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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Plans are moving forward on the establishment of a joint 911 emergency communications system involving Union and Alexander counties. Some concerns have been voiced, though. More on this to come.

Overall, the recent Union County Fair went well, the Anna Police Department reported.

Authorities did make three arrests at the fair. A large amount of alcohol also was reported to have been confiscated.

Jonesboro School's Fall Festival is planned on Oct. 6.

The Jonesboro School District's budget is on display. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Sept. 29.

The Union County Sheriff's Office/E-911 are accepting applications for the position of telecommunicator/corrections officer and patrol deputy.

Patriot Day will be observed on Sept. 11.

Work appears to have started on the replacement of a shelter at the park in downtown Cobden.

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Manhunt ends with suspect in custody

A suspect in an alleged Union County burglary was taken into custody without resistance at approximately 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel reported in a news release that a plainclothes detective from the sheriff's office spotted the suspect, identified as Dejun D. Booker, 26, near a residence at 1840 Morgan School Rd., which is west of Jonesboro.

Booker subsequently was taken into custody without incident with assistance from the Illinois State Police and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A manhunt had been underway around the clock since the early morning hours of Monday, Sept. 5.

Authorities from the following law enforcement agencies participated in the two-day search:

Union County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Anna Police Department, the Cobden Police Department and the Jonesboro Police Department.

Booker is being held at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro on two counts of armed violence and one count of burglary. His bond was set at \$500,000.

State Police

Report Details

Illinois State Police District 13 at Du Quoin posted



Suspect in custody

A suspect in an alleged Union County burglary was taken into custody Tuesday morning along Morgan School Road west of Jonesboro. The suspect had been the focus of an extensive manhunt. The suspect was sitting on the ground, next to a driveway at a residence along Morgan School Road, and is on the right, in front of the squad car.

the following information about the manhunt in Union County on its Facebook page:

"WARE, ILLINOIS – On Sunday, September 4, 2016, a group of five suspects burglarized Revlon Tavern, east of Ware, IL.

"Union County Deputies, Anna and Cobden Police Department Officers secured four of the suspects. One suspect escaped on foot and a gunshot was heard as

he fled. No officers were injured.

"On Monday morning, September 5, 2016, a Union County Deputy observed a person matching the description of the suspect that fled, in the area 2 miles east of Ware off of Illinois Route 146 near Dug Hill Lane.

"Additional Union County Deputies and Cobden Police Department Officers arrived and a perimeter was set up with

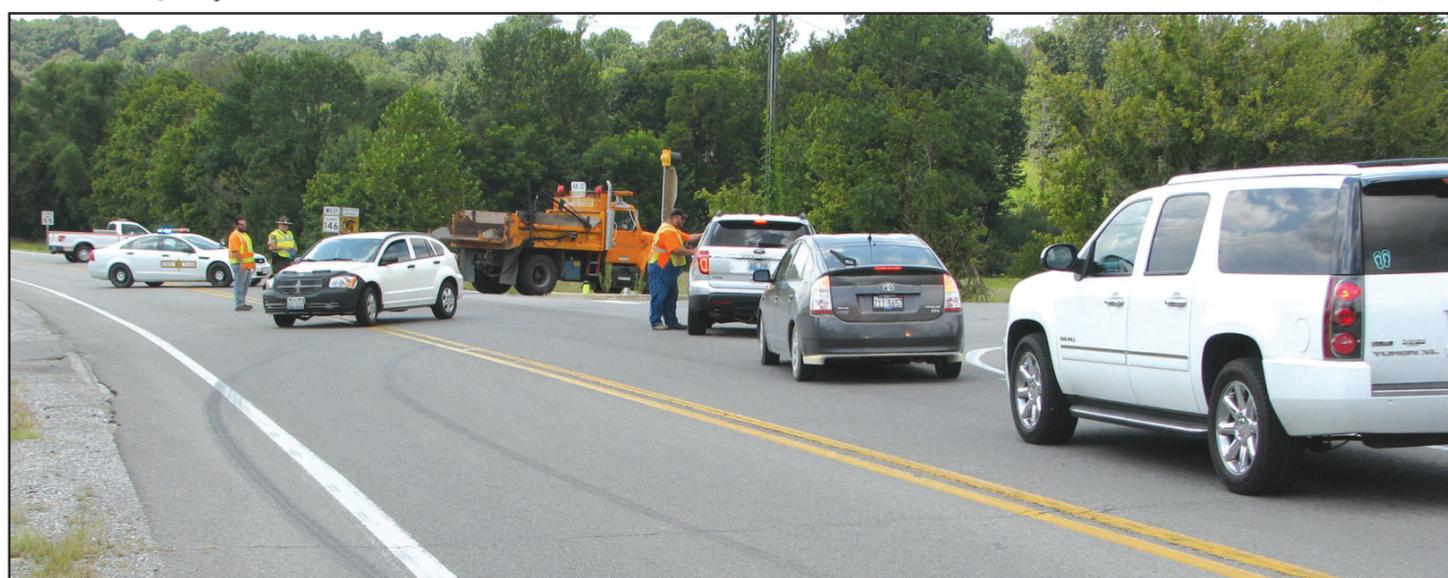
the assistance of Illinois State Police Districts 22, 13, SWAT, and Air Operations, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Jackson County Sheriff's Department personnel.

"The suspect, identified as Dejun D. Booker, is reportedly armed with a handgun. Booker is a 26 year old black male standing 6'-1", weighing 240 pounds. He is described as having a mus-

cular build and shoulder length dreadlocked hair. He was last seen wearing gray pants and no shirt.

"Booker is considered armed and dangerous. If members of the public see Booker, do not approach him. Immediately contact 911, Union County Sheriff's Department at (618) 833-5500, or the Illinois State Police at (618) 542-2171."

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Traffic redirected as the result of manhunt in Union County

Traffic was being redirected at the intersection of Illinois Route 146 and Illinois Route 127 west of Jonesboro early Monday afternoon as the result of a manhunt which was underway in Union County. Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation vehicles were blocking traffic from going west on Route 146. The highway was closed at the time from the intersection of Route 146 and Route 127 to Ware.



Alto Pass veterans memorial project underway

Major improvements are underway at the veterans monument in downtown Alto Pass. Members of the Alto Pass Area Veterans group were volunteering their time last Saturday to do the work. The improvements are slated to include an expanded base, the installation of four flag poles for the display of U.S. and prisoner of war flags, lighting, and plaques focusing on the nation's wars. Plans call for the work to be completed in time for a veterans service, which is planned on Saturday morning, Nov. 5.





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News Notes

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The Cobden Plan Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, Sept. 12. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at Cobden Village Hall. Revisions to the village's revised code of ordinances will be on the agenda.

Monarch butterflies will be the focus of a program which is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

A Johnson County Junque Jamboree is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 24, in Vienna.

A Critter Night program is planned Friday, Oct. 14, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

Heritage House features aprons

A presentation by Elizabeth James titled "The Stories Aprons Tell" is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro.

Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St.

Aprons will be displayed through Oct. 9 and can be viewed at Heritage House from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Farm life focus of bus tour

The origin of farming in Union and Jackson counties, orchards and the transformation of rural life are scheduled to be the focus of a bus tour and guided stops featuring anthropologist Jane Adams on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Adams, the author of "The Transformation of Rural Life: Southern Illinois, 1890-1990," will provide interpretation and anecdotes of the origins of farming, vineyards and orchards in the two counties.

The tour is scheduled to include stops at the Union County Museum in Cobden, Longshadow Planters near Pomona, the Pomona Winery near Pomona, Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass and the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

Lunch at the Yellow Moon Café in Cobden is included.

Pick up locations for the tour will be at 9:15 a.m. at John A. Logan College in Carterville and at 10 a.m. at the Murphysboro Walmart. For more information, call 618-751-2924.

Manhunt

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Shawnee Schools Closed Tuesday

The Shawnee School District at Wolf Lake was not in session on Tuesday as a result of the manhunt.

The district planned to reopen for classes on Wednesday.

The following message was posted Tuesday morning on the district's Facebook page:

"The manhunt is over and the fugitive is in custody. Thank you law enforcement personnel for keeping the citizens of Union County safe. School will resume tomorrow, Wednesday, September 7th."

The district posted two messages on Facebook on Monday as the situation was unfolding.

The first message posted on Monday was addressed to Shawnee School District No. 84 parents. The message, from District 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill, read:

"The manhunt continues for the armed and dangerous suspect in Union County.

"We have taken extra precautions and canceled all practices and events scheduled for today.

"I am in contact with the Union County Sheriff's Department and a decision regarding school tomorrow has not been made yet.

"I will notify you as I have more information to share. It would be a good idea for you to make child care arrangements for tomorrow just in case the need arises. However, school has not been canceled at this time.

"Please join me in keeping law enforcement personnel in your thoughts as they search for the suspect. Their efforts to keep the citizens of Union County safe is greatly appreciated. Please stay safe. Ms. Clover-Hill"

The second message was posted later on Monday and read:

"Due to the manhunt in Union County, Shawnee #84 will not be in session on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

"All practices and activities are canceled. Employees - do not report to work until you receive further instruction from the administration. The campus is closed to everyone. Please stay safe."

SIU earns top spot for adult learners

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has earned a top-25 spot on the Washington Monthly 2016 College Guide's inaugural rankings of the Best 4-Year Colleges for Adult Learners.

SIU is ranked No. 21, the top Illinois university on the list.



Limestone bluffs near the LaRue Swamp in western Union County. File photo.

Forest Service notes closing of Snake Road

The Shawnee National Forest's Snake Road in Union County was scheduled to close on Sept. 1 for a fall snake and amphibian migration.

The U.S. Forest Service announced that the road would be closed so that snakes and amphibians can migrate from LaRue Swamp to nearby limestone bluffs.

Some of the snakes and amphibians are threatened and endangered species.

The Forest Service noted in a news release that closing the 2.5-mile-long road, also known as LaRue Road and Forest Service Road No. 345, helps ensure safe crossing for these rare species.

The gradual, two-month migration event attracts people from across the country who are eager to witness the rich diversity of reptile and amphibian species along this single stretch of road.

About 66 percent of the amphibians and 59 percent of the reptiles known to occur in Illinois are found here.

Some of the many creatures which can be found in the LaRue Swamp area include the black rat snake, the cave salamander, the cottonmouth snake, the copperhead snake and the timber rattlesnake.

"Snakes and amphibians migrate to the bluffs, where they hibernate for the winter," said Chad Deaton, a

Trail Stewardship Days set at Touch of Nature

Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's outdoor experiential education facility, plans to host events to help restore and expand the extensive trail system.

Groups and individuals are welcome to participate in the Trail Stewardship Days.

The events are scheduled for several weekend days during the month of September and continuing through November.

Volunteers will be working to clear existing trails and create new trails in the 3,100-acre camp in the Shawnee National Forest, founded as a 150-acre outdoor learning laboratory in 1949 along the shores of Little Grassy Lake.

Sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. People may sign up for one or both sessions on any of the available days.

All participants must preregister at least 48 hours in advance, the organizers of the events noted.

The schedule for the free

wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest.

"Cottonmouths are the most common snake that can be seen during this migration."

Snake Road will be closed between mile post 3.0 and mile post 5.8. The road will remain closed until Oct. 30. Though the road is closed to vehicles, it is open to people who travel on foot.

Although foot traffic is welcome, the Forest Service advises visitors that LaRue-Pine Hills/Otter Pond is a federally designated Research Natural Area and unauthorized collecting and handling of any of these species is prohibited under federal and state law.

To reach Snake Road from Jonesboro: Take Highway 146 west 8 miles to Highway 3; then go north 8 miles on Highway 3 to Muddy Levee Road. Then go east 3 miles to LaRue Road, at the "T" turn right into Winters Pond parking lot. The road also can be reached from the south entrance off of LaRue Road (some people like to walk from here north and turn around part way).

For more information about the snake migration and/or the LaRue-Pine Hills Ecological Area, contact the Shawnee National Forest office in Jonesboro at 833-8576.

Trail Stewardship Days includes:

Sept. 11, 18 and 25. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Nov. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20.

No sessions will take place during SIU's Thanksgiving break.

To register or for more information about Trail Stewardship Days, call 618-453-1121 or visit www.ton.siu.edu.

Volunteer Vacation

In addition, Touch of Nature, in partnership with the American Hiking Society, is sponsoring its inaugural Volunteer Vacation Oct. 16-22.

Volunteers ages 15 and older will stay in Touch of Nature's rustic cabins.

They will work to clear pathways and to create new trails at the facility, which is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road.

The cost for this week-long adventure varies and ranges from \$195 to \$325.

For more information about this project or to sign up, visit <http://volunteer-vacations.americanhiking.org/>.

Saluki Family Weekend set Sept. 16-18 at SIU

Saluki Family Weekend 2016, a time for Southern Illinois University Carbondale students and their families, is set for Sept. 16-18.

The weekend includes campus tours, photo opportunities, a craft sale, brunches, recreational and artistic activities, a magic show, movies, Saluki tailgating and football.

The theme is "Home Sweet SIU" and much is new for 2016.

For the first time this year, families will be able to preregister online, allowing them to order t-shirts and purchase tickets for the football game at a greatly discounted price.

Game tickets, normally \$17 to \$20 each, will be available online in advance only through the Family Weekend website for \$10 each.

Families can check in (even if they haven't registered in advance) and pick up pre-ordered tickets from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 16 or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 17 at Saluki Stadium.

Outside the stadium on Friday night there will be family night food trucks, beginning at 5 p.m., with one-quarter of the food sales proceeds going toward a scholarship for spouses of active duty military personnel.

A free outdoor showing of the family movie "Finding Dory" is planned in Saluki Stadium at 7:30 p.m. or the next day at 2 p.m. in the SIU Student Center auditorium.

Plans for the morning of Saturday, Sept. 17, include

tram tours of the campus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dining will be available at a free brunch featuring a burrito bar or vegetarian options from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the SIU Student Recreation Center.

Organizers strongly encourage online preregistration for the brunch on the Family Weekend website.

The big Saluki Family Tailgate kicks off at 3 p.m. on Saluki Row with a complimentary meal and Family Fun Zone activities until 5:45 p.m.

Gridiron action sees the SIU Salukis facing off against the Murray State University Racers at 6 p.m.

The complete Saluki Family Weekend schedule, additional details and online registration can be found at www.familyweekend.siu.edu.

Constitution Day presentation set

An expert on voting rights is scheduled to speak at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau on Sept. 14 in commemoration of Constitution Day.

Dr. R. Keith Gaddie, President's Associates Presidential Professor and chairperson of the Department of Political Science at the University of Oklahoma, plans to present "Voting Rights in America After Shelby County."

The event is scheduled during the Common Hour from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Glenn Auditorium of Dempster Hall and is free and open to the public.

What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper?

What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

The local newspaper is a basic institution in any community, like the post office, the schools and the churches.

The local community newspaper, whether it be a 2,000 circulation weekly or a 50,000 circulation daily, serves to keep people connected to their community, by telling them what's happening with their neighbors, as well as the institution serving the community.

The publication of obituaries, birth announcements, weddings and other significant events in our lives remind us of poet John Donne's words, "no man is an island."

Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.

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Great ShakeOut earthquake drill planned on Oct. 20

Earthquakes occur without warning and can have devastating effects, as the world witnessed after a recent deadly earthquake in Italy.

With two seismic zones in the southern part of the state and Illinois residents who travel throughout the world, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and local emergency management agencies encourage people to participate in the annual Great ShakeOut earthquake drill which is scheduled on Oct. 20 to learn how to stay safe when the earth starts to shake.

"We never know when or where the next catastrophic earthquake will occur," IEMA director James K. Joseph said in a news release.

"But we do know steps people can take to stay safe.

The Great ShakeOut earthquake drill is a quick, easy way for people to practice steps that could save their lives.

"We encourage Illinois residents to join millions of people across the U.S. and around the globe in the Great ShakeOut on Oct. 20."

Ice cream supper set at Kornthal

An ice cream supper is planned Saturday evening, Sept. 10, at historic Kornthal Church in Union County.

The church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127. Serving is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. The menu will include brats, pork steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs and desserts.

Donations of non-refrigerated dessert items are welcomed. Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

For more information, call Duane Hileman at 833-8745.

Photographer's works featured in Cobden exhibit

An exhibit featuring the award-winning fine art photography of Tom Bell of Makanda is on display through Oct. 1 at the Luna Gallery at the Yellow Moon Cafe in downtown Cobden.

Bell recently retired after more than 30 years as a college administrator at John A. Logan College in Carterville and now devotes more time to his photography.

Photographs shown in the Yellow Moon Cafe's Luna Gallery are a mix of scenes which Bell has encountered during recent travels.

The gallery is open from Wednesday through Saturday. The Yellow Moon Cafe is located at 110 N. Front St.

Joseph said the ShakeOut drill, which is scheduled to occur at 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20, centers around the Drop, Cover and Hold On actions: drop down to the ground, take cover under a table or other piece of heavy furniture and then hold on until the shaking stops.

Illinois has participated in ShakeOut drills for the past six years.

In October 2015, nearly 667,000 Illinoisans took part in the nationwide earthquake drill.

To date, nearly 328,000 people in Illinois are registered for this year's event.

Joseph noted that some of the most powerful earthquakes to ever occur in the U.S. happened a little more than 200 years ago in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which reaches into Southern

Illinois, including the Union County area. That series of earthquakes lasted for several months and shaking was felt as far away as the East Coast.

Schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others can register to participate in the drill at www.shakeout.org/central-us.

Registered participants will receive additional information about the drill and earthquake preparedness.

While the international drill will take place on Oct. 20, individual drills can be conducted anytime within two weeks of that date.

Additional information about the earthquake risk in Illinois and steps to take before, during and after an earthquake is available at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Trail of Tears focus of meeting in Vienna

The Illinois Chapter Trail of Tears Association plans to host an informal meeting Sunday, Sept. 11, in Vienna.

The gathering is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at shelter number 2 at the city park in Vienna.

Organizers said the event will be an opportunity to meet others interested in the Trail of Tears and to meet members of the board of directors of the Illinois chapter.

The Cherokee were forced from the Eastern United States to resettlement in Oklahoma, which was known as the Indian Territory at that time.

Large groups of these Native Americans travelled

across Southern Illinois in 1838-1839. The counties they traversed were Pope, Johnson and Union.

Members of the board of directors and other chapter members will be available to answer questions and to provide information about the Trail of Tears.

Literature and displays will be available. Refreshments will also be available.

The public is encouraged to attend and to learn more about this tragic event in American history.

The Vienna City Park is on Illinois State Route 146 about a half mile west of Interstate 24. For more information, call 618-771-6877.

Union County Hiking Club 'reunion' planned at library

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to host a "reunion" of the Union County Hiking Club.

The special event is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in the downstairs auditorium at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The "reunion" will be part of the Friends' group's Sunday Afternoon at the Library series.

The Union County Hiking Club was organized in March 1998.

The hiking enthusiasts not only hiked together, but also held informational meetings featuring programs about trail maintenance, map reading, in-the-woods orienteering, hiking stick carving, as well as long distance hiking experiences on the Appalachian Trail and in the Grand Canyon.

Some of the local hikes included trails at the Trail

of Tears State Forest, CCC Heritage Trail, trails at Cedar Lake, Jackson Hollow, Heron Pond, Garden of the Gods, Little Grand Canyon, Atwood Ridge and Cedar Bluff.

The club also hosted an annual hike on the Saturday before Easter along the Godwin Trail from Inspiration Point in the Pine Hills to the Bald Knob Cross plus a late summer evening moonlight hike on the Tunnel Hill Rail-to-Trail.

The Union County Hiking Club was active until 2003.

Persons who are interested in hiking local trails are invited to the Sunday Afternoon at the Library "Hiking Club Reunion," where club members will reminisce about hikes taken during that five year time period. Maps and hiking information will be available.



Power Wheels derby

Kids in two different age groups, 3-5 and 6-10, participated in a Power Wheels derby at the recent Union County Fair in Anna. The event was held Saturday, Aug. 27. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

2017 solar eclipse focus of workshops

A 2017 event billed as The Great American Eclipse will be the focus of two upcoming informational planning workshops which are scheduled in Southern Illinois.

The Great American Eclipse will occur on Aug. 21, 2017. The Southernmost Illinois area is predicted to have the longest duration of totality, meaning the longest viewing time, for the total solar eclipse which will happen on that date.

The first workshop is planned from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in room G210 at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

The second workshop is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 29 in the River Room at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

Four sessions are planned at each workshop.

Session topics are scheduled to include:

- A general overview of the eclipse itself, education, business and tourism perspectives.

- Public safety, emergency, traffic and liability.

- Business opportunities, the need for additional operating hours, ideas for new business or expansion of existing businesses, liability insurance.

- An overview of tourism related websites including regional grant, various tourism planning committees, lodging, attractions, events, marketing and packaging.

The public is invited to come and go to both events. Organizers encourage attendance for any and all of the sessions.

For more information about the workshops, contact Candy Eastwood at

Shawnee Community College's Center for Community and Economic Development at 618-634-3231 or candye@shawneecc.edu.

Garden club sets field trip

The Anna-Jo Garden Club is planning a field trip to Longshadow, located at 83 Longshadow Lane near Pomona, on Sept. 13. The field trip is in place of the club's monthly meeting.

Members will meet at Anna-Jo Garden Club Park's parking lot in Anna to travel to Hedman's restaurant in Alto Pass for lunch prior to the trip. The tour will start at 1 p.m. at Longshadow.

For those not planning to come for lunch who don't know the way to Longshadow, they can meet at Hedman's around 12:30 p.m. to travel with the group.

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White Out for MDA



Support the A-J football team and MDA, by coming out to watch the A-J Wildcats take on the Nashville Hornets at home on September 16, 2016 at 7:00.

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SPORTS

A-J rushes for 288 yards in win over Murphysboro

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's offense struggled in its season opening game in a win over West Frankfort.

But the Wildcat offense came to life in a 22-15 win over host Murphysboro Friday night, Sept. 2.

"We played with a little more intensity," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "We wanted to be able to run the football and the kids did that. Our offense came up to the challenge to make us a more complete team."

With the win, the Wildcats improved to 2-0. The Red Devils fell to 0-2.

A-J's offense, which was held to 54 yards rushing in the game against West Frankfort, posted 288

yards on the ground in the win against Murphysboro.

Jayce Turner led the way with 125 yards in 16 carries. Dylan Fox had 29 yards on 4 carries. Jackson Boyd had 24 yards on 9 carries and Trenton Turner added 23 yards on 5 carries.

"Jayce had a great night," Detering said. The A-J coach noted that Wildcat quarterback Bryce Osman "did a better job of reading the option on offense, too."

Osman picked up 64 yards rushing in 11 carries and was 1 of 5 passing for 23 yards with no interceptions. Dylan Fox had the lone reception for A-J.

Other parts of the Wildcats game stood out, as well.

"Our defense played well both weeks," Detering said. "We put a lot of pressure on the quarterback" against Murphysboro.

The Red Devils did have some speed in the backfield behind running backs Cole McNitt, who had 84 yards rushing and Connor Graeff, who added 81 rushing yards.

Detering was also pleased with the play of the special teams in the win.

The Red Devils appeared to be on a mission to open the game as they marched down field. Fullback Brandon Caldwell capped a long drive with a touchdown, but it was called back on a Murphysboro holding penalty.

A couple of plays later, the Wildcats took over and marched down field, but failed to score deep in Red Devil territory. A-J had moved to the 15-yard line and had an incomplete pass on a fourth down.

On their next possession, the Red Devils were forced to punt and the Wildcats offense took over and started clicking.

Fox capped an 8-play drive with a 14-yard TD run.

A pass was incomplete for the conversion points and A-J led 6-0 with 7:09 remaining in the second quarter.

The Red Devils then drove to the Wildcats' 18-yard line when Caldwell fumbled and Jayce Turner recovered.

The Wildcats then marched downfield and attempted a pass to Arieh Hart in the end zone that was knocked away by the Red Devil defenders to end the first half.

To open the second half, Hart returned the kick off 51 yards to move A-J to the Red Devils' 25-yard line.

Two plays later, Jayce Turner scored on a 20-yard run.

Fox ran in the two-point conversion and A-J led 14-0 with only 55 seconds into the third quarter.

"It was a good momentum boost," Detering said.

The Red Devils then launched their most impressive drive of the game and McNitt capped a 6-play drive by scoring on a 1-yard run. Max Hoem scored on the conversion points run and Murphysboro pulled to 14-7 with 8:05 remaining in the third quarter.

The teams did not score again until late in the fourth quarter, when A-J launched a 56-yard three-play drive and scored on Jayce Turner's 24-yard run.

Jayce Turner added the conversion points run to boost A-J to a 22-7 advantage with 1:58 remaining in the game.

Eight plays later, Murphysboro capped a 64-yard drive with a McNitt score on a 20-yard run. Caldwell caught the conversion points pass and closed out the scoring with 15 seconds remaining.

Wildcat quarterback Osman dropped to a knee to run out the clock after a Red Devil outside kick failed and A-J took over near midfield.

"Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going and build from this and continue to get better," Detering said.

A-J scores road win at Murphysboro

Anna-Jonesboro posted a big road win against host Murphysboro in high school football action. The accompanying photographs highlight some of the action at the game. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



The Wildcats celebrate a big victory. With the win, A-J's record improved to 2-0.



Anna-Jonesboro senior Dylan Fox, number 21 in white jersey, scores the first touchdown for the Wildcats.



Anna-Jonesboro quarterback Bryce Osman, number 14, looks for a receiver during Friday night's action.



Anna-Jonesboro junior Jayce Turner, number 42, with the ball, looks for some running room. Other Wildcats in the photograph are senior Aaron Lence, number 56; senior Kris Potter, number 73; senior Shad Turner, number 75; sophomore Dylan Cunningham, number 72.



Anna-Jonesboro junior Jayce Turner heads for the end zone to score the Wildcats' second touchdown. Also in the photograph are senior Austin Dillow, number 50; and sophomore Damien Chrisp, number 27.



Anna-Jonesboro junior Jackson Boyd eludes a Murphysboro defender during Friday night's game.

Wildcats set to play at Massac County

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team travels to Massac County this Friday.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

The Patriots enter the game 1-1 after nipping Nashville 14-13 last weekend.

Quarterbacking Massac County is senior Micah Skidmore, 5-9, 160 pounds. He rushed for 66 yards in 16 carries last week and was 3 of 8 passing for 33 yards with no interceptions.

Senior Jared Lamb, 5-11, 180 pounds, led the Patriots rushing attack with 138 yards in 21 carries. Junior Zeke Crim, 6-1, 168 pounds, added 36 yards on 6 carries.

The offensive line is built around seniors Lane Pegram, 6-2, 215 pounds, Jonathon Shelton, 6-1, 255 pounds and James Dalh, 6-0, 255 pounds.

Some of the key play-

ers on defense are senior Darian Roundtree, 5-11, 170 pounds, Pegram, senior Corey Atkinson, 5-7, 185 pounds, and junior Isaiah Thompson, 6-5, 180 pounds.

John Warren is the head coach and returned to Massac County after coaching the Patriots in 2013. He replaces Ryan Lott, who was 3-6 last season.

The Patriots lost their season opener 34-17 to Du Quoin.

A-J enters the game with a 2-0 record after topping Murphysboro 22-14.

"You always hope to play your best when you are away from home," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "If we play like we're capable of, we have a chance to win. We know Massac County played Du Quoin tight in their first game and beat Nashville. It's only a nine-game schedule and you can't afford to lose even one. Hopefully, we can keep our momentum going."

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

So, the 2016 Salukis are 0-1, still looking for their first win as is first-year head coach Nick Hill.

Not much was proven, one way or another, in their opening night 38-30 loss at Florida Atlantic.

If one was truly searching, however, you might be able to come away with a couple of positives.

SIU's new quarterback, a transfer student by the name of Josh Straughan, likes to throw the ball and his stats prove he knows how to throw it.

The fifth-year player from Stillman College completed 36 of 51 passing attempts for 367 yards and a touchdown.

That tells you two things. Straughan has passing skills and the Salukis have a few guys who are capable receivers.

Freshman coach Hill also liked him. He praised him after the game by admitting that the staff put a lot of pressure on the newcomer, but that he handled it well.

That simply means we'll see a lot more of the guy before the season ends, particularly so if SIU's running game doesn't show more than it did in the opener.

We attempted to learn a little more about Straughan by clicking on "Stillman College," but struck out other than learning that the school had dropped the

football program following its 3-6 season last fall. Lack of funds. Sounds somewhat familiar.

Regardless, we're already expecting Straughan to become a leader at SIU if only for one season.

Unless Hill is mistaken, and we don't believe that's possible when the subject is passing a football, the new kid is going to be assigned a major portion of SIU's offense this season.

It's impossible to tell a great deal after one game. How good was Florida Atlantic. We're not absolutely certain that just because it's a member of a higher football classification than the Salukis that an 8-point loss should be celebrated.

However, should the Salukis handle Southeast Missouri State this week with ease, our hopes are going to rise.

And, SEMO hasn't proven anything yet this season either, but the Cape Girardeau school has normally cranked out decent teams and the outcome of the game will tell us far more about what to expect this season than SIU's opener in Florida.

Meanwhile, we were pleased to learn this past week that SIU is planning to observe, in some fashion or another, the fact that the upcoming basketball season will be the 50th since Walt Frazier and friends won the NIT in 1967. Good move, Tommy Bell.

SPORTS

Union County Sports Action

The fall sports season is in full swing at Union County schools. Several Union County school's athletic teams were in action during the past week.



Jonesboro School's junior high baseball team faced Vienna on Monday, Aug. 29. Landon Trammel pitched in the game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Jonesboro School's junior high softball team faced Vienna on Monday, Aug. 29. Jenna Sadler pitched in the game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



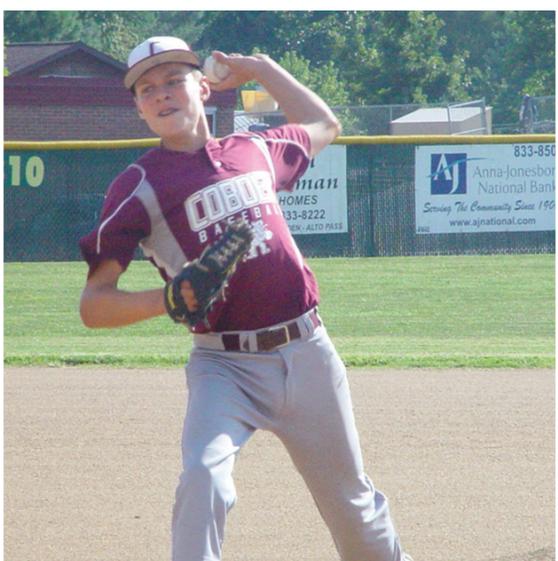
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Connor Hadley, a senior, participated in the AJ golf match on Thursday, Aug. 25. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Aiden Frick, a senior, participated in the AJ golf match on Thursday, Aug. 25. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Shawnee Junior High School softball team faced Meridian Junior High on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Shawnee's Autumn Derossett posted a hit during the game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Cobden Junior High School baseball pitcher Noah Franklin made quick work in the first inning against the Shawnee Junior High team on Friday, Sept. 2. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble planned

The sixth annual Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble is set for Sept. 17 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The event is in honor of Tom Sherrill, who served as a school board member for 24 years at the Jonesboro Grade School. Tom passed away on July 27, 2011.

The scramble aims to raise \$17,250, which would make a total of \$100,000 raised during the existence of the foundation.

The Lick Creek Educa-

A-J girls' golf team in action

Meghan Smith shot 47 to lead the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team in a match at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Tuesday, Aug. 30.

The Lady Wildcats finished with a score of 196. There were no team winners because Goreville, Vienna and Cobden didn't have enough players for a team score.

Chelsea Reinier was next for the Lady Wildcats with a score of 48, followed by Hailley Abernathy with 50, Tanner Stadelbacher 51, Chloe Gamber 52, Emma Ray 57, Connor Hadley and Tobie Treece 58 apiece.

Cobden's Molly Ellis finished with 47.

A-J boys' golf wins match

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team won a three-team match at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, Sept. 1.

The Wildcats won with a score of 182. Goreville finished second with 189 and Eldorado third with 197.

A-J's Levi Hill was the medalist with a score of 40.

Aiden Frick was next with 44, followed by Cole Lannom 48, Carson Reynolds 50, Andrew Ury 53, Peter Houser 60 and Nolan Knupp 64.

A-J lost, 184-189, to Chester at home Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Hall shot 43 to lead the Wildcats. Reynolds was next with 47, followed by Ury 49, Houser 50, Lannom 53 and Knupp 54.

Shawnee teams post victories

Shawnee high school baseball and junior high school softball teams were in action last week.

Baseball

The Shawnee Redskins scored a 7-6 victory over Century in high school baseball action on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Dawson Johnson pitched six innings. Casey Baltzell pitched one inning and got the win.

Trace Faire was 3 for 4 with 3 RBI's. Shannon Crane was 3 for 4.

Koby McLane, Ryan Schaefer and Dawson Johnson was 1 for 4.

Softball

The Lady Braves defeated Meridian at home 26-6 in junior high softball action.

The Braves traveled to Meridian and won 21-1.

Men's golf scramble results

A men's golf scramble was played Aug. 31 at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Results from the scramble follow:

First: Matt Lang, Craig Partridge, Dan Smith.

Second: Tom Bailey, Jim Honey, Lonnie Rogers, Bronson Shadowsens.

Third: Eric Hoffman, Dale Pender, George Warren, Rob Wright.

tional Foundation is grateful for the support given from the community. "It reinforces what can be done through a cooperative effort when communities in the Union County area work together," Coach Ron Fulenwider said in announcing the event.

As state funds are in decline, the money generated over the past six years have helped maintain or improve area educational efforts.

The proceeds from the golf scramble have been used for educational improvements, including teacher workshops and training, classroom grants, technology, academic enrichment, capital assets and equipment, library books, teaching aids, special materials and educational field trips.

The scramble will include a live auction by Alex Belcher, a silent auction and dozens of items for the raffle.

Two Olympic athletes are scheduled to be in attendance.

Willie Smith, former All-American track star from Auburn University and three-time Olympian and 1984 gold medalist, and Cameron Wright, former all-American high jumper from Southern Illinois University and 1996 Olympic high jumper.

Lick Creek Foundation plans car wash

The Lick Creek Foundation plans to have a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Save-a-Lot parking lot in Jonesboro.

Last year's car wash raised over \$1,000 to add to the Tom Sherrill Memorial Golf Scramble.

"Big D's" team of cooks will provide food, including pork steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Former Cobden, SIU standout new softball coach at John A. Logan

By Steve O'Keefe
College Relations
John A. Logan College
CARTERVILLE — Fortunately for John A. Logan College, Taylor Orsburn's heart and fiancé were both in Southern Illinois.

The former Cobden High School and Southern Illinois University Carbon-dale standout is returning to Southern Illinois to take over the John A. Logan College softball team after stops at Belmont University and the University of Northern Colorado.

Orsburn's life has been a whirlwind since getting hired at a special board meeting on Aug. 11.

"I got the call on a Thursday night and I literally loaded up everything and drove straight through from Colorado arriving home on Saturday and then started work at JALC on Tuesday," said Orsburn.

"This opportunity to come home means everything to me. My family, my fiancé are here and I am so appreciative of the opportunity that I have to continue to build on the great tradition of Volunteer softball."

For Orsburn, building that foundation starts with local players.

After a stellar career at Cobden, the Alto Pass native played four years at SIU, where she had a record setting career.

Her 137 RBIs rank second in school history and ninth in MVC history.

She currently ranks seventh in hits (197), fifth in doubles (39), and eighth in home runs (21).

Her 49 RBIs in the 2011 season rank third all-time and is the most by a freshman in school history.

As a senior, she split her time between first base and the pitchers circle leading the MVC in ERA.

For Orsburn, it was the opportunity to play in front

of family and friends as a player that inspires her today as a coach.

"I grew up on the softball diamonds of Southern Illinois and after having had the opportunity that I had to play close to home, I know what it means to these girls and their families," said Orsburn.

Orsburn hopes to build on last year's 30-20 overall record at John A. Logan.

"We are going to be a team that gives one hundred percent on and off the ball field and that is passionate about more than just softball," said Orsburn.

"When you give all you have to your community and in the classroom that will translate on the playing field, and that is the type of team we are going to be."

John A. Logan College president Dr. Ron House is pleased to have Orsburn back in Southern Illinois.

"We are excited to have Taylor come back to Southern Illinois. She had a great career and now after coaching out of state, she has come home," said House.

"We are very pleased to have her and she will certainly be an asset to the staff and the athletic department."

The Lady Vols were scheduled to start their fall exhibition season Sept. 2-3 at the JALC Classic in Herrin.

(Editor's note: this story was posted on the John A. Logan College website.)

Cobden wins volleyball match

Meredith Flamm had 11 kills to lead the Cobden High School volleyball team to a 28-8 and 25-15 win over visiting Carrier Mills Friday, Sept. 2.

Alaina Hartline added 8 kills and 4 blocks and Grace Schroeder added 19 assists.

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15-076992

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA PLAINTIFF, -vs- AARON J. ADEN; DEFENDANTS 15 CH 23

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 11, 2016; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on September 28, 2016 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:
Commonly known as 2885 Cypress Road, Dongola, IL 62926
Permanent Index No.: 03-16-01-619
Improvements: SINGLE

FAMILY

Residential
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$133,816.52. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
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Bannockburn, IL 60015
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff,

v. JERRY G. RAGSDALE, CHERYL RAGSDALE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. No. 15 CH 31

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Jason McCormick at Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., 500 Alcoa Trail, Maryville, TN 37804, 1-865-380-3000 ext. 7180.

(B) The real estate is commonly known and numbered as 1200 Bethel Church Rd., Cobden, Illinois 62920.

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:
PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID EAST HALF; THENCE NORTH

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(D) The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m., on September 21, 2016, in the main lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 309 E Market St #147, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

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HELP WANTED:

Lick Creek CCSD #16 is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

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- Sparklers Dance Coach
- Bus Driver

If you are interested, please send your application to Lick Creek School, c/o Brent Boren, 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912. Applications can be obtained from our office or online at www.lickcreek-school.com. Applications are due by September 14, 2016.

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YARD SALE

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BIG 3 FAMILY YARD SALE: Saturday, September 10. 700 McKinley Street, Anna. Plus-size, teen & kids clothing. Way too much to list. 8 a.m. to ???

CARBONDALE. BOOK SALE, Morris Library, SIUC. Friday, September 9, early buying 4-8 p.m. \$5.00 admission. Saturday, September 10, free admission. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 4,000 books, CD's, LP's, hardbacks, \$1.00. (618)-453-2522.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 55 Haley Road, Anna, 2 miles north of Anna on New 51. Rain or shine. Joyce Lutz.

RESALE STORE: Open Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11. Big man's clothing sizes 5X and up, scrubs, uniforms, clothing. Antiques, collectible stuff and more. Apple sale. Elco Road, Ullin.

YARD SALE: 711 N. Main, Anna. Saturday, September 10, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

YARD SALE: Saturday, September 10, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5361 State Route 3 North, Wolf Lake, IL. Just outside of town on Route 3 North. Clothing, kids toys, misc. Rain or shine.

YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 9 & 10, 7 a.m. to noon. 1420 Dogwalk Road, Anna. Rain or shine.

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NOTICE

CARWASH: Living Hope Fellowship Christian School, at the junction of Hwy. 37 & 169 (Karnak Y). Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 15th day of August, 2016, under the Assumed Name of J's Fun & Fitness Training with the place of business located at 940 Water Valley Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Jenny Wernsing
 940 Water Valley Road
 Cobden, IL 62920

Terry Bartruff
 Union County Clerk
 36-38gc

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 19th day of August, 2016, under the Assumed Name of Silliman Construction with the place of business located at 60 Bittle Street, Alto Pass, Illinois 62905 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Ad-

dress of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Shawn Silliman
 60 Bittle Street
 Alto Pass, IL 62905

Terry Bartruff
 Union County Clerk
 36-38gc

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

In the Matter of the Estate of JUDITH MARIE DUBOIS, Deceased No. 2016-P-33

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Judith Marie Dubois of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 17, 2016, to John Hughey, 102 DLK Drive, Anna, IL 62906, whose attorney is Mark S. Johnson, Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 309 Division Street, P.O. Box 826, Cairo, IL 62914.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, P.O. Box 450, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, by February 25, 2017, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of a personal claim notice, whichever is later, and any claim date filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

LORRAINE MORELAND
 Union County Circuit Clerk
 36-38g

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff,

v. JERRY G. RAGSDALE, CHERYL RAGSDALE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. No. 15 CH 31

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Jason McCormick at Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., 500 Alcoa Trail, Maryville, TN 37804, 1-865-380-3000 ext. 7180.

(B) The real estate is commonly known and numbered as 1200 Bethel Church Rd., Cobden, Illinois 62920.

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID EAST HALF; THENCE NORTH 0°18'00" EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID EAST HALF A DISTANCE OF 1242.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0°18'00" EAST ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 145.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85°09'35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 292.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°17'35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 165.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°09'51" WEST

A DISTANCE OF 291.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SUBJECT TO THE PUBLICS RIGHT OF USE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ROAD ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT. PER SURVEY OF CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NUMBER 2316, DATED AUGUST 12, 2010, AND FILED IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER OFFICE IN BOOK 333, PAGE 733. SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL, COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS PIN: 04-26-02-523-F

(D) The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m., on September 21, 2016, in the main lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 309 E Market St #147, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

(E) The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof.

(F) Title will be conveyed without warranties, subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable; special assessments, if any; other exceptions, if any, set forth in the title insurance company and easements and restrictions of record.

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

(H) Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507.1, entitled "Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund," upon and at the sale of residential real estate under Section 15-1507, the purchaser shall pay to the person conducting the sale pursuant to Section 15-1507 a fee for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, a special fund created in the State treasury. The fee shall be calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, as reflected in the receipt of sale issued to the purchaser, provided that in no event shall the fee exceed \$300.00. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. Upon confirmation of the sale under Section 15-1508, the person conducting the sale shall remit the fee to the clerk of the court in which the foreclosure case is pending. The clerk shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer as provided in this Section, to be expended for the purposes set forth in Section 7.31 of the Illinois Housing Development Act

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,

By:
 Michael K. Daming, IL Bar #6281714
 Evelyn I. Sims, IL Bar #6321883
 WASINGER DAMING, LC.
 Magna Place, Suite 875
 1401 S. Brentwood Blvd.
 St. Louis, Missouri 63144
 (314) 961-0400
 (314) 961-2726 (Fax)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 36-38g

BID NOTICE

SISCO is taking sealed bids for repairs to the parking lot located at 3010 Sycamore, Cairo, IL 62914. Repairs are to be completed within 90 days of notification of bid award. Repairs to include removal of old asphalt and replaced with new in areas in need and entire parking lot sealed. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 4:00 PM Sep-

tember 23rd, 2016, at 330 Enterprise Lane Suite 110, Mounds IL 62964. The bids must be sealed and marked sealed bid. The above location can be inspected by contacting Tabatha at 618-745-6307. SISCO reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SISCO is an equal opportunity lender and provider.
 37-38gp

15-076992 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA PLAINTIFF, -vs- AARON J. ADEN; DEFENDANTS 15 CH 23

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on May 11, 2016; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on September 28, 2016 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

FOUR (4) ACRES IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SECTION LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 16 AND 21, 6 RODS EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE EAST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 32 RODS; THENCE DUE NORTH 20 RODS; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH SAID SECTION LINE 32 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 20 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2885 Cypress Road, Dongola, IL 62926

Permanent Index No.: 03-16-01-619

Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$133,816.52. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:
 Sale Clerk
 Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
 Bannockburn, IL 60015

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 21st day of August, 2016, under the Assumed Name of Aqua Force Power Washing with the place of business located at 1170 Dogwalk Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Cameron Williams
 Victoria Williams
 1170 Dogwalk Road
 Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff
 Union County Clerk
 37-39gc

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: CHASIDY F. RICHARDSON, A Minor. NO. 2016-JA-18

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/3-18

GAGE A. QUICK, JAMIE L. SMITH, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on August 22, 2016, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Heather Heaslett, Assistant State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of CHASIDY F. RICHARDSON, a minor," and that in Judge Charles Cavaness' courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 2016, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a youth in care under that Act. The court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, (and if the petition prays for the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption) and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption of the minor.

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

Lorraine Moreland
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: August 31, 2016
 38-40g

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of CCSD #43, in the County of Union, State of Illinois, that tentative budget for said School District

for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, has been on file and conveniently available for public inspection at Jonesboro Elementary School District Office, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, from and after 8 a.m. on the 29th day of August, 2016.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:15 p.m., on the 29th day of September 2016, at the Board of Education meeting room, 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois, in this School District #43. Dated this 29th day of August, 2016. School Board of School District #43, in the County of Union, State of Illinois.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clear Creek Levee & Drainage District Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:30 a.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.
 38gp

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Preston Levee & Drainage District Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 7 a.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.
 38gp

16-078574 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF, -vs-

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF JOSEPH V. LILES A/K/A JOE LILES, DECEASED; JULIE E. FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. LILES A/K/A JOE LILES, DECEASED; PATRICK J. PATTERSON; CITY OF ANNA, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS 16 CH 9

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees of Joseph V. Liles a/k/a Joe Liles, deceased and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants. Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHERE THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST CROSSES THE NORTH LINE OF THE VIENNA ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89° WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE VIENNA ROAD 49 1/2 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 6 1/4° WEST 176 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 89° EAST 49 1/2 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 6 1/4° EAST 176 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 208 East Vienna Street, Anna, IL 62906
 Permanent Index No.: 05-20-03-587
 and which said Mortgage

was made by Joseph V. Liles Mortgagors, to Coldwell Banker Mortgage as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois, Document No. 3847A, Book No. 239, Page No. 511.

And for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By or-

der of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on October 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

A lender representative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification.

YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION

DATE GIVEN OR YOUR MEDIATION WILL BE TERMINATED.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is October 11, 2016. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day

and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Clerk

Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road,
Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
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TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 16-03 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2016 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2017

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Stinson Public Library District, of the County of Union, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on August 22, 2016, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Stinson Public Library District; and

WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Stinson Public Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to wit:

FOR GENERAL CORPORATE PURPOSES (75 ILCS 16/35-5):

1. For salaries Library	\$174,000.00
2. For automation	\$ 14,000.00
3. For library materials	\$ 30,000.00
4. For library supplies	\$ 10,000.00
5. For periodicals	\$ 500.00
6. For advertising and publicity	\$ 1,600.00
7. For children's programs	\$ 3,800.00
8. For adult programs	\$ 1,400.00
9. For professional fees	\$ 7,000.00
10. For travel, training and dues	\$ 500.00
11. For telephone	\$ 9,000.00
12. For utilities	\$ 5,000.00
13. For equipment	\$ 1,500.00
14. For special grant expenses	\$ 10,000.00
15. For miscellaneous expenses	\$ 2,500.00
16. For contingencies	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 275,300.00

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES (40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1):

1. Social Security and Medicare Taxes	\$ 11,785.00
2. Contingency	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,985.00

FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171):

1. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 10,800.00
2. Contingency	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,000.00

FOR AUDIT PURPOSES (75 ILCS 16/30-45 AND 50 ILCS 310/9):

1. Contractual Services-Audit	\$ 900.00
2. Contingency	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, (745 ILCS 10/9-107):

1. Insurance [public liability insurance and property damage (fire) insurance]	\$ 6,250.00
2. Workers' Comp. & Unemployment Ins.	\$ 1,650.00
3. Risk Management/Loss Control Program	\$ 1,000.00
4. Consultant Services and Employee Wages (Admin. & Oper. Costs)	\$ 2,500.00
5. Legal Fees	\$ 100.00
6. Contingency	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,000.00

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND (75 ILCS 16/35-5):

1. Building Maintenance Costs:	
a. General maintenance	\$ 5,150.00

b. maintenance salaries	\$ 6,000.00
c. contractual maintenance	\$ 900.00
d. maintenance supplies	\$ 1,200.00
e. utilities	\$ 8,900.00
f. rents	\$ 3,850.00
2. Contingency	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 28,000.00

FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND (75 ILCS 16/40-50):

1. Robert Burns Stinson Memorial Fund	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 50,000.00

FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND (75 ILCS 16/35-35):

1. Working Cash Fund	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 60,000.00

Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:

Projected cash on hand July 1, 2016	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous gifts and donations	\$ 5,000.00
From the Robert Burns Stinson Fund	\$ 50,000.00
From the Working Cash Fund	\$ 60,000.00
From Self-Insurance Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Income of interest	\$ 2,900.00
Special purpose grants - per capita	\$ 17,500.00
Special grants	\$ 8,000.00
Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous	\$ 4,000.00
Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$ 3,400.00
Tax for General Corporate Library purposes	\$ 234,500.00
Tax for Social Security purposes	\$ 11,985.00
Tax for Ill. Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 11,000.00
Tax for Audit purposes	\$ 1,000.00
Tax for Liability and Insurance	\$ 7,000.00
Tax for Maintenance purposes	\$ 28,000.00
Expected cash on hand June 30, 2017	\$ 0.00

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Stinson Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of Stinson Public Library District and approved by the President, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
STINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

By: Don Burnett
Its President

ATTEST:
Carla Anderson
Secretary

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CERTIFICATE

I, Carla Anderson, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting Secretary of the Stinson Public Library District in the County of Union and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 16-03 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 22nd day of August, 2016; that said Ordinance was duly passed by ye and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted ye on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

I further certify that said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate of revenues, by sources, anticipated to be received by the Stinson Public Library District in the fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Stinson Public Library District, at Anna, Illinois, this 22nd day of August, 2016.

Carla Anderson
Secretary,
Stinson Public Library District

Illinois Supreme Court adopts rules regarding cannabis possession

The Illinois Supreme Court has adopted six new rules to establish a regulatory framework for a new state law that decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

Supreme Court Rules 585, 586, 587, 588, 589 and 590 were created in response to legislation the Illinois General Assembly approved this past spring and Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law in August. Public Act 99-697 took effect July 29, and the new Supreme Court Rules took effect September 1.

Under the new law, possession of up to 10 grams of cannabis or drug paraphernalia seized during the offense is characterized as a "civil law violation" and is punishable by a fine of between \$100 and \$200.

Previously, possession of up to 10 grams of cannabis was a Class B misdemeanor that was punishable by up to six months in jail and fines up to \$1,500, and possession of drug paraphernalia was a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year of imprisonment and a fine between \$750 and \$2,500.

To address the law's creation of a "civil law violation," a case type that did not exist prior to the passage of the Public Act 99-697, the Supreme Court adopted rules to establish procedures for the court system to follow when handling civil law violations.

The six new rules can be found in Part F of Article V of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules. Article V governs rules on trial court

proceedings in traffic, conservation and petty offenses, certain misdemeanors, bail schedules for many of these violations, and now civil law violations.

The language of the new rules and all of the Supreme Court rules can be found on the Court's website at <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/SupremeCourt/Rules>.

The new rules lay out the regulatory framework for civil law violations, including applicability (Rule 585); appearance date (Rule 586); notice to accused (Rule 587); fines, penalties and costs (Rule 588); uniform forms and processing (Rule 589); and the procedure if the accused fails to appear (Rule 590).

Rule 588 allows for the resolution of a civil law violation without a court appearance.

This means that persons cited for civil law violations can pay a \$120 fine, as set by Rule 586, by mail and without having to appear in court, similar to the current process for minor traffic violations.

To reflect the adoption of the new Supreme Court rules, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts has amended its Manual on Recordkeeping.

The manual, which governs recordkeeping in the circuit courts, has been amended to ensure the confidentiality of civil law violations for offenders under 18 and directs circuit court clerks to automatically expunge the records of individuals who resolve these violations.

4-H welcomes hall of famers

The Illinois 4-H Foundation annually recognizes one 4-H volunteer per county for exemplary service to the Illinois 4-H program as a hall of fame winner.

This year, 74 new members were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame,

the largest inductee class to date. The ceremony was held in Springfield.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2004 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff.

Best Years Expo planned

The Best Years Active Living Expo presented by The Chateau Girardeau is planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Isle Casino in downtown Cape Girardeau. Admission is free and open to the public.

Guests of the expo will have an opportunity to shop at participating vendors, interact with other seniors and attend sessions to learn new skills.

Free health screenings and other activities are planned.

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'Gaither Style' concert set at Anna Heights Baptist

Anna Heights Baptist Church plans to host the 10th annual Southern Gospel "Gaither Style" Concert for the Cure on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Prelude music begins at 6:15 p.m. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

The concert is free, but

News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

On Sunday, Sept. 4, Pastor Ed Falgout spoke about "Radical Stewardship," related to the 13th article of the Baptist Faith and Message, explaining that "God's double right, our every need and reason's only response."

Hannah Dover provided special music.

The Clear Creek Baptist Association men's fish fry is planned Saturday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. at the Tamms Village Park. Tickets are \$7.50 and are available at the CCBA office.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

News from Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna

On Sunday, Sept. 4, Pastor Weiser's message shared that "to be a disciple of Jesus Christ we must take up our cross and follow Him," scripture from Matthew.

A mission event is planned Sunday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. There will be a ham and bean supper, followed by putting together food items for the backpack program for Anna middle school students.

The next community awareness event is planned Monday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. The topic is Alzheimer's care. The program will be in the fellowship hall at 205 W. Jefferson in Anna. To register or for more info call 833-2475.

Shawnee 13, Egyptian 3

Dalton Mayberry was 2-for-2 with a pair of RBIs to lead Shawnee to a 13-3 win over visiting Egyptian in South Egyptian Conference high school baseball Friday, Sept. 2.

Casey Baltzell was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Shannon Crane was 2-for-5 with 3 RBIs. Koby McLane was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

Nick Baltzell, the winning pitcher, pitched 5 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 8 strikeouts.

Trace Faire pitched an inning and walked a pair and struck out 2.

Co-op soccer team scores win over Herrin

Jaryt Tripp scored four goals to lead the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school co-op boys' soccer team to a 4-1 win over Herrin in Anna Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Freshman Blake Penna had an assist in the game.

Penna, Jovanni Amesquita and Juan Miranda each had a shot at goal.

Jake Parr played 80 minutes in goal and had 6 saves.

A-J/Cobden/Dongola, 4-2, is scheduled to play at home Saturday against Harrisburg.

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Sept. 4, Pastor Sinks' sermon, titled "Burden Bearing" was based on scripture from Matthew.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Sept. 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The free meal will include ham and beans, slaw, cornbread, and dessert with coffee, tea or lemonade.

A clothing giveaway also is planned during this time.



Game day breakfast served

Members of the First Baptist Church of Anna prepared breakfast for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's players, cheerleaders and coaches on Friday, Sept. 2. The A-J Wildcats played the Murphysboro Red Devils Friday night. In the first row are, from left, Peggy Bittle, Pinky Cates, Mickey Cunningham, Janet Brooks, Joanne Dale and Ruby Brimm. In the second row are Lylah Williams, Paula Cochran, Roger Plott, Dale Brooks and Larry Vaughn. Photo by Amber Skelton.

REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

The Gazette-Democrat plans to publish a 2016 special section, A Salute To Our Veterans, on Thursday, November 10th.

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

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

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

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

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



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Area Veterans To Be Honored

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

To be included all you have to do is:

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

Current information on veteran or person submitting form

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Additional notes and comments: _____

Please bring or send this form with photo to:
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Obituaries

Jimmie Dale Smith

Jimmie Dale Smith, 85, of Anna, died at 5:02 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on May 8, 1931, in Carbondale, the son of Leo Everett and Hattie Frances Bryant Smith.

He is survived by his two sons, Elliott Blayne (Leta Rich) Smith of Cobden and David Scott (Carla Bell) Smith of Rochester; seven grandchildren, Amanda

(Brad) Sheridan of Anna, Kallie Smith of St. Louis, Meredith (Harold) Frey of Cobden, Sarah (Tim) Luczkiw of Athens, Ohio, Laura (Luke) Fleisher of Carterville, Ethan Smith of Henderson, Tenn., and Jonathan Smith of Rochester; seven great-grandchildren and three on the way; three sisters, Ellen (Tom) Coffman of Anna, Ruth Imogene "Jean" Forrest of Granite City and Peggy Sue (Bill) Hickman of Forsyth; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son, Charles Matthew Smith; and one sister, Nancy Ann Walker.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, receiving a Purple Heart for his combat injury. Early in his career he worked for Bunny Bread and Union County Hospital in security; he later worked for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith were at noon Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass, with R.W. McAlister officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honors team of Marion.

Memorials can be made to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association or to the donor's choice.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass was in charge of arrangements.



Gerald Eugene 'Eagle' Cain

Gerald Eugene "Eagle" Cain, 90, of Anna, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016, at 2:07 p.m. at his home.

He was born on Nov. 6, 1925, in Effingham, the son of William Alva and Gladys Hummel Cain.

He married Evelyn Smith on Sept. 7, 1947, near Jonesboro. She preceded him in death on Aug. 21, 2006.

He is survived by his son, Collin Cain of Ware; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Kenton Earnhart of Dongola; four grandchildren, John (Stacy) Earnhart, Justin (Lori) Earnhart, Abraham Cain and Starla Cain; four great-grandchildren, Nicole, Alyssa and Lauren Earnhart and Abrinna Cain; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; special caregivers; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn Cain; one son, Hugh Cain; one daughter, Crystal Cain; one brother, Earl Cain; and four sisters, Helen, Thelma, Catherine and Mary.

He had a great love for God, his church and his family. He was a member, deacon and Sunday School teacher at Beech Grove Baptist Church for many years. He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

He was an avid hunter, a member of Ducks Unlimited, and the founder and owner of Grassy Lake Hunting Club, where he spent decades guiding, hunting and enjoying the many friendships that he built over the years. He especially loved hunting with the Wounded Warriors and country singer John Anderson and many others who hunted at Grassy Lake.

He also had a lifelong love of horses and horseback riding. He was a member of the Union County Saddle Club and always looked forward to the annual Nine Day Trail Ride.

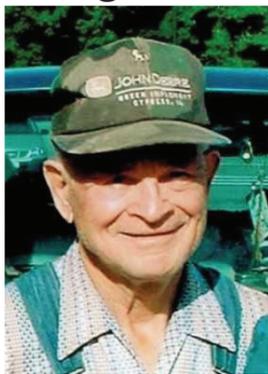
He was an avid SIU Salukis basketball fan and regularly attended their games for many years. His generosity spread over many local organizations, including being the first executive level investor in the Union County CEO Program (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) for local high school students.

Funeral services for Mr. Cain were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Gerrell Ray Cain and Pastor Tony Foeller officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Carmi Baptist Children's Home.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Jackie Hale

Jackie Hale, 75, of Cobden, died at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Sept 3, 2016, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1940, in Union County, the daughter of Jack G. and Ruby Brasel Yates.

She married Larry D. Hale on Jan. 16, 1960. Together they shared 56 years of marriage.

She is survived by her husband, Larry D. Hale of Cobden; two daughters, Rebecca Marlynn Hale (Roger Barringer) and Roxanna Darlynn Myers and fiancé (Eric Sullens), all of Cobden; one son, Larry Dean II (Dia) Hale of Carbondale; grandchildren Zack (Brooke) Hale, Nicole (Jason) Jackson, Shayne Hale, Gabriel Hale, Willow Hale, Ethan (Kristina) Myers, Dalton Myers (Kimberly Mixon), Dustin (Cheyenne) Knop, DaCota Knop (Cody Kosydor), Garrett Barringer, Ashely Barringer, Brenley Barringer and Eli Barringer; great-grandchildren Kylie Hale, Korbin Hale, Avery Myers, Rhyker Knop, Westin Kosydor, Briden Jackson and Baylor Jackson; two brothers, Jack G. Jr. (Marsha) Yates and Charles F. (Gayle) Yates, all of Cobden; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church for many years and the Eastern Star.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hale were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Josh Franklin officiating. Interment was in the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

Memorials can be made to Celtic Hospice or to the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Betty Goins Schultz

Betty Goins Schultz, 88, of Anna, died Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, at 3:45 p.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on March 17, 1928, in Illinois, the daughter of Theodore and Hazel Goins.

She was a longtime member of the United Pentecostal Church of Dongola. She had a strong faith and a deep love for the Lord. She loved her family. They were her pride and joy. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed socializing with her friends and family.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Charlotte) Schultz, Danny (Karen) Schultz and Charles "Skipper" (Lellia) Schultz; her daughters, Sharon Goins and Karen (Bradley) Toler; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brothers Ted Goins, Bob (Flo) Goins, Glen (Jane) Goins and Eddie (Donna) Goins; sisters Joyce Cameron, Lucille (Timmy) Temke and Wilma (Jack) Roach; nieces, nephews and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Louise McRaven; a grandson, Keith McRaven; a brother, Gary Goins; and sisters Wanda Carson and Cynthia White.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at the United Pentecostal Church in Dongola, with the Rev. Robert Goins officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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

Crain Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.



Virginia Imogene Glasco

Virginia Imogene Johnson Glasco of Anna, died on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016, at 1:44 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on March 1, 1929, the daughter of Logan and Etta Duty Johnson in West Frankfort, the eldest of their six children.

On July 1, 1951, she married Charles (Charlie) Raymond Glasco and they were married for 38 years.

As a life-long homemaker, she often boasted, "I never worked outside the home but I raised two kids!" Those two "kids" she raised are Judith (Judie) Ann (Glasco) Barnhart (Larry) of Anna and Charles (Chuck) Eugene Glasco (Kathie) of Rockford.

She had four grandchildren, Micheal Logan (Wendy) Barnhart of Paris, Tenn., Amy Michelle (Barnhart) Miller (David) of Dubuque, Iowa and Jessica Jane Glasco and James (Jimmy) Benjamin Glasco, both of Rockford.

Michael and Wendy honored her with great-grandchildren Kara Grace, Noah Michael and Logan Marie Barnhart; with Amy and David sharing great-grandchild Lalah Belle Miller.

Siblings include Logan (Doris) Johnson of Peoria, Dora Johnson of Anna, David (Pat) Johnson of Jackson, Mo., and Dorris (Joyce) Johnson of Anna. Numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews are located across the country.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Charles Raymond; parents Logan and Etta Johnson; and a sibling Francis (deceased shortly after birth).

Each family member was very important and was lifted in prayer continuously by Virginia. As a member of the Anna First Church of the Nazarene for over 70 years, she attended faithfully each service, kept away only by illness and was an active, giving, praying and well known member of this body of Christ.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, she was proudly escorted to "her church" by both of her children, Judie and Chuck, where she joyously gave her monthly tithe, commenting to them: "Now I'm paid up!"

Services to celebrate life for Mrs. Glasco were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Larry Barnhart and the Rev. Michael Barnhart officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery, next to her husband.

Memorials can be made to the Anna First Church of the Nazarene.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Thomas O. 'Tommy' Norton III

Thomas O. "Tommy" Norton III, 60, of Anna, was reunited in heaven with his mother, Peggy (Rendleman) Norton. He died at Union County Hospital in Anna at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016.

He was born on May 31, 1956, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Capt. Thomas O. and Peggy Rendleman Norton Jr.

He is survived by his father, Thomas O. (Aldeane) Norton Jr. of Jackson, Mo.; three sisters, Jana (Fritz) Norton of Paducah, Susan (Doug) Floyd of Millersville, Mo., and Becky (Keith) Foster of Perryville, Mo.; one brother Jason (Cindy) Norton of Webster Groves, Mo.; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and caretakers who loved him very much.

Graveside services for Thomas O. "Tommy" Norton III were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

He lived at the Choate Mental Health Center in Anna and called Cedar Cottage his home.

Memorials can be made to the Choate Mental Health Center (Cedar Cottage) for the benefit of his friends.

The Norton family expressed the deepest appreciation to the staff and caregivers of Choate Mental Health Center for the years of love and care they provided.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Lizzie Iona LaCroix

Lizzie Iona LaCroix, 86, of Dongola, died at 4:40 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, at Anna Rehab and Nursing.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1929, in Dongola, the daughter of Willie and Nellie Powlis Phalin.

She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed crosswords, camping and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Terry Miller of Dongola; grandsons Larry (Terra) Miller Jr. of Dongola, Nathan Miller of Washington and Chad Miller of Dongola; granddaughters Kim Miller of Carlinville, Tiffany (Larry) Gore of Jonesboro and Lisa Ezell of Brighton; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, William Ray (Marlene) Phalin of Dongola; nieces, nephews and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Smith; brothers Clifford and Joe Phalin; sons Norman, Jimmie and Larry Miller Sr.; a daughter, Karen Sheppard; and a granddaughter, Tammy Clopp.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

Funeral services will be at noon at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating. Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.



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"The Preaching Pen"
Strange Fire

Lev. 10:1-2: "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD."

This is a prime example of men who were condemned by God for worshipping God, because they did so apart from His instructions. These verses show the essential need for Bible authority for all that we do in worship of God.

The problem was in the origin of the fire. It was not authorized fire; therefore, it was "strange fire." In fact, the original Hebrew word means, "enemy; loathsome." In Leviticus, we see that God directed that on the Day of Atonement, the incense fire should be taken from the brazen altar. The fire in the altar of burnt offering was sacred because it was kindled by God Himself. Nadab and Abihu offered a fire of their own making. Maybe they thought that all fire was the same, but all fire isn't the same and there is a huge difference between the fire kindled by God and fire conjured up by man.

So, to bring fire from some other source would constitute "strange" fire. God was not pleased with the fire they used - it was loathsome, because it was not authorized. Since they were offering unauthorized worship, made so by the improper source of fire, God sent fire from Heaven and consumed them. Such was done to demonstrate the glory of God. God does not overlook unauthorized worship.

That's why faithful churches of Christ won't use an instrument of music in worship, for we are only authorized to sing (Col. 3:17; Eph. 5:19). We have no authority for any other kind of music than verbal music.

God takes the subject of authority very seriously. Notice from the Old Testament, Deut. 4:2: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

In the concluding verses of the New Testament, John writes, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

Throughout the Bible, we find references supporting the essential need to respect God's authority in matters of faith and worship. We must not come short of His commands, and we must not go beyond His commands. Any who are tempted to do either ought to remember that "strange fire"

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Mt. Moriah, Salem Lutheran churches welcome new pastor



Pastor Mark Hasty
By Amber Skelton

Lutheran churches in Anna and Jonesboro have called Pastor Mark Hasty to lead their congregations. Hasty will be pastoring Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Hasty, his wife Paula, and two of his daughters, Serena and Alyson moved to Jonesboro on Tuesday, Aug. 16. His oldest daughter Hailee is currently staying with family and will attend Emerson College next year.

Hasty began his higher education at Augustana College in South Dakota, studying music education before transferring to what is now Minnesota State University to earn a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He entered Luther Seminary in Minnesota, where he received his master of divinity degree in 1998.

The pastor has spent 18 years in the ministry. He said that he wanted to do work that impacted people.

He served as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Wisconsin for 14 years, at

two churches in Nebraska, and as an associate pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Iowa for a year, where he met his wife.

Hasty said he is happy to join the Anna-Jonesboro community. He praised the area for its beautiful scenery and all of its history. He also said that he was grateful to see "the role that faith plays in life around here."

Members of both of the congregations at Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran voted unanimously to hire Hasty as pastor.

His duties will include preparing and preaching sermons, overseeing church business and visiting sick and home-bound members, among other responsibilities.

Hasty said he hopes to guide the churches forward in involving more young people and to see the churches become more active in the Anna-Jonesboro community, aspects that he said he is grateful to see already working.

Hasty discussed the challenge of being a full-time minister who is serving two different churches, but was optimistic, saying that he enjoys presenting "the word of God in a way that affirms and challenges people."

Hasty shared that his favorite passage of scripture is 1 Corinthians 15:58, which reads: "Therefore, beloved, be steadfast and immovable, always excel-

ling in your work in the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is never in vain."

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

The gospel scripture for Sept. 4 was from Luke and called for worshipers to think about the cost of discipleship today.

Pastor Mark's sermon gave the assurance that God will strengthen those who "walk in his ways and observe his commandments."

The prayer list for healing included Mike Chase, Glenna Tripp, Mildred Kohler, Daniel Sedden, Ann Shaw, Bill Hensch, Jack Johnson, Will Eidson, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Brandon Lacy, Nancy Lyerla, Jim Mueller, Urs Becker, Todd Breiner, Maxine Williamson, Pat Martin, Mort Wright, Hope Singleton, Joe Frick, Carolyn Frick, Elizabeth Corbit, Ed Suddarth, Joe Lyerla, Randy Bridges, Joyce Crews, Max Casey, Shane Laminack, Tim Simpson and Pam Wheston.

The families of Charlene Kozora, Karol Hunter, Peggy Dunker and J.H. Wilkins were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one. Sunday School superintendent Joan Dallas announced that Sunday School is scheduled to begin on Sept. 11.

Adult Bible class continues to meet from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Choir rehearsals have resumed and are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The men's group plans to meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12.

The church council endorsement committee is accepting scholarship applications for college tuition expenses. The deadline is Sept. 15.

The Hands of Faith ladies met last week to work on quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief for victims of disasters. Volunteers are needed for this project, even if you are not a seamstress or quilter.

Plans are underway for the annual Gingerbread House Bazaar sponsored by the Hands of Faith volunteers. The event is set for Nov. 26 as a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna. This community outreach project needs volunteers to help stage and conduct the event. Contact Kay Rothschild for more information.

Regular Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m.

News from Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

Church members sang "Happy Birthday" to Raegan Cook, who is now 9.

Members also shared in Communion during the Eucharist service.

Prayers were requested for Jeannette Fear's sister Becky and for Norma and Jim Watson, whom everyone misses since they have moved. It was reported that Clay Bradish is doing well.

The Rev. Robert Fear called his message, "The Job That Didn't Get Done," with scripture from Exodus.

The message shared that "Labor Day is a reminder that God said to keep the Sabbath as a Holy day, as

it's the day of rest for everyone. Our work can wait until another day."

Last Thursday the church ladies met for lunch at Goddard's in Anna. The next ladies' lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at a location to be determined.

The next music night is planned Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All types of instruments and singing talents are welcome, or just come and listen.

The Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., Cobden, near Route 127.

Obituaries

Doris Bennett

Doris Bennett, 62, of Johnston City, and formerly of Anna, died at 12:14 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, at her home.

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

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Venita Lingle and Sue Eudy of Anna visited Sunday afternoon with their uncle, Willburn Gibbs, at River to River in Anna.

Visiting with Sue and Steve Eudy was Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro, Venita Lingle of Anna, Lois and Jim Crites of Jackson, Mo., Dolores and John Yates of Herrin and Norman Gibbs of Cobden.

Dolores and John Yates, Venita and Robert Lingle and Sue and Steve Eudy enjoyed eating at the Blue Boar Monday night.

Our sympathy to the Glasco and Johnson families on the death of Virginia Glasco of Anna.

Yvonne and Richard Graham of Anna and Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure visited Wednesday with Shirley Miller of McClure. Shirley's cousin, Betty Hudson of Tupelo, Miss., spent Wednesday night with Shirley.

Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro and Shirley Miller shopped Friday in Cape

Girardeau.

On Saturday Shirley Miller and Ermadell Elkins and Jo Ann Clutts of Anna enjoyed eating together and then attending the Squire Parsons concert at First Baptist Church in Anna.

Visiting during the Labor Day holiday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Paula Sue and Jerry Kordell, Erin and Maddy of Chicago and Judy and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro.

Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville visited Saturday with Lucille Choate at Lake of Egypt.

Saturday night Dolores and Jack Reynolds and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna ate at Triple E at Lake of Egypt.

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

News from Anna Nazarene Church

The church extends sympathy to the family of Virginia Glasco, who died Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Virginia joined the church in June of 1946, making her a faithful and dedicated member for over 70 years. Anna Nazarene will miss her deeply as a member of the congregation.

Her memorial service was held at the church Saturday, Sept. 3, with the Rev. Larry Barnhart and the Rev. Michael Barnhart officiating.

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright accompanied by Johnathon Cauble, Jason and Jessica Elkins, and Jack and Nina Shepard.

The offertory was provided by Jaida Smith.

Curly Ralls, Clayton Ramage, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Logan Wiseman were ushers.

The Sunday morning message, "Overcoming the Works of the Devil," was brought by Pastor McBride from I John.

The message shared that "there must be a difference in one who is going to be called a child of God. Our lives must be lived in the revelation of Christ and by the revelation we gain faith. Through faith we humble and submit ourselves to God. We should desire to please and serve God in everything that we do."

The service was closed with Communion being served to the congregation and prayer by Pastor McBride.

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright accompanied by Yvonne Graham, Jason and Jessica Elkins, and Jack and Nina Shepard.

Jessica and Jason Elkins provided the offertory. Robert Smith, Phil Ray,

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Barbara Sue Hubbs

Barbara Sue Hubbs, 81, of Anna, died at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on April 8, 1935, in Cypress, the daughter of Donald and Lela Hinkle Templeton.

She married George Thomas "Tom" Hubbs on May 22, 1955, in Anna.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Tom Hubbs of Anna; one son, Greg Hubbs of Anna; two granddaughters, Lyndsey (Kyle) Roach of Dongola and Emily Hubbs of Anna; one great-grandson, Clayton Thomas Hubbs of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant brother, Jerry Templeton; and a daughter-in-law, Angela Hubbs.

She was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church. She loved painting, art and music.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hubbs were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. LaRue Parr officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Johnnie L. Pleasant

Johnnie L. Pleasant, 85, of Jonesboro, died at 6:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, in the Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born in Campbell, Mo., on Dec. 20, 1930, the son of Owen Mac and Allie Opal Rannels Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, Stella Pleasant of Jonesboro; daughter Connie Salazar of Jonesboro; son Daniel (Cindy) Turner of Jonesboro; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Nadine Bowlings of Oceanside, Calif., and Sharon (Chuck) Williams of Arkansas.

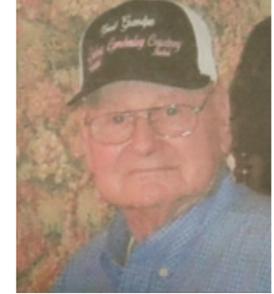
He was preceded in death by his parents; and by one son, Marty Pleasant.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a commercial truck driver for many years before his retirement.

A memorial service for Mr. Pleasant will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Alfred C. Craft

Alfred C. Craft, 81, of Jonesboro, died at 9:40 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Feb. 13, 1935, the son of Cecil and Freda Dillow Craft.

He worked as a truck driver for E.T. Simonds Construction until retirement.

He is survived by his daughters, Irene (Mike) Reynolds of Jonesboro, Ramona (Chuck) Rice of Benton, Brenda (Whitney) Turner of Ellsinore, Mo., Glenda (Tim) Glasco of Anna and Mary Ann Lence of Du Quoin; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; sisters Ellen Eads of Anna, Ada Clendenin of Wolf Lake, Martha Barlow of Anna and Sharon (Donnie) Tushhoff of Oak Ridge, Mo.; a brother, Ernest (Charlotte) Craft of New Wells, Mo.; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by one son, Alfred C. Craft Jr., on July 17, 1983.

Funeral services for Mr. Craft were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

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Skyline Drive project
Signs of a construction work can be seen along Skyline Drive near Alto Pass as the result of a major improvement project which is underway on the Union County road. The picture was taken last Saturday.

Southern Five names new executive director



New director
Tiffany George is the new executive director of Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Massac, Pulaski and Union counties and related projects. As the executive director, George will be responsible for coordinating economic development activities, representing Southern Five to government officials, assisting communities and businesses through the grant-writing process and preparing Southern Five's annual budget, among other projects. "Southern Five has been run very well by our past director," George said. "Hopefully I can continue her legacy with Southern Five and bring about some positive things to our community and continue to help our communities grow and prosper and plan for the future the best that we can," she said.

By Amber Skelton
Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission recently named Tiffany George as executive director.

Lisa Thurston retired from the position in June. George is a 2003 graduate of Franklin University in Ohio and has a master of business administration degree.

Following her undergraduate studies, George spent four years as a financial officer at Southernmost Illinois Delta Empowerment Zone, SIDEZ, where she assisted Pulaski, Alexander and Johnson counties in receiving grants and loan funds.

George began working for Southern Five in 2008, where she has worked with loan funds, the coordination of economic development in Alexander, Johnson,

The organization is authorized by the five counties it serves. It is responsible for administering grants to local communities, coordinating economic development and locating funding for the improvement of community infrastructure, assisting small businesses with funding, coordinating regional studies and more.

Southern Five is funded through contracts for professional services in the communities along with small yearly dues from the five communities and small grant-writing fees.

For more information about Southern Five or to inquire about its services, call the office in Ullin at 618-845-9000 or go online to SouthernFive.org.

'Little Shop of Horrors' coming to Anna Arts Center

The cast of "Little Shop of Horrors," the musical, looks forward to opening night on Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna, Illinois.

The stage at the arts center has been transformed into a florist shop on skid row.

The cast members are rehearsing the music and staging for this award-winning

musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, which first opened off-Broadway in 1982. It opened on Broadway in 2003. The style of music is early 1960s rock and roll with a doo wop flavor.

The set was designed by Cody Acklin of Cobden, the show's director. The main set builder is Ian Marx of Cobden. Cody and the cast have worked in building the cast too.

Other than the cast and staff, the set is not being shared at the present time. "I want this set shrouded in mystery," Acklin said in a recent production conference. "I don't want people

to see it until they walk into the theatre to see the show." Acklin also directed "Peter Pan" at the arts center in 2014, and co-directed "Snow Queen" with Dr. Lynn Steveson in 2016.

"Even though I have directed before, I am excited about 'Little Shop of Horrors,' because I have wanted to do it forever. It is one of my favorite shows," he said.

Acklin added that one fact he is willing to share about the set "shrouded in mystery" is about the buildings on the skid row set.

One of the buildings is modeled after a building in Pomona, one after a building in Makanda and the stoop unit is modeled after a building on Main Street in Anna.

The production will be staged in the performing arts center at the Anna Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m.

Tickets for this production are \$15, which may be bought on Tuesday and

Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the door, or reservations can be made by calling Lee's cell at 904-625-1109 or emailing vabchlee@gmail.com.

Tickets can be bought online at www.littleshopofhorrorsaac.brownpapertickets.com.

A season pass also is available for two shows: "Little Shop of Horrors" and "The Golconda Madstone," which is scheduled to be performed Oct. 14-16 at the Anna Arts Center.

"The Golconda Madstone" also is scheduled to be performed in Golconda on Oct. 22-23. Tickets for each performance are \$15, or a season pass is available for \$25.

"The Golconda Madstone," written by Eva Baker Watson, is a play about the extremely valuable madstone that cured hundreds of cases of snake, spider and rabid animal bites.

The play will feature the people in Southern Illinois who were cured of their potentially lethal wounds.

Arts council seeks volunteers for work morning

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council invites volunteers to be a part of a work morning, which is planned from 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 10 at the Anna Arts Center.

The center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. Work will focus on painting the front of the performing arts building and cleaning the gallery and center building, to prepare for a haunted house, which is scheduled to open Oct. 14.

For more information, call Lee's cell at 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

Sierra Club planning hike

The Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club plans to have a hike in the Bell Smith Springs area near Ozark on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The group plans to hike the Mill Branch trail and, possibly, the Natural Bridge trail.

For more information about the hike, contact Steve Eberhart at 618-967-8690.

Worship at Kornthal

Third Thursday worship at Kornthal Church is planned for September 15th at 7:00 p.m. Kornthal is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127. Let us welcome fall together in worship. Hope to see you!

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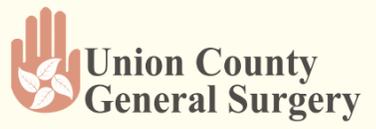
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Section B

Upcoming Ozark Tour to feature Union County

The U.S. Forest Service reports that Union County will be featured on an Ozark Tour 2016 event which is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 24.

Fashioned after popular tours led by Col. L.O. Trigg in the 1930s and 1940s, Ozark Tours are guided expeditions into the forests of Southern Illinois to explore the region's history and natural beauty.

During Ozark Tour 2016, participants will visit historic sites in Union County and stop at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.

Shawnee National Forest historic sites also will be featured, such as Pomona Natural Bridge, Jonesboro's Lincoln-Douglas debate site and Kaolin Pond, which is the source of Kirkpatrick Pottery clay.

The Forest Service noted that knowledgeable guides

will be available at each site.

Preregistration is required. Individuals who may be interested in trekking in Col. Trigg's footsteps can register by contacting Illinois Ozark tourism at 618-264-5854 or by email at info@illinoisozarks.com.

The \$40 cost includes transportation, tour guides, a catered picnic lunch and a souvenir t-shirt. A detailed itinerary will be provided to registrants.

The tour is scheduled to begin at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna at 8 a.m. and ends at about 5 p.m.

The day-long tour involves moderate walking and requires appropriate footwear and clothing.

Partners in the Ozark Tours program, including Hardin and Gallatin County Tourism, the River to River Trail Society and the Friends of the Shawnee, offer support and assistance which allows the Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest to host the tours.

For more information, call 618-264-5854 or download the event flyer at <http://www.illinoisozarks.com> or www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee.



Successful project

The Future Teachers Organization, FTO, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin conducted an annual school supply drive as a new academic year got underway. As part of the drive, the FTO issued a Pack-A-Backpack Challenge to all full-time faculty and staff at the college. A total of 43 backpacks filled with school supplies, as well as some miscellaneous supplies, were delivered. Members of the college's faculty and staff are shown with some of the backpacks. Every elementary school in the five-county college-wide district received a portion of the donations. The group collected what amounts to over \$1,300 in donations. Shawnee Community College photo.

Cache River Days planned in Ullin

The 22nd annual Cache River Days are planned in Ullin.

Activities are scheduled from Thursday, today, through Sunday, Sept. 11.

Here's a look at events which are planned during Cache River Days:

Thursday, Sept. 8
6 p.m., community worship and fellowship service at the ball park pavilion.

Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Friday, Sept. 9
6 p.m., beauty pageants at the Leona Brust Civic Center.

Beautiful baby contest; votes are cast by donating dollars.

Saturday, Sept. 10
6 a.m. to 6 p.m., welcome tent; t-shirts, exhibits and more.

7 a.m. to 10 a.m., pancake breakfast, Cross Road Methodist Church. Transportation: a church bus will pick up riders at the Ullin Ball Park every 30 minutes, with the last pick up at 9:45 a.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Tamms Food Pantry.

7 a.m. to 5 p.m., flea markets, antiques, craft sales, food vendors.

7:15 a.m., packet pick up for 5K run/walk at welcome tent.

8 a.m., 5K run/walk.

8 a.m., slow pitch softball tournament, sponsored by Ullin Park Boosters.

9 a.m., face painting and sand art, all day.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Bounce Blast inflatable rides.

9 a.m., canoe trips.

9:15 a.m., Zumba demonstration in the park.

11 a.m., parade, starting at Future Home Lighthouse Ministries, ending at Cache Valley Apartments. Parade line up is at 10:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m., parade trophies presentation and pictures, welcome tent.

Cache River Days Music

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Them Two, bluegrass and folk music featuring Dakota Cummins and Chandra Gilliam.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Zeb and Mary present Singing in the Park, featuring CC Karaoke.

Free entertainment at the park pavilion. Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs.

Sunday, Sept. 11
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., flea markets, antiques, craft sales, food vendors.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., welcome tent open.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bounce Blast inflatables.

Noon, face painting and sand art.

1 p.m., slow-pitch softball tournament, sponsored by Ullin Park Boosters.

At the Park Pavilion

1 p.m., Cache River Days 50/50 drawing.

1:15 p.m., beautiful baby contest closes.

1:45 p.m., trophy presentation and pictures.

2 p.m., dog costume contest.

Cache River Days also will feature a free tram ride, a tour of the historic Ullin depot and food vendors.

The Cache River Days committee, the Village of Ullin's mayor and board of trustees, the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau and Cache River Chevrolet & RV all join in welcoming visitors to the celebration.

Canoe Tours

Cache River Days provides opportunities for visitors to experience the Cache River Wetlands through guided canoe tours that are scheduled Saturday, Sept. 10.

Canoe tours will depart from the Lower Cache River Access. The access is located off the Perks Road east of the town of Perks.

Tours are planned from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There is no charge for guided tours; however, space is limited. Individuals can call the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231 to reserve a space.

Predators

program set

A free educational program about predators, such as bobcats, foxes and coyotes, is planned Thursday, today, in Carbondale.

The program is set for 7 p.m. at 216 E. Monroe St. (the entrance and parking are in the rear, off Monroe Street between Marion and Washington).

The program is scheduled to be presented by licensed wildlife rehabilitator Beverly Shofstall. Shofstall is the founder of Free Again Inc.

The event is sponsored by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club. For more information, contact Ruth Kelley at 618-684-2196.

Manus reunion set

A Manus reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 10, at the home of Ivis and Mary Lou Wright at 625 Bradshaw Rd. in Anna.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish. Coffee, tea, ice, plates, cups and eating utensils will be provided.



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Pediatrician: what riders don't know about ATV safety could cost a life

They look like tons of fun and all-terrain vehicles, ATVs, are often used for recreation purposes.

But whether you're riding an ATV on a park trail or making your way across the farm, there's much more going on during your ride than you might imagine.

University of Iowa pediatrician and clinical professor of emergency medicine Dr. Charles Jennissen has studied the design and technical aspects of ATVs since losing a cousin in a fatal crash.

What he's learned about the way ATV design differs from automobiles and how ATV tires operate on various terrains is something everyone, adults and children, should be aware of.

"I believe the potential danger of ATVs is underestimated by many riders and very often by the parents of children who ride them," Jennissen said in a news release from the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health in Omaha, Neb.

"In focus groups we've conducted, parents often talked about how other families and their children needed to operate ATVs more safely to avoid injuries. There seems to be a widespread perception that someone else or someone else's child may be injured on an ATV. But not me, not my child."

Other studies have shown that out of 15,000 Iowa children surveyed, 78 percent had ridden on an ATV at least once.

Of those children, 57 percent reported having been in some type of ATV crash.

"Frequent ATV users almost always have a crash history," Jennissen says.

"Many times the crash is nothing serious. There's a rollover or the rider is ejected after colliding with something, but nothing really bad happens. For kids, that may not always be a good thing because the lesson they often take away is not that they need to ride more safely, but that they had an ATV crash and didn't get seriously injured so they don't have to worry about operating it more safely in the future."

Guidelines for youth operating ATVs is still debated, even though the American Academy of Pediatrics has issued guidelines stating that it's not recommended that children under the age of 16 to operate an ATV.

"Most kids aren't riding ATVs with proper safety precautions," Jennissen says.

"In vehicle parks, safety behaviors are often better because of park rules and riders being regulated by Department of Natural Resources, DNR, officers. But the only ones who can enforce safety at home or on farms are parents or employers. Often, that's not being done."

One of the issues surrounding youth on ATVs is the size and power of the machines they ride.

Research shows that, most of the time, children are operating adult-sized ATVs designed for riders that are 16 years of age or older.

Youth-sized ATVs are limited to maximum speeds of 15 miles per hour for those 6 years and older and no greater than 30 mph for models marketed for those both 10 years and 12 years and older.

Almost all adult-sized

ATVs operated by youth are capable of reaching speeds of 45 mph or greater.

"The appropriate speed ranges of ATVs and the amount of risk from how fast operators are driving them hasn't really been effectively studied," Jennissen said.

"However, in a study we did looking at University of Iowa patients, the risk of head injury was greater for those traveling more than 20 mph, and the danger even more pronounced for those going over 30 mph.

"No adult-sized ATVs have factory installed speed limiters, but youth-sized models do.

"Unfortunately, most kids are more adept at changing the limiters than adults are. It's not difficult at all for a child to adjust the limiter to a faster speed and set it back at a lower speed before parents can check it."

About 60 percent of all deaths related to ATVs occur on roadways, where the machines were never designed to operate.

What riders are usually unaware of is the differences in an ATV and an automobile's center of gravity, the way ATVs are made to grip the terrain they're on and how the tires operate independently to grip the road.

"ATVs have a relatively high center of gravity, which makes them fairly top heavy," Jennissen says.

"The narrow track of the machine makes it prone to tipping and rolling over as well. Because ATV wheels are made to grab the terrain, they can have unpredictable interactions with the roadway, leading to rollovers and unexplained crashes.

"If you have a small distribution in the weight of the rider, one tire can grab more than the others and quickly and inexplicably lead to a crash."

Due to their design, ATVs also require a greater turning radius than an automobile, making it easy to misjudge the speed needed to safely negotiate a curve or turn.

Jennissen is disappointed that a recent trend in Iowa county legislation is to approve the recreational use of ATVs on public roadways, especially county roads.

He said a lack of understanding about the design of the machines and the manufacturer's warnings that they should not be used on roads could easily lead to increased rider injury and death.

"I can understand that ATVs may need to be used on roadways at times for work purposes, but farmers

should avoid using public roadways whenever they can," Jennissen says.

Jennissen also promotes the purchase of either yellow or orange ATVs, saying the color makes the vehicle much more visible wherever it's used.

"It's crazy to buy a camouflage vehicle if you're using an ATV for farm work on the road or for hunting," he said.

"You want to be as visible as possible anytime you're riding an ATV. Riders should also be aware that the large size of today's ATVs adds much more risk of death in a

rollover because the rider isn't likely to be able to move the machine if they end up under it.

"They will die of asphyxiation. Use of helmets is highly recommended and anyone using an ATV to spray should be very careful whether they're pulling a spray tank or have it loaded on the ATV. Any shift in that liquid product can quickly put the rider in a tenuous situation."

Information about ATV rider training is available online at the ATV Rider Safety Institute's website at <http://www.atvsafety.org/RiderTraining.aspx>.

Police Dog Retirement Act signed by governor

Legislation which created the Police Dog Retirement Act in Illinois was signed recently by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The act, SB 3129, will allow all K-9 police dogs in Illinois that are deemed no longer fit for public service to be offered first to the handler on the force.

"They may not look like our typical officers, but K-9 police dogs are crucial to how our first responders do their jobs," Rauner said in a news release.

"They are partners and team members. They quickly become a part of the family, and they should be allowed to stay with that family, even after retirement."

The governor was joined at a signing ceremony in Springfield by Illinois State Police director Leo Schmitz, along with K-9 officers and their handlers.

"Canine handlers and their partners form a spe-

cial bond as they face many challenges together," Schmitz said.

"The signing of the canine bill recognizes this special bond and provides both the handler and the canine the ability to remain together following their service to the citizens of Illinois."

To further honor first responders, Rauner signed two additional bills.

HB 5018 designates the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week to honor the men and women behind the scenes who answer 911 calls and dispatch emergency responders.

SB 2947 protects all emergency medical services personnel. The bill amends the Criminal Code of 2012 that redefines various statutes concerning bodily harm directed against emergency medical services personnel to include all members of the ambulance crew including drivers and pilots.

Pitts to speak

Byron Pitts, co-anchor of ABC's "Nightline" and author of "Step Out On Nothing," is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for Patriot Day on Monday, Sept. 12, at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Pitts is scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m. in Academic Hall Auditorium to kick off Southeast's 2016-2017 Speaker Series.

The event is free for faculty, staff, students and the public, and no tickets are necessary.

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Disaster preparedness encouraged in September

September is National Preparedness Month and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, is joining with emergency management agencies throughout the state and across the United States to encourage people to spend a few moments during the month on disaster preparedness.

The campaign's theme, "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," urges people to set aside time to discuss emergency plans with family members and develop a plan to stay safe when disaster strikes.

The month-long preparedness drive will conclude Sept. 30 with "American's PrepareAthon," a national day of action.

"Severe weather and other disasters can't be prevented, and many occur without much warning," said IEMA director James K. Joseph.

"We saw that happen last December with heavy rains and widespread flooding that claimed 10 lives and drove many people from their homes with little notice.

"Taking a few minutes now on your emergency plan could be a true life sav-

er during an emergency."

Throughout September, IEMA plans to offer tips and information on how to develop a family emergency communication plan, assemble an emergency supply kit, as well as ways to receive critical emergency warnings.

IEMA offers disaster preparedness information on the Ready Illinois website at www.ReadyIllinois.gov, a one-stop resource for detailed information about what to do before, during and after disasters.

In addition, throughout September IEMA will post daily preparedness tips on the Ready Illinois Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and Twitter (@ReadyIllinois).

During disasters, IEMA uses the Ready Illinois website, Facebook and Twitter pages to provide critical information about the incident, including shelter locations, road closures, safety information, photos and more.

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GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

Contact Marilyn Uehle at 697-1772 for more information.

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Influence peddling, partisanship seen as tainting Illinois courts

The State of Illinois may be synonymous in popular culture with political corruption, but a new paper from a University of Illinois legal expert adds another layer: With popularly elected judges, Illinois courts are similarly mired in legalized influence peddling and partisanship.

Political influence pervades and taints Illinois courts, mirroring the state's corruption-prone legislative and executive branches, said Michael LeRoy, a professor of labor and employment relations at Illinois.

"Since Illinois doesn't use merit selection for judges, structural influences taint the independence of Illinois courts," said LeRoy, who also holds a courtesy appointment with the College of Law.

"Illinois simply labels judges by their political party. So the courts are then shaped by the Democratic and Republican parties as well as the General Assembly, which sets judicial salaries at near-record levels."

According to the paper,

'Dream On' to be shown in Carbondale

The Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship and Carbondale Public Library, in partnership with WSIU Public Broadcasting, plan to present a free screening and discussion of "Dream On," the first film in the 2016-17 Community Cinema film series.

The event is planned Saturday, Sept. 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St.

Narrated, hosted and co-written by political comedian John Fugelsang, "Dream On" investigates the state of the American Dream after decades of rising income inequality and declining economic mobility.

In an epic road trip, Fugelsang retraces the journey of Alexis de Tocqueville, author of "Democracy in America," whose study of the United States in 1831 came to define America as a place where anyone could climb the ladder of economic opportunity.

For more information about the event, contact Diana Sussman at the Carbondale Public Library at 618-457-0354, dbrawley@carbondale.lib.il.us, or Beth Spezia at WSIU at 618-453-5595, beth.spezia@wsiu.org.

Little Black Dress Party set at SIU Arena

The 10th annual Little Black Dress Party is planned at the SIU Arena in Carbondale on Sept. 9 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

All of the proceeds from the event benefit The Women's Center in Carbondale, which works to end domestic violence and sexual assault in Southern Illinois.

The event will feature an appetizer and dessert buffet, beverages, live music, dancing and more.

Tickets can be purchased at the event, or before hand at the Furniture King, online at www.thewomensctr.org or by calling SIU box office at 877-SALUKIS.

Sims reunion set

The family and relatives of Jude and Marie Sims are planning a reunion at noon on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Shriners building at the Anna City Park in Anna.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish. Drinks, coffee, tea and water will be provided. Friends and families are welcome.

only eight states have partisan elections for their state supreme courts.

In addition, Illinois is among only 13 states with no merit commission for judges, and among only 11 states with partisan elections of general jurisdiction judges.

"The nation's constitutional founders envisioned independence for our court system, framed in a theory of separation of powers," LeRoy said.

"While they saw the judiciary as the weakest branch, they conferred special legitimacy to courts by conceiving them as an intermediate body to protect citizens from the stronger legislative and executive branches. The state of Illinois' partisan election system works against this core principle by encouraging judges to campaign like everyday politicians. As a result, judicial independence is compromised."

LeRoy cautions that Illinois judges are not corrupt "so far as the evidence shows," he said, but by aligning themselves with political parties and other powerful interests, it certainly gives off "the whiff of corruption, even if there is none."

"It's just unbecoming," LeRoy said. "If nothing else, it strategically labels judges for wealthy donors who like to influence public

policies. And that, without question, ought to raise some eyebrows."

When donors and voters see a political label next to a judge's name, "this signals that the candidate shares the party's values," LeRoy said.

"Thus, a judge is forever identified as Republican or Democrat, even when those labels are not used in a retention election. Campaign donors, especially business groups, labor unions, trial lawyers and political parties, are able to make calculated decisions about investing in certain judicial candidates."

That wealthy donors give millions of dollars to high-level candidates signifies their confidence that party affiliation reliably predicts a judge's key votes in future cases, LeRoy said.

"The end result is that this highly partisan process hinders the judiciary's fulfillment of its role as an independent, apolitical arbiter of justice," he said.

The paper identifies several problems with Illinois' flawed method for selecting judges and offers remedies, including the abolishment of partisan elections for judges.

"The state should select and retain judges with a commission of citizens, lawyers and judges who use merit as their criteria," LeRoy said.

The paper also recommends updating the state's judicial code to include the current provisions of the American Bar Association's model code of judicial conduct.

"Illinois judges are currently bound to an ethics code that is a relic from the 1970s through the early 1990s—a period when little money was spent on judicial elections," LeRoy said.

"Political influence in the Illinois judicial system will not subside as long as the state's judicial code aids and abets record levels of campaign spending on judicial elections. Illinois judges should be held to the stringent campaign standards that are common in other states."

LeRoy also argues for a board to enforce judicial ethics, with judges disciplined for transgressions such as donating to candidates who run for prosecutor, engaging in "retire-to-run" shams, and double-dipping at the expense of taxpayers.

"Illinois should be more like states that discipline judges who degrade the impartiality of the judiciary," he said.

"But these reforms cannot be accomplished until the state endows its judicial ethics board with more teeth through enhanced powers, more funding for a proactive enforcement

staff, and more transparency to audit and disclose the financial interests of judges to the taxpaying public."

For now, Illinois courts remain open for business:

Future Saluki Game Day Celebration planned at SIU

High school and college transfer students from throughout Southern Illinois are invited to experience Southern Illinois University Carbondale for themselves at the Future Saluki Game Day Celebration on Sept. 17.

The event, held during SIU's Family Weekend, gives prospective students and their family members the opportunity to see what the university has to offer them.

They can take a tour of campus and learn about academic programs, financial aid, housing, admissions and much more. But, that's not all.

All registered participants can also enjoy a tailgate with complimentary food and beverages along with free admission to an SIU football game as the Salukis take on the Murray State University Racers.

Each prospective student who registers can get up to four free game wristbands.

The event begins with check-in from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the SIU Student

"open for labor unions, trial lawyers and other special interest groups that dole out money from deep campaign war chests like candy corn on Halloween," LeRoy said.

Center, followed by tours of the campus and University Housing facilities, informational sessions, an academic college and campus department fair and other activities.

The tailgate, which also features giveaways, is from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and game time is at 6 p.m.

Prospective students and family members can find the complete schedule of events and other details, as well as online registration for the Future Saluki Game Day Celebration at <http://admissions.siu.edu/visit/special-events/game-day-php>.

Information also is available by contacting senior admissions coordinator for undergraduate admissions Michelle Rust at 618-453-2184 or by email at mrust@siu.edu.

Registration is requested by Sept. 12. Organizers also note that availability of the football game admission wristbands is limited so early registration is encouraged.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Luke 12:22-40	Luke 12:41-59	Luke 13:1-17	Luke 13:18-30	Luke 14:1-14	Luke 14:15-35	Luke 16:1-13
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthanews@frontier.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.



Dr. Jason Ozborn was the guest speaker at the Healthy Women's Group at the United Methodist Church in Anna. He talked about his chiropractic business.



Debbie Janowski is wearing a prayer shawl she made for the United Methodist Church in Anna prayer shawl ministry. Since 2010 they have handed out 98 prayer shawls to those recovering from illness or needing comfort.

Labor Day

Hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Birthday

Don Verble celebrated his birthday with a cake and party given by his wife Janet and family with his friends at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna Aug. 20.

Birthday

Peggy Mallams celebrated her birthday Saturday, Aug. 27, with a party at the Illinois Veterans Home.

Birthday Wish

Karee Sweitzer celebrated her birthday Sept 1. Karee works very hard to help homeless animals.

Her wish is someday to have a nice big shelter with lots of grass for them to run and play.

The land they have for this is in need of being leveled and cleaned up so they can keep it mowed.

If anyone would want to volunteer their time to help do this please contact Karee at PAWS resale store in the former Bunny Bread shop.

This is a dream of many volunteers who help the animals. If everyone would just give a little the animals could be helped a lot.

California Trip

Lou Curdie of Cobden and Sue McKinney of Anna recently flew to Los Angeles to visit their brother, Raymond Brimm of Downey, Calif., and his family, his daughter their niece Debbie Gregory, their great-niece Tonya, Julia and their families.

They enjoyed their first time acquaintance with their great-great-nephew, who is 3 years and 5 months old.

Debbie and Tonya took them to tour various sites, too numerous to mention. They saw Jimmy Kimmel live on Hollywood Boulevard.

Sue said her most favorite was Hollywood in general. The weather was sunny and beautiful during their two week stay.

Cruise

For eight days, Terri Goldsberry and friends visited Roatan, Honduras; Belize City, Belize and Cozumel, Belize, by way of a Caribbean cruise. The weather was hot and sunny and the water was wonderful.

They ate garnachas in Belize, had jerk chicken in Honduras and Camaron a diabla in Mexico. And of

course, frozen daiquiris are everywhere.

They swam with stingrays, got to hold them and went snorkeling in the Caribbean Sea. The water was crystal clear and you could see forever (at least it felt like it). It was a sad day when they had to leave but it was good to be back home.

Birthday

Ed Shelby wishes his wife Patsy a very happy birthday Saturday, Sept. 10.

Trip

I met this wonderful lady Suzanne Mortensen when I was hosting the Paducah Quilt Show last year with the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies.

Sue and her friends were from Australia. They wanted a picture of us to take back to Australia. They came all the way to the United States to attend the quilt show.

We exchanged email addresses. I have been computer friends with Sue ever since.

My cousin Gretchen Corbitt Robinson lives in Australia so I sent her Sue's phone number, address and email.

They have visited back and forth since we met. Sue was excited about her next trip on her bucket list so told me all about it.

She had a wonderful vacation. She stayed with her friends in Kamloops, travelled across Canada, went to Cavendish on Prince Edward to see all the Anne of Green Gables territory which was just wonderful.

She drove the Confederation Bridge (8 miles) to New Brunswick, quite an achievement for someone driving on the wrong side of the road. They then visited the Titanic Cemetery in Halifax, very moving.

After a week in New York and four days in Wash-



Larry Bentley will celebrate his birthday Sept. 13 with friends.



Halie Pearl and Tanner Starling enjoyed a helicopter ride at the Union County Fair. Halie and Tanner got engaged this year at the Pulaski County Fair, where they met five years ago.

ington, D.C., it was home, back to Australia, very tired and exhausted.

Her little Corgi was ecstatic to see her mother again.

Sue also had quite a productive year quilt wise. She made a beautiful foundation piecing quilt.

Birthday

David and Gretchen Corbitt Robinson are celebrating their birthdays at Frazier Island, Australia.

From their home in Coombabah, Queensland, to get to Frazier Island, in one day, they took a car, then a train, then a Gold Coach, then a ferry, then a plane.

Wishing them both wonderful birthdays. Gretchen spent her summers and Christmases in Anna when she was growing up.

United Methodist Church Anna

Birthdays: Sept. 1 Thomas Mask, 3 Joan Graves Edwards, 4 Ruth Sistler, Angel Wiseman, 5 Linda Johnson, 6 Marilyn Musgrave, 8 Jason Swink, 9 Jakob Breeden, 12 Debbie Janowski, Emily Roach, 13 Ginger Brasher, Penny Hindman, 18 Charles Halterman, Terry Riley, 21 Renee Tate, 22 Kevin Belcher, Stacey Walker, Anthony Wiseman, 23 A. L. Jackson, 24 Al Kamp III, 25 Earl Miller, 30 Debbie Johnston.

Anniversaries: Sept. 5 Boyd and Heather LaFoon, 12 Frank and Linda LaFoon, 14 Roger and Lelia Spurlock, 30 Al and Carolyn Dammann.

Sept. 20 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Loaves and Fishes dinner will be baked barbecue chicken, green beans and potato salad.

At the August Loaves and Fishes 150 people were served.

Sunday, Sept. 11, youth group kick off meeting will be a pizza party. Come at 4:30 p.m. to help make pizza. Ages 4th grade and up.

Game night is Friday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m.

Friendship and sewing is Friday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Disability Awareness Sunday, will be Sept. 18, the children will take up their special offering. After church will be blood pressure screenings.

Sunday, Sept. 25, will be the Bazaar Ladies fundraiser spaghetti dinner after church.

United Methodist Women planned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 6. Rev. Millie Sloan had the program on Call to be Merciful. Hostess was Barbara House.

New Baby

Congratulations to Lisa Spiess on her first grandson, Emery Thomas Barrows, who was born Aug. 30 at 4

p.m. Emery's proud parents are Dwayne and Nikki.

Birthdays

Crystal Davis celebrated her birthday Sept. 1 and Wyatt celebrated his 5th birthday Sept. 3 with a party in the Anna park. Crystal's niece Brianna will celebrate her 10th birthday with a party Sept. 12 at the Jonesboro park.

Pumpkin Town at Choate

Please let Carol Hoffman know if you would be interested in having a display spot at this year's Pumpkin Town, on the grounds of Choate Mental Health Center. Her number is 833-9928.

The theme this year is The Olympics. Displays go up the week of Oct. 3 and must be completed by dark on Thursday, Oct. 6.

For Pumpkin Town to continue, the organizers need to have businesses, organizations and churches that are willing to commit to doing a display.

Anna Arts Center

Get ready for the Little Shop of Horrors Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m.

The Strike Zone

Youth bowling begins Saturday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. Register Sept. 10 at 9 a.m.

Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at the Haven at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21.

Vienna

Art In the Park will start at 10 a.m. Sept. 10.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

The club will have its fall plant sale at the Anna Jo Garden Club Park by McDonald's Sept. 17 from at 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes

The free community meal at United Methodist Church in Anna is on the third Tuesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Chicken and Dumpling Supper

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden has a chicken and dumpling dinner on the third Saturday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Get Well List

Betty Eagle, Lynn Hinkle, Ron Coombs, Terry Jackson, Betty Tutt, Betty Bulk, Jennifer Bown, Clifford Wright, Jim Cowser, Judy Vaughn, Connie Wells, Sheila Whittington, Jean Pruehsner, Sondra Bradford, Jim Courtright, Carrie Gibson, Elizabeth Corbit, Robert Andrews, Sara Russell Mann, Jim Mueller, Larry Bentley, Nancy Lylerla, Roger Crews. I have had many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep them in your prayers.



Terri Goldsberry swam with a stingray during her Caribbean cruise. Stingray snorkel was in Cozumel, Mexico.



Lou Curdie and Sue McKinney enjoyed a trip to Hollywood.

Harvest Church

Serving free hot meals every Thursday at Harvest Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

AFSCME Retirees

Congratulations to Judy Shoemaker, who won the \$25 door prize.

AFSCME Illinois Retirees Chapter 31 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. All retirees are welcome.

Military Prayer List

CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Special visit

Visitor Jordan Priest took a step back in time at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

Heritage House visitor takes a trip back in time

It was a step back in time for Jordan Priest from Maui, Hawaii.

Priest made a visit to PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro recently.

She was intrigued to model clothing of her great-great-grandmother Harriet Powell Knupp.

The vintage garments were from the late 1800s to early 1900s; part of a collection of Barbara Boyd Bauer, also a descendant of Harriet Powell Knupp.

Jordan Priest is the daughter of Leslie Wilkins Priest, formerly from Cobden, who is the daughter of the late J.H. Wilkins; whose mother was Pauline Fox Wilkins Lamer; whose mother was Harriet "Hattie" Knupp Fox, the daughter of John and Harriet Powell Knupp.

A history and display of the Knupp family is featured

in the Founding Families' Room at Heritage House.

Also in the party visiting Heritage House were Leslie Wilkins Priest from Maui, Hawaii; and John H. and Sigi Wilkins from Muncie, Ind.

In the accompanying picture, Miss Priest is wearing a black apron that had belonged to Harriet Knupp about 1900.

During the month of September, Heritage House is featuring an extensive apron display from the collection of Elizabeth James.

On Sept. 11 at 2 p.m., James plans to give a special presentation based on stories behind the aprons of her collection.

Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. For information about Heritage House or special events, call 618-833-3228.



Allen Stanley has found a way to dispose of leaves. He built a compost bed out of concrete blocks in his back yard. He turns the leaves and when they have turned to dirt he puts the dirt in his yard.



Millie Hankla has donated many Annabellies in the past to the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club. The ladies are busy in their gardens preparing for their plant sale on Saturday, Sept. 17, starting at 7 a.m.

Chautauqua program planned in Murphysboro

Imagine the difficulties of moving your family half-way around the world, traveling in a coffin ship from Ireland to New Orleans with all of your worldly possessions, boarding a steamboat heading up the Mississippi, and then carving out a home in the wilderness that was Southern Illinois.

Those who attend the Chautauqua will have an opportunity to meet the Swedish Nightingale Jenni Lind, hear the stories of Irish immigrants who built our railroads and dug our canals, travel the great rivers and face combat in the Civil War with three German immigrants.

Imagine what kind of political, religious or economic turmoil would put your family at risk so much so that you would leave behind everything you love to start over in a new land.

The program begins at 2 p.m. with "An Irish Immigrant's Tale," true tales told by Ellis.

Imagine no more. Murphysboro's fourth annual Chautauqua will explore the stories of America's immigrant history on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Historic Liberty Theater at 1333 Walnut St.

At 3 p.m., Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, takes the stage as interpreted by Sherri Mitchell.

Artistic director Brian "Fox" Ellis said in a news release: "These are the stories of your grandparents or great-great grandparents. America's story is the immigrant's story."

At 4 p.m., Ellis comes back as three German Immigrants.

Riverside Art, Wine, Blues Festival set in Murphysboro

The Riverside Art, Wine & Blues Festival is planned Saturday, Sept. 10, in Murphysboro.

notes that many of the area's award-winning wineries will have their products available to sample and purchase.

The festival will be at the historic Riverside Park band shell in the Southern Illinois community and will feature more than seven hours of American blues music.

Dozens of Southern Illinois fine artists will display and sell their works. Food and beverage concessionaires will also be available.

The Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce Stamps married 63 years

Gates will open at 11 a.m. Blues music starts at noon. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the gate the day of the event.



Rev. Jim and Irene Stamp

The entertainment lineup features local and national talent. The schedule for performers includes: Alex Kirt at noon. The Phonics at 1 p.m. Ivas John at 2:30 p.m. Big Mike Aguirre and the Blue City All Stars at 4:15 p.m. The Kilborn Alley Blues Band at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit the event's Facebook page at Riverside Art, Wine & Blues Festival, contact the Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce at 618-684-6421 or email directoratcoc@gmail.com.

Rev. Jim and Irene Stamp celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary with family.

Ticket locations will be announced on the Facebook page.

Jim and Irene were married on Sept. 5, 1953, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

No outside food or drinks will be allowed. Those who attend are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets. Seating will be located on the grass.

Jim was in the U.S. Navy and they lived for two years in California and Hawaii.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library is scheduled to be the site of a giant book sale on Sept. 9-10.

Rendlemans plan reunion

The 118th annual Rendleman family reunion is planned Sunday, Sept. 11.

The Friends of Morris Library are sponsoring the sale, which will feature hundreds of books of all types along with records, VHS tapes, DVDs and more.

The reunion will be at the indoor pavilion at Alto Vineyards, which is located at 8515 State Route 127, just north of Alto Pass.

It will take place in the lower level of the library and the public is welcome.

Those whose family tree includes Christoph Rintellmann, who came to America in 1754, are invited to attend. Friends of family and guests are welcome.

A "first choice" sale planned on Friday, Sept. 9, is from 4 to 8 p.m. and admission is \$5.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Those who plan to attend are invited to bring a Rendleman family heirloom or picture to share.

The sale continues from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 10 and admission is free on Saturday.

Organizers ask that those who plan to attend RSVP by contacting Carl Rendleman at 618-528-2400.

Proceeds of the sale will be used by the Friends of Morris Library to purchase materials for the library. For more information, call 618-453-2522.

A Sunday dinner will be catered by Crystals. Costs are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4 to 10; children under 3 years of age are free.

The reunion will be at the large pavilion in downtown Alto Pass. A meal is scheduled at 12:30 p.m.

\$8 million federal grant funds will help Illinois fight heroin, opioid crisis

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, has received two federal grants funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to combat the heroin and other opioid crisis facing the state of Illinois.

The Medication-Assisted Treatment Prescription Opioid Addiction grant was awarded by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to the IDHS Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

The number of overdose deaths in the following six high need counties: Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will, St. Clair and Madison.

overdose reversal drug that is critical to saving lives so people can get the treatment they need.

"Heroin and other opioid drug use is at crisis levels in Illinois. Substance use is ripping apart families and severely impacting our communities," IDHS secretary James Dimas said in a news release.

The three year, \$3 million grant will support an expansion of outpatient methadone treatment services and will reduce the waiting lists for heroin and other opioid dependent individuals seeking these services in Illinois.

A key component to this program will be the purchase and distribution of Naloxone kits to first responders.

"Illinois, like the rest of the country, is in the midst of a drug overdose epidemic and we must act now," said Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Nirav D. Shah.

"The \$8 million in grants will enhance our efforts for individuals dependent on heroin and other opioids.

The grant will also support medication assisted treatment for offenders who are released from Sheridan Correctional Center who are at high risk for returning to heroin use (and high risk for overdose) upon release.

Naloxone is the opioid

Everyone who plans to attend is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Those who want to compete for the chili cook off trophy, may instead bring a Crockpot of a special recipe chili.

"We continue to work diligently to secure additional federal funding that will help support community-based prevention and treatment efforts. IDHS is committed to working with schools, community-based organizations and the recovery community, to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorders and ensure

access to treatment." IDHS' Division of Family and Community Services received the Prescription Drug Opioid Overdose Prevention Grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Activities are scheduled to begin with a chili cookoff competition at noon, followed by a potluck lunch.

Families are invited to donate a nice item or gift basket for the silent auction.

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Additional games can be brought to share.

More information and future updates can be found on the Huckelberry/Huckleberry Family Reunion group on Facebook.

Huckleberry, Huckelberry reunion set at Dixon Springs

The 29th annual Huckleberry/Huckelberry family reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 10, at Dixon Springs State Park.

as one of the fundraisers for maintenance of the family cemeteries.

After lunch, there will be indoor and outdoor games, including horseshoes, balloon toss, tug-of-war, washers, hillbilly golf, bingo and cards.

Everyone who plans to attend is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Those who want to compete for the chili cook off trophy, may instead bring a Crockpot of a special recipe chili.

A silent auction will be conducted again this year

Additional games can be brought to share.

Television Listing

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'The \$100,000 Pyramid', 'Big Bang Theory', 'NFL Kickoff', etc.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'Stand Up to Cancer', 'Shark Tank', 'The Tonight Show', etc.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'College Football', 'The Bachelor', 'The Tonight Show', etc.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'NFL Live', 'Football Night', 'MLB Baseball', etc.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'Family Guy', 'The Bachelor', 'The Tonight Show', etc.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'The Middle', 'Big Brother', 'The Bachelor', etc.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'The Middle', 'Big Brother', 'The Bachelor', etc.

2016 Union County Fair scrapbook



A Ferris wheel, all the way from Poland.



A new fair queen is crowned. (Photo by Tiffny Dillow)



The Mainstreet Players.



Pet parade participants.



Produce on display.



Another scene from the pet parade.



Displays in the exhibit building.



Demolition derby action.



Livestock showmanship.



Many were part of the junior livestock auction.

August 19-27, Anna City Park/Union County Fairgrounds



Making some special cookies.



Ranch rodeo action.



Community worship service.



Getting ready for a horse show.



Junior tractor operators contest.



Fair food – always a favorite.



Horses on the midway's merry-go-round.



Award-winning exhibits.

Opinion and Commentary

A whole world right under our feet

Editor's note: the following article was written by University of Illinois Extension energy and environmental stewardship educator Jason Haupt. The article appears on Extension's website.

There is a whole world under our feet. It is more than just "dirt" that you are standing on. In fact, it is not even dirt, it is soil.

The soil beneath your feet is teeming with life. It is a world that is alien to us, but is just as amazing as the world that is around us.

Soil has so much life in it, ranging from the earthworms that you see to things that are not visible unless you look at it under a very powerful microscope. And all of this life is important to the health of the soil and to the plants that grow in it.

Earthworms are the most noticeable of the creatures that live in the soil. They are big, and when it rains they come to the surface. They serve an important role in our modern soils creating air and water pathways, increasing infiltration, and benefiting plants growing in the area.

Plant roots need both oxygen and water to survive. Earthworms are not native to the United States and were likely brought over in the ballasts of the first ships that made their way to our coasts but they are a rare nonnative species that is beneficial to the environment. Earthworms are not the only worms that are found in the soil. There are others that are much smaller and never emerge from the ground.

Nematodes are microscopic round worms that are found in the soil. They have gotten a bad name, as some are not beneficial to row crops. But in general, nematodes are highly beneficial to soils and are extremely numerous. There can be more than a million individuals in a square yard. They do not digest organic matter in the soil, but they are very important in controlling other organisms in the soil.

Some species play a role in the nitrogen cycle, and some play a big role in controlling the bacteria populations that are present in the soil.

Also very important in the soil are bacteria. They are more numerous than any other organism in the soil. In a cup of soil, the number of bacteria would outnumber the people on the planet by several orders of magnitude. It is estimated that in healthy soils there could be in excess of 200 billion bacteria. Bacteria help to break down the organic matter in the soil and release nutrients that are needed by plants.

Fungi serve a huge role in breaking down organic matter in the soil. Most people think of mushrooms when they think of fungi, but there is more to a fungus than just its "fruiting structure."

The soil contains millions of microscopic filaments. These filaments are called hyphae, and there are hundreds of thousands of feet in each cup of soil. Fungi also serve an important role in healthy soils when they form a symbiotic relationship with plants.

When this happens, a mycorrhiza is formed and it benefits both organisms. The relation is not entirely clear, but it appears that many of the mycorrhiza fungi are very important in forming healthy soils, and in some cases, are required for certain types of plants to grow.

Letters to the editor

The Gazette-Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. Any letter which is submitted to the paper must be signed by the person who wrote the letter. We ask that letters be of local interest and must be as brief as possible.

Each letter must include an address and phone number for the person who wrote the letter. This information is needed so the identity of the person who wrote the letter can be verified. Letters which do not include this information will not be used.

The deadline to submit a letter to the editor is noon on Thursday. Letters which are submitted after the deadline will be held for the following week.

The newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters. Please limit the length of letters to 300 or fewer words. The newspaper reserves the right to reject letters which are deemed inappropriate for any reason. Personal attacks are not allowed.

Political campaigning is accepted as paid advertising only; letters used for campaign purposes will not be published.

Letters can be submitted in several ways. Letters can be mailed to the paper; send them to The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, Illinois 62906. Letters can be sent by fax at 618-833-5813. Letters also can be emailed to news@annanews.com.

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



A turtle was basking in the late summer sunshine; the critter was on a log in the pond at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

Birds of a feather do, indeed, flock together

As often happens with this weekly effort, the story starts out as one thing and then, somehow, evolves into something entirely different.

Last Thursday afternoon, just because it was a pretty nice first day of September, yours truly decided to pay a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in metropolitan Jonesboro.

The picnic grounds, also known as the "Jonesboro park" in this part of the world, are one of my favorite places to go, just to "get away from it all" for a while.

Over the years, I've been to the picnic grounds many, many times, and, I think, during each of our unique seasons in Union County.

For those of you who might not know, a fellow named Abraham Lincoln paid a visit to what is now the picnic grounds back in the day. I cannot tell you if he had a picnic while he was in Jonesboro.

However, from what I can remember, Mr. Lincoln went on to have a rather significant role in the history of our country following his visit to Jonesboro. And, no, I was not at the picnic grounds when Mr. Lincoln made his visit.

This little gem in Jonesboro is home to a wide range of critters. In recent years, those critters have included geese. So, when I stopped at the park last week, I wasn't totally surprised to see some geese. (I know, it's supposed to be "geese." Geese is more fun, and probably irritating to some folks, too).

I was a little bit surprised, though, as the geese pretty much seemed to ignore me. They looked like they might have been enjoying an afternoon snack, and

then headed over to the pond which is on the grounds. There were a bunch of 'em; maybe the birds figured they had me outnumbered.

At that point, I decided to take a walk on the path which circles the pond. I spotted plenty of turtles, which were enjoying the warm sunshine, dragonflies, a catfish and various other fish which I could not identify.

About halfway around the pond, I saw a heron land. (For the sake of the story, I am going to call the bird a heron. It may have been an ostrich, for all I know.) The heron, like the geese, didn't seem to be the least bit concerned about my presence.

As I shot some more photographs, the heron made its way to the pond, where the geese were hanging out. The heron seemed to look at the geese. The geese looked back. The heron stepped into the water. The geese kept on watching; a couple of them moved closer to the heron. Pretty soon, the heron was paddling around in the water with the geese.

To be honest with you, I'd never seen geese and a heron do this sort of thing. For all I know, geese and herons may get together all of the time, maybe at a moose lodge. Geese at the moose's?

Eventually, the geese moved on, as did the heron. I finished up what turned out to be a special visit to one of the very special places here in Union County. As I was leaving the picnic grounds, I nodded in the direction of a statue of Mr. Lincoln which stands at the grounds. I'm guessing he would have appreciated what had happened.



After a dip in the water, the heron looked a little scruffy. The geese did not seem to mind at all. And none of the critters really seemed to mind having their picture taken. Again. And again. And again...

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