his intentions known, letters my mother received from friends she met all over the world, and many letters and cards from other family, friends, and most especially those from my children and grandchildren.  
I even have the first telegram I ever received wishing me best wishes on my wedding day, sent from a friend in England.  
Yes, I'm a bit of a hoarder...but give it a few more years and those letters, cards, and telegrams will be historical treasures.  
**Mill Creek News**  
I also have saved many of the late Lucille Mowery Smithy's columns, clipped from old Gazette newspapers.  
She wrote about Mill Creek news from way back into my teens. I have also saved a binder full of clipped comic strips that apply to mine and my family's lives.  
These tend to be a bit eerie in how close they mimic our habits and faults. It's fun to look at them and be reminded of those odd things that so obviously aren't done by just us.  
**Company**  
Shirley Harvel had company over the weekend. Her daughter, Tina Moore, and husband, Darron, came to visit from Poplar Bluff, Mo., for the day. Chuck and Martha Harvel and their grandchildren also stopped by.  
My daughter, Allison Harvel, from Cape Girardeau, was also in attendance.  
She came to visit with her grandma and to help me straighten out a shed. We started early, but agreed the hour we put in was enough. We'll tackle the rest come late September and hopefully cooler temperatures.  
**Rain Moves In**  
The rain moved in after-

ward. I was tempted to sing the "Happy" song. Our gauge showed a little bit over a half inch after all was said and done.  
The garden sure perked up from it. I'm appreciating the slightly cooler temperatures too. Triple digit temperatures were not appreciated by anyone that I know of.  
Bon Kohler also had company recently. His daughters, Gaylen Tunberg and Cheryl McKinney, arrived from California.  
They brought along with them Bon's granddaughter, Alicia Tunberg-Petler, and great-granddaughter, Brooke Petler. He's awfully happy when his family come to visit.  
**Mill Creek Baptist Church**  
Mill Creek Baptist Church was pleased to welcome visitors Jessica Roberts; her parents from Alabama, Scott and Sandy Callen; and their granddaughter Ariella.  
We were also pleased to see Reba Short was well again and able to come with her son, Dean, and his wife, Gail. We've missed seeing her smiling face.  
Brother Bobby Richardson's message this week came from 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, which reminds us that the Christian life is a warring life.  
We must wage war against Satan, for he'll attack even

our thoughts. If we start thinking wrong, we'll start acting wrong, and then he has gained the upper hand.  
We must remember to keep handy our weapons of the spirit. These are found in Ephesians 6:10-17, but we especially need to remember to use the sword of the spirit...which is the word of God.  
We need to turn to God's word first in times of weakness. We might lose a battle now and again, but with God's direction we'll never lose the war, because we have our victory in Jesus.  
Those new additions to our prayer list are Karen Sadler who had surgery; Amanda Davis and family for unspoken needs; Tina Short and T.J. Henderson family for travel mercies; Braden Rider for guidance with his career; Angie Bjork, Claude Richardson, Shirley Harvel, Richard Harvel, Claude Sadler, Harold Sharp, Pauline Neighbors, and Sue Starr for health; and for Harold Richardson and others who were in an accident Monday.  
**Summer Passing Quickly**  
School supply lists are starting to appear in the stores. Summers sure seem to zip by pretty fast. I thought they were too fast when I was a child, then thought they lingered forever when I was a parent to youngsters, and now that I'm a grandma they seem to go fast again. It's yet another weird circle of life.

**News from**  
**First Baptist Church, Jonesboro**  
On Sunday, July 10, the sermon presented by Pastor Perry Williams explored "Quality of Service" for the church.  
The sermon asked: "Are you fulfilling God's calling in your life? As Christians we should be exemplary, encouraging, engaging, enthusiastic and enduring."

## Vacation Bible School planned at Anna church

Vacation Bible School is planned July 20-23 at the Anna Church of the Nazarene.  
Vacation Bible School is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day.  
The theme will be "The Great Investigation: Discovering God's Plans for Our Lives."  
The church says that those who attend Vacation Bible School will "put on detective hats and pull out magnifying glasses" as they join "The Great Investigation to track down God's plan for us."  
The church plans to give away free school supplies on Saturday, July 23.  
The youth presented a slide show about their summer camp.  
Meghan Smith sang the special music for the service.  
A deacon ordination service was held at 2 p.m.  
The young people plan to go to the concert at Bald Knob on Saturday. Some of the ladies of the church will be going to Angel Cove.  
Birthdays: Robin Jackson, June 24; Marlee Smith, June 28.  
Birthdays: James Brown, Jessica Wright, July 1; Kim Benefield, July 2; Nick Rose, July 3; Lillie Stone, July 6; John Turner, July 12; Holly Flannigan, July 14; Lois Dillow, July 17.  
Bible study is planned on Wednesday evenings.  
Sunday services begin at 9 a.m. with Bible study. A worship service is planned at 10 a.m. Evening services begin at 6 p.m.



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News from

### Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held July 10 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team. Special music was provided by Brian Thompson.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Are You Going His Direction?" Scripture was from Proverbs and the Psalms.

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

Birthdays: Shannon Thompson, July 10; Mike Smith, July 11; Noah Wiseman, July 12.

Anniversary: Herman and Jessie Wells, July 12.

Breakfast will be served at

9 a.m. Sunday, July 17.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 17.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, July 17. An NYI lunch fund-raiser will immediately follow the morning service.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on July 20 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting and children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

Vacation Bible School is planned July 20-23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. The theme will be "The Great Investigation: Discovering God's Plans for Our Lives."

The church plans to offer

free school supplies July 23.

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

News from

### Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Serena Hasty, Alexandria Keller and Baley Robinson attended Leadership Lab at Augustana College in Rock Island the week of June 20. The camp experience nurtures a young person's faith and prepares them to be leaders inside their faith community.

Vacation Bible School for both Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church and Salem Lutheran Church in Anna is planned July 25-29. Vacation Bible School will be at Salem Lutheran Church. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Registration information is available by contacting Paula at 618-614-8739. Photo provided.

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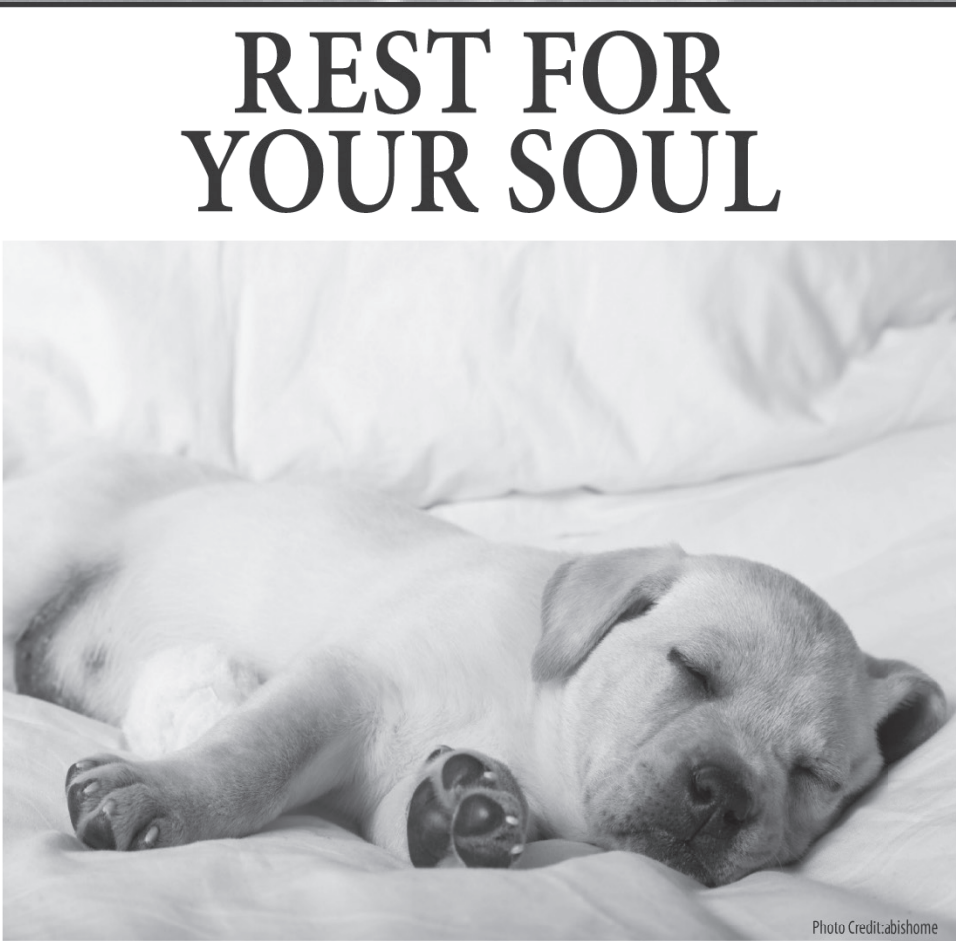
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# SIU nursing students help peers, campus, community

By Christi Mathis  
news.siu.edu

Southern Illinois Uni-  
versity Carbondale nursing  
students don’t wait until  
graduation to help those  
around them.

SIU’s first accelerat-  
ed bachelor of science in  
nursing, BSN, degree stu-  
dents are completing their  
training with community  
projects, both on and off  
campus, and several of the  
16-member class already  
have jobs to go to after  
they earn their degrees in  
August.

Debra Penrod, an assis-  
tant professor of nursing  
who is teaching the commu-  
nity health course, said the  
projects are a great way to  
give back to the university  
and the community at large,  
a practical way to capsulize  
what the nursing students  
have learned and a wonder-  
ful resume booster.

“This is the culmina-  
tion of everything they’ve  
learned in nursing,” she  
said.

“They study, they com-  
prehend, they train, they  
evaluate, then they create  
a plan and help people, all  
the while using best med-  
ical practices. Now they  
are going to be doing it for  
real. It is the whole learning  
continuum.”

Students Maggie Kelley,  
Gavin Wells, Alexis Hoag-  
land and Kira Marks have  
been working on projects  
to benefit their fellow SIU  
students and the commu-  
nity.

The four students were  
planning to have a sun safe-  
ty promotion on July 6 at  
Carbondale Park District’s  
Super Splash Park at 625 S.  
Lewis Ln. The event also is  
scheduled on July 19, from  
noon to 6 p.m.

The nursing students  
planned to have an educa-  
tional display table offering  
information, handouts and  
possibly sunscreen samples  
to community members.

They said they were  
looking forward to chatting  
with people, encouraging

them to wear sunscreen and  
sharing information about  
the harm the sun can cause  
to skin and how to recog-  
nize the signs of cellular  
changes and damage. That  
knowledge can save lives,  
they said.

“It’s really rewarding that  
we get to have that impact  
on our local community, es-  
pecially people who aren’t  
seeking help or coming into  
a medical facility for care,”  
Kelley said.

Kelley, of Vienna, and  
her team said they would be  
addressing misconceptions  
such as people of color not  
having to worry about sun  
damage. In fact, darker skin  
tones sometimes mask the  
signs of damage, making it  
more difficult to detect until  
it is more advanced.

After working six years  
as a lifeguard, Wells has  
seen what the sun can do,  
and he and his fellow nurs-  
es-in-training were quick to  
choose sun safety, as one of  
four team projects.

Other nursing group proj-  
ects are focused on educat-  
ing SIU students about the  
hazards of binge drinking,  
including what to do if  
someone loses conscious-  
ness, and educating peers  
about sexual health, as well  
as what health services are  
offered on campus through  
the Wellness Center and the  
Student Health Center.

The three groups are co-  
ordinating with the Student  
Center to hold an informa-  
tional health fair to present  
their topics to students in  
July.

Each group is also work-  
ing with the Student Health  
Center on a project.

**Working with Campus  
Partners to Serve Stu-  
dents**

Wellness and Health  
Promotion Services, part  
of SIU’s Student Health  
Services, collaborates with  
campus and community  
partners to create a healthy  
and inclusive campus cul-  
ture by providing resourc-  
es and programming to  
equip students to make

good choices, said Rachelle  
Ridgeway, interim director  
of Wellness and Health  
Promotion Services and  
associate director of Coun-  
seling and Psychological  
Services, CAPS.

Penrod’s students are  
helping staff do that even  
more effectively in 2022  
and beyond, Ridgeway  
said.

Each spring, SIU stu-  
dents are asked to evaluate  
the student health services  
provided and inform staff  
on what services and infor-  
mation they want and need.  
That’s where Penrod’s BSN  
students come in.

Ridgeway said she is  
excited to be collaborating  
with students from SIU’s  
nursing program as they  
have applied best health  
practices to help evaluate  
survey responses then plan  
ways to communicate what  
students need to know.

She said the nursing stu-  
dents not only bring to the  
project planning profes-  
sional expertise as nurse  
candidates but also personal  
experience as Salukis.

“I think the students re-  
ceiving the information will  
appreciate getting it from  
their peers and experts in  
the field,” Ridgeway said.

“We provide topic-spe-  
cific presentations and  
workshops, host infor-  
mational campus events  
and partner with campus  
and community entities to  
provide prevention-based  
trainings on a variety of  
topics that impact student  
success. That includes  
physical, nutritional and  
sexual health; alcohol and  
other drug harm reduc-  
tion; violence and suicide  
prevention; stress manage-  
ment; resilience and coping  
skills and health equity, and  
even healthy eating. And all  
of our services are free to  
SIU students, even if they  
don’t have insurance.”

## Church notes change in hours for food pantry

Salem Lutheran Church  
in Jonesboro recently an-  
nounced a change in the  
hours for its food pantry.

The church noted in  
an advertisement that the  
change in the food pantry  
hours will allow it to serve  
the community better.

The new schedule start-  
ed in July. The following  
schedule was announced:  
First Saturday of the  
month, 10 a.m. to 11:30  
a.m.

Second Tuesday of the  
month, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday of the  
month, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday of the  
month, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The church invites those  
in need to visit the food  
pantry on the announced  
days and times.

The church is located  
at 101 W. Market St. in  
Jonesboro.

The church also hosted  
its last free community  
meal on June 29.

## Vacation Bible School set at Big Creek

Vacation Bible School is  
planned July 18-22 at Big  
Creek Baptist Church.

Bible School is sched-  
uled from 9 a.m. to 11:30  
a.m. each day and is open  
to children ages 4 years to  
6th grade.

Big Creek Baptist Church  
is located at 485 Big Creek  
Church Rd., off U.S. High-  
way 51 South, south of  
Anna.

More information is  
available by contacting  
Becky Plott at 618-697-  
2447 or LaRue Parr at 618-  
697-0286.

On a recent morning,  
Hoagland, Marks, Kelley  
and Wells were meeting  
at the Student Health Cen-  
ter, creating detailed plans  
for student workshops and  
presentations, and brain-  
storming ways to reach  
fellow students through so-  
cial media, signage or oth-  
er methods with valuable  
health-related information.

“These are things we get  
to write about and share our  
experiences about,” said  
Hoagland, of Edwards.

“We can help them dis-  
cover resources we didn’t  
know were available to  
us. There are a lot of free  
resources on this campus  
and in the community, and  
we’re nursing students and  
we didn’t even know about  
them. That’s one of the  
things we’re trying to do  
with the things we’re cre-  
ating.”

As an example, Marks,  
of Carbondale, noted that  
many students don’t real-  
ize that even those without  
insurance can get treated  
or obtain X-rays or lab  
services for just \$10 at the  
Student Health Center.

**Three Degree Path-  
ways, Rigorous Acceler-  
ated Program**

SIU launched its bache-  
lor of science in nursing de-  
gree program in 2019, and  
it offers three degree com-  
pletion tracks: the tradi-  
tional four-year bachelor’s  
program, the accelerated  
BSN program for qualified  
students who have earned  
at least 70 credit hours and  
the hybrid RN to BSN de-  
gree-completion program.

The traditional BSN pro-  
gram will graduate its first  
class in May 2023.

When in full operation,  
officials anticipate SIU’s  
nursing program will pro-  
vide training for about 300  
students over a four-year  
period.

The accelerated BSN  
program, launched in the  
fall of 2021, is concentrated  
and rigorous, essential-  
ly covering the advanced  
skills typically taught over  
a three-year period in just  
a year, officials said.

Penrod said this summer  
the accelerated BSN class  
is completing what would  
typically be the “senior”  
year of their curriculum, ac-  
tually their third semester.  
Moving forward, plans  
call for continuing to incor-

porate community health  
and SIU Student Health  
Services projects into the  
curriculum for both the  
accelerated and traditional  
nursing student programs,  
Penrod and Ridgeway said.

For instance, in spring  
2023, traditional nursing  
students will be involved  
with conducting the Stu-  
dent Health Services pro-  
gramming assessments, for  
which the accelerated BSN  
students can then help de-  
velop programming again  
next summer.

And throughout the  
year, as it fits within the  
schedules of the various  
nursing programs, the nurs-  
es-in-training will begin  
assisting Ridgeway and  
Wellness and Health Pro-  
motion Services.

**Making It Count**

While taking classes  
at SIU, the students have  
accumulated a lot of oth-  
er practical experience as  
well, and it’s already paying  
off.

Wells and John Young,  
another student in the class,  
assisted staff from Southern  
Illinois Healthcare, SIH, in  
providing free sports phys-  
icals at Carbondale High  
School in early June.

Wells and other students  
assisted with pediatric  
physicals at the Murphys-  
boro school district earlier  
this year as well.

A Poplar Bluff, Mo.,  
native, Wells had a biology  
degree from another uni-  
versity but was excited to  
hear he could complete his  
nursing degree in just a year  
at SIU, a university with a  
great reputation.

He believes the curricu-  
lum and hands-on training  
have prepared him well for  
his plan in the fast-paced  
world of a registered nurse  
in the ICU or emergency  
room.

The mother of a 5-year-  
old, Kelley, wants to work  
in a pediatric ICU, ideally  
at Children’s Hospital in  
St. Louis.

Kelley said it’s important  
to treat parents and children  
the way she would like to  
see her child and herself  
treated.

Originally a social work-  
er, Kelley has always had  
a heart for helping people,  
but after living abroad in It-  
aly for several years, she re-  
turned to the United States  
and decided to switch to a

career where her work on  
behalf of her patients was  
more quickly noticeable  
and tangible. She’s happy  
that she can complete her  
degree in a short time at  
SIU.

Hoagland was a biology/  
chemistry major, originally  
planning to go into medi-  
cine, but became concerned  
that various factors would  
steer her away from her  
preferred areas of specialty.

As she thought about it,  
she realized that her real  
love is the ICU, and she  
chose a career in nursing  
and SIU’s accelerated BSN  
program. It’s already pay-  
ing off, she’s proud to say.  
She has been hired at Me-  
morial Hospital in Carbon-  
dale, pending competition  
of her degree and passing  
her RN board examinations  
to earn her license. She’ll be  
working in the cardiovascu-  
lar intensive care unit.

“It’s pretty exciting,” she  
said. “I’m already doing my  
clinicals there, and they are  
training me in that unit so  
I’ll be fully prepared.”

Marks has also already  
secured an ICU position at  
Memorial Hospital in Car-  
bondale, following grad-  
uation and licensure, and  
she is likewise doing her  
clinical training at the SIH  
facility.

She appreciates the in-  
tense nature of her intern-  
ship and the fact that she  
has been getting hands-on  
experiences.

She’s currently a patient  
care technician and certified  
medical assistant with SIH,  
but her path to a nursing  
career is unusual.

Marks earned a degree  
in automotive technology  
at SIU in 2009 and worked  
in the industry for several  
years.

As time went on, she  
sought a profession that  
would give her a secure  
career where she could stay  
in Southern Illinois.

She had worked as a  
phlebotomist for SIH in  
the past and liked the orga-  
nization. As she explored  
her options, she discovered  
the new accelerated BSN  
program.

“I still work with my  
hands, fix things and make  
them work right,” Marks  
said with a laugh. And in-  
deed, she’s very excited that  
she will be helping people  
and having a real impact.



**A brief stop...**  
An egret made a very brief stop not far from a highway in Union County on  
a recent sunny summer morning.



# 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.

**Visitors from Belleville**  
Dave and Renee Casper Scott of Belleville visited on a recent Saturday afternoon in Dongola with Helen Duckworth and son Charles. The group made plans for the Aug. 13 Casper reunion to be held at the Dongola Community Center. They plan to open the doors at 10 a.m. with a potluck meal to begin at 1 p.m.

**Anna Vista**  
A special thanks to Kelly Carter, director of our Union County Housing Authority, for staying at Anna Vista working to try to get the air conditioning unit back working as fast as they could last week. Kelly and the management team worked together many hours to help get the residents where they could be safe from the heat. Motel rooms were bought for those who had no family to go live with and they were taken there at no charge to them. There were still some places on the ground floor that still had air conditioning

they could also go to. The residents were also given a \$10 ice cream coupon at Dairy Queen. They were taken very good care of through this horrible time. It's sad this happened but things do break. If anyone has ever had their air conditioner to break you know it is not an instant fix. Mine went out one time and I didn't have any air conditioning for a month while I was waiting for a new air conditioner to come. **Star Karaoke** Will be Friday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Anna VFW. There will also be a pork steak dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call to make your reservations to assure you get a meal. **United Methodist Church, Anna** Sunday, July 17, will be Christmas in July. Dress for Christmas if you would like in red and green. Christmas songs will be sung. Church is at 10:45 a.m. Everyone

welcome. Sunday, Rev. Tim's sermon was on the Good Samaritan, with scripture from Luke. Rev. Tim told the children to always be good to everyone like Jesus would want us to whether rich, poor, no matter what their color is. We should all be nice and help others. Special music was the hand chimes with Rev. Tim, Teri, Chris and Marcy. There was an after church fellowship. Game night was last Friday in the Family Fellowship Hall. **Apostolic Lighthouse, Cobden** For the month of July LTC is having Watermelon Wednesday for children from 11 and under. It's a mini version of VBS. There will be games, activities, snacks and Bible stories. All children are welcome. Last week the kids, took bouquets of flowers to the rehab facility next to their church. It's better to give than to receive. **Special Thanks** To Margaret Morrow and Cassie Kerr for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat. **Red Hat Ladies** Guest speaker will be Karen Lawless, director of Senior Solutions, at Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner meeting at El Jalapeno in Anna Wednesday, July 20, at 11 a.m. **Sympathy** Many of you may remember the lady that gave classes a few years back on how to make the concrete elephant ear plant bird baths. Peggy Nannie was her name and Peggy also worked at Walmart mostly with the material. I was very sad to learn of her death last week. I enjoyed making many of the concrete elephant ear bird-baths from her directions. You needed a large table to work on and a wheel barrel to mix the concrete. I also learned there was a mixture of concrete that you could buy in small buckets that was nicer than just mixing the concrete. I made mine on my round picnic table and put carpenter bags to cover the table. You took the real leaf of the elephant ear and put it on top of sand you had shaped for the elephant ear plant to fit on. Then you lay the elephant ear top side down so the back of the plant was face up. Then you put the mixture of concrete on top, always keeping extra sand to put if the concrete mixture got to runny and put it around the edges of the elephant ear. You let this dry for a couple days or week if the elephant ear was very large. Then turn it over. **47th Wedding Anniversary** Willie and Terrie Rhymer spent a week in Peyton, Colo., visiting their son Andy and his friend Melissa at their new home. They visited Pikes Peak, the Royal Gorge, Garden of the Gods, The Flying W Ranch and touring the area and watching the local fireworks shows. On the way home they stopped at Lotta Watta Creek Restaurant to celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary. **Softball in Cape** Willie and Terrie Rhymers spent Saturday in Cape Girardeau, watching their granddaughter Ruby Yates play softball with the Diamond Doggers girls softball team. This was their last game of the season. They won three out of four games. **Wedding Anniversary** Saturday evening Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration at Davie



Those helping with the tree survey in Anna were Tom Caldwell, Bev Noble, Kathy Tolson, Abigail Dahmer, Dori Bigler and Connor Jerolds. Others involved but not pictured were Edward Dahmer, Nancy Caldwell and Emily Ehley. Anna's tree survey was sponsored by Trees Forever, a conservancy group based in Iowa. The purpose of the survey is to identify trees by species, location, and condition to aid in monitoring and maintenance. Information from the survey will also help with planting decisions and future grant applications.



Cathy Ziegler met her family at Bob Evans to celebrate 4th of July. Those present were Corinne Steveson, Joyce Metalf, Cathy Ziegler, Rita Downs, Ginny Hopkins, Terry Tefft, Judi Nacinovich and Cindy Stacy. Terry was visiting from Chicago.



Cathy Ziegler and her siblings, Daryl McCoy, Joyce King and Corinne Steveson attended the open house on Sunday in Herrin at their cousin's, Leslie Steveson. They were able to visit with their cousin and his wife, Paul and Lynn Steveson. Pictured from the left are, Paul Steveson, Lynn Steveson and Joyce King.



Heather Casner spoke at the chamber of commerce meeting last Thursday and told about plans for a new child development center, Our World of Learning, coming soon to Anna where the Plaza Motel is. This is wonderful news for our city. Heather said they might even have 24 hour service some day if it all works out. This would sure be so nice for people who work night jobs. We wish her good luck.



At Ken and Carol Dillow's farm on Illinois 146 East in Anna. Ken thought he could put a smile on a few faces by planting a field of flowers. They are beautiful.



Gary, Andrea, Abigail, Edward Dahmer and Madi Hawk went to Navarre beach in Florida, weather was great. Had a fantastic time. The first picture is at Navarre beach pier. The second picture Madi Hawk is between Edward and Abigail Dahmer.





Anna residents Norm and Barb Bauer, recently had a delightful visit with Davie and Carol Lee Holtz Griffith in their Bloomington home.

Davie, to the present.” Just for the ancestry record: Winstead & Anna Davie-Ben and Emily Davie Wiley-Wm.and Mary J Grear Wiley-W. Davie and Floy Halstead Wiley-Floyd and Helen Wiley Griffith-Davie and Carol Holtz Griffith.

**Intercultural Exchanges (IFYE) Anna News**  
**By Barbara Bauer**

Last week I briefly told of meeting Illinoisan Margaret Allen Wolf at the IFYE Conference in Bloomington, and that there is more to the story.

Over the last 65 years our paths have crossed a couple of times, but we never had time for me to learn the “whole” story, or ALL the stories.

The first fact is that Margaret is descended from the Winstead Davie family. In back of my memory is a hint that Margaret’s mother was from Anna and how Margaret longed to visit here.

But I had long forgotten that. Not until last week did I learn that her mother was Lurena Sams Perrine who married Theodore Allen.

Margaret’s grandparents were William Morford and Augusta Sams Perrine. Her great grands were Thomas Morford and Mary Ann Davie Perrine and her 2x great-grands were Winstead and Anna Willard Davie.

Together we (two Annabelles) were on the registration committee for Illinois IFYEs hosting the 2022 national IFYE conference in Bloomington.

We met at the registration desk beside a beautiful arrangement of Annabelle hydrangeas. (From the Bloomington garden of IFYE Jim Schmidt.)

Now comes the other half of Margaret Wolf’s story to me. (When I returned from my IFYE student exchange/ homestay in Turkey in 1957, part of my obligation to the organization and sponsors was to do slide talks, or presentations to tell others about this cultural exchange that promotes peace through understanding.)

Margaret said she was a freshman at University of Illinois when I spoke to the Home Economics Club about my homestay in Turkey.

From hearing my presentation, she decided she would apply to the program for such an experience. She went from Tazewell County in 1961 to The Netherlands. That makes her my “little sister.”

Which brings me to one more story. So, we were at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Bloomington.

Nearby was a shop managed by a lady, Cynthia Ashbrook.

Quite by accident, another IFYE stopped in her shop and told her about the meeting. She was excited because her (late) mom had been an Illinois IFYE.

Cynthia made a surprise visit to the conference. Cynthia Ashbrook brought me to tears, because it was her mom’s presentation that influenced me to apply to the program. What a small world.

About 1955 Norma Jean Hanell (later Ashbrook)

came from McLean County to a Union County 4-H Rally to give her presentation about living with families in Sweden.

I thought that sounded like the mountain-top of 4-H experiences, to live in a family in another culture. I was intimidated to think that I wasn’t up to it, and long-time teacher, 4-H leader and youth mentor Mary Keith said, “Of course you can do that.” And she never stopped encouraging me. And that is how “generations” of mentoring go on.

I later married IFYE “brother” Norm Bauer and for 65 years we have continued to participate in and encourage the host family cultural exchange that seeks peace through understanding.

We have hosted over 100 internationals in our home and continue our “family” ties around the world. Applicants and host families are always needed.



**At the 2022 annual IFYE conference of the USA, lifetime association member Barbara Boyd Bauer, right, had a surprise visit with Cynthia Ashbrook of Bloomington. Ashbrook is the daughter of the late Norma Jean Hanell Ashbrook, who played a leading role in the 1957 international homestay experience of Barbara Bauer. The international dress worn by Bauer is from the country of Tajikistan. It was a gift from the parents of Nickolay Schwarz who lived with the Bauers in 2002.**



**Willie and Terrie Rhymer have been spending their 47th wedding anniversary in Colorado Springs with their son Andy who just moved there. They are enjoying seeing Pikes Peak and enjoying Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs.**



**Karen Lawless, RN, program director, Jackie Etherton, OPC, Office Patient Coordinator, Casey Huff, LCPC Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, of Senior Solutions at Union County Hospital attended the chamber of commerce meeting last Thursday and told about their program. Karen will be guest speaker at Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies at 11 a.m. July 20 at El Jalapeno in Anna. Everyone is welcome to attend.**



**Tiffany George, executive director, with Brittany Taylor, economic development coordinator, for Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission were guest speakers at the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development meeting Thursday, July 7.**



**Keona Johnson, chairman of Bald Knob Cross, and Mary McDonald, gatekeeper, welcomed everyone July 4 when several people visited the Cross and welcome center gift shop. They invite everyone to come July 16-17 to Unite at the Cross Music Festival 2022.**



**Stephanie Cox, president of Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, with State Sen. Dale Fowler at their dinner meeting at The Kitchen on Lafayette last Thursday.**

# Television Listings

THURSDAY											JULY 14, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Home Run (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Westworld (HD)	"Freaky" Body swap.	"Shooter"	
7 PM :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	Young Ghosts	MasterChef (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City		"The Next Three Days"	"(21) A father helps his estranged daughter."	
8 PM :30	Generation Gap (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Welcome to Call Me	Law & Order: SVU	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	"Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore" ('22)	Jailbreak for love.	"(21) A father helps his estranged daughter."	
9 PM :30	The Final Straw (HD)	Bull Trial consultant.	Local Programs Local info.	Organized Crime (HD)		Frontal	Chrisley	Big City		:(15) ★★ "The Snowman" ('17) Snowfall killer.	Supreme Team (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Chrisley	Miraculous	Mind Over Murder		The Chi (HD)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Miz & Mrs	Miraculous	Pause	★★ "The Unborn" ('09)	Flatbush We Hunt	
	Nightline	Corden				Young	Chrisley	Jessie	"The Janes"			

FRIDAY											JULY 15, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Summer League (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)	NASCAR	BUNK'D	(05) Westworld (HD)	"Transformers" (07)	★★½ "The Contractor"	
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Madrugada"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	American Ninja Warrior "Qualifiers 5" (HD)		"Aquaman" (18) Search for ancient power source. (HD)	Track & Field (Live)	Villains Ultra	Westworld (HD)	★★ "Ouija" Dark powers awaken.	Supreme Team (HD)	
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)			Top Rank Boxing "Barboza Jr. vs. Zorrilla" (Live)			Raven	★★½ "The Heat" (13) Partners clash. (R) (HD)	"Hollow Man" (00) The man vanishes. (HD)	"Pulp Fiction" (94) A day in the crimes of Los Angeles.	
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local Info.	Dateline NBC		★½ "Fantastic Four" (15) Team with powers.		Jessie				
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			"Tomb Raider" (18) Daughter's mission. (HD)	BUNK'D	TBA (HD)	★★★ "Bloodsport" Man competes.	(35) Supreme Team	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Villains Ultra	To Be Announced		The Chi	
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night				Raven	Edge			

SATURDAY											JULY 16, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local	Local	MLB Baseball <i>Regional Coverage-Teams TBA</i> (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	NBA Summer League	Burgers	IMSA Sports Car	Big City Big City	"The King's Man" (R)	"The Aviator" (04)	The Chi (HD)	
7 PM :30	Videos (HD)	Superstar Racing (Live)		Transplant (HD)	NBA Summer League "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Track & Field (Live)	Big City	"Last Night in Soho" (21) <i>Fashion designer.</i>	"Waiting..." (05) <i>Quirky wait staff.</i>	"Braveheart" (95, Drama) <i>A Scottish hero leads a rebellion.</i> (R) (HD)	
8 PM :30	Claim To Fame (HD)			Track & Field (Live) (HD)		Burgers Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. "In-sitinct"	The Ghost The Ghost		"Still Waiting" <i>Rival restaurant.</i>		
9 PM :30	The Final Straw (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		International Champ. Cup "Teams TBA" (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Big City	To Be Announced			
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Name That Tune (HD)	Local		"xxx" (02) Vin Diesel. <i>Outlaw secret agent.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Miraculous	Westworld (HD)	(05) "47 Ronin" (13, Action) <i>Samurai's battle.</i>	Supreme Team (HD)	
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Miraculous Miraculous	To Be Announced		The Chi (HD)	

SUNDAY											JULY 17, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Claim To Fame (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	Who Do You (HD)	2022 MLB First-Year Player Draft (Live)	"Intelligence" ('16)	Austin Austin	Big City Big City	"Last Night in Soho" ('21) Fashion designer.	(5:30) ★★★ "Land" ('21)	(4:55) "Shooter" ('07)	
7 PM :30	Feud Teams compete.	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons	America's Got Talent "Auditions 6" (HD)		Bang (HD)	Track & Field (Live)	"Descendants 2" ('17) Life in Auradon. (HD)		★★★½ "Spare Parts" ('15) Robot competition.	We Hunt Together	
8 PM :30	The Final Straw (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	North (HD)	Burgers		Bang (HD)			Westworld (HD)		The Chi "On Me" (HD)	
9 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Family Guy	Local Programs Local info.	Track & Field (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNKD	The Anarchists (HD)	(5:55) "Long Shot" ('19) Writer & diplomat. (HD)	Supreme Team (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Westworld		Flatbush	
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local			"Central Intelligence" ('16) Unlikely partners.	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(5:50) The Anarchists	"News of the World"	The Chi "On Me" (HD) Flatbush	

MONDAY											JULY 18, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Young Young	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Zombies 2" (20) Attend prom.	(5:00) "Movie"	"Cloverfield" (08)	(5:00) "Set It Off" (96)	
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	Don't (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Endurance course.	2022 Home Run Derby (Live)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Villains	"Movie"	"Hollow Man" (00) The man vanishes. (HD)	(05) The Chi "On Me"	
8 PM :30		NCIS Another party.	Beat Shazam (HD)			Bang (HD)		Ultra		Supreme Team (HD)		
9 PM :30	(01) Claim To Fame	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Weakest Link (HD)	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Movie"	(5:55) "The Empty Man" (20) Disappearances.	★★ "Failure to Launch" (06) (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City			Supreme Team (HD)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Miraculous	Westworld	"Let Him Go" Grandson rescue.	(40) The Chi "On Me"	
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Dad (HD)	(31) Track & Field (Live)	Jessie	"Movie"	★★½ "The Ruins" (08)	We Hunt	

TUESDAY											JULY 19, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	FOX Pregame (Live)	Local Programs	(1:00) PGA Champion	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(5:00) "Movie"	★★ "God's Not Dead"	"Souvenir"	
7 PM :30	Feud (HD)	FBI "Know Thyself"	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent search. (HD)	NBA (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City	"Movie"	"Little Man" Outlaw plays a baby.	We Hunt Together	
8 PM :30	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI: International			(4:00) 2022 NBA Playoffs	Bang (HD)		Big City		★½ "Dead-lock" Hostage situation.		
9 PM :30	The Rookie "Hit List"	FBI: Most Wanted		Dancing with Myself		Bang (HD)	(5:05) Love Island Single people.	BUNK'D	"Movie"	"Excess Baggage" (97) A bogus abduction.	The Chi "On Me" (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.		Miraculous			Flatbush	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	(35) Track & Field (Live)	Miraculous		"Let Him Go" Grandson rescue.	★★★ "Original Kings of Comedy"	
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Ultra	"Movie"			

WEDNESDAY											JULY 20, 2022	
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(1:00) PGA Champion	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Big City	(5:00) "Movie"	"Bloodsport" (88) (R)	"The Terminator" (84) Cyborg assassin. (HD)	
7 PM :30	2022 ESPYS <i>Year in sports.</i>	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	Bang (HD)	Track & Field (Live)	Big City	"Movie"	★ ½ "The Wood" Visiting the past.	"Paycheck" (03) Wiped memory puzzle. (HD)	
8 PM :30		The Challenge: USA	Think You Can Dance	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City				
9 PM :30		S.W.A.T. "27 David"	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	"Movie"	(48) "You, Me and Dupree" (06, Comedy)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	Frontal		Big City				
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)		Young	Miz & Mrs Austin	Miraculous		"The Aviator" (04) Texan's life.	"Zola" (21) Trip to Florida. (HD)	
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Young	Law & Order: SVU	Villains	"Movie"		"Monday"	



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY SPURLOCK, DECEASED.

IN PROBATE NO. 2022-PR-14

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Shirley Spurlock, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 22, 2022, to Brenda Carol Mayberry, 100 Mimosa Drive, Anna, IL 62906, 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 December 30, 2022, 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: June 23, 2022.

BRENDA CAROL MAYBERRY

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

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

REQUEST OF: KIMBERLI LORI ALSIP TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD 2022-MR-2

There will be a court date for Request for Name Change (Minor Child) for Hunter Joseph Goodwin to the new name of: Hunter Joe Dallas Alsip. The court date will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 11 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County, In courtroom 1.

Kimberli Alsip

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF,

v.

KIRK W. ADAMS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS.

CASE NO.: 2022FC10

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 105 E ASH ST. COBDEN, IL 62920

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: KIRK W. ADAMS 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:

SITUATED IN THE CITY OF COBDEN IN UNION COUNTY ILLINOIS; LOT 7.8, AND 9 IN BLOCK "G" IN WILEYS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW VILLAGE) OF COBDEN;

Common Address: 105 E ASH ST. COBDEN, IL 62920

PIN: 14-00-09-972

Said mortgage was executed by KIRK W. ADAMS, as mortgagor(s) and U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as mortgagee, on 3/7/2014 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois as Document Number .

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.

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BID NOTICE

Requests for Bids

Demolition Contract

The Village of Pulaski will be taking sealed bids for demolition of Three (3) vacant properties. A bid opening will be held at the Pulaski Village Hall at 10:00 a.m. July 29, 2022. All bids must be received by Village of Pulaski, P.O. Box 193, 260 E Commercial Avenue, Pulaski IL, 62976, C/O PULASKI DEMO by 10 a.m., July 29, 2022. No bids will be considered after the bid opening on July 29, 2022. Bid documents may be obtained at the Pulaski Village Hall, 260 E Commercial Avenue, Pulaski, IL 62976, or Southern Five Regional Planning District, 5 Justice Drive, Ullin, IL 62992. For any additional information, you may contact Gaila Lasley at (618)-845-9000.

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Garden of the month

The Anna-Jo Garden Club has honor Myrtle Wolford of 111 Highmore St. in Anna with the club's garden of the month award for July. The garden club stated that "her beautifully landscaped front yard, which included an American flag, completed a charming picture. Among her flowers and plants were, to name a few, potentilla scrubs, crepe myrtle, oak leaf hydrangeas, clematis and arborvitae. A walk around to the back of the house revealed a peaceful shade garden. A table and chairs setting invites one to sit and enjoy the view of colorful flowers, mixed with huge hostas planted around a small tree." Anna-Jo Garden Club representatives Sylvia Soileau and Marge Selinger presented the garden of the month sign to Myrtle to be displayed in her yard for the month of July. Photo provided.



Information sought about picture

Union County resident Linda Hileman was given this picture with only the teacher identified as Colin Penninger. The picture shows "Davie Grade V 1940-41." Hileman is asking people to help identify those in the picture. Information can be sent to [hileman14@frontier.com](mailto:hileman14@frontier.com).







# Opinion and Commentary

## Reduce impact of extreme temperatures on state’s power grid

The National Weather Service reports that portions of the Midwest have experienced record-breaking, early-season heat, including numerous record highs and heat index values above 105 degrees.

The Weather Channel’s summer outlook predicts hotter than average conditions across the Rockies, Plains and the Midwest throughout July and August.

“The summer outlook serves as a stark reminder of our reliance on the power grid and the importance of decreasing energy use on hot days to reduce stress on the power grid and avoid rolling blackouts and uncontrolled power grid outages,” says Susan Odum, University of Illinois Extension community and economic development specialist.

Scientific American has created videos to help consumers better understand today’s power grid. A video on Energy.gov demonstrates how “just-in-time” smart grid technologies enable power companies to match supply with demand, ensuring that every kilowatt is used at the instant it is created.

When demand outstrips supply, as one might expect during record-setting heat, the grid can be crippled, resulting in rolling outages, or in the worst-case scenario, everything can go dark.

A second video by Scientific American summarizes the history of the power grid, the North American power grid structure and the interconnectivity of the overall system. In an ever-increasingly connected system, demand estimates are crucial, as grid operators must assess their need for reserve power before a crisis, enabling them to draw power from other grids or secondary power generation sources to prevent widespread power failure.

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, MISO, manages and operates the electric grid in 15 Midwestern states, including most of Illinois.

If the Midwest region experiences an above-normal heat wave during the peak summer period, or there are unforeseen generator and transmission outages that occur, MISO, and its affiliate energy providers, could call on consumers to conserve energy and implement other emergency operations to protect the power grid. In the worst-case scenario, MISO could call for temporary, controlled outages to prevent an uncontrolled, cascading power grid outage.

Recently, Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative Inc., a MISO affiliated energy provider, issued a release stating, “Your Cooperative wanted to make you aware that there is a possibility that rolling blackouts could occur this summer. A recent generation capacity auction has revealed that the Midwest could fall short of needed generation capacity to serve the summer peak load under certain conditions. In the event this happens, your Cooperative would be directed to disconnect a portion of the load in order to prevent grid failure.”

Shifting electricity usage to off-peak periods helps reduce stress on the power grid, making electric service more reliable for individuals and communities. Decreased usage during peak demand times, such as hot summer afternoons, also reduces the need to build or operate additional power plants and helps lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Consumers served by Ameren may lower their energy costs by agreeing to reduce usage during peak periods such as hot summer afternoons or cold winter mornings. For more information about this energy-saving program, check out Ameren’s Power Smart Pricing.

Reducing your energy use during peak periods and implementing energy-efficient strategies can save energy and money. Check out the Energy Saver resources available at Energy.gov for ways to reduce your energy usage and costs. For more energy-saving tips, check out the no-cost and low-cost resources provided by the Citizens Utility Board, Ameren, the Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative and the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

## A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, July 6, 1972

For almost 24 hours the water situation in the cities of Anna and Jonesboro was in a very dangerous state last week. A break in the lines running from the water processing plant six miles below Jonesboro and the Storage Tank behind the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School which was discovered late Wednesday caused the problem.

Officials of the Tri-County Health Department announced the beginning of a new clinic in Jonesboro.

The City of Anna has a newly appointed Police Chief. Lawrence Boyer, a veteran with 13 years experience on the force, was sworn in as Police Chief Saturday, July 1.

A later afternoon storm Saturday afternoon, July 1, caused power outages in many sections of Anna and the county. Power was out for as much as two hours in some sectors. Some residents reported tree limbs fell during the high winds which accompanied the storm.

The directors, officers and employees of the Anna State Bank are inviting the public to the Open House and Showing of their new banking home. The event is scheduled Sunday, July 9, from 2:30 until 5:00 o’clock.

A total eclipse of the sun will take place Monday, July 10, which will be visible in most of North America.

The Jonesboro Lions Club will present their annual Ice Cream Supper Saturday, July 8, on the square in Jonesboro with serving beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Alto Pass is the scene of some busy activities at the present time, with more being planned. April 1 the Village Arts and Crafts opened in the old high school building just off Route 127 in Alto Pass.

## Please read this...

### An armadillo goes for a stroll in the dark...



**An armadillo apparently was out for a stroll in the “cool” of the evening on Tuesday, July 5. Do you suppose an armadillo notices when the heat index is 120 degrees?**

This week, we’re going to be kind of short and sweet... we’ll start with a math problem...

74 plus 84 equals...an unpleasant evening sitting on the porch swing.

At the time...about 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, the humidity was 74 percent, according to the fancy, high-tech thermometer on our front porch. The temperature at the time was 84 degrees.

The two numbers, when combined, equaled my newly created and totally unscientific Front Porch Misery Index, which I might have called something else a couple of weeks ago. I’m too lazy to look back.

The Front Porch Misery Index at about 9 p.m. on the night of July 6, would have been 158 degrees, which probably explained why I was getting soaked just sitting out on our porch swing.

Turned out the heat index on July 6 was 120.3 degrees on July 6 in our little corner of the world.

And it was even warmer the day before. The heat index in Union County reached 123.2 degrees late in the

afternoon on Tuesday, July 5. I’m guessing that was why The Other Half’s plants on our front porch were wilting when I got home from another tough day at The Paragraph Factory.

Speaking of the weather... It crossed through my simple little mind that after some rain last Thursday afternoon, we might have considered tossing some shrimp out on the street and just steam cooked them in the summer heat...

Last week, you may recall, yours truly reflected on the profound observation that life doesn’t always go as planned...or something like that anyway.

Such was the case in our Journey Through Life during the past week. The unexpected happened...

With that in mind, we’ll close with a personal note...Jill and I are very grateful for the prayers and support we have received following the death of her father in Lexington, Kentucky. Words are not adequate...



**A couple of groundhogs may have been scanning The Other Half’s garden and looking for breakfast one morning last week.**

## SIU doctoral student researches how devastating disease spreads among deer

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White-tailed deer are so plentiful in Southern Illinois that seeing a group of them sauntering through a neighborhood at dusk or dawn is almost as common as seeing a squirrel.

The animal is also a mainstay on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where woods and waterways meander among the academic buildings and residence halls, inviting wildlife of all kinds.

The university’s bucolic setting is one reason zoologists at SIU have a long-standing partnership with state biologists, studying many aspects of the deer’s life, from its interactions with other species to its interface with humans.

One of the latest such efforts has a doctoral student investigating how deer come into contact with one another, with an eye toward better understanding how a devastating disease spreads.

Michael Egan, a doctoral student in zoology, is collaborating with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, to better understand where deer are likely to come into contact and spread chronic wasting disease, an affliction of deer, elk, moose and other species in North America and beyond.

Working with Guillaume Bastille-Rousseau, assistant professor at SIU’s Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, Egan is trying to understand where and how CWD may spread, which is important for managing the disease.

The work also has taken on a more recent twist, with the researchers investigating whether deer can act as “reservoirs” for SARS-CoV-2 in Southern Illinois, the virus that causes COVID-19, between the typically more infectious winter seasons.

**Expanding Knowledge**  
CWD is spread by prions, a misfolded protein that can be transferred through direct interaction or indirectly when one deer sheds prions through feces, urine,

blood or saliva and another deer comes into contact with them.

Once a deer is infected, it may take more than a year to develop symptoms, which include drastic weight loss, stumbling, listlessness and other neurologic indicators.

Consistently fatal, CWD can affect animals of all ages, and some infected animals may die without ever developing the disease.

The disease is in the state, but not currently in Southern Illinois; however, it is important to study deer behavior in environments without CWD infections, Egan said.

“Our goal is to use GPS collars to track the movements of white-tailed deer to determine their habitat associations and where deer come into contact with each other,” he said.

“We also want to study patterns in deer contact, like how often deer make contact with members of the same sex relative to the opposite sex, and the rate of contact within versus between social groups.”

**Constant Threat**  
To date, wildlife officials have confirmed cases of CWD in 17 Illinois counties: Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, DeKalb, Ogle, LaSalle, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Kane, Grundy, Kendall, Du Page, Lake, Will, Livingston, Kankakee and Carroll.

Deer throughout the state hold great ecological, recreational and economic value.

Scientists also worry about CWD’s potential ability to “jump” to other species, including humans. Another prion protein-related disease, so-called mad cow disease, did make that transition, with lethal results of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

So far, however, evidence indicates humans have a strong biological barrier against CWD.

**Sampling Population**  
To find out more, researchers must get up close and personal with an animal known for its swift, elusive nature.

Egan’s project is cap-



**Deer grazing in field**  
**Two white-tailed deer graze in a farm field near Cobden on a recent summer evening.**

turing deer mainly in two locations: SIU’s Touch of Nature Environmental Center, south of Carbondale, and near Lake Shelbyville in Central Illinois on land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

To capture the animals, Egan primarily uses “clover traps,” which are basically baited net enclosures with a trap door. Once a deer enters and the door closes behind it, the net collapses and safely secures the deer until researchers can administer tranquilizers.

After the drugs take effect, Egan fits the deer with a GPS collar, takes measurements and collects samples such as blood.

The researchers also use drop nets above baited areas to capture several deer at the same time.

Finally, they sometimes use dart guns to administer a tranquilizer from a distance to specific types of deer – adult bucks, for instance – that they may need to compare behavior between the sexes.

“GPS collars record the position of deer every few minutes and allow us to determine where and how deer move,” Egan said.

“Once data is collected, we use statistical models to evaluate the behavior of the deer. Mainly we look at where the deer are and what the habitat at those locations is typically like; however, we also do things like determine when deer are most active and when they come in close proximity to other deer to determine when they may be coming in contact with each other.”

**How It Works**  
Egan is particularly interested in whether contacts among deer occur in areas

deer rarely visit, rather than their normal locations. For example, a human may spend most of their time at home, but come into contact with other people most often at the gym or a bar.

“So deer may also spend most of their time in one habitat, but come in contact with other deer in totally different habitats,” Egan said.

Although SIU has worked for years with IDNR, Egan began his project just over two years ago. The study is central to his doctoral efforts, and the work will likely continue after he graduates in a few years.

**Deer and COVID-19**  
Researchers in other areas previously discovered that some deer were carrying the SARS-CoV-2 virus, suggesting it may pass between humans and that species.

Such a dynamic could mean that deer act as a reservoir for the virus during the less infectious seasons before spreading back into the human population.

To find out more, Bastille-Rousseau’s began taking blood samples in 2022 specifically to test for the virus.

“If deer can act as a reservoir for the virus, it’s important to understand where deer populations are infected with SARS-CoV-2 and how it spreads in the population,” Egan said.

“It’s especially important to identify areas with the greatest risk of transmission between deer and humans.”

The researchers take blood from as many captured deer as possible, process the sample at SIU and then send it to a U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory for testing.