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News

Notes

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

On Tuesday, July 19, Gov. JB Pritzker's office reported that after being notified of several close contacts testing positive for COVID-19, the governor received a positive test result during his routine COVID testing regimen. The governor was experiencing mild symptoms and has been prescribed the anti-viral medication, Paxlovid. He will follow CDC guidelines by working from home. The governor is fully vaccinated and double boosted. He urges all Illinoisans to continue following CDC guidance, utilize anti-viral treatments, and get all available boosters. He looks forward to returning to in person work as soon as possible.

The weekly COVID-19 case numbers count from the Illinois Department of Public Health issued on Friday, July 15, was the highest in the state since June 3.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team plans to host its 10th, and final, White-Out game on Sept. 16. The game will help to support the Hadley's Haven inclusive playground project which is planned at the Anna City Park.

Union County Women in Business has announced the recipients of its annual scholarship awards. The recipients include Abby Ramsey, Gabriella Smith and Marlee Smith.

Union County Sheriff Dale Foster thanked Shawnee School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill for allowing the use of the school in Wolf Lake to train K9s. The training involved dogs from the sheriff's department and the Illinois State Police.

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Tornado warning Sunday; dangerous heat returns

Severe weather on Sunday night in the Union County area was followed by the return of extreme heat and humidity.

The forecast posted online by the National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for "dangerous heat" for Friday through the

upcoming weekend.

High temperatures are forecast to range from the mid 90s to near 100 degrees.

"Combined with the humidity, and with little relief at night, the cumulative effects of the heat will likely add to the concern," the weather service stated.

Weather

Storms, rain, high of 95 degrees

Storms, some welcomed rain and a high temperature of 95 degrees highlighted the Union County area's weather during the period of July 12-18.

Storms occurred Sunday night in the area. The storms were accompanied by lightning, thunder, heavy rain and damaging winds.

Precipitation during the period included a trace of rain on July 12, .15 of an inch of rain on July 16 and 1.88 inches of rain on July 17.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, July 12	88	65
Wednesday, July 13	88	60
Thursday, July 14	91	62
Friday, July 15	93	64
Saturday, July 16	95	69
Sunday, July 17	79	69
Monday, July 18	86	78

Tornado Warning Sunday

Tornado warning sirens sounded Sunday night in the Union County area.

A tornado warning was issued at about 9 p.m. Sunday by the National Weather Service office in Paducah for southwestern Union County, northwestern Alexander County and east central Cape Girardeau County in Southeast Missouri.

The Union County Sheriff's Office also alerted the public about the tornado warning.

The weather service reported on its website that at 9:01 p.m. Sunday, a severe thunderstorm capable of producing a tornado was located 7 miles south of Ware, or 8 miles east of Cape Girardeau. The storm was moving east at 40 miles per hour.

The weather service urged those in the path of the storm to take cover immediately.

At 8:34 p.m. Sunday, the weather service had



Stormy weather

Cobden Fire Department personnel were at the scene at about 10 p.m. Sunday after a large tree limb fell across West Poplar Street in the Union County village. The damage occurred during stormy weather which occurred on Sunday night.

issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Union and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois, as well as for all or parts of six counties in Southeast Missouri.

At the time, severe thunderstorms were located along a line extending from Grand Tower to 6 miles northwest of Advance to near Puxico in Southeast Missouri. Wind gusts of 60 mph were possible in the storms.

Very strong winds and heavy rain swept through parts of Union County at about 10 p.m. Sunday.

Preliminary Storm Reports

The weather service posted preliminary local storm reports on its website Monday morning.

The preliminary reports included:

A 10-inch, 20-foot long limb was blown on a garage in Wolf Lake.

Dime-size hail and thunderstorm wind gusts of 50 mph were reported in Harrisburg.

Thunderstorm wind damage and downed power lines in the Cape Girardeau area.

24-Hour Rainfall Reports

The weather service also posted 24-hour rainfall reports on its website. Some of the totals reported in the region included:

2.93 inches in Cobden. 2.39 inches near Cobden. 2.31 inches near Cobden.

3.04 inches near Goreville. 2.21 inches in Grand Tower. 2.03 inches in Carbondale.

Hazardous Weather Outlook

The weather service had advised earlier on Sunday (continued on page 2)

County rated at high community level for COVID

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, July 15, reported 33,066 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 59 deaths, since July 8.

According to the CDC, 50 counties were rated at a high community level for COVID-19, an area that includes most of the counties in Northern Illinois as well as counties around Peoria, Champaign, Springfield and Quincy.

Union County was rated at a high community level as of Friday. Also rated at a high community level were Williamson, Alexander and

Pulaski counties.

Massac and Johnson counties were rated at a medium community level.

A total of 44 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level.

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,496,014 cases, including 34,257 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, July 14, 1,424 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 152 patients were in the ICU and 42 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

"With 94 counties now

rated at medium or high community level for COVID-19, we are seeing a slow but steady increase in case counts," IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

"We remind Illinoisans that the most important step they can take to protect themselves and their loved ones is to make sure they are up-to-date with vaccines and booster shots," Tokars said.

"This is especially important for people who are vulnerable to serious medical outcomes. It is recommended that you wear your mask in indoor public places and avoid indoor

crowded spaces at this time. If needed, contact a health-care provider promptly to discuss what treatment is right for you."

Tokars is also urging 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.

The counties listed at high community level are Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Lake, McHenry, Will, Boone, Bureau, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago in Northern Illinois; Adams, Cass, Champaign, Christian,

Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Fulton, Knox, Livingston, Logan, Marshall, McDonough, Menard, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Sangamon, Schuyler, Tazewell, Vermillion and Warren in Central Illinois; and Alexander, Bond, Calhoun, Franklin, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, Marion, Perry, Pulaski, Union, Wabash and Williamson in Southern Illinois.

IDPH said the CDC recommends the following measures for people in areas that are rated at high community level for COVID-19 transmission:

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Old Cobden High School gymnasium razed

Structural issues led to the condemnation of the old gymnasium at Cobden High School. On Wednesday, July 13, work was underway to raze the structure. The work was being done by Rawson Excavating & Demolition of Murphysboro. The gym was where the legendary 1964 Cobden High School boys' basketball team played. Many Cobden High School commencement ceremonies and other special events were held in the gym over the years. Plans call for the construction of a new gymnasium. The new structure will be built on the footprint of the old gym. Other photographs of the work and the gym, along with more information about the project, are planned in an upcoming issue of the paper.





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Secretary of state issues alert to public about scams

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding residents to be on alert for scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State's office or from "Illinois DMV" seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans.

White said in a news release there is a new round of fraudsters' attempts to entice the public into falling victim to scam texts and emails.

"I have zero tolerance for scammers who prey on people in desperate times," White said. "My office is committed to protecting Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

The most recent scam is a text message claiming to be from "Illinois DMV."

The text message states, "Due to increased fuel prices, State of Illinois has initiated rebate payments of \$1500 per vehicle. Check eligibility." This is a scam;

do not click on the link, White said.

The secretary of state said visiting these fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, by an email or a text message.

"Delete the text or email," White said. "Do not click on these texts or emails and do not provide any of your personal information to these fraudsters."

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

Delete emails and texts that promise or offer access to driver's licenses or state ID cards. Do not click on any links contained in such emails or text messages, as they may place malware on devices.

Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, that ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally identifiable information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number.

Keep software up to date, including phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

White encourages the public to provide screenshots of fraudulent emails or texts by submitting them to ScamAlert@ilsos.gov.

White said that individuals who have clicked on a link, have provided personal information or believe they have been a victim of identity theft, should call the Illinois attorney general's Identity Theft Hotline at 866-999-5630.

News Notes

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Lick Creek School Beta Club member Lauren Ecker earned third-place honors in black and white photography at the recent Beta national convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Major earth work was underway Tuesday as part of an improvement project at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park.

Cobden Junior-Senior High School posted that online registration was underway for all returning and new students.

The City of Jonesboro is planning to flush fire hydrants on Aug. 5.

State Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, hosted her first agriculture advisory committee on July 14 at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

Union County is advertising to fill a full-time public defender post.

Work has been underway to remove a fenced-in basketball court area across the street from Anna Junior High/Davie School.

Conditioning programs are underway for sports teams at county schools.

The Flock Farm near Anna is scheduled to host a University of Illinois Extension twilight meeting on Monday, Aug. 15.

Applications are being accepted for a 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassadors program. The applications are available online at go.illinois.edu/HLTA.

An Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 golf scramble is planned Saturday, July 23, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna. The event will help to support a local scholarship program.

The Big Hurts are planning a release party for the group's album, "The Last Farmer," Saturday evening, July 23, at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden. Local art works also will be featured at the venue, where doors open at 6 p.m.

A "Doggie Swim Day" is planned Aug. 13 at the Anna City Pool.



Shredding event

Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, EAAA, sponsored a shredding event July 15 at Sunshine Inn/Harvest Church in Anna. From left are EAAA executive director Becky Salazar, Drake Spear with the Shred Truck and Sunshine Inn site manager Monica Bellee. EAAA is planning to sponsor other shredding events on Aug. 19 at Senior Adult Services in Carbondale, Sept. 16 at WCPA in Herrin and Oct. 21 at the Golden Circle in Harrisburg. More information about times and locations for the upcoming events is available by calling EAAA at 618-985-8311.

Choir scheduled to sing at county fair worship service

A community choir is scheduled to sing at a worship service which is planned at the 2022 Union County Fair in Anna.

County fair activities are scheduled to begin Friday, Aug. 19, and continue through Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28.

The fair once again will be held at the Anna City Park.

The community worship service is set for 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21. The service is sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

Choir Practices Set

The community choir is planning to have three practice sessions at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Practices will be led by Dee Rose, who is music director at the Jonesboro church.

Practices are planned on July 31, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. Each practice is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission will be through the church's basement entrance. More information is available by calling 967-7133.

Story hour, caterpillar program planned at Jonesboro Library

The final summer story hour scheduled during July at the Jonesboro Public Library is planned on Tuesday, July 26.

The library also plans to present a special program about caterpillars.

The story hours begin at 2 p.m. A story, crafts and snacks will be featured. Sign up is not needed.

"All About Caterpillars"

A free "All About Caterpillars" program for young people is planned July 27 at the library. The program is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"All About Caterpillars" will be presented by Erin Garrett from University of Illinois Extension.

The program will feature a story about caterpillars, information about caterpillars which can be found in the backyard and a craft.

Those who would like to attend the program are asked to call the library at 833-8121 to sign up.

Those who may need a reasonable accommodation to participate are asked to contact Garrett at 618-524-2270. Early requests are encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet the needs.

Storms, extreme heat

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that there was a chance for a few strong to locally severe thunderstorms in the region. Severe weather was possible through Sunday night.

Damaging winds and locally heavy rain were possible.

Hot on Saturday

Last Saturday was hot and humid in the region. At 2:52 p.m. Saturday, the weather service reported that the air temperature at the Southern Illinois Airport near Carbondale was 94 degrees. The heat index was 104.

Heat Advisory

The weather service early this week issued a heat advisory for parts of the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region.

The advisory was in effect from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Heat index values in the region were expected to be up to 106 degrees.

The heat advisory was extended to Wednesday, when the forecast was calling for heat index values of 105 to 110 degrees. The heat advisory was in effect from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"Hot temperatures and high humidity may cause heat illnesses to occur," the weather service stated.

With the return of high heat and humidity, the weather service once again was advising the region's residents to drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun and check up on relatives and neighbors.

"Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances," the weather service cautioned.

Those who work or spend time outside were urged to take extra precautions.

Forecast: Highs in Upper 90s, Near 100

The forecast for the Union County area is calling for sunshine and high temperatures in the upper 90s to near 100.

Highs are expected to be near 96 on Friday, near 97 on Saturday and near 100 on Sunday.

Heat index values could range from 98 to 104 degrees on Friday, from 100 to 106 degrees on Saturday and from 103 to 109 degrees on Sunday.

COVID cases

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Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings).

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease:

Wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.

Consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed.

Talk to your healthcare

provider about whether you need to take other precautions.

Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing).

Of Illinois' total population, more than 76 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 69 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated and more than 53 percent of the vaccinated population had received an initial booster, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Union County COVID Cases Update

July 17: 5,834 total cases. 66 deaths.
 July 14: 5,815 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.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

July 15: 33,066
 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



Leaking water valve

Work was done last week to repair a leaking water valve at the intersection of Morgan and High streets in Anna. Work was being done by Anna city personnel Wednesday morning, July 13. The city reported on social media that due to the leak, water had to be shut off in areas which included West Spring, South Green, Washington, Morgan, West Jefferson, West High and Walton streets. Once services were restored, a boil water order was in effect.



UNITE at the Cross: Saturday evening

A UNITE at the Cross Christian music festival was held last weekend at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. The festival was scheduled to take place Saturday and Sunday. A large audience was on hand Saturday evening. Festival organizers said on social media that the first day of the festival “was amazing.”

Bad weather led to the cancellation of the second day of the festival, which was scheduled on Sunday. Festival organizers announced on social media Sunday morning that they were continuing to monitor weather conditions, noting: “Unfortunately, we have little control over the weather, but know that God has a plan for everything. Our priority will always be in keeping you safe. Thank you for your patience in this and for your support for the Cross.”

At 1 p.m., organizers announced on social media: “Unfortunately, in consultation with local meteorologists, we have to make a very difficult decision to cancel Day 2 of UNITE at the Cross Music Festival. Our staff, volunteers, and the artists are very disappointed by this decision, but the safety of our visitors and team are of the utmost importance. In the coming days, our team will communicate with all Sunday ticket buyers. We are grateful for your commitment to support the Cross and all of our efforts to UNITE people to experience the presence of God. We hope to see you back at the Cross real soon.”

WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign ‘tremendous success’

WIBH Radio in Anna announces that the recent Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign to provide new shoes for children in need was a tremendous success; more than doubling the goal in the first year of the effort.

The shoes, which have arrived and are being prepared for distribution, were a local fund-raiser held during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

WIBH raised over \$7,200 between April and May; the goal was \$3,000. Donations of more than \$6,700 poured in from individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the region.

Like with WIBH’s annual winter coat campaign, the radio station partnered with the same local agencies for the shoe campaign.

Shoes will be distributed through the Children’s Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, in Anna, Arrowleaf in Vienna and all Southern 7 Head Start locations to kids affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need sometime before the start of the school year.

No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a pair of shoes.

Postal Pal in Anna donated \$450 to cover shipping costs, which allowed 100 percent of the donations to be used only for shoes.

A total of 480 pairs of shoes were purchased. Sponsorship of a pair of shoes was \$15.

Other area businesses also partnered with WIBH to keep shoe costs low.

Duck Works Lawn Care in Cobden and Shawnee Mass Transit District in Vienna and Anna helped to coordinate distribution to the sites.

T&I Office Equipment in Anna donated the printing of flyers used in outreach.

The idea to form a shoe campaign was suggested nearly a decade ago by Dr. Kathy Swafford, a local pediatrician and long-time child abuse prevention advocate in the region.

As a pediatrician, Swafford said she sees firsthand the needs of her patients, which often are reflected in the community at large.

Following the first coat campaign at WIBH, she shared her desire to hold a fund-raiser to buy new shoes for kids in Southern Illinois.

“Several years ago, I learned of a program provid-

ing shoes and socks to needy children in another area of Illinois. I recognized this was a program that we needed locally,” Swafford said.

“WIBH has successfully pursued the idea and partnering with Warm Coats as well as other businesses and agencies, has brought this to our area.”

After years of searching for the right partner to bring Swafford’s idea to life, WIBH learned that Operation Warm, the same organization that supports the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign each year, was now offering shoes. And the rest is history.

“Once again, our listeners have shown their generosity to their community. We are grateful for the overwhelming support they’ve

Caterpillars featured at Cobden event

Stinson Memorial Public Library District plans to present a University of Illinois Extension program, “All About Caterpillars.”

The program is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 22, at the pavilion at the Cobden Park.

The program will feature a story, an opportunity to learn about caterpillars that can be found in the backyard, a craft and more.

For more information, or to register for the program, call the Stinson Memorial Library’s main branch in Anna at 833-2521.

provided for the Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign,” said Moury Bass, co-owner of WIBH.

The shoes, sizes 6 toddler to 4 kids, were purchased through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm, through its Warm Soles program.

The organization expanded its mission in 2020 of giving to include shoes that inspire confidence and encourage outdoor play.

Since the program began, over 30,000 pairs of shoes have been distributed in the United States

The addition of shoes gives WIBH and its campaign partners the opportunity to help children in need here at home.

For more information, or to request a pair of shoes for a child in need, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424, Shawna Rhine at Southern 7 Head Start at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit the WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign on Facebook. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit operationwarm.org.

Cobden Women’s Club meeting set

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

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the Cobden Presbyterian Church.

Hostesses are scheduled to be Donna Budelsky, Julie O’Murphy and Joann Sharp.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 August 7th - 10th
 Registration: August 6th, 5:00 p.m.
 Cypress Park, Pre-K through 6th grade
 Hotdogs, drinks, and fun!!!!
 Hayride to Vacation Bible School at Bethany Baptist Church will depart Cypress Park at 5:00 p.m. on August 7th.
 Vacation Bible School will be held nightly August 7th - August 9th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Commencement will be August 10th at 6:30 p.m.
 Join us at Bethany Baptist Church for Vacation Bible School - learning, music, food, fun!!!

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Young Anna competitor wins national pool championship



National champion

Junior national champion pool player Anthony Wiseman, second from left, is with his parents, Michelle and Troy, and Southern Illinois APA league operator Joseph Fronek. Photo provided.



Championship trophy

Anthony Wiseman displays his national championship trophy. Photo from APA website.

Union County is home to a junior national pool champion.

Anthony Wiseman of Anna earned national honors at a recent competition in St. Louis.

Wiseman was among the young pool players who made their way to the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel for the American Poolplayers Association, APA, Junior Championships. The competition took place July 7-10. APA is the

Hummingbird Day planned at sanctuary near Golconda

Shawnee Chapter Illinois Audubon Society's annual Hummingbird Day is planned from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 23.

Hummingbird Day will take place at Illinois Audubon Society's War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, which is located at 228 Buchwack Rd., Golconda.

Presentations about hummingbirds are planned throughout the morning. Children's activities will be ongoing as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Hummingbird Day is free and open to everyone. The event will be held rain or shine. Organizers ask people to not bring their pets.

The following directions from Golconda to the sanctuary were provided by organizers:

Take Route 146 north of Golconda 3.5 miles, turn left onto Bushwack Road (look for brown binocular sign).

Follow Bushwack Road about 2.3 miles to the sanctuary entrance on the right; watch for signs.

Bushwack Road turns into a gravel road and crosses a low water ford. Organizers said "don't give up... just keep going and you'll get there."

More information is available by calling or texting 618-534-7870 or emailing shawneechapterias@gmail.com.

governing body of amateur pool.

The APA Junior Championships featured competitors ages 7 to 18 from 29 states, as well as Canada.

After four days of competition, Wiseman had won a junior championship in the event's Green Tier bracket.

Meghan Misener of Innisfil, Ontario, Canada, finished second in the bracket.

Gauge Crump of Elijah, Ga., was third. Jorja Hammond of Lapeer, Mich., finished fourth.

The Green Tier bracket featured 112 young competitors.

The Southern Illinois APA Players Facebook group page's Joseph Fronek voiced pride in Wiseman's accomplishment.

"Southern Illinois APA has its first Junior National Champion," the page shared. "Anthony Wiseman from Anna won the Green Tier Championship last weekend in St. Louis. There were 112 players in his bracket."

"What an amazing weekend for the APA Jr. National Champion," Fronek also posted on social media.

"Only 4 would remain standing at the end. I'd like to congratulate our very own Anthony Wiseman of Anna for winning the Green Tier Championship!!"

"Anthony was trailing by a large margin in the final match. He stayed true to himself, kept his com-

posure, and made an epic comeback for the win. Let's all Congratulate Anthony for his amazing performance."

Wiseman, 15, is a member of the local APA League in Anna, where he plays pool regularly. He took home a prize package which included a Nintendo Switch and a championship trophy.

The APA is based in St. Louis. The association sanctions the world's largest amateur pool league, known as the APA Pool League throughout the United States and as the Canadian Pool League in Canada.

Nearly 250,000 members compete in weekly 8-ball and 9-ball league play.

The APA produces four major tournaments: the APA World Pool Championships, the APA Poolplayers Championships, the APA Junior Championships and the U.S. Amateur Championship. Together, the tournaments pay out nearly \$2 in cash and prizes annually.

The APA and its championships are sponsored by Aramith, Action Cues and PoolDawg.com.

All winners and final matches can be watched online at <https://poolplayers.com/2019-junior-championships-results-2/>.

The finals match can be viewed online at 2022 APA Juniors Championship - Green Tier Final - Anthony Wiseman VS Meghan Misener.

Late-summer hunting opportunities noted

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, is announcing late-summer hunting opportunities for 2022.

Hunting seasons are scheduled to begin in August and September.

IDNR noted that hunting licenses can be purchased through the department's online license portal at <https://exploremoreil.com> or in person at a participating vendor.

A list of participating vendors can be found online at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>.

Additional details will be announced in the forthcoming 2022-2023 edition of IDNR's Hunting and Trapping Digest.

Information about hunting and trapping in Illinois also can be found online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/default.aspx>.

IDNR announced the following information about upcoming hunting seasons:

Squirrel, statewide: Aug. 1, 2022-Feb. 15, 2023. Daily limit of 5, possession limit of 10*.

Dove (mourning and white-winged), statewide: Sept. 1-Nov. 14, 2022, and Dec. 26, 2022-Jan. 9, 2023. Daily limit of 15, possession limit of 45.

Teal, statewide, all zones: Sept. 10-25, 2022. Daily limit of 6, possession limit of 18**.

Rail (Sora and Virginia only), statewide, all zones: Sept. 10-Nov. 18, 2022. Daily limit of 25, possession limit of 75.

Snipe, statewide, all zones: Sept. 10-Dec. 25, 2022. Daily limit of 8, possession limit of 24.

Canada geese (early season), North and Central Zones: Sept. 1-15, 2022. Daily limit of 5, possession limit of 15.

Canada geese (early season), South Central and South Zones: Sept. 1-15, 2022. Daily limit of 2, possession limit of 6.

IDNR added the following information about the seasons:

*Squirrel season is closed Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4 in counties open for firearm deer hunting.

**"Zones" refers to waterfowl hunting zones established in Illinois per U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations. The following link has more details and a map of waterfowl zones and season dates for the period 2021-2025: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Documents/IDNR-Waterfowl-2021-2025.pdf>.

DARE golf scramble played at Union County Country Club

The DARE golf scramble was played Friday, July 8, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The event helped to generate funding for the Anna School District No. 37 DARE program.

The team of Bob Holderfield, Jim Thompson, Barry Faulkner and Dan Smith won 1st place in A Flight with a score of 50.

Second place was won by the team of Ricky Tweedy, John Bisner, Kyle Schuster and Scott Werner with 56.

The team of Mark Chamness, Nathan Treece, Hunter Englehart and Mike Chamness finished in 3rd place with 59.

The team of Steve Hoffman, Mark Wilman, Jimmy Aires and Daniel Osman

also finished with 59.

First place in B Flight was won by the team of Matens Thorpe, Brock Buckner, Ana Kelley and Kristen Hodges with 63.

Andrew Williams, Lucas McMahan, Gabe Mead and Jason Short finished with 65.

Haley Abernathy, Elle Basler, Tanner Stadelbacher and Chelsea Reiner also finished with 65.

Closest to pin on No. 6 hole was won by Brock Goforth.

A-J Elks Golf Scramble: An Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge golf scramble is planned Saturday, July 23, at the country club. Tee times are set for 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The event will generate support for a scholarship program.

Rare plants program, early morning hike set at Giant City

A program about rare plants, as well as an early morning hike, are planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The upcoming events are free. Registration is required. Registration and more information are available by calling the visitor center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Early Morning Hike: The park naturalist plans to lead an early morning hike on Friday, July 22. The hike will be at 6:30 a.m.

The hike will be on one of the eight trails at the

park. Trails will vary in length from 1 to 3 miles and will be moderately difficult, with some steep stair climbing.

Rare Plants: Botanist Chris Benda will discuss the identification of rare plants and explain how to differentiate them from their related counterparts in an upcoming program.

The presentation is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24.

More than 400 species of rare plants are known from Illinois, but many of them look similar to more common species.

Back 2 School Bash '22 set in downtown Olmsted

Back 2 School Bash '22 is planned Saturday, July 23, in downtown Olmsted. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Back 2 School Bash '22 is being presented by the Olmsted Fire Department and the Olmsted Public Library.

The schedule for the day follows:

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., vendors downtown. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Southern Seven Health Department WOW van (free COVID shots, blood pressure screenings, health checks and more).

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., free kids haircuts at city hall (basic cuts; organizers ask that hair is washed and brushed).

11 a.m. to noon, University of Illinois Extension program about caterpillars at the library (preregistration is suggested by calling the library at 618-742-6247).

Noon, food at the fire department. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., water slide and bouncy house at the fire department.

1 p.m., games and gift bag giveaway; students will receive a gift bag with supplies. 2:30 p.m., door prizes awarded.

More information is available by contacting city hall in Olmsted at 618-742-6487 or by liking the village on Facebook at "Village of Olmsted."

Golfer earns college letter

The men's golf team at Millikin University in Decatur recently announced its letter winners for the 2021-2022 season.

Carson Reynolds of Jonesboro earned his first letter. Reynolds is a sophomore at the university. He is an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduate.

National park focus of legislation

Legislation to establish the Prairie du Rocher French Colonial National Historical Park has been introduced in Congress by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill.

The park would include sites in Prairie du Rocher, as well as nearby Kaskaskia and Fort de Chartres.

"Southern Illinois is blessed to have a rich history that began long before the founding of our nation," Bost said in a news release.

"Founded in 1722 as a French settlement, Prairie du Rocher once represented the western boundary of the United States," he noted.

"Today, its many sites still stand as some of the best examples of French Colonial architecture and culture in the United States. As we celebrate 300 years of Prairie du Rocher, it is vitally important that we preserve this piece of our history for years to come."

Dueling Pianos Night planned at Anna VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary are planning to host Steve and Eric Dueling Pianos Night in August.

The special event is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 6 at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the VFW post near Anna or online at getmeregistered.com/SEDuelingpianos.

Reserved seating is available for tables of eight or more.

Proceeds from the event will help to support the VFW with community projects and various programs at Union County schools.

More information is available by calling 833-7737.



Ribbon cutting at grand opening

The owners of the La Pasadita Mexican store at 515 E. Vienna St. in Anna hosted a grand opening celebration on Tuesday, July 5. Jesús Mario Trevino and Irene Godinez Trevino were joined by family, community members and the Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development to cut a ribbon commemorating the launch of their new business. La Pasadita Mexican Store features authentic Mexican goods, including Mexican candies, pastries, ingredients and authentic sauces, as well as products from popular Mexican brands. La Pasadita Mexican Store is open every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held July 17 in the church and on Zoom.

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

A special song requested by Joyce Johnson as the testimony of her life was played.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "More of God." Scripture was from Romans, Acts and Ephesians.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page. Birthdays: Stanley Elkins, July 21.

Vacation Bible School is planned through July 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 from noon to 2 p.m. July 23.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 24.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 24.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, July 24. A Vacation Bible School program is planned at the morning wor-

VBS scheduled at Anna church

Vacation Bible School was scheduled to begin July 20 and continue through July 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."

ship service.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on July 27 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.

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.

School Supplies:

The church plans to give away free school supplies from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23. 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."

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

In the morning service on Sunday, July 17, Pastor Perry Williams presented a message which asked: "Do You Really Trust God?" The message was based on scripture from Joshua.

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

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

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

John Turner led worship, filling in for music director Dee Rose. Debbie York was the pianist. She also played and sang a special song,

"Amazing Love (You're My King)."

The church's media library continues to present a summer reading hour for children. The next session is planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 26. Robert and Margaret McCain will read a story.

Birthdays: Martha Greenwood, July 18; Heidi Robinson, July 20; Evelyn Hileman, Martha McRaven, July 21; Bill Dillow, July 25.

Anniversary: Blake and Amy Aldridge, July 22, 19 years.

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

at 6 p.m.

A youth group meeting is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Thirsty Bible Study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cobden church planning VBS

Vacation Bible School is planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Bible School is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 25-27.

Activities on July 28 will include Mass, a service project and water baseball.

VBS is set to continue Aug. 4 with a car wash from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and a pool party at the Anna City Pool from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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604 NORTH PLEASANT LANE JONESBORO, IL 62952

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 5, 2022, Sheriff of Union County will on 8/31/2022, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 14-00-07-973-C07

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 604 North Pleasant Lane Jonesboro, IL 62952

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick and wood siding. The color is tan. The gas is off. The water is off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. The Judgment amount was \$134,565.62.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must de-

posit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3198596

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HELP WANTED

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City of Anna, Full-Time/Part-Time General Laborer

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a Full-Time/Part-Time General Laborer. This position will involve the ability to perform general maintenance tasks. Maintenance experience is preferred, a minimum age of 18, and a valid driver's license is required. Eligible candidates must pass a medical and criminal background check,

as well as reside within 30 minutes of the corporate limits of Anna. An hourly rate of \$17.51 per hour, averaging approximately 25 to 30 hours of weekly work, with a limited benefit package are included. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return resume and employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguined@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

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Union County Full-Time Public Defender

DUTIES:

The duties of the Public Defender are established by statute (55ILCS 5/3-4006). The Public Defender must have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, court officials, public officials, the public, and members of the local Bar Association.

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EDUCATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois
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- Shall devote full time to Public Defender duties and shall not engage in the general practice of law

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

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TO APPLY: Interested applicants must submit a resume to Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 137, Jonesboro, IL 62952 no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 27, 2022.

Union County Government is an equal opportunity employer. All information will be kept confidential according to EEO guidelines.

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City of Anna, Police Officer

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a Full-Time Police Officer. Duties include but are not limited to enforcement of laws and ordinances, protection of life and property, order maintenance, apprehending suspects, monitoring traffic, as well as preserving the peace and service to our community. Minimum qualifications for an interested candidate are as follows; must be a U.S. citizen, have a valid driver's license, possess a valid Illinois FOID card, must pass a medical and criminal background check, and reside within 30 minutes of the corporate limits of Anna. Preferred but not required qualifications include certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return resume and employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguined@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

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YARD SALE: 108 S. Centennial Street, Cobden. Friday & Saturday, July 22 & 23, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Household, shoes, clothing - sizes juniors/women's. Rain cancels.

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Questions shall be directed to Dori Bigler, City Administrator, at dbigler@cityofanna.org. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. No late bids will be accepted. All received bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on August 16, 2022 at 5 p.m.

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TAX DEED NO. 2022-TX-11 FILED: 07/14/2022

TAKE NOTICE

TO: BRENDA M. HILEMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-20-03-677

On December 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 5, 2020 for general taxes of the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on November 30, 2022.

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TO: BRENDA HILEMAN A/K/A BRENDA M. HILEMAN, JOSHUA L. HILEMAN, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

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

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-15-04-532-A1

On December 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 5, 2020 for general taxes of

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the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on November 30, 2022.

AS-IS PROPERTIES, LTD Purchaser or Assignee 32-34gc

TAX DEED NO. 2022-TX-13 FILED: 07/14/2022

TAKE NOTICE

TO: RODNEY E. EDDLEMAN, KRISTY EDDLEMAN, ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, WILLIAM R. EDMONDS, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-476 On December 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 5, 2020 for general taxes of the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on November 30, 2022.

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TAX DEED NO. 2022-TX-14 FILED: 07/14/2022

TAKE NOTICE

TO: LONNIE HALL, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-06-03-026 On December 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 5, 2020 for general taxes of the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on November 30, 2022.

CAITLIN BURKLOW Purchaser or Assignee 32-34gc

REQUEST FOR BIDS/ PROPOSALS FOR 10 PASSENGER VAN

The Board of Education for the Dongola Unit School District #66 is seeking bids for a 10 passenger van. Bid specifications are available in the Dongola School Administrative Building. Bid specifications may also be obtained by calling Joni Lewis or Paige Maginel, at 618-827-3841.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to Joni Lewis or Paige Maginel in the administrative building and will be accepted until 9:00 on July 28, 2022, after which time no bids will be accepted. Qualified bids received by the deadline listed above will be opened and publicly read at the District offices at 9:30 on July 28, 2022. No faxed or e-mailed bids will be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 31p-33g

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. JOSEPH L WILLIAMS A/K/A JOSEPH WILLIAMS; BARRY E FOWLER

A/K/A BARRY FOWLER A/K/A BARRY EUGENE FOWLER; LORI ANN WILLIAMS A/K/A LORI WILLIAMS; CITY OF JONESBORO; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. 21 CH 6

604 NORTH PLEASANT LANE JONESBORO, IL 62952

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on July 5, 2022, Sheriff of Union County will on 8/31/2022, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT NUMBER 7 IN PLEASANT ACRES 2ND ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 125 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 14-00-07-973-C07 COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

604 North Pleasant Lane Jonesboro, IL 62952 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is brick and wood siding. The color is tan. The gas is off. The water is off. The property has a fence. The property is vacant. The Judgment amount was \$134,565.62.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 21-07260IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13198596 32-34g

Budget and Appropriations Ordinance Public Hearing Notice

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Dongola Public Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on September 13, 2022, at the hour of 5:30 P.M. at the Dongola Public Library, 114 NE Front St, Dongola, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the

Dongola Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Dongola Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public. Date: 7/12/2022

Breanna Lingle, Secretary Board of Trustees Dongola Public Library District 32g

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PREVAILING WAGES (ANNA, ILLINOIS)

Public notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et al), the City of Anna, by the action of the City Council at its public meeting held on July 5, 2022, has determined, adopted and declared a prevailing wage for July 2022, for any and all laborers, workers or mechanics employed on any public works project as defined by the Act.

A copy of Anna Resolution 2022-14, adopting said prevailing wage, shall be posted for public inspection and/or viewing in the Anna City Hall, located at 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois,

in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

Dori Bigler City Clerk 32g

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

ESTATE OF JOE RUMFELT, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR-18 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Joe Rumpfelt, of 4520 St. Rt. 146, Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 14, 2022, to Doris Rumpfelt, 4520 St. Rt. 146 W., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

months after admission of the Will to probate.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before January 21, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: July 19, 2022.

DORIS RUMFELT

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 ARDC# 6244394

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Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 21, 2022

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 22, 2022

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 23, 2022

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 24, 2022

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 25, 2022

TUESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 26, 2022

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists program titles and descriptions for each slot.

JULY 27, 2022

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.

Lexie Mayberry's Birthday Party

Saturday afternoon, Miss Lexie Mayberry celebrated her 7th birthday at her home with a water themed party.

She and her friends enjoyed playing in a pool, and throwing water balloons.

They had hot dogs, chips and watermelon for lunch. Later they had birthday cake.

Those present were Tim and Stephanie Mayberry and girls, grandparents Lorie and Bobby Mayberry, Emerson Bracken, Cassie and daughter, Sarah, aunts, Mary Dew and Tina Bryant, and of course her parents, Robert and Amber Mayberry, and sisters and brother, Ava, Kylie and Titus.

Lexie enjoyed her gifts

but mostly having her friends there.

West Virginia Trip

Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis and Fred Nekola have returned from a week enjoying riding the Hatfield-McCoy Trails in West Virginia.

Curt, Bessie and Elijah also enjoyed going to some of the museums and cemeteries learning more of the history of the families.

Nana enjoyed dog sitting my grand dogs Sookie, Harley, Luna and little Oreo Guinea pig.

Congratulations

Abigail Barlow and Draven Hinkle have set their wedding date for Sept. 24, 2022.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning, the

sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Tim Gossett wanted everyone to celebrate Christmas in July.

Rev. Tim's sermon was on Christmas Expectations, with scripture from Isaiah.

In the children's moments, Rev. Tim told Gage we were celebrating Jesus because we need to live up to his expectations and always serve Jesus and treat others with kindness as he would want us to. We always need to remember the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ.

The children's mission offering was taken by Gage.

Beautiful special music was by the choir "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" and "Carol of the Bells" by Carla, Marcy and Teri. Everyone enjoyed singing Christmas songs.

Prayers were said for those who are sick and who have lost a loved one.

It was good to hear Marchette DeWitt and Carolyn Dammann were back home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Loaves and Fishes was planned Tuesday.

The kids lunch bag program has ended for the remainder of the summer.

Sunday, July 31, the ladies of the bazaar will serve lunch and an ice cream social.

Anniversaries: July 1 Al and Susan Kamp, 2 Thomas and Rebecca Corbit, 9 Dale and Linda Johnson, 23 Jack and Sue Ann Zimmerman, 30 Ricky and Celeste Borders.

Birthdays: July 7 Lindsey Houston, 9 Katrina, Borders, Sabrina Borders, Gary Morris, 12 Darryl Parks, 14 Lovella Graig, 20 Campbell Wilde, 21 Allie Hess, Roger Spurlock, 22 Jane Painter, Jessi Riley, 27 Joni Goddard, Kathie Watkins.

Men's Bible study meets Wednesday at 7 a.m. Women's Bible study meets Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service at 10:45 a.m. If you don't have a church you worship at you are welcome to come worship at United Methodist Church Anna.

70th Birthday

Visitors in the Rhymer home this week were Terrie's brother Mike Chamness from Cypress, who celebrated his 70th birthday July 17. Also Mason, Violet and Miles Yates spent the weekend with the Rhymers.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

July birthdays: 20 Addison Athloff, Adrienne Tripp, 21 Shawn Jerrell, Larry McWhorter, Harley Rhodes, 22 Diana Oliver, 23 Phil Goodman, Phil Jackson.

Anniversaries: July 21 Chris and Amelia Vick, 24 Randy and Connie Merriam, 25 Danny and Hope McFarland.

Vacation Bible School is planned July 25-29, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

July 10 attendance: Sunday morning 8 a.m. worship service 84. 10:30 a.m. service 123. Small group Bible study 203. 6 p.m. worship service 33.

The 2022 church directories are ready to be picked up at the church. One per family please.

Anna Heights is collecting large size pencil boxes for the Lincoln/Davie back to school bash. Please have items at the collection center by Aug. 7.

July 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the children's department will be sponsoring a pool party at the Anna Pool. All are welcome to come.

A group of Anna Heights youth and youth leaders recently attended Passion Camp 2022 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon se-



This group of Anna Heights Baptist Church youth and youth leaders recently attended Passion Camp 2022 in Daytona Beach, Fla.



Enjoying their yearly vacation to Topsail Island, N.C., were, in the first row, from left, Kayma Dawson, Sawyer Dawson and Carson Pengress. In the second row are Brad Dawson, Samantha Dawson, Robin Pengress, Kathy Pengress and Eric Pengress. They have been traveling to Topsail Island, N.C., since 1986.



Mary Camden celebrated her 85th birthday July 11 with her great-granddaughter Summer Rose Dixon, who turned 5 on July 12.



Lovella Graig celebrated her 91st birthday Sunday with her family.



Barbara Bauer celebrated her birthday Sunday, July 17.



Betty Eagle and her twin brother Billy celebrated their 75th birthdays Saturday, July 16.



Cindy Quick celebrated her birthday July 12 with family and friends. You can find her most days working in Country Roads Flowers and Gifts in Jonesboro. Cindy is a big help with Honor Wreaths for Veterans.



Kathy Lloyd celebrated her birthday Saturday, July 9, with family and friends.



Saturday afternoon, Miss Lexie Mayberry celebrated her 7th birthday at her home with a water themed party.



Volunteers at The Closet Ministries Thrift Outlet Randy and Kathy Wheaton, Linda Frailey and Lisa Reynolds. Located on the left by Anna Dollar Store. Free popcorn while you shop. Nothing is priced just give a love offering. Donations are accepted. Just call owner Andrea Hutcherson 1-618-614-4243.



City workers installed four new hydrants in the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park/ Hindman Park near McDonald's. The new watering system will take care of the park much more effectively and efficiently. Club treasurer Betty Sirles said: "We can't say enough good things about the city and it's workers. Of the 147 garden clubs in Illinois, no one else enjoys the quality of relationship we have in Anna."



William Dixon with Sherry Easter at the concert Friday night, July 8, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.



Marilyn Keller with her bird bath that was made from the forms the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club rented for a fund-raiser in the early 1940s. Hopefully they can be added to the Annabelle Trail in the future.



Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis enjoyed a trip to West Virginia.



Band camp: Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended a band concert at Shawnee College this past week where their granddaughter Violet Yates has been attending band camp.



DJ Phillips attended Fan Expo Chicago, where he met Anthony Daniels, the actor and voice of C3PO from the original Star Wars movies.



Congratulations Anthony: Anthony Wiseman participated in the APA junior national pool tournament July 7-9 at St. Louis Renaissance. There were 256 participants and there would only be four champions at the end for each skill level. Anthony won the green tier championship. There were 112 participants at the green tier level. Anthony is with his parents, Michelle and Troy.

ries: The Gospel According to Isaiah. This week: Salvation through a Son Promised.

Get-Together

Cathy Ziegler enjoyed supper at Mod Pizza Saturday night with people from Lakeland Church. Sunday they had lunch at Don Sol.

Hansel and Gretel Set Design.

The director for the musical Hansel and Gretel, Macky Cohen, met with Jesse Wright and Lee Hackney to discuss the set design and where walls on wheels were needed. It was a productive meeting and we are excited about bringing the set to life.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center will hold auditions for the Nov. 12-13 children's musical production of Hansel and Gretel at the following times:

Sunday, Aug. 28, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The auditions will occur

at the arts center, 117 W. Davie St., Anna. If you have a previous commitment, please call Lee 904-625-1109 to get an audition prior to Sept. 2.

Ages for the audition are 8 years to adults. The musical will require a large cast, so everyone is encouraged to audition. Please be prepared to sing a song and do a cold read. If you know what part you want, please let us know when you arrive for your audition.

The first read through of the script will be on Sept. 6. Macky will block rehearsals and will work with cast members if schedules conflict.

Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center is looking for old white sheets to make angel costumes for the musical. If you have any white sheets you would like to donate, please call Lee at 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

Dongola Lutheran Parish ordains, installs pastor

Dongola Lutheran Parish is the name for the joint parish of First Lutheran Church in Dongola and St. John's Lutheran Church, which is located near Dongola.

On April 24, they voted to call the Rev. Chère Riedel as their pastor.

On June 12, Pastor Chère

was ordained and installed at a special service at First Lutheran Church. A dinner preceded the service.

The pastor who ordained Pastor Chère was the Rev. Caleb R. Bahr from Hutto, Texas.

The Rev. Wendy D. Poch from Parker, Colo., led the installation part of the

service.

Other clergy participating in the service included the Rev. Dr. Cindy Anderson from Houston, Texas; the Rev. Teresa Peters from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; the Rev. Preston Foster from Metropolis; the Rev. Bernadine Anderson from Paducah; and seminarian Terese Whitten from Tru-fant, Mich.

The parish's new pastor is from Connersville, Ind., where she was living during the years of attending The Institute of Lutheran Theology, ILT, in Brookings, S.D.

Pastor Chère has a certifi-

cate in pastoral ministry as well as a master of divinity degree from ILT.

During her education, she was a fellowship student on campus; she served her internship at Peace Lutheran Church in Rosenberg, Texas, and a residency in El Paso, Texas.

She is a certified minister in the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and a member of the Texas District of the LCMC. She is also a board member of the alumni-graduate association of ILT.

She is married to Bob Riedel, and they will soon be relocating to Anna.

A-JCHS offering student preregistration online

Online student preregistration is underway for Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students.

Students can preregister on the school's web page, aj81.net. The school asks that preregistration be completed by July 22.

The school notes that students still will need to attend in-person registration to pay fees and to fill out paper work which cannot be done electronically, as well as to purchase parking permits.

The following in-person registration schedule has been announced by the school:

Wednesday, July 27: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., seniors. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., juniors.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., all grades.

Thursday, July 28: 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., all grades. 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., all grades.

Thursday, Aug. 4, make up day: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On registration day, two proofs of residency will be required or a student will not be able to register.

Parking permits and payments are first-come, first-serve, and must be completed in person at registration. Parking permits must be paid separately from course fees. The school asks students to come prepared.

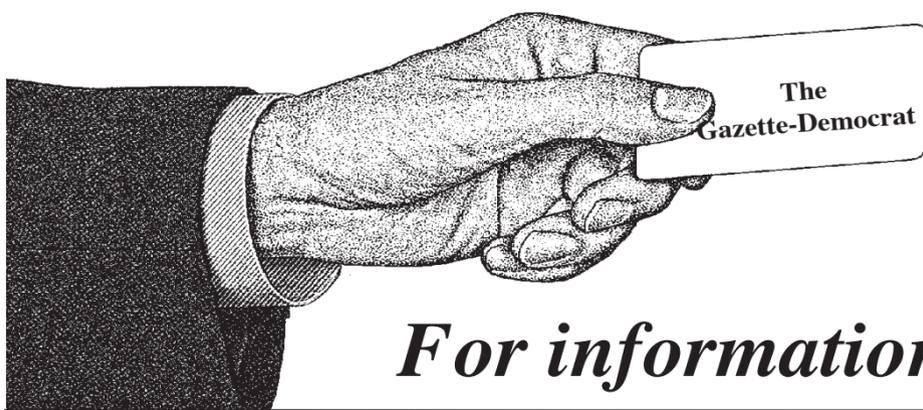
Further information is available by contacting Nikki or Jennifer in the A-JCHS principal's office, phone 833-8502.

ONLINE ONLY PROPERTY AUCTION
 Bidding Ends: Thursday, July 28th, 2022 at 4:00 PM CDT
 Peoples Company is offering three tracts of diverse Monroe County, Illinois land through an ONLINE ONLY auction where all bidding must be done online through Peoples Company's bidding app. The farms are being sold ABSOLUTE and with NO RESERVE. Tracts 1 & 3 are Mississippi River frontage farms with excellent recreational opportunities and income. Tract 2 is levee protected tillable farmland. All three tracts are located southwest of Fults along Levee Road in Precinct 13 and Precinct 15 Townships. Bidding is LIVE and will remain open until Thursday, July 28th, 2022 at 4:00 PM Central Time Zone (CDT).
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Obituaries

Abigail Mary Lukes

Abigail Mary Lukes, 34, of Carbondale, and formerly of Cobden, died Monday, July 11, 2022, at her home.

She was born on June 9, 1988, in Carbondale, the daughter of Brian and Sherri Middleton Lukes.

Abigail is survived by her parents, Brian and Sherri Lukes of Cobden; a brother, Zachary (Emily) Lukes of Wheaton; a niece, Maddie Lukes; several aunts and uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Abigail was a graduate of Cobden High School. She went on to receive her bachelor's degree in international studies and later to receive her master's degree in 2018 in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Abigail was a member of the Vine Church in Carbondale. Through her church, she went on, and was very involved in, missions to Mexico. She was very active in her small group at church.

She worked at Thomas School in Carbondale, where she taught English as a second language.

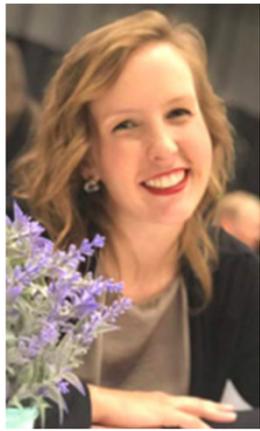
Abigail had a generous spirit and loved people and spending time with others. She enjoyed being outdoors, and liked hiking and taking nature photography.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with Peter Waring, Ed Falgout and Matt Hartline officiating. Interment was in Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Thomas School in Carbondale.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.



Michael P. Erbe

Michael P. Erbe, 74, of Anna, and formerly of Cottage Hills, died Sunday, July 17, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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

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Morris 'Moose' Hall

Morris "Moose" Hall, 79, of rural Cobden, died Monday, July 18, at his home, surrounded by his family.

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

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

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Perry Milligan

Perry Milligan, 62, of Anna, died Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Aug. 6, 1959, the son of Clyde A. Milligan.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

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Anna, Jonesboro Lutheran churches plan to host VBS

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro invited area children to attend Jerusalem Marketplace Vacation Bible School.

Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro plans to host the event called "Jerusalem Marketplace: Where Jesus Walked to the Cross" July 25-29.

Jerusalem Marketplace is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Organizers say children who attend Vacation Bible School "will step back in time at Jerusalem Marketplace, exploring traditions,

food and activities."

Children and adults will "sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-time snacks, visit the Synagogue School and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's word.

Everyone also will learn "to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration: a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved."

More information is available by contacting Paula at 618-614-8739 or Marci at 618-697-3738.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

More Rain

More rain made its way to our neck of the woods. Thank you, Lord. We aren't hurting, but it's nice to have a bit now and again. We ended up with nearly half of an inch this past weekend. The crops are looking very nice. So is the grass...oh well.

The deer were certainly out today (Sunday) as I was taking a drive down County Line Road. Some mamas and young were nibbling on the soybeans...hmmm... and didn't seem to mind the rain either.

Bountiful Gardens

Speaking of crops, I've been seeing the bounty of a lot of folk's gardens posted on social media.

Jars of yummy tomato juice, pickles, beets, salsa, mixed veggies, corn, cabbage and other items are being shown like at the fair. (Reminder it's coming next month.)

We ourselves didn't plant a big garden and it's not produced much yet, but relatives have been kind enough to share. I've not been able to hit the farmer's markets yet.

I'm on the lookout for more of that red okra I found last year and hope to get out this coming weekend to see if anyone grew any. It might be too early still, but that's a good excuse to keep going back.

Visitor

Richard Harvel visited with Bon Kohler this past weekend. Bon is doing well and seems to be getting about really well.

No word on when or if he'll have his other knee replaced, but it's been bothering him a bit. Hope he gets some relief.

Volunteer Plants

As I was deadheading flowers this afternoon, I noticed how many volunteer plants I have popping up in other pots.

Cockscomb in my moss

rose, moss rose was in the blueberries, marigolds in my creeping jenny, a squash or gourd is in my lilies, petunias in my peonies.

I probably need to sift my soil better from year to year as I recycle it, but I kind of like those little surprises. I don't get overly eager about pulling out stray plants until I know if they are grass, clover or dandelions.

I purchased plants last year and the weather wiped clean my markers so a LOT of what I have planted is a surprise.

On the other hand, if I want to know bad enough, my daughter has an app on her phone where she can take its photo and figure out what it is. Who knew? Obviously not me.

Today's Technology

Technology is leaving me in its wake. My nephew purchased a nifty little item this past week. A drone not much bigger than his hand, yet it took an aerial photo of his dad's place that was awesome in its clarity.

It's kind of creepy to know that something like that is flying around photographing stuff though.

Oh, well, the most excitement it'll get around here is catching me on the porch or patio with my coffee cup and various cats and dogs surrounding me.

Photographic Art

It's truly amazing what photographers come up with. The digital age has made things a lot quicker than the old 35 millimeters, which took forever to load, but it still takes talent. I do okay, but that's not a talent of mine.

I enjoy viewing what artists capture and if you enjoy that also, take time to stop by and see the exhibit at the Anna Arts Center of Larry Braun's photography.

One of his photos, of the Mississippi River (taken near Wickliffe, Ky.), will be on a

Lawrence 'Larry' Weiss

Lawrence "Larry" Weiss, 52, of Anna, died Friday, July 15, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1969, in Chicago Heights, the son of Lawrence Jacob and Bertha Mae Rushing Weiss.

Mr. Weiss is survived by his siblings, Ruby B. Suejda of Anna, John Jess Suejda of Charleston, Ind., Frank James Suejda of College Station, Texas, Katrina Suejda of Murphysboro and Cleo Ellett of Oconomowoc, Wis.; nieces and nephews Jacob, Kelly, Frank Jr., Tiffany and Brison Suejda, Stewart Ellett, Finnley Ellett, Jessica Leslie, Catherine Rock and John Rock IV; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He loved helping others; he helped Ruby with all her children and loved being with his family and friends. He worked many years as a DSP at Mulberry Manor.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

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

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy belated birthday wishes to our grandson and his wife, Ryan and Amber Wachter, of Jonesboro. Amber's birthday was Wednesday, July 13. Ryan's birthday was Sunday, July 17.

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill of McClure went to Fenton, Mo., on Monday, July 10, and visited with Kacie, Derek and Milo Gollhier.

Shirley Miller, Cheryl Fowler of O'Fallon, Mo., and William and Cindy Hendrick enjoyed lunch Wednesday, July 13, at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau.

Gracie Wilson and Koda Inman visited with Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville one day last week.

Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna visited with Dolores Reynolds on Friday.

Happy birthday to Paxton Wilson, who will be 4 years old on July 23. He celebrated early at the home of Dolores Reynolds on Saturday, July 16. Others present were Justin Wilson, his friend Megan and daughters and Jackie Wilson.

Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro ate lunch Sunday with his grandparents, Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

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

new stamp this year. Wow, what an honor.

The exhibit is open every Thursday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and weekends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit was scheduled to open July 19 and continues through Aug. 11.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

We had a good turnout for church today, despite the brief downpour.

Brother Bob's message came from Revelation 3: 14-22. This was about the lukewarm church...meaning all of us. We are the church and God gets ill over our being lukewarm to Him. We need to be on fire for God.

How much hunger do you have for the word of God? How much time do you spend in reading God's word? Is prayer a priority or a situational habit? Does our passion for God match our passion for other activities? Do we seek Him only in times of dire need?

We all need to examine ourselves and repent of our lukewarm attention to Him and seek that fire we had when we were new Christians.

Prayer List

Those new additions to our prayer list are Joyce Poole, who is in the hospital; Morris Hall for health concerns; Chris Vellella for surgery on his elbow; our youth as they start back with sports practice in this nasty heat; and the entire Harvel family for various health issues and tests.

Remember the Romine family as they lost a young cousin. Also, keep Laken Adams in prayer as she's undergoing pregnancy complications.

Happy birthday is wished for Barb Bauer. Birthday blessings are sent to Elaine Helton, also, who is still undergoing severe health issues. Many more happy days to both of them.

We were happy to give a

praise report for Claude and Karen Sadler, and for Simon Laminack, as they were all back in church after their health issues.

It was also wonderful to see that Bobby and Debbie Newberry had all of their family in attendance. They truly "packed a pew."

It was also nice to have a lot of our young men back from sporting competitions that took them out these last weeks. Wins or not... congratulations to them all for their dedication and hard work!

Call of the Whippoorwill

I was treated to a "flashback" moment last week. I heard the elusive call of the whippoorwill late one day. It was getting on toward dark and I was enjoying a last cup of coffee on the patio. It took me a minute to believe what I was hearing. There is no mistaking it, as it repeats for quite a bit.

I had a discussion not too long back, with other folks concerned about wildlife, on why we don't hear those, or bobwhites, as much anymore.

After doing some research, I found out that both birds are nearing the endangered list. Why? Because pesticides are killing off their food sources and urban spread is taking away their habitat.

It's like the bees. We need them. I know they are annoying to some, but everything serves a purpose.

We are supposed to be stewards of the land and quite frankly, we fail more than we succeed.

It was nice to sit quietly and hear that sound again. It took me back to my childhood...kind of like lightning bugs. They are marvels to a child.

This past week I've also enjoyed the full moon and those twinkling bug lights in equal measure, and hearing that whippoorwill made it even better. God's miracles are everywhere and I thank Him for sharing those.

The Family of

John Darren Rendleman

would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and those who sent food during the time that John passed away and we will miss him forever!

We also want to thank Rendleman & Hileman Funeral



Home for all of the kindness from them. We also thank Pastor Randy Morgan for his prayers and sermon. We thank all of the pallbearers also.

Again, thank you to everyone who donated a gift to Shriner's Hospital in memory of John D. Rendleman. We are so grateful for the support and love we have received during this time. May his memory live forever!

The Rendleman Family

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"The Preaching Pen"

Are You Feeling Saved? Genesis 37:34

Maybe you have heard sayings such as, "I know I'm saved because I can feel it." or "I wouldn't trade this feeling for anything." God has created us with an emotional component to our being. However, today, our world acts upon feelings more than facts. Often, we struggle between subjectivity (inside me) and objectivity (outside me). But when it comes to our salvation, we must remember salvation is not by us (Ephesians 2:8-9) but **by God**. Those 2 simple words remove the concept of subjectivity, emotion, feeling out of the realm of acquiring salvation. It makes man's access of salvation a pursuit for the objective truth of God's word.

One danger of emotionalism is that man often allows feelings to interpret our circumstances. Our feelings can deceive us. Interpreting means we use our feeling to explain meanings; sometimes, to justify what we do, say, or where we go. Before reacting upon an emotional basis, we need to try to objectively evaluate the circumstance, get the whole story, or take time to find the truthful story. For example, in Genesis 37:34, Jacob's untrustworthy sons deceived their father. Circumstances of Joseph's death "seemed" believable to Jacob, but the belief of a lie will affect us, negatively, just as much as our belief of the truth does positively. Rather, Jacob should have proven all things (1 Thessalonians 5:21), not just rely upon faulty testimony. Naturally, Jacob, himself, had given sin the opportunity. Many times, we fall victim to this same trap. God's word is objective, always good for every occasion/situation for everyone.

Another danger of emotionalism is that man often allows feelings to form our thoughts. Our feelings can "bring together" ideas to justify actions to produce our thoughts. We do many things in life because we think it is the right thing to do. For example, in Genesis 37, Jacob may seem justified in his reaction when he sees the coat. But remember his thinking is based upon a faulty assumption; his sons are pretending to tell him the truth. They let him "put the puzzle together." We would say today that the coat had been "doctored" or falsified. Jacob's feelings produced his thoughts. Emotionalism calls for "better understanding" of the truth. Acts 5 is a chapter which contains an example of poor decision launched by feelings. Have you even known someone who pretended to have feelings about something? It is only after the objective standard of God's word and obedience is added do we attain salvation. **Nowhere** is the sinner saved or feeling of being saved through emotions. Only obedience to the objective facts of God's word attains salvation and produces the proper Christian feeling. It is necessary to have feelings as a Christian. Show joy, gratitude, compassion, but we should never let our feeling dictate our salvation.

Ryan Thornsberry
Anna church of Christ

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Southern 7 to offer disease self-management workshop

Southern 7 Health Department plans to present a seven-week workshop,

“Take Charge of Your Health: Live Well, Be Well,” beginning July 25.

Scammers contacting survivors

Illinois residents are encouraged to be alert for scams that involve supporting the victims of the July 4 mass shooting in Highland Park and gun violence in other parts of the state.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul is urging vigilance following reports that survivors of the July 4 mass shooting have been contacted by potential scammers who provide inaccurate and incomplete information about state assistance available to crime victims.

Raoul’s office administers the Crime Victim Compensation Program, which provides financial reimbursement to eligible victims of violent crimes in Illinois.

Raoul is also encouraging Illinois residents to exercise caution before donating to organizations purporting to support victims of the mass shooting or violent crime.

Donors are advised to contact the attorney general’s Charitable Trust Bureau to report suspicious solicitations by calling 312-814-2595.

The health department said the evidence-based, self-management workshop is designed to help individuals take control of diabetes or other chronic health conditions.

Participants will get the support they need from certified volunteer leaders.

They will learn practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue and other symptoms, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices and managing their medications, learn better ways to talk with their doctor and family about their health, and setting and achieving goals.

Enrollment is free for the workshop. Classes are scheduled to take place online from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, from July 25 through Sept. 5.

More information and registration are available by contacting Southern 7 Health Department at 618-634-2297 or email cjohnson@s7hd.org or calvey@s7hd.org.

More information also can be found online at www.hsidsn.org/livewellbewell.

The program was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, and is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health.



Garden therapy committee

Glenda Jones and Julie O’Murphy, members of Anna-Jo Garden Club’s garden therapy committee, were two of the six members who met earlier in July to arrange vases of flowers. The meeting was at Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna. The flowers were delivered to local nursing homes. The club’s garden therapy committee meets once a month to plan and present an activity for these facilities. Photo provided.

Participants welcomed for Cache River Days pageant

Participants are being sought for the 27th annual Cache River Days pageant.

The pageant is planned Friday, Sept. 9, at the Le-

ona Brust Civic Center in Ullin. The pageant begins at 6 p.m.

Pageant contestants must be a resident of Pulaski, Union, Alexander, Johnson or Massac county.

Organizers noted that only the first 12 postmarked valid entries in each category will be accepted.

Little Miss Cache River 2022 participants must be between the ages of 4-6.

The Junior Miss Cache River 2022 age group is from 7-11.

Senior Miss Cache River 2022 participants must be between ages 12-15.

2022 Miss Cache River pageant age ranges are 16-20 years old, having never been married and without children.

These categories/age ranges are subject to change at the sole discretion of the pageant director based on participation.

The entry deadline for the Cache River Days pageants is 4 p.m. Aug. 13.

Information about rules and entry forms is available by contacting pageant director Hannah Miller by phone at 618-697-4592 or by email at cacheriverpageant@gmail.com.

Those who leave a voice-mail or text are asked to make sure to list their full name, telephone number, email address and mailing address.

Hospital district auxiliary annual meeting planned

Union County Hospital Auxiliary plans to have its annual meeting Thursday, July 28.

The meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship room at the United Methodist Church on West Monroe St. in Anna. Light refreshments will be served.

Special guests are scheduled to include Harry Brockus, the new CEO of Union County Hospital in Anna; and Ana Kelly, the new human resources specialist for Union County Hospital.

Volunteers who have reached certain hour levels will be recognized.

A memorial tribute is planned for deceased auxiliary members from 2020, 2021 and 2022. Families of those members have been invited to

attend the meeting.

Union County Hospital Auxiliary provides supportive services to the hospital.

Services include staffing the hospital’s gift shop, supporting chaplain services and encouraging landscaping in and around the hospital.

The auxiliary depends on memberships and donations to provide the supportive services.

Union County Hospital Auxiliary is a not-for-profit organization. All donations to the auxiliary are tax deductible.

Individual dues are \$10. A life membership is \$100. A business membership is \$25.

Those who would like to support the work of the auxiliary can send their dues to Union County Hospital Auxiliary, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Anna Arts Center hosts photography exhibit

The photography of Larry Braun of Benton, Mo., is featured in an exhibit which was scheduled to open Tuesday, July 19, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council Anna Arts Center.

The exhibit is scheduled to continue through Aug. 11. The arts center is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

An opening reception for the exhibit was planned Tuesday evening at the arts center.

The focus of Braun’s photography is outdoors in small towns, state parks and historic districts of Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas and Kentucky.

A photograph of the Mississippi River taken by Braun was selected to be used on a U.S. Postal Service Forever Stamp.

The stamp is included in the Mighty Mississippi 2022 stamp portfolio.

The portfolio is made up of 10 photographic stamps. Each of the stamps represents a state found along the Mississippi River.

Braun’s photo was selected to represent the State of Kentucky, since it was taken from a bluff in Wickliffe, Ky.

Photography has been his lifelong interest, although he did take time off to raise his family and pursue a career in

chemistry.

His art has been in multiple exhibitions and in many publications.

The exhibit is scheduled to be open to view on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Those who may have a group that wants to see the exhibit are asked to contact Lee Hackney at the arts center, by phone at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Some of Braun’s photography can be seen online at <http://www.larrybraunphotography.com/>.



Forever Stamp

A photograph of the Mississippi River taken by Larry Braun was selected to be used as a U.S. Postal Service Forever Stamp. The photograph was taken from a bluff in Wickliffe, Ky. Photo provided.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Lauryn Stegle, Dallas Keller and Katie Stegle took a tiny break after picking corn at 6 in the morning Saturday. They were helping with the annual corn pick and sale sponsored by Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Photo provided.



Many people helped with picking the corn last Saturday. One more corn sale is planned this summer. Corn is expected to be ready to pick in the next week or two. Photo provided.



Pole-ing place?

2022 is an election year...so a red-headed woodpecker might have found a pole-ing place in Union County.

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Opinion and Commentary

Big Tech steamrolling America's newspapers

The National Newspaper Association, NNA, reports that the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act is scheduled to come up for a key vote this week in the U.S. Senate and will be further considered later this year.

The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the NNA, which shared an editorial, "Big Tech is Steamrolling America's Newspapers," which was written by Brett Wesner. Wesner is chair of the NNA and president of Wesner Publications in Cordell, Okla. The editorial follows:

Google and Facebook have enormous economic and political power in society – especially over the news industry. Many ask if they have played a role in the misinformation that erodes our free press and plagues our democracy.

Google and Facebook have a duopoly of the distribution of digital news content, which drives people to their platforms where they make money. The platforms hoard critical data and use clever tactics, like reframing stories in rich previews, to keep users on their sites – siphoning off the advertising revenue that small and local publishers need and weakening their ability to be rewarded for their own content.

Google and Facebook generated \$4 million in U.S. advertising revenue every 15 minutes during the first quarter of 2022. That amount could fund hundreds of local journalists in every state in the country.

It's no wonder that, despite record news consumption, local newspapers across the country have seen diminished revenues – leading many to lay off journalists or go out of business.

Local newspapers simply can't compete with these national platforms, Google and Facebook. The imbalance of power between these platforms and local newspapers – let alone any single local paper – is so vast that newspapers cannot negotiate the exploitation of news. But antitrust laws shield Google and Facebook from the possibility of news publishers working together to demand better terms.

No company should have this much control over the news. Congress must take action to curb undue influence of Big Tech on the news media industry – and the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) aims to do just that.

The JCPA is specifically designed to address Google's and Facebook's anticompetitive practices. The proposed legislation would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small and local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of their content.

The policy also incentivizes and rewards publishers who invest in their journalists and newsroom personnel, awarding outlets with demonstrated investments in their staff a larger portion of the funds that result from the negotiations.

By addressing Google's and Facebook's monopoly power and ensuring more subscription and advertising dollars flow back to publishers, the JCPA not only protects and promotes quality news, but also encourages competition.

In today's partisan political climate, it is rare for Democrats and Republicans to agree on anything – but the JCPA is one important exception. Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle agree: we need to pass the JCPA to ensure that publishers – especially small and local publishers – are treated fairly and can serve their communities.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, July 20, 1972

Ground breaking ceremonies on the site of the eight story high rise for elderly persons will be held Friday morning, July 21, at 11 a.m. in Anna. Many dignitaries are expected to be present for the occasion.

The dates for the Union County Fair this year will be August 20 through August 26. Several changes have been made in the program lineup for this year's Fair. The Queen Contest, which has been held on the latter days of the fair for the past several years, will be held Monday evening, August 21. The Fair will open Sunday evening with a Gospel Sing and Vesper Service.

Legislation has been approved in Illinois to restore the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 from the fourth Monday in October.

Union County residents are being reminded that Monday, July 24, is the deadline to pay personal property taxes and the first installment of real estate taxes.

The Union County area received 1.03 inches of precipitation during a thunderstorm Saturday afternoon, July 15. The storm struck suddenly at approximately 4 p.m. High winds and lightning accompanied the storm, with many fallen trees and some electrical outage reported in the county.

Plans are nearing completion for the 35th annual Cobden Peach Festival, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19. The Festival is sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club each year.

Shippers report that due to the "winter kill" during the past winter and early spring, the peach harvest in Union County will be half or below the usual harvest this year.

The Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross held its Annual Meeting July 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the Red Cross Headquarters, City Hall Building in Anna.

Construction of the main line of the Wolf Lake Sanitary Corporation is nearing completion, with access lines to the three stage lagoon and the lift station the next order of construction.

One of the county's most anticipated events, the Western Saratoga Homecoming, will be held Saturday evening, July 22. That famous "Togie" water will be available for drinking.

From the Reynoldsville news: We had a four and one-half inch rain Saturday afternoon and evening.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Christmas in July...tornadoes in the sky...



This is the time of year when we see "Christmas in July" celebrations...so, let's join the fun...with a little bit of help from this month's "supermoon."

Bob and I were sitting on the porch swing last Sunday evening in the 94 percent humidity. The air we were attempting to breath was as thick as the proverbial pea soup. You really could see the air.

At the time, I was trying to figure out something at least vaguely interesting to write about for this week. The ongoing heat and humidity we've been experiencing seems to put a bit of a damper at times on creativity.

Anyway, I made one attempt at creating a column. Actually wrote the thing. A masterpiece, for sure. Showed it to Bob. He read it. Gave a great big cat yawn. Enuf said.

Time for Plan B...which has been the story in our lives for a while...

Let's see...

The weather. That's what we'll write about this week. Everybody likes to talk about the weather. And the weather I experienced last Sunday night on the front porch got pretty exciting.

Like I mentioned, Bob and I were sitting on the porch swing last Sunday night, just pretty much watching the world go by. At one point, I happened to notice a firefly which was having a very bad night...it was the main course for a spider's Sunday dinner...

By the way, for whatever in might be worth, I ran across this tidbit of information from businessinsider.com online: "In the United States, glowing insects are known as 'fireflies' or 'lightning bugs' depending on where you live. 'Firefly' is the more common term in the West and New England, while people in the South and most of the Midwest tend to say 'lightning bug.'"

The weather on Sunday night eventually included lightning, thunder, lots and lots of rain and even a tornado warning.

As is often the case, when a tornado warning is issued, instead of seeking shelter, I go out on the front porch to watch. Sunday night, the worst of the weather appeared to be south of us.

And then the good stuff arrived...

After watching the sky during the tornado warning, I went back inside to get the latest information about the weather.

I was looking at the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah when a clatter arose on the front porch.

My first thought was that some of our furry friends were paying another visit. We've had raccoons coming to the porch for the last month or so. During the past week, I've actually been joined by three young raccoons who were out enjoying the evening.

Well, it turned out the clatter was the sound of The Other Half's house plants on the front porch being knocked over by gusty winds which blew in at about 10 o'clock Sunday night. With big time winds, lightning, thunder and rain coming down at a 45-degree angle, Mother Nature put on quite a show. I guess the worst of the weather didn't actually go south of us. Our power even went out...came back on...went out...came back on...went out...came back on...and then finally just went out...for just a short time.

I suppose the good thing is that I finally had something to write about...maybe we'll have something about the heat...again...for next time...

One last observation...shared by a fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life...guess we should be grateful it doesn't snow in July... Just think about what it would be like to shovel snow when it's 95 degrees...

Stay cool...and keep that snow shovel handy...



Deer on a summer evening
A white-tailed deer was seen in a field of soybeans on a recent summer evening in Union County.

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