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



Be sure to attend this weekend's Cobden Peach Festival. As always, the festival is presented by the Cobden Lions Club. Banners on display in Cobden are helping to promote the festival.

In keeping with tradition, we'll suggest that the weather for the Peach Festival will be just peachy.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna. The Red Cross says there is a critical need for blood donors.

An American Red Cross blood drive also is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at Cross Road United Methodist Church in Ullin.

As of Tuesday morning, nearly 10 inches of rain had been recorded in the Jonesboro area since July 18.

A new school year gets underway this week in Union County.

The City of Anna is working on plans for a major water system improvement project.

Work has started on the Hadley's Haven playground project at the Anna City Park. The city is considering options for use of playground equipment which is currently at the park.

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85th year for event sponsored by Cobden Lions Club

Cobden Peach Festival set Friday, Saturday

The 85th Cobden Peach Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12.

Once again, the festival will be sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

Activities will be taking place at the Cobden Lions Club's grounds near the Cobden Community Park.

Special activities also are being planned during the festival at the park in downtown Cobden.

Those who are planning to go the Peach Festival are being advised to make note of important information regarding parking, which is impacted by construction which is underway on the grounds of the nearby Cobden High School.

Festivities Start Friday

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Friday with the Cobden Lions Club food stand, peaches and cream and drinks.

Carnival rides also are scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., as are the Spin and Win, bingo and other games.

The Brian Pender Trio is scheduled to perform from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday.

The 18th Cobden Peach Festival 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile fun run are planned early Saturday morning. The events begin, and end, near the Cobden Community Park. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

A Peach Festival parade is planned at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The parade route is through the downtown Cobden area.

Rides, food and games begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Swamp Tigers band is scheduled to perform starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

A special event is planned at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, when



Construction project

Construction of a new gymnasium at Cobden High School will impact parking and traffic flow at this year's Cobden Peach Festival.

at least 51 former Peach Festival queens take the stage.

Raffle drawings are planned at 9 p.m. (Those who bought tickets do not have to be present to win.)

Queen Pageant

A queen pageant is part of the Peach Festival. The pageant is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Friday, with candidates appearing in swim wear and evening wear.

Coronation of the Peach Festival queen is planned at 9 p.m. Saturday.

The reigning queen is Makenzie Howell of Cobden.

This year's queen candidates include:

Avigail Amezcuita of Cobden, Olivia Bowen of Jonesboro, Lilia Carmona of Cobden, Lakelyn Carter of Anna, Liv Cerny of Cobden, Brooklynn Eastman of Anna, Kaylee Hall of Cobden, Malayna Korb of Jonesboro, Sienna Morrison of Anna, Jadyn Samuels of Anna, Anna Staley of Cobden, Madilyn Turner of Jonesboro and Hailey Wright of Dongola.

More information about this year's queen candidates can be found on page 2.

Past Queens Reunion

In conjunction with the Peach Festival's 85th year, a reunion of past queens is planned this weekend.

More than 50 former

Peach Festival queens are scheduled to attend.

Queen pageant coordinator Debbie Stroehlein said a tea is planned for the past queens Saturday at StarView Vineyards near Cobden.

The past queens are scheduled to participate in Saturday afternoon's Peach Festival parade.

The past queens are scheduled to appear on stage at the Peach Festival at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Other Events, Activities

Here's a look at more information about upcoming Cobden Peach Festival events:

Union County Museum

The Union County Muse-

um plans to have extended hours during the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

The museum is scheduled to be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12, which are the days the Peach Festival is scheduled.

The museum is located on South Appleknocker Street in downtown Cobden.

The museum will have a photo exhibit of Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad depots from the 1930s, including Buncombe, Fayetteville, Thebes, Goreville and more.

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Stinson Library receives grant for roof project

Stinson Memorial Public Library District has been awarded a competitive Live and Learn Construction Grant from the Illinois State Library.

Library director Sarah Watkins said the grant,

totaling \$45,000, will be used to replace the aging roof on Stinson Memorial Public Library, which is located along South Main Street in Anna.

"Notably, the library building has been a proud

part of the National Registry of Historic Buildings since 1978, making this project a significant step in preserving history while serving the community," Watkins shared in an email.

"As a beloved institu-

tion dedicated to enriching lives, the Stinson Memorial Public Library is excited to ensure the longevity of its historic home," the library director continued.

"With a commitment to maintaining a safe and inviting space for all, the library aims to honor its role as a steward of knowledge and inspiration."

To ensure the roof replacement respects the building's historical importance while incorporating sustainable materials, the Stinson Memorial Public Library District has partnered with White & Borgognoni Architects.

"A renowned firm in historic preservation, they will collaborate with the library to merge tradition with functionality," Watkins stated.

The bidding process, set to begin in September 2023, will carefully select a contractor for the project.

"By undertaking this essential restoration, the library takes a momentous stride in preserving its legacy and continuing top-notch community service," Watkins stated.

"The Stinson Memorial Public Library District extends heartfelt gratitude to the Illinois State Library for their unwavering support," Watkins continued.

"This grant underscores the library's dedication to education and heritage preservation. The upcoming roof replacement will allow the library to continue offering uninterrupted services to its patrons while balancing its historic distinction."



Anna library

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna has been awarded grant funding which will be used to replace the landmark structure's roof.



Sunday evening sunset

Clouds and the setting sun combined to create a colorful display last Sunday evening in the sky over Union County. The sun was setting behind hills near Bald Knob Mountain. The photograph was taken west of Cobden.





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Gov. JB Pritzker has signed a bill which creates the Illinois Flag Commission for the purpose of exploring the creation of a new state flag and developing new state flag designs.

Cobden Junior/Senior High School is planning to host an orientation night Thursday, today, with sessions at 6 p.m. for 6th grade and new junior high students and 7 p.m. for 9th grade and new high school students. Presentations begin in the school library.

In-person registration for new Cobden School District students wraps up Thursday, today.

A Fishing with First Responders event is planned Saturday, Sept. 16, at the pond at the Anna City Park.

The Union County Hospital District Auxiliary plans to have its annual meeting at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. The meeting will be in the fellowship room at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

A worship service is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at historic Korn-

Anna police chief issues monthly reports

The chief of the Anna Police Department has issued activity reports for the months of June and July. The report was given at an Aug. 1 regular meeting of the Anna City Council. Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins shared the following highlights:
June: 409 total calls. 77 officer initiated calls. 70 warnings. 50 arrests: 24 traffic, 14 felonies/misdemeanors. Five ordinance violations.
July: 505 total calls. 113 officer initiated calls. 99 warnings. 72 arrests: 32 traffic, 29 felonies/misdemeanors. Five ordinance violations.
42 code incidents/42 warnings were issued in June and July.

Be Sure To Attend The Cobden Peach Festival

thal Church near Jonesboro. A youth choir is scheduled to present special music at the service.

Tammy Ury is Cobden High School's new athletic director. Ury is a teacher at the school. She succeeds Mindy Goodman, who recently resigned.

A Little Wildcat cheer-leading clinic with a Barbie theme is planned Aug. 29 through Aug. 31 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Clinic participants will perform at a Sept. 1 A-J home football game. Registration is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the A-JCHS track.

Aug. 11 is scheduled to be the last day for the Anna City Pool to be open for the 2023 season.

A Dog Days of Summer doggie swim day is scheduled from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Anna City Pool.

New sewer rates in Cobden will be reflected on September bills: the minimum will be \$23, with a rate of \$8 per 1,000 gallons.

A Trilogy Challenge disc golf tournament is planned Sept. 24 in Cobden.

A queen pageant, a parade, a 5K walk/run, music, guided canoe trips and many other activities are planned at the upcoming Cache River Days celebration which is set for Sept. 7-10 in Ullin.

University of Illinois Extensions reports that its "The Buzz About Programs" conducted this summer at area libraries was a big success. More than 175 young people and adults learned about the native bees which are found in Illinois.

The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a large hiring event which is focusing on forestry technician positions across the Eastern Region. Applications will be reviewed for eight Shawnee National Forest positions.

Don't see such a thing very often...at least during the day time...an Amtrak passenger train traveled through Anna early Thursday morning, Aug. 3. The train was heading south.



Peach Festival queen candidates

This year's Cobden Peach Festival candidates include, from left, Avigail Amezquita, Jady Samuels, Lilia Carmona, Kaylee Hall, Lakelyn Carter, Malayna Korb, Olivia Bowen, Brooklyn Eastman, Anna Staley, Madalyn Turner and Hailey Wright, along with 2022 queen Makenzie Howell. Candidates Sienna Morrison and Liv Cerny could not be present for the picture. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein.

This year's Peach Festival queen candidates

A new Cobden Peach Festival queen will be crowned this weekend.

The 2023 festival is set for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12.

The naming of a new queen is one of the highlights of the annual Peach Festival.

The Peach Festival is sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club. The pageant is coordinated by Debbie Stroehlein.

Mackenzie Howell of Cobden is the reigning Cobden Peach Festival queen. She is the daughter of Diana and Anthony Howell. Mackenzie is attending Fontbonne College and is planning to become a registered dietitian. Her sponsor is Kenz Boutique.

Here's a look at the candidate's in this year's Cobden Peach Festival queen pageant:

Avigail Amezquita of Cobden is the daughter of Nonemi Anaya and Lorenzo Amezquita. She is attending Southern Illinois University. She hopes to go to medical school to be a part of the 2.5 percent of Latina physicians. Her sponsor is Don Taco Inc.

Olivia Bowen of Jonesboro is the daughter of Tim

and Angie Bowen. She is attending Southeast Missouri State University. She is a member of the university's ADPI Sorority, which she said has given her many opportunities to give back to the community. Her sponsor is Rod's Towing.

Lilia Carmona of Cobden is the daughter of Carmen and Luz Carmona. She is attending John A. Logan College. She plans to receive her LPN at John A. Logan College and then transfer to Southern Illinois University to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. Her sponsors are Rendleman Orchards and Don Sol.

Lakelyn Carter of Anna is the daughter of Thomas and Amanda Carter. She is attending Kaskaskia College. She is a certified life-guard and CPR certified. Her sponsor is Jim Carter Tire.

Liv Cerny of Cobden is the daughter of Tom and Jeannine Cerny. She is attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale who enjoys working in her garden and spending time outside. Her sponsor is Bass Farm.

Brooklynn Eastman of Anna is the daughter of Adam and Jennifer East-

man. She is a student at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Brooklynn is the Miss Illinois Heart Junior Teen for 2023. Her sponsor is Farmers Daughter Boutique.

Kaylee Hall of Cobden is the daughter of Jason Hall and Jennifer Reynolds. She is a student at Cobden High School and is taking classes at Shawnee Community College. She shared that her faith is incredibly important to her because it shaped her into the person she is today. Her sponsor is Pro 1 Autobody and Service Center.

Malayna Korb of Jonesboro is the daughter of Marc and Rebecca Korb. She is a student at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Shawnee Community College. She is striving to pursue a healthy and eco-friendly lifestyle. Her sponsor is L&P Carpet.

Sienna Morrison of Anna is the daughter Bryan Morrison and Lisa Lowe. She is attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She is hoping to own a golden retriever named Summer and a husky named Winter. Her sponsor is Darci Morrison at Salon 109.

Jady Samuels of Anna is the daughter of Tammy

Davis and Bill Davis. She is a student at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Shawnee Community College. She has created her own jewelry making and selling business. Her sponsor is The Orthopaedic Institute.

Anna Staley of Cobden is the daughter of Noble and Lynnette Staley. She is a student at Cobden High School. She shared that she enjoys being part of a small community and learning about new cultures. Her sponsor is Salon 109.

Madilyn Turner of Jonesboro is the daughter of Rodney and Pamela Turner. She is a junior at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and is majoring in public relations. She is sponsored by her own bath and body business, The Farmer's Granddaughter, which she started in the Union County CEO program.

Hailey Wright of Dongola is the daughter of Cherie and Donavan Wright. She is a Dongola High School and Shawnee Community College student. She is a Red Cross certified life-guard. Her sponsor is D&D Fabrication.

Cobden Peach Festival

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Items from the Foreman Drugstore of Cobden will also be featured. Al Foreman sold the family drugstore to Halley and Wilma Nebughr of Carbondale in 1946.

A commercial flour sifter from the Cobden Steam Bakery will be on display. A.H. Joram was the proprietor.

The Shop for the Benefit of the Museum is scheduled to be open featuring a variety of newly stocked merchandise such as fall decorations, glassware, and collectibles.

After the Peach Festival the museum's normal hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Special Activities
Special activities are planned in Cobden's downtown park during the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

The Big Muddy River Boys are scheduled to perform at the downtown park shelter from noon to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12. They play a variety of music. Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs.

The music is sponsored by the Cobden Community Association and the Village of Cobden.

The Cobden High School English as a Second Language Dance Team is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in the downtown park.

The youth group from the Apostolic Lighthouse in Cobden plans to sell lemon shake-ups in the park.

Cobden also has a variety of shops and restaurants

in the downtown area. A list of activities and shops will be available at the Union County Museum. The museum is in downtown Cobden.

Art Exhibit
After a pause due to tree damage at the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society's resource center in Cobden, an exhibit featuring art work by Austin Dent is scheduled to resume during the upcoming Peach Festival weekend.

Dent, of Cobden, is a retired art teacher who began painting again three years ago. Featured in the exhibit are the 12 paintings, mostly in acrylics but some in oils, that he has completed in those three years. His subjects range from whimsical to home and family and the spiritual.

Dent taught drawing, painting and sculpting to all grade levels from kindergarten through junior college.

In his off hours he farmed, did carpentry work, painted houses and trimmed and removed trees.

Sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, the exhibit is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, in the Nimmo-Walter Gallery of the Jane Brown Resource Center at 103 N. Appleknocker in Cobden.

The exhibit is scheduled to continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday in August.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. More information is

available by calling the Union County Museum in Cobden at 893-2865 or 893-2567.

Run/Walk, Fun Run
The Cobden Peach Festival 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run are scheduled Saturday, Aug. 12.

The events are being sponsored by the Cobden Runners'/Walkers Club.

Proceeds will help to support the Cobden School District cross country team and the junior high school track and field team.

The run/walk and fun run begin and end on Locust Street, adjacent to the Cobden Community Park.

Same-day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 7:30 a.m. and the Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m.

Awards which will be presented include:

5K run: overall male and female. 5K walk: overall male and female.

Top three places in each age group. Stroller division: top three participants. Fun run: participation ribbons.

Age groups for the walkers and runners start at 9 and under and go up to 80 and over.

Online registration was being made available at RunSignUp.com. For more information, contact Jennifer at 618-713-4245 or cobdenrunnerswalkersclub@gmail.com.

Parking Information

The Cobden Lions Club shared the following information about parking on its Facebook page:

With the construction taking place at Cobden High School a few changes are necessary regarding

traffic flow and parking for this year's festival.

Traffic access to the festival grounds will be from Cobden School Drive, thru the construction area, and then to the parking area behind the school and softball field.

Traffic thru this area will be one-way into the festival. Exit from this area will be on Cobden Park Alley and this will be one-way leaving the festival.

There will be no parking inside the fenced construction area. With the exception of the handicapped parking area there will also be no parking on Cobden Park Alley.

The area directly in front of the high school is reserved parking for those involved in the Peach Queen pageant.

With the loss of parking around the school area because of the construction, the Lions Club in cooperation with Wrightway Transportation will provide shuttle bus service each evening between 5:30 and 10:30.

The bus will leave on each half hour from the First Baptist Church parking lot, proceed to a stop in front of the US Bank to pick up those who wish to park in the lot across from the bank and then proceed to the Peach Festival grounds.

When the bus drops off at the grounds those who wish to return to their vehicles will board the bus back to their parking area.

People who use this service are reminded that the last bus back to their vehicle will be at approximately 10:30.

Support for STEAM education

Anna library receives grant for after-school programs

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna has been selected to receive a \$20,000 Project Next Generation, PNG, grant from the Illinois State Library.

Library director Sarah Watkins said the grant will support the development and implementation of cutting-edge, technology-based after-school programming for children aged 10 to 18.

The programming will focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, STEAM, education.

To kick off this program, the library plans to host a “Back to School STEAM Fair” on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will feature hands-on experiments and end with an engaging and educational program by Jason Lindsey, Mr. Science.

“Jason’s interactive presentation promises to captivate young minds and inspire them to explore the

wonders of the world around them,” Watkins shared.

Following the STEAM Fair, Stinson Memorial Public Library plans to continue its commitment to fostering innovation and learning by offering a diverse range of monthly club activities starting in September.

“These clubs are designed to ignite curiosity, enhance creativity, and develop critical thinking skills among participants,” Watkins stated.

The following clubs are planned:

First Thursday Build (Engineering) Club: Embark on exciting engineering challenges, constructing and testing various structures and devices.

Second Thursday Photography Club: Develop a keen eye for capturing the world through the lens and unleash your artistic vision.

Third Thursday Coding Club: Delve into the world

of programming and coding, mastering the language of the digital age.

Fourth Thursday Expanding Innovation STEAM Workshops: Engage in hands-on workshops covering a wide spectrum of STEAM disciplines, encouraging exploration and experimentation.

Stinson Memorial Public Library invites enthusiastic individuals with a passion for STEAM education to join them as volunteer mentors or guest speakers for these enriching activities.

“If you possess a STEAM-based skill that you would like to share or are interested in contributing to the PNG initiative, please leave your contact information at the library,” Watkins said.

The library director said “the PNG grant not only underscores Stinson Memorial Public Library’s dedication to providing exceptional educational opportunities but also demonstrates its commitment to empowering the youth with the tools they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

“The library is excited to embark on this transformative journey of learning and discovery and invites the community to be a part of this exciting venture.

More information about the Project Next Generation programming and volunteer opportunities is available by contacting Watkins by phone at 833-2521 or by email at swatkins@stinsonlibrary.org.

Project Next Generation is an initiative of the Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian.

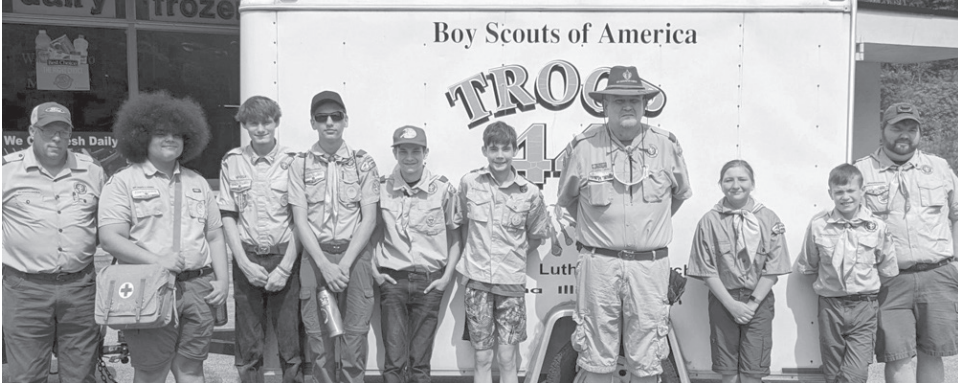
The initiative is designed to empower the next generation of learners with transformative technology-based experiences.

Project Next Generation grants are awarded to libraries across Illinois to offer innovative after-school programs that emphasize digital skills, creativity and personal growth.

Scouts attend summer camp

Members of Union County Boy Scout Troop 7044 traveled to Camp Gamble in Farmington, Mo., in June. This was a week-long summer camp where the scouts could choose what event they wanted to explore. Scouts from Troop 7044 participated in kayaking, canoeing, game design, swimming, bird study, exploration, movie making, rifle and amphibian study, sustainability, fish and wildlife management, lifesaving and fishing. Every scout picked the program they were interested in – as scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing.

Young people between the ages of 11 and 17 who would like to join Boy Scouts of America are invited to attend a Scout meeting. Meetings are planned at 7 p.m. on Mondays at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, which is located at 102 W. Jefferson St. in Anna.



Scouts and leaders prepared to leave Anna: from left are David Cook, Joshua Rochon, Mason Wren, Ben Hauser, David Cook, Frank Gaddis, Tim Casper, Trysten Borders, Colten Cook and Eddie Mayten.



Scouts at Camp Gamble: from left are Frank Gaddis, Colten Cook, David Cook, Trysten Borders, Ben Hauser, Mason Wren and Joshua Rochon. Photos provided.

Union County schools scheduled to begin new year

Union County school districts are gearing up for the start of the 2023-2024 academic year.

Schedules for the first day of school in Union County districts follow:

Lick Creek School District No. 16: Lick Creek students will be returning to class on Thursday, Aug. 17. Class will dismiss at 2:25 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and Monday through Friday of following school week. Classes will dismiss at regular times beginning Monday, Aug. 28.

Cobden School District No. 17: Schools in the Cobden district will begin classes on Wednesday, Aug. 16. For the first week, classes will be dismissed early at 2 p.m. Regular dismissal schedule will begin on Monday, Aug. 28.

Anna School District No. 37: School will begin for Lincoln, Davie and Anna Junior High School students on Friday, Aug. 18. School will be dismissed early on the first day and the following week at 2:15 p.m. Regular dismissal times to resume on Monday, Aug. 28.

Jonesboro School District No. 43: School will begin for Jonesboro students on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 8 a.m. School will dismiss at the early time of 2:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday as well as the following full week of school before returning to normal dismissal time on Monday, Aug. 28.

Dongola School District No. 66: The Dongola School District will begin classes for the semester on Friday, Aug. 11. The first day of school will be a half-day with students being dismissed at 11:30 a.m. The school schedule will return to normal dismissal times on Monday, Aug. 14.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81: A-J students will return to class on Thursday, Aug. 17. School will dismiss at 2:15 on Thursday and Friday of that week as well as Monday through Friday of the following week. Standard dismissal times to resume on Monday, Aug. 28.

Shawnee School District No. 84: Students attending Shawnee Schools will return to class on Friday, Aug. 18. There will be an early dismissal of 2:15 p.m. for the first day as well as the following week. A regular dismissal schedule will begin Monday, Aug. 28.

New air quality guidelines established

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois EPA, and the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, have established new Illinois-specific guidelines for issuing air quality messages to the public to provide additional guidance for public health measures.

The Illinois EPA issues daily air quality forecasts, based on the Air Quality Index, AQI, for 14 sectors in Illinois and posts the information at www.airnow.gov.

The AQI is a color-coded system that classifies air quality from good (green) to hazardous (maroon).

Residents also can subscribe to receive free air quality forecasts by email or Twitter at <http://enviroflash.info> and can download the free AIRNow App for iPhone and Android phones.

Anna VFW calendar

A corn hole tournament and music are planned at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

A weekly corn hole tournament is planned Thursday, today. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m. Food will be available and open to the public starting at 5:30 p.m.

Brian Pender is scheduled to be at the post from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

August National Immunization Month

August is National Immunization Month.

As part of the Illinois Department of Public Health’s “Don’t Wait, Get Your Kids Up-to-Date” campaign, Southern 7 Health Department reminds families with school-age children to schedule their child’s routine back-to-school shots now to avoid the last minute rush before the first day of school.

“While it’s important to make sure that backpacks are filled and school clothes are ready, vaccinations should be at the top of your to-do list,” Southern 7 Health Department community outreach coordinator Shawna Rhine said in a news release.

“Scheduling your child’s appointment early gives you plenty of time to collect necessary paperwork, confirm what vaccines are needed, and helps to ensure there are no delays at the vaccine appointment.”

Public health officials note that vaccines are one of children’s greatest defenses against many serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses, and have proven to be safe and effective in protecting them from 14 serious childhood diseases.

Illinois state law requires certain vaccinations for children under age 18.

Southern 7 Health Department provides the recommended vaccinations for all ages at each of its seven public health clinic offices.

Children can also receive their flu and COVID-19 shots at the department as needed.

To help make the process a bit easier, children who are immunized through Southern 7 Health Department will receive a coupon, while supplies last, for a free ice cream cone from Dairy Queen restaurants in Anna and Vienna as part of the department’s annual “Ice Cream for Vaccines” program.

To find out if a child is current in his/her routine vaccinations, or to schedule an appointment at a public health clinic, call 618-634-2297, visit southern7.org or download the Southern 7 app.

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National Peach Month

Come out and support the Cobden Peach Festival on August 11-12, 2023

• Food

• Peach Cobbler

• Rides

• Games

• Queen Contest

Your Anna-Jonesboro National Bank friends will be in the parade on Saturday August 12. Come See Us!

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Football practice begins
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team opened practice on Monday for the upcoming 2023 season. The Wildcats are scheduled to open the season Friday night, Aug. 25, at Harrisburg. A-J’s first home game is set for Friday night, Sept. 1, against Murphysboro.

A-J Athletic Department offers reserved parking/tailgating spaces for football games

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Athletic Department has announced that it will once again be offering reserved parking/tailgating spaces for all home varsity games. The procedure will be similar to last year; each individual will only be able to purchase two parking spots. Individuals who want to have reserved spots next to each other will have to put in separate bids with a maximum of two reserved spots per person.

Fans will be able to submit sealed bids, with payment included, for the 56 available reserved spots up to and on the night of Meet the Team on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m.

The minimum cost will be \$70 per spot and will reserve the spot for all regular season games as well as any and all home playoff games. Those wanting to submit bids prior to the Meet the Team night may do so in

the principal’s office at the high school.

The person who submits the highest sealed bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest from the 56 spots.

The second highest bid will be awarded the spot that he or she has ranked the highest and that still remains available, and so on until all those who have bid above \$70 have been assigned spots.

In the event two or more

bids are of the same amount, those who have submitted the equal bids will be randomly chosen and then have their spots assigned according to the spot that they ranked the highest and that still remains available.

Once all those who have bid above \$70 have chosen their spots, the people who have bid the minimum of \$70 will then also be assigned their spots by random drawing.

A map of the field and parking spaces will be available from the athletic department at the school.

Cobden golf teams set to open seasons

The Cobden High School girls’ and boys’ golf teams are set to open their season on Monday, Aug. 14.

Brett Pinnon is head coach of the teams. Cobden is scheduled to play its home matches at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna.

Cobden Girls
Cobden will have a girls’

team for the first time this season.

“We’re trying to build a program at the school,” Pinnon said.

He said that three of the team’s players bring experience from playing at the junior high level, including freshman Allison McGee, sophomore Mariana

Zamora and junior Grace Hawkins.

Seniors Kylie Hale and Nicole Basler are on the roster.

Cobden Boys
The boys’ golf team is looking to improve on last year’s record, when Cobden posted one win.

“This year we’re hoping to win a few more matches,” Pinnon said.

A-J girls' golf opens at Trico

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ golf team is set to open its season Thursday, today, at Trico.

Second-year coach Bob Holderfield’s team started practice for the season on Aug. 7.

Holderfield said he is hoping the A-J girls improve on last year’s season, when the squad finished in the middle of the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference’s Mississippi Division race.

Five players return from last year: seniors Torie Ralls and Ally Hasty and juniors Tess Wilkins, Chesnee Marks and Brooklynn Eastman.

Sophomores include Presley Bierstedt, Jada Benefield and Raeyllynn Sadler. The lone freshman is Finley Diemer.

The most experienced golfer he has returning is senior Jett Kuhn, who played on the junior high team.

Cobden’s roster also features seniors Alejandro Zamora and Mitchell Howell; junior Garrett Basler; sophomores Matthew Howell, Tommy Quertermous, Jansen Nance and Kingston Kuhn; and freshmen Korbin Hale and Justin Campbell.

Season Openers
Both Cobden teams are set to play their home matches at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna.

The girls’ and boys’ team both are scheduled to open their seasons at home against Harrisburg on Monday, Aug. 14.

2023-204 Illinois Digest of Hunting, Trapping Guidelines available

The 2023-2024 Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations is now available online.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reports that the digest can be accessed online at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/hunttrapdigest.html>.

Printed copies will arrive at vendor locations statewide soon after the fair.

“IDNR is pleased to make this informative digest available to hunters and trappers, who are essential partners in conservation and management of Illinois’ wildlife,” IDNR director Natalie Phelps Finnie said in a news release.

“This annual guide provides a detailed review of hunting and trapping season dates, possession limits, hunting zone boundaries, statewide hunting regulations, license and permit details, and other useful information. IDNR wishes hunters a safe and successful season.”

Hunting licenses can be purchased through IDNR’s online license portal at <https://exploremoreil.com> or in person at participating vendors.

Hunter safety course planned

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12, at Big Creek Baptist Church near Anna.

The church is located 2 miles south of Anna on U.S. Route 51.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 11 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 12. Students must attend both classes.

Students must preregister for the course. Preregistration and more information about the course are available by calling or texting the coordinating instructor at 618-697-0286.

Jonesboro tops Shawnee

Jonesboro defeated Shawnee 13-0 Monday, Aug. 7, in junior high school softball action. The game ended after 4 innings.

Jonesboro pitcher Macayla Nance worked 4 innings in the shutout win and did not allow a hit. She struck out nine batters and walked one.

Kynlee Needling went 2 for 3 at the plate for Jonesboro.

Nance, Maddie Moss, June Williams, Reagan Cheek and Addison Pinnon each were 1 for 2 for Jonesboro.

Fishing event for adults set

A free Fishing 101 program for adults is planned from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 12, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Local urban fishing coordinator Ethan Taylor Stephenson will share tips about fish identification, baiting, lures and casting. All gear and supplies will be provided.

The event is open to the public. Registration is required and can be made by calling 618-457-4836.

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- To search for a list of vendors, visit <https://exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>.
- The following late-summer hunting opportunities are available in Illinois:
- Squirrel**
Aug. 1, 2023-Feb. 15, 2024.
Location: Statewide.
(Except Nov. 17-19 and Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in counties open for firearm deer hunting).
Daily limit: 5.
Possession limit: 10.
- Dove (mourning and white-winged)**
Sept. 1-Nov. 14, 2023, and Dec. 26, 2023-Jan. 9, 2024.
Location: Statewide.
Daily limit: 15.
Possession limit: 45.
- Teal (early season)**
Sept. 9-24, 2023.
Location: Statewide (all zones).
Daily limit: 6.
Possession limit: 18.
- Rail (Sora and Virginia only)**
Sept. 9-Nov. 17, 2023.
Location: Statewide (all zones).
Daily limit: 25.
Possession limit: 75.
- Snipe (Wilson’s snipe)**
Sept. 9-Dec. 24, 2023.
Location: Statewide (all zones).
Daily limit: 8.
Possession limit: 24.
- Canada Geese (early season)**
Sept. 1-15, 2023.
Location: North and Central zones.
Daily limit: 5.
Possession limit: 15.
- Location: South Central and South zones.
Daily limit: 2.
Possession limit: 6.
- IDNR noted that “zone” refers to waterfowl hunting zones established in Illinois by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations.
- More details and a map of waterfowl zones and season dates for the period of 2021-2025 can be found online at <https://bit.ly/IL-waterfowlzones>.



Alumni soccer game
The second annual Derek Harvell Alumni Soccer Game was played at the A-J soccer fields on Saturday, Aug. 5. The game featured 45 players from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, representing classes from 2009 to 2027. Revenue generated by the event will go to the Derek Harvell Memorial Scholarship. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Reunion in Dongola
Descendants of Otto, Henry and Elmer Casper, and their uncle Daniel Casper met Saturday, July 15, at the Dongola Community Center for a family reunion. Photo provided.

Casper reunion held in Dongola

On Saturday, July 15, descendants of Otto, Henry and Elmer Casper, and their uncle Daniel Casper met at the Dongola Community Center for a family reunion.

Family members came from Missouri and Indiana and 12 different cities in Illinois.

In attendance were William and Connie Churchill of Dexter, Mo.; Levi and Abbi Simpkins of Evansville, Ind.; John and Erica Dananay of

Highland, Ind.

Also attending, Melodie Houston Penrod of Carterville, her granddaughters Piper and Kimber Sizemore of Dongola; Kent and Brady Toler and Cheyenne, Alan and Barb Casper, Clyde and Lisa Ramage of Marion.

John and Laurie Duckworth of Grand Chain; Jennifer Dananay of Ziegler; Gail Wells, David Docter and Dave and Renee Casper Scott and Kenzie; Tony and Patricia Penrod

of Belleville.

Others were Craig and Tanya Batterman, Sam and Grace of Springfield, Rose Ramage of Ullin, Rhonda Dananay and Fred Dananay of Chicago and Tina Ramage of Metropolis.

Those attending from Anna were Dale and Janet Brooks, Terry and Brenda Cooley, Shelby Colson, Gracie and Kodie, Sherman and Jessica Baker, Wyatt and Sadie and Mark Duckworth.

Those attending from Dongola were Sharon Brown, Jerry Duckworth, Charles Duckworth and Helen Duckworth.

A short business meeting was held before the meal. It was decided to have the next reunion on July 13, 2024, at the Dongola Community Center.

Visiting on Saturday evening in the home of Helen Duckworth and Charles, were John and Erica Dananay of Highland, Ind., Rhonda Dananay of Chicago and Dave, Renee Casper Scott and Kenzie of Belleville.

After the Scotts left, Helen and Charles took the Dananays to Christian Chapel and Friendship cemeteries for them to see the graves of relatives. Later they met Craig and Tanya Batterman and Sam and Dave and Renee Scott at Pizza Villa for pizza.

DeMoulin Bros. and Co. event set at Anna library

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna is planning to host a presentation about the DeMoulin brothers and the history of their company, DeMoulin Bros. and Co. of Greenville.

The presentation, “Three Frenchmen and a Goat: The DeMoulin Bros. Story,” is set for 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the library.

Stinson Memorial Public Library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna. The presentation is scheduled to last for about an hour.

The event is free and open to all ages, and will take place in the downstairs auditorium at the library.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Angie Fairless, Angie Young, Daryl L. Young. Grantee: Hayden Young. Tract Section 18 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Alan L. Brimm, Richard J. Brimm, Diana Hepburn, Beverly J. Minto. Grantee: Ruby Brimm. Subdivision Name: Henry N. Kohlers 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jack W. Sloan, Pamela E. Sloan. Grantee: Andrew Phemister. Tract Section 34 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carl Mixen, Mary Mixen. Grantee: Billy Michael Thompson. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 1. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ronald Ross Hileman. Grantee: Kalynn P. Robison. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Adam K. Cunningham. Grantee: George W. Vernon Jr., Marilyn R. Vernon. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Janice Gail Rhine Living Trust, Janice Gail Rhine Trustee. Grantee: Donald R. Rhine. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 15 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald R. Rhine, Patricia A. Rhine. Grantee: Janice Gail Rhine Living Trust, Janice Gail Rhine Trustee. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald R. Rhine. Grantee: Patricia A. Rhine Living Trust. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 15 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 23 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joann Lee Turner, John Bruce Turner. Grantee: Ryan M. Vicenzi, Samantha N. Vicenzi. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: McElhaneys 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 19.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Brock Martin, Kaylee Martin,

Kaylee Windings. Grantee: Danny Windings, Yvonne Windings. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Raymond Comi, James Lee Dillow. Grantee: R&B Investments. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Adam K. Cunningham. Grantee: Charles M. Hankins, Twilla J. Hankins. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brett Lingle, Kimbra L. Lingle, Lindell Lingle. Grantee: Cara E. Pribble. Subdivision Name: Miller Heights Sub. of Anna. Block 2 Lot 5.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carrie Barnett, John Barnett. Grantee: Jessica Baker, Sherman Baker. Subdivision Name: George W. Norris 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tyler L. Ragan. Grantee: Anthony Stein. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Hartline's Addition. Lots 8, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lisa Hawkins, Shelly Pierce. Grantee: Jenny Wernsing. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Glenda L. Cowan, Kenneth L. Cowan. Grantee: Kim G. Noffke, Onita Noffke. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Linda Delores Duvall, Heather Glenn Helson, Christopher Williams Helson, Heather Glenn Helson, John Richard Leeper, Paula Denise Leeper, Heather Metzger, Joseph Harry Metzger Jr., Marsha Darlene Metzger, R&M Investment Company, Kathryn Jane Rudolph, James Walter Taylor, Jeanine Marie Taylor. Grantee: Rudolph Metzger Investment Co. LLC. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carla Foskey, Perry Dale Foskey. Grantee: Alisa G. Houseman, David R. Houseman. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Garrott Addition. Lot 23.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Levi Johnson, Samantha Johnson. Grantee: City of Jonesboro. Subdivision Name: John Grammer's Donation to the City of Jonesboro. Lot 19.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Floyd Mayberry Trustee, Valley Mission Pentecostal Church Trustees. Grantee: Double DE Farm LLC. Tract Section 28 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carmen C. Coffman. Grantee: Benjie Lee Dunville, Janet K. Dunville. Subdivision Name: McElhaneys 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 28, 29, 30.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ruby Brimm. Grantee: Anthony H. Stein. Subdivision Name: Henry N. Kohlers 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 14.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: George Edward Rowatt, Vince Edward Rowatt. Grantee: Matthew James Little. Subdivision Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Lot 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael L. Wilson. Grantee: Dawn R. Wilson, Scott A. Wilson. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edward S. Martin, Grace D. Martin. Grantee: Wendell D. Martin, Shelby A. Martin. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Walters Real Estate Group LLC,

Zozo Acquisitions LLC. Grantee: Eric C. Boreup. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Eric C. Boreup. Grantee: Rion S. Thompson, Shannon Thompson. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Nedom S. Bowen. Grantee: Caitlin E. Bowen, Nedom S. Bowen. Tract Section 33 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ryan Carter, Torie D. Carter, Torie D. Smith. Grantee: Dennis Hahn, Elizabeth Hahn. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Lakeside 1st Addition. Lots 26, 27. Lakeside 2nd Addition. Lots R-47, R-48.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kevin D. Cox. Grantee: Patricia D. Cox. Tract Section 27 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Baleigh Parmly-Simmons, Bryan Simmons. Grantee: Baleigh Parmly-Simmons. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Johnny W. Wilson III. Grantee: Haley B. Baltzell, Nolan W. Baltzell. Tract Section 4 Township 12S Range 3W. Subdivision Name: Rendleman Subdivision. Block D. Lot 5.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: GLP, Gary L. Purcell. Grantee: Brian Kerr, Mary Kerr. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 14. Lot 4.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: RTF Investments LLC. Grantee: Independent Living Services Land Trust Number 94, Angela M. Povolish Trustee. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

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

Jose A. Delgado, Addison, driving on revoked license, \$1,327. Kieu Doan, Herrin, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Nathan Allan Borish, Murphysboro, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Daneesha T. Carter, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Davian Batiste, New Iberia, La., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Amber D. Halstead, Effingham, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Decarlo M. Ragland, Harrisburg, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Paula Miller, Waukegan, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Joshua F. Fenelon, Round Lake, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733.

Steven Anton Jones, Memphis, Tenn., driving/never issued license, \$257. Allan A. Brandenburg, Anna, driving on suspended license, \$257.

Kaleigh Larkin, West Frankfort, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Dakota M. Pickles, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Martez D. Hannah, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Patricia Cathleen Wall, Maypearl, Texas, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Samuel G. Warner, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Raymond Lee Welch III, Mounds, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Karen R. Collier, Dongola, registration expiration, \$164. Siveriano M. Hernandez, Cape Girardeau, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$257.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

Jacob Paul Parr of Buncombe and Mariah Jade Dillman of Marion.

Jacob Bradley Watkins of Jonesboro and Makayla Lei DeVitt of Anna.

Dylan Dutch Brangers of Christopher and Elizabeth Marie Cluck of Christopher.

Cade Richard Alberson of Salem and Taylor Dawn Gillette of Salem.

Sara Elizabeth Vitale of Anna and Irfran Gage Khurana of Anna.

Aaron Moses Wood of Dongola and Megan Inez Ferrell of Dongola.

Ethan Taylor Stephenson of Petersburg and Alexa Anne Chamberlin of Carterville.

Madalyne Berry-Dahm of Jonesboro and David Philip Burek of Jonesboro.

Francesca Elizabeth Ann Derossett of Alton and Wade Clinton Rieger of Alton.

Preston Quinn Fore of Herrin and Chloe Rae Williams of Anna.

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Worship at Kornthal

Worship at Kornthal will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17th with a youth choir for special music.

NOTE DATE CHANGE. Worship will return to the second Thursday in September.

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

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Aug. 6, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both services.

In the morning message, he felt led to have friends Fred and Bonnie Stearns share their testimony about how God had been with them through the entire time when Bonnie had a blood vessel burst in her brain in September of 2022.

They shared how God gave Bonnie a miracle healing and also used the couple to minister and pray for others while they

Family Eco Festival scheduled

Teachers with the Southern Illinois University River Region Master Teaching Fellows Program are planning to host the second annual Family Eco Festival at Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass.

The festival is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30. The event is a fund-raiser for the non-profit organization, Innovations in STEM Education.

Money raised at the event will fund grants to distribute to local teachers in need of science materials.

Hands-on science stations at the event will feature tardigrades and microscopes, eco-arts and crafts, solar eclipse activities and environmental education.

Live music, authentic Mexican food and an ice cream truck also will be featured throughout the day.

A silent auction and a 50/50 raffle are planned. Donations will be welcomed.

Sponsors for the event are the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Alto Vineyards, the Southern Illinois Community Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

were in the hospital. They testified that “God pays attention when you pray.”

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on our lower parking lot while tuned into their radios, station 87.9 FM. It was also live streamed on Facebook.

Check the church’s Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, for videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Debbie played the song “Because He Lives” as an instrumental.

Men’s and women’s Bible studies were planned Monday

evening, Aug. 7.

The Women on Mission group plans to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Lyman Eudy, Aug. 7; Larry Keller, Aug. 8; Teresa Molter, Aug. 13.

Anniversary: JD and Gwen Tripp, Aug. 11, 33 years.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes Sunday School classes on Sundays at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

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

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

National Night Out event held at Anna Pool

Area health organizations, law enforcement agencies and emergency services were on hand for a National Night Out 2023 event on Tuesday, Aug. 1, in Anna.

National Night Out day is held annually on the first Tuesday in August to promote partnerships between police departments and the communities they serve.

The local event was held at the Anna City Pool and featured a free day of swimming.

The free pool day was sponsored by Arrowleaf and its Recovery Orientated System of Care, ROSC,

program.

The ROSC program is a network of community-based services and supports for people living with, or at risk of, substance abuse disorders.

In addition to free swimming, those who attended were treated to free pizza and ice cream, as well as face painting, by the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

Other organizations which participated in the event included Southern 7 Health Department, Birth to Five Illinois and the Jonesboro and Wolf Lake fire departments.



Special event
National Night Out was commemorated Tuesday, Aug. 1, with activities at the Anna City Pool.



Siblings John Wingate, spokesperson for the Cache River Disc Club, spokesperson and Stinson Memorial Public Library director Sarah Watkins. Photo provided.

Stinson Memorial Public Library, Cobden Branch Library

Disc golf, 3D printing, telescope circulating kits available for use

Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna and its Cobden Branch Library announce the addition of circulating items and kits which are designed to enhance community engagement and learning opportunities.

“These kits are designed to provide residents with access to unique experiences and skills that may otherwise be considered uncommon,” Stinson Memorial Public Library director Sarah Watkins said in a news release.

Among the latest additions to the circulating collection are disc golf kits generously donated by The Cache River Disc Golf Club and the City of Anna.

Each branch of the library district will feature four disc golf kits which are available for checkout.

The kits offer an oppor-

tunity for both beginners and enthusiasts to enjoy the game of disc golf at local parks.

The idea for disc golf circulation was important to John Wingate, spokesperson for the Cache River Disc Golf Club.

He made sure Stinson Library’s director added the kits to ensure that the entire community had access to the growing sport.

“The Cache River Disc Golf Club appreciates the library for welcoming the idea of having disc golf sets that can be checked out for a round,” Wingate said.

“We hope it will encourage folks to get out and try disc golf. It’s a great way to spend an afternoon at the park by yourself, with friends or with the entire family.”

Wingate said he wants to “make disc golf more accessible to our community members as we continue to grow the sport in Union County.”

an opportunity to observe and learn about celestial wonders,” Watkins said.

“Stinson Memorial Public Library and Cobden Branch Library are committed to expanding their circulating offerings to provide the community with access to a diverse array of resources. The introduction of these kits aligns with the libraries’ mission to foster learning, exploration and recreation among residents of all ages,” the library director said.

Watkins said that library patrons are encouraged to explore these circulating kits and “to take advantage of the enriching experiences they offer.”

As part of the libraries’ ongoing commitment to community engagement, they are actively exploring additional items and equipment to introduce into circulation in the near future, Watkins said.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

The 9 Day Trail Ride ended Sunday. The weather was milder, with several rains.

Our son Danny came up to ride and camp. Riders came from as far as New York.

Alexa Migas, who is Bruce Williams’ granddaughter, hosted a meal at her camp Sunday for the Union County Saddle Club and friends.

Kevin Ralls gave the message Sunday morning. He and Teresa played and sang.

Gary Roach and Mitch Pullen had a gospel singing Sunday evening.

I thank Fred Schlenker for the credit he gave me for his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held on Aug. 6.

Announcements were given by Pastor Randy Wright. Music was led by Randy Wright and the worship team.

A message titled “The Church Cannot Give Up” was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Ezra and 2 Kings.

The sermon can be listened to on the church’s website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

At the Sunday evening service, special music was provided by Trey Morrison and Tammy Hagler.

Pastor Wright gave a message titled “Let’s Build His Church Together.” Scripture was from Ezra.

The church extends sympathy and prayers to Kathy Modglin and family in the loss of Kathy’s daughter, Rosa. A memorial service will be held at the church on Friday, Aug. 11, with visitation at 11 a.m. and the service starting at noon.

Birthdays: Marshall Ramage, Aug. 7; Abigail Hinkle, Aug. 10.

Anniversary: Jim and Tanya Hammer, Aug. 7.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

An evening worship service is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13.

A women’s ministry prayer

walk-in lunch is planned Aug. 13 at Don Sol’s, followed by a prayer walk.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the sanctuary. A youth group meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

Tie-dye workshop set at arts center

An “Absolutely No Negativity in Anna, IL, Tie-Dye Workshop” is planned at the Anna Arts Center.

The workshop is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 12. The cost is \$15.

The arts center is located at 123 W. Davie St. in Anna.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

On Sunday, Bro. Bradley Easton concluded his sermon series on the “The Full Armor of God,” with “The Sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God).”

The message recalled that at the time of the New Testament writings, swords were the main weapon of defense (and offense) used by the Roman soldiers. Without a sword, in spite of all the other armor the soldier wore, he was defenseless.

The message shared that “for Christians, our ‘sword’ is the Word of God, our Bible. As soldiers of the Lord, when we use our ‘sword,’ we are dangerous to Satan. We resist Satan’s attacks by ‘drawing our sword’: standing on the promises of God recorded in our Bible.

“It doesn’t do us any good to just have a sword/Bible. The

only way we learn to ‘use our sword’ is to pick up our Bible and read it.

“We have to become better sword fighters, more proficient with our sword. We don’t have to memorize the Bible, but we need to be familiar with it’s substance to counter Satan’s attacks.”

Nathan Smith, assisted by Dwight Boaz, rang the bell to begin worship. Rodney Miller assisted Nathan in taking up the tithes and offerings.

Camp Ground Church’s lead elder for August is Tony Gerard.

Those in the church family who have birthdays this week are Tracy Warren on Aug. 11 and Addi Bonner on Aug. 12.

Tony and Berna Gerard’s wedding anniversary was Aug. 9.

Mark Boaz of Morris spent

a couple days last week visiting his parents, Dwight and Sandra Boaz.

Everyone is encouraged to plan to attend the ecumenical worship service at the Union County Fair grandstand on Sunday, Aug. 20. The service commences at 5 p.m. and is sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church.

Morning worship begins at 10:30 a.m. A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts is available at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at the intersection of Camp Ground Road and Tunnel Lane, just north of Route 146 east of Anna.

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Daily Bible Readings

Isaiah	Philippians	Philippians	Philippians	Philippians	1 Thess.	1 Thess.
52:1-12	1:1-30	2:1-30	3:1-21	4:1-23	1:1-10	2:1-16

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.com, mail to me at 118 W. Monroe St., leave news in the back of the green box at the right of my front door or call me at 833-5717.

Have Fun

Have fun at the Cobden Peach Festival this weekend and Union County Fair Aug. 18-26.

Guest

Tanya Page from Peoria visited her mother Shirley Page. Tanya came to help her nephew Parker Busby celebrate his birthday. She brought him a fireman's suit that he loved.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Birthdays: Aug. 1, Ayla Corbit, Owen Corbit. 7, Remington Hindman. 8, Suzie Lehman. 11, Bethenie Nork. 2, Caitlin Bowen, Lola Lehman, John Lehman. 16, Callysta Borders. 20, Cassie Watkins. 25, Noble Robbins. 26,

Gaylon Cates, Tina Riley. 28, Doris Womick.

August anniversaries: Warren and Carla Anderson, 13 Rick and Wanda Dillow, Bill and Nancy Hooks.

Loaves and Fishes mission will be Aug. 15, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

UWF program "Healing Together" leader and hostess was Sue Ann Zimmerman.

Game night food theme is a potluck Aug. 11 at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Men's Bible study meeting. Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. the Women's Bible study.

Sunday morning Aug. 6 Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon

was Food for Thought, with scripture from Matthew.

Special music was Just a Little Talk with Jesus by David Pedigo, Marcy Morris, Terri Goldsberry and Carla Anderson.

Holy Communion was taken.

Potato Barn

James Dillow who purchased the Potato Barn across from Anna City Hall is working on a new look for it this week. He made a beautiful nice parking area a few months ago. It's exciting to see the improvements and can't wait to see what his plans are for it.

Special Thanks

I got a message from Cara Follis that she had given me credit for three family members when she renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat. Carolyn Follis, Matthew Follis and Amy/Stuart Rendleman. Thank you so much Cara for thinking about me.

94th Birthday

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies and GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 11 a.m. at Jonesboro Health Care for an early birthday party for Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards.

Bring a gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange. Also if you have a picture of you and Joan or the Red Hat ladies or women's club, please bring it for her wall. She loves to look at pictures. Everyone is invited to come join us and bring a guest.

Guest

Elizabeth Knupp from Antioch, Calif., was visiting her mother Jeri Knupp, family and friends.

State Retirees Union

The State Retirees Union met at Shawnee College Extension in Anna. Debbie Nash won the door prize for August. Robert Lingle won the door prize for July.

Put on your calendars the next meeting will be Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. at Shawnee College Extension in Anna.

Anna City Pool

Aug. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. will be your last day to enjoy the pool this season.

Thanks to Gary Dahmer, Anna public works manager, and all the city employees who worked so hard to keep our pool going this year. A special thanks to all the life guards. Aug. 13 the city will offer a doggie swim day from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Anna First Baptist Church

Worship and prayer service at Anna First Baptist Church Wednesday. Praying for many people to be healed and thanking God for our many blessings.

The next Wednesday night worship and prayer service will be Aug. 16 at



Tracey Smith, director of the chamber of commerce, and Martha Ann Webb, Anna city commissioner, welcomed guest speaker Marsha Griffin and State Rep. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs to the chamber meeting at the Kitchen on Lafayette Aug. 3.



Union County Sheriff's Office supported the National Night by Arrowleaf at Anna Swimming Pool. Left to right back row Eric Ralls, Stefanie Ralls, Sheriff Dave Wilkins, Jessica Bridges, Heidi Robinson, Crystal Gurley. Front row Adalynn Ralls, Sophia Hawkins, Benny Hawkins.



Crystal Davis celebrated with her parents Debra and Weldon Davis on their 53rd wedding anniversary Aug. 5.



David Pinkerton, director of business development for Integrity, was welcomed to his first Union County Chamber of Commerce meeting Aug. 3. Pictured with him, Olivia Barker, RN MDS care plan coordinator, left, and Candy Tucker, RN, LNHA administrator.



Former Anna resident David Bauer welcomed his parents Barbara and Norman Bauer to Wisconsin.



Shown at the 34th annual Gathering of Quilts Aug. 6 at Cedarhurst Museum in Mt. Vernon are Elizabeth Freeman, left, and Marie Samuel with her entry shown in the Shrode Art Center. "Madonna and Child in the Flower Garden" is an art quilt hand appliquéed, pieced and hand quilted by the artist. The flower garden is a symbol of the peace mothers in all cultures and times wish for their children. The exhibit is free and runs through Oct. 8. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays and is closed on Mondays.



Beverly Schaefer, Jonesboro City Council, with Drew Middleton, outreach specialist of Arrowleaf, at the free swim day in Anna.



Welcome new pastor Rev. Harold Gates of Lockard Chapel Baptist Church pictured with member Lillian Milam at the recent Alliance of Churches meeting.



Betty Cowsert was honored on her birthday Aug. 3.



Brandy Nelson, peer recovery specialist Arrowleaf. Chels Diles Region 21 and Linda Poindexter Region 30. Birth to Five Illinois. Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, program of Arrowleaf sponsored a Nation Night Out at the Anna Swimming Pool Aug. 1. Free swimming, food, and resources.



Tiffany Bowles and her little girl Georgia of Just Peachy Cleaners Cobden enjoyed swimming at the Anna Pool, all the activities and food at the special event sponsored by Arrowleaf. Jennifer Worthen, health educator, Johnson County Southern 7 Health Department. Jessica Short, health educator, Union County Southern 7 Health Department.



Free swimming day at Anna City Pool sponsored by ROSC/Arrowleaf. Left to right, Brittney Hale, director of prevention services; Katt Decker, peer recovery specialist; Martha Ann Webb, Anna city commissioner; Haley Robison, peer recovery specialist, John Cantrell, ROSC program manager.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m. lesson Aug. 6 taught by Cissi Cuthbertson was on Living for Christ changes the way we think with scripture from Romans.

Worship service at 10:15 a.m. Rev. Lupe Lopez’s sermon was Resist The Devil, with scripture from Matthew and James.

Sharon Farris welcomed everyone and led in the call to worship and Psalm 100.

Special music was by the worship team.

Our Lord’s Supper was taken.

Prayers of thanks were given and were said for all those sick that they will be healed, for the lost that they will get to know Jesus and for those who have lost loved ones.

Praises were given for two people who were baptized.

Saturday, Sept. 16, the church will be taking the Good News Wagon to the Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services for their fall festival.

Saturday, Aug. 12, at 6

p.m. Randy Wheaton and his sisters will be singing at the church.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Jesus at the center. This week The Uniquely Christian family.

Lincoln/Davie Back to School Bash Aug. 15 and 17.

Community worship at the Union County Fair Aug. 20 at 5 p.m.

Consumed at the fair, Wednesday, Aug. 23. Meet behind the grandstands at 6:30 p.m. to offer free prayers and sharing faith to fair goers.

Momma Lou’s Crafters will meet Thursday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays: Aug. 13 Randy Merriman, 16 Alaina Murillo, Mary Lou Schlenker, 17 Poppi Grey, 18 Kylee Tripp.

Anniversaries: Aug. 13 Robert and Susan Burnett, Darryl and Donna Williams, 15 Pete and Stacie Barger, 16 David and Brenda Schlenker.

July 30 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 80. 10:30 a.m. worship 124. Small group Bible study 195. 6 p.m. worship 30.

Annual A-J football breakfast, Friday, Aug. 25, 7 a.m. in the Family Life Center.



Tanya Page is Shirley Page’s daughter and Tiffany Busby’s sister. Tanya came down from Peoria to visit and celebrate a late birthday with Parker Busby. She got Parker a firefighter costume for his birthday. They had a surprise early birthday party for Tanya while she was down visiting. Tanya Page’s birthday was Aug. 7. They celebrated with a cake from Davis Pastry.



Jane Bauer and Chris Foster invite everyone to United Methodist Church Loaves and Fishes Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Also to attend church on Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Soon after her return, Candice received news of the passing of her 100-year-old aunt Marjorie Sample Loberg Swan in Pocahontas, Mo.

Marjorie Swan was the cousin of former Anna-Jonesboro resident, and father of Candice Linton, George Vernon.

Marjorie’s late husband Norman Swan was the brother of Candice Linton’s mother, former Anna-Jonesboro resident Dorothy Vernon. That makes Candice and her cousins, “doublecousins.”

Candice Vernon Linton’s cousins Sam and Nina have yet another “connection” with Anna’s 4-H-IFYEs Norm and Barbara Bauer.

As a bit of background information, Marjorie Swan was a long-time 4-H parent, leader, and an

advocate for “learning by doing.” She was a Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame inductee.

For many years, the Bauers have shared International 4-H Youth Exchange experiences and events with Marjorie and Norman Swan’s son Sam Swan and their daughter Nina Swan Kohler.

Sam was an outbound IFYE to Nepal, and Nina lived with host families in Trinidad. The Swan home in Pocahontas welcomed many international guests, as well.

Anna-Jonesboro residents who attended the celebration of life for Marjorie Sample Loberg Swan at St. John Lutheran Church in Pocahontas on Sunday, Aug. 6, were Candice Vernon Linton, Bill Vernon, Alexander Linton, Christopher Linton, A.J.

Vernon, and Norman and Barbara Bauer.

Trip to Wisconsin

Norm and Barbara Bauer have returned from a visit to family and friends in Cazenovia, Wis.

They spent several days at the Bauer Hollow home of son David and Ursula Bauer and also visited with son Timothy Bauer there.

It has been interesting and rewarding for the Bauers from Illinois to find so many Bauer families living in the Cazenovia area.

Neighbors Helen Bauer and her son Duane brought their books and scrapbooks and came to compare notes with us.

Their ancestors arrived in the Cazenovia, Wis., area from Germany in 1856 and established what is known today as Bauer Valley.

(We find the date in-

teresting as that is about the same time the Knupp-Boyd’s established the Union County Boyd Family Farm that belongs to Collin Boyd today.)

David and Ursula Bauer arrived there in 2020 and named their little farm Bauer Hollow.

We enjoyed sampling local special foods especially Carr Valley Wisconsin Cheese and Bauer Valley Maple Syrup. They enjoyed our Union County peaches and sweet corn.

Barbara Bauer checks indexes looking for Bauer family connections with Duane Bauer, hostess Ursula Sawakitis Bauer and Wisconsin family matriarch, Mrs. Helen Bauer. No connections have yet been found. Bauer means “farmer” in German, so there are many, many Bauers.

Television Listings

THURSDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2023 Little League World "Bristol, CT" (Live)	Young Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Moon Girl	"Five Armies" (14)	"Focus" Will Smith.	"The Fabelmans" (22) Michelle Williams.
7 PM :30	Generation Gap (HD)	Young Ghosts	FIFA (HD)	Password (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hailey's Hailey's	Winning Time	"Ex Machina" Domhnall Gleeson.	(15) "Emily" (23, Drama) Emma Mackey. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	The Prank Panel (HD)	(01) Big Brother (HD)	2023 FIFA Women's World Cup "Quarterfinal" (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Superstar Racing Experience (Live)	Bang (HD)	★★½ "The Heat" (13, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (R) (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	★★ "Magic Mike's Last Dance" Salma Hayek.	(49) ★★½ "Aeon Flux" (05) Charlize Theron.	
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	The Challenge: USA		Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)		Big City Hamster			
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Tacoma FD		Moon Girl	(10) "Kingspin" (96) Woody Harrelson. (HD)	(22) "Sin City" (05) Jessica Alba.	The Chi (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	"Get Hard" (15) Will Ferrell. (HD)	"Bridesmaids" (11) Kristen Wiig.	Saturdays Bluey			"Boogie"
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Bluey			

FRIDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	2023 Little League World "Bristol, CT" (Live)	Young Young	9-1-1 "Buck, Actually"	Miraculous Miraculous	(5:30) "Moneyball" (11) Brad Pitt.	★★★★ "Gone Girl" (14)	Wu-Tang (HD)
7 PM :30	Will Trent "Man-hunt"	Secret Celebrity (HD)	WWE Friday Night "SnackDown TBA" (Live) (HD)	Hot Wheels: Ultimate		"Get Hard" (15, Comedy) Will Ferrell. (R) (HD)	9-1-1 "Triggers" (HD)	Hamster Hamster	(50) "Good Will Hunting" (98, Drama) Robin Williams.	"The Hunted" Tommy Lee Jones.	"All Up in the Biz" (23) Michael Kaves. (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 "Investigative news." (HD)	Fire Country (HD)		Dateline NBC "Investigative news."	2023 Little League World (Live)		9-1-1 "Rage" (HD)	Saturdays Saturdays		(35) "A Most Violent Year" (14) Oscar Isaac.	Bellator MMA "Story vs. Ward" (Live) (HD)
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			(53) "Ride Along" (14) Ice Cube.	9-1-1 "Ghost Stories"	The Ghost Kiff			
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)		9-1-1 (HD)	Miraculous	How To		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	"Happy Gilmore" Adam Sandler.	9-1-1 "Hero Complex"	Bluey	Winning Time	(40) ★ "The Golden Child" (86)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Bluey	How To		

SATURDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night (Live)	★★★★ "Happy Gilmore"	NASCAR Xfinity (Live)	Raven Home Raven Home	"Live Free Die Hard" (5:23) (14)	(5:23) "Tammy" (14)	(5:30) "Devotion" (22, Action) Glen Powell.
7 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)		Baking It (HD)		Burgers Burgers	Post Race Chicago P.D. (HD)		"The Bourne Ultimatum" (07) Matt Damon.	★★★ "Father Figures" (17) Owen Wilson. (HD)	Showtime Championship Boxing "Rodriguez vs. Lopez" (Live) (HD)
8 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)		America's Got Talent "Auditions 6" (HD)		Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Saturdays Saturdays			
9 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		Top Rank Boxing on ESPN (Live)	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Moon Girl Kiff	Winning Time	"Dodgeball: True Underdog"	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Special (HD)	Local Saturday Night Live (HD)		Miracle "Dumb and Dumber" (94) Jim Carrey. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	The Ghost Bluey	How To	★★ "The Mexican" (01) Brad Pitt.	"The Full Monty" Robert Carlyle.
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)		Chicago PD	Bluey			The Chi

SUNDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Ramsay's Food Stars	Ninja Warrior (HD)	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Mets from Citi Field (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	"American Gangster" Denzel Washington.	★★★★ "Limitless" (11)	Billions A big gamble.
7 PM :30	Family Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons Family Guy	Ninja Warrior (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Home Raven Home	"Traffic" (18) Paula Patton. (HD)	★★★ "Father Figures" (17) Owen Wilson. (HD)	Billions (HD)
8 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	The Challenge: USA	Burgers Family Guy	America's Got Talent "Auditions 9" (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff	Winning Time	"Jennifer's Body" Megan Fox.	The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)	"Crazy Rich Asians" (18, Comedy) Gemma Chan. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff	The Telemarketers		Billions (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	Winning The Telemarketers	(20) ★★ "Focus" (15, Crime) Will Smith. (HD)	The Chi (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs		Sports	"The Intern"	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey	Winning		Billions (HD)

MONDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Moon Girl	"Transform" (22)	(5:30) ★★ "Lucy" (14)	"Everything" (22) (R)
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette "The Men Tell All" (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts NCIS "Black Sky" (HD)	Stars on Mars (HD)	American Ninja Warrior "Semifinals 3 &" (HD)	30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)		How To	★★ "The Eye" (08) Jessica Alba.	The Chi (HD)
8 PM :30		Crime Scene Kitchen			30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)			Raven Home	★★★ "The Eye" (08) Jessica Alba.	Billions (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Claim To Fame	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Weakest Link (HD)	30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City Hamster	Winning	(37) ★★½ "Species" (95) Ben Kingsley. (R) (HD)	Why Women Kill (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Miracle		Moon Girl	The Telemarketers		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	The Big D (HD)	Saturdays Bluey	(50) "Elvis" (22) Austin Butler.	"Perfect Stranger" Halle Berry.	"All Up in the Biz" (23) (NR) (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Dad (HD)	The Big D (HD)	Bluey			The Chi

TUESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	NFL Players Helmets Off "Fantasy Football Draft" (Live)	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Atlanta Braves (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff	"The Batman" (22)	"Winter's Bone" (10)	"Valentino" (45) "Emily" (23, Drama) Emma Mackey. (R) (HD)
7 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	FBI "Heroes"	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	America's Got Talent "Road to Lives" (HD)			WWE NXT (Live) (HD)		(05) "Edge of Tomorrow" (14) Tom Cruise.	★★★★ "Gone Girl" (14, Thriller) Ben Affleck. (R)	
8 PM :30	Jeopardy! Masters	FBI: International	(02) Accused (HD)					Miraculous Miraculous			
9 PM :30	The Chase (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	To Be Announced	The Ultimate Fighter	Post-Game Young	(08) ★★½ "The Waterboy" (98)	Moon Girl Villains	Hard Knocks '23	"Armageddon" (98, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. (HD)	★★★½ "Casino" (95, Crime) Robert De Niro. (R) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Young		Moon Girl	Winning		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	The Big D (HD)	Villains	"Dawn of Planet of Apes" (14)		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young	"The Waterboy" (98)	Bluey			

WEDNESDAY											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	2023 Little League World Series (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff	★★★★ "Moonlight" (16)	★★★★½ "District 9" (09)	"Enemy" Jude Law.
7 PM :30	Judge Steve Harvey	Big Brother (HD)	The Masked Singer	LA Fire & Rescue		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★½ "The Assistant" Julia Garner.	★★★★½ "Sin City" (05, Crime) Jessica Alba. (HD)	★★★ "Need for Speed" (14) Aaron Paul. (HD)
8 PM :30	The Wonder The Wonder	Superfan (HD)	Farmer Wants a Wife	Chicago Fire (HD)	College Football Live		Temptation Island	Miraculous Miraculous			
9 PM :30	Videos Grand prize.	So Help Me Todd	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	(01) The Big D (HD)	Moon Girl	Tele marketers	"Revenge of Green Dragons"	"The Midnight Meat Train" Bradley Cooper.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Temptation Island	Raven Home	Winning (20) Hard Knocks '23		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young		Raven Home		"Leatherface" Stephen Dorff. (R)	★★★★ "X" Jenna Ortega.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young	Temptation Island	Bluey	"House Party" (23)		

AUGUST 10, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2023 Little League World "Bristol, CT" (Live)	Young Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Moon Girl	"Five Armies" (14)	"Focus" Will Smith.	"The Fabelmans" (22) Michelle Williams.
7 PM :30	Generation Gap (HD)	Young Ghosts	FIFA (HD)	Password (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hailey's Hailey's	Winning Time	"Ex Machina" Domhnall Gleeson.	(15) "Emily" (23, Drama) Emma Mackey. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	The Prank Panel (HD)	(01) Big Brother (HD)	2023 FIFA Women's World Cup "Quarterfinal" (Live) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Superstar Racing Experience (Live)	Bang (HD)	★★½ "The Heat" (13, Comedy) Sandra Bullock. (R) (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	★★ "Magic Mike's Last Dance" Salma Hayek.	(49) ★★½ "Aeon Flux" (05) Charlize Theron.	
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	The Challenge: USA		Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)		Big City Hamster			
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Tacoma FD		Moon Girl	(10) "Kingspin" (96) Woody Harrelson. (HD)	(22) "Sin City" (05) Jessica Alba.	The Chi (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	"Get Hard" (15) Will Ferrell. (HD)	"Bridesmaids" (11) Kristen Wiig.	Saturdays Bluey			"Boogie"
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Bluey			

AUGUST 11, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	2023 Little League World "Bristol, CT" (Live)	Young Young	9-1-1 "Buck, Actually"	Miraculous Miraculous	(5:30) "Moneyball" (11) Brad Pitt.	★★★★ "Gone Girl" (14)	Wu-Tang (HD)
7 PM :30	Will Trent "Man-hunt"	Secret Celebrity (HD)	WWE Friday Night "SnackDown TBA" (Live) (HD)	Hot Wheels: Ultimate		"Get Hard" (15, Comedy) Will Ferrell. (R) (HD)	9-1-1 "Triggers" (HD)	Hamster Hamster	(50) "Good Will Hunting" (98, Drama) Robin Williams.	"The Hunted" Tommy Lee Jones.	"All Up in the Biz" (23) Michael Kaves. (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 "Investigative news." (HD)	Fire Country (HD)		Dateline NBC "Investigative news."	2023 Little League World (Live)		9-1-1 "Rage" (HD)	Saturdays Saturdays		(35) "A Most Violent Year" (14) Oscar Isaac.	Bellator MMA "Story vs. Ward" (Live) (HD)
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			(53) "Ride Along" (14) Ice Cube.	9-1-1 "Ghost Stories"	The Ghost Kiff			
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)		9-1-1 (HD)	Miraculous	How To		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	"Happy Gilmore" Adam Sandler.	9-1-1 "Hero Complex"	Bluey	Winning Time	(40) ★ "The Golden Child" (86)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Bluey	How To		

AUGUST 12, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night (Live)	★★★★ "Happy Gilmore"	NASCAR Xfinity (Live)	Raven Home Raven Home	"Live Free Die Hard" (5:23) (14)	(5:23) "Tammy" (14)	(5:30) "Devotion" (22, Action) Glen Powell.
7 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)		Baking It (HD)		Burgers Burgers	Post Race Chicago P.D. (HD)		"The Bourne Ultimatum" (07) Matt Damon.	★★★ "Father Figures" (17) Owen Wilson. (HD)	Showtime Championship Boxing "Rodriguez vs. Lopez" (Live) (HD)
8 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)		America's Got Talent "Auditions 6" (HD)		Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Saturdays Saturdays			
9 PM :30	Ms. Marvel (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		Top Rank Boxing on ESPN (Live)	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Moon Girl Kiff	Winning Time	"Dodgeball: True Underdog"	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Special (HD)	Local Saturday Night Live (HD)		Miracle "Dumb and Dumber" (94) Jim Carrey. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	The Ghost Bluey	How To	★★ "The Mexican" (01) Brad Pitt.	"The Full Monty" Robert Carlyle.
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (Live)		Chicago PD	Bluey			The Chi

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2023 Little League World Series (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Kiff Kiff	★★★ "Moonlight" (16)	★★★★ "District 9" (09)	"Enemy" Jude Law.
7 PM :30	Judge Steve Harvey	Big Brother (HD)	The Masked Singer	LA Fire & Rescue		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	"Movie" Big City	★★½ "The Assistant" Julia Garner.	★★★★ "Sin City" (05, Crime) Jessica Alba. (HD)	★★★ "Need for Speed" (14) Aaron Paul. (HD)
8 PM :30	The Wonder The Wonder	Superfan (HD)	Famer Wants a Wife	Chicago Fire (HD)	College Football Live		Temptation Island	Miraculous Miraculous	The		
9 PM :30	Videos <i>Grand prize.</i>	So Help Me Todd	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young Young	(01) The Big D (HD)	Moon Girl Moon Girl	Telemarketers Winning	"Revenge of Green Dragons"	"The Midnight Meat Train" Bradley Cooper.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Temptation Island	Raven Home Raven Home	(20) Hard Knocks 23	"Letteraftere"	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Temptation Island	Bluey Bluey	"House Party" (23)	Stephen Dorff. (R)	★★★ "X" Jenna Ortega.
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young					

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JANICE ADAMICK, Plaintiff,
vs.
TRENT TOLLISON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant.
Case No. 2022FC22

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the Lien Foreclosure for real property located on 212 S. E. Front St., Dongola, Union County, Illinois, the real estate being further described, to-wit:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWEST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 222.26 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 41°-14'-31" A DISTANCE OF 712.53 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING LEFT 90°-00" PARALLEL WITH FRONT

STREET A DISTANCE OF 190.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG A PROLONGATION OF THE PRECEDING COURSE A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRONT STREET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE DEFLECTING RIGHT 90°-00" A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.321 ACRES MORE OR LESS;

PER "TRACT 2" ON A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER ON JULY 2, 1979, IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 134.

NOW, THEREFORE, a judgment for foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the foreclosure and whereby a default judgment may be entered on or after 17th day of August 2023.

Keri E. Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois

Bigler Law Office
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EARL KETTEMAN DECEASED No. 2023PR16

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM EARL KETTEMAN, of 517 North Appleknocker St., Cobden, Illinois 62920. Letters of Office were issued on July 24, 2023, to RAYMOND E. KETTEMAN, of 610 South Jackson, P.O. Box 509, West Frankfort, Illinois 62896, whose attorney is Jarred R. Tynes, Black, Ballard, McDonald, P.C., P.O. Box 4007, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, by February 3, 2024, or on or before the expiration of six (6) months from the first publication date of this notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for all documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FQAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with the circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2023.

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

ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF VELDA BROWN, DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-19 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Velda Brown, of Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 26, 2023, to Allen D. Dillow, 3200 Sycamore Road, Carterville, IL 62918, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to Sarah Allen, whose address is not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered on July 26, 2023, admitting to probate the Last Will and Testament of Velda Brown dated June 8, 2022.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 3, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 31, 2023.

ALLEN D. DILLOW
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
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ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of Jonathan Biltgen, Deceased No. 2023-PR-18

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JONATHAN BILTGEN of Palm Harbor, Florida. Letters of Office were issued on July 25, 2023, to Kathryn M. Esposito, of 734 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, Florida as Administrator and whose attorney of record is Jason E. Coffey of Fisher, Kerkhover & Coffey Law Office, 600 State Street, Chester, Illinois, 62233.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 10, 2024, or three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this Notice to creditors, whichever is later,

and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Within ten days after filing of the Claim with the Clerk, the claimant shall cause a copy of the Claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative of the estate and to the representative's attorney of record. Dated: July 28, 2023

Kathlyn M. Esposito
Executor of the Estate of Jonathan Biltgen

Jason E. Coffey - Attorney

Jason E. Coffey - 6285941
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-02

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR STINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Stinson Public Library District of the County of Union, State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Stinson Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Anna, Illinois this 31st day of July, 2023.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 1,127.

2. The petition must be filed on or before September 9, 2023.

3. The referendum would be held March 19, 2024.

Misty Yates,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Stinson Public Library District

c/o Stinson Public Library District
409 S. Main St.
Anna, IL 62906 35g

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,
vs.
GABRIEL G. MEAD and SARAH E. MEAD, Defendants.
Civil No. 23-cv-179-JPG

AMENDED NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment decree 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.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Kirsten Goodisky
Rural Development Specialist
502 Comfort Drive
Marion, Illinois 62959
(618) 993-5396 ext 4

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

210 Springfield Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906
3. The legal description of the real estate is:

Legal Description
PART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF THE NINAHINDMAN SURVEY AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 25; THENCE SOUTH 48°-22' EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 51 A DISTANCE OF 178.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 41°-38' WEST A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 48°-22' EAST A DISTANCE OF 64.45 FEET; THENCE NORTH 40°-53'-35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 130.01 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U. S. ROUTE 51; THENCE NORTH 48°-22' WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 62.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; Per Plat of Survey filed on March 19, 1992, in Record Book 88, page 373 in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: by appointment.

5. The date, time, and place of the sale are: September 13, 2023, at 12:00 noon, at the front door of the County Courthouse for Union County, Jonesboro, Illinois.

6. The terms of the sale are: cashier's check, 10 percent due at time of sale, balance due within 72 hours.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes, which are a lien upon the real estate but not yet due and payable, and special assessments, if any, special taxes, and easements and restrictions of record.

8. At said sale I shall give to the purchaser or purchasers a certificate in writing describing the lands and tenements purchased and the sum paid therefor. Upon confirmation of said sale by the court, the holder of said certificate shall be entitled to a deed for said premises.

Dated at East St. Louis, Illinois, this 12th day of July, 2023.

DAVID C. DAVIS
United States Marshal
Southern District of Illinois

ADAM E. HANNA
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
Nine Executive Drive
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Phone: (618) 628-3700
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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, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at Jonesboro Elementary School District Business Office, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, from and after 9:00 a.m. on the 18th day of August, 2023. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:15 p.m., on the 21st day of September, 2023, at the Board of Education meeting room, 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois, in this School District #43. Dated this 8th day of August, 2023.

School Board of School District #43, in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

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Obituaries

Rosa Maria Parks

Rosa Maria Parks, 44, of Cobden, died Monday, July 31, 2023.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1979, in Carbondale, the daughter of Laurentino Flores and Kathy Brimm Modglin.

She is survived by her parents; her children, Erikah, Emily, Esten and Evan Parks and Michael and Isaac Garcia; siblings Rogelio, Jaime and Mercedes Flores; aunts Frankie (Miguel) Romero and Nona (Don) Trambley; other relatives and many friends.



She was preceded in death by a brother, Joey Modglin; and her maternal grandparents, Frank and Billie Ruth Brimm.

“Our mother had the biggest heart we have ever known. We are happy that she gifted us with that, and it will forever carry on. She loved the moon and now every time we see it, we will see our Mom. She taught us to love the little things in life and love everybody. She fought so hard to get through what she did. We will cherish every moment we shared together. We will love you forever, Mom! Rest in peace and watch over us kids and Mawmaw. We love you so much! We will see you again.”

She attended Carbondale-New Beginnings Community Church of the Nazarene, where she was involved in the Jesus on the Square Ministry, where she cared for the unsheltered population of Carbondale.

A memorial service for Rosa will be held at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene on Friday, Aug. 11, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. and the memorial service immediately following at noon. The Rev. Randy Wright and the Rev. Brian Trambley will be officiating.

Memorials can be made to offset final expenses. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

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

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Phyllis Kay Smith Michels

Kay Michels, 85, of Evanston, died peacefully on Aug. 1, 2023, surrounded by family.

She was born on July 11, 1938, in Southern Illinois and was the only child of Cletus and Helen “Polly” Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Kim Michels Preis, and son, Clark “Mike” Michels, son-in-law, Warren Preis, and her adored granddaughters, Lillian “Lilly” and Clare Preis of Chicago.



She graduated from Anna Jonesboro Community High School in 1956. She attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale, receiving her bachelor of arts degree in education in 1960, followed by her master of arts degree in education from the Webster University School of Education in 1978.

She met her beloved husband, Clark Michels, while attending SIU and they were married in 1958.

Over the years, Kay and Clark lived in Danville, Ebensburg, Pa., Dayton, Ohio, Indianapolis, Ind., O’Fallon, Mo., and finally retiring to Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Kay and Clark spent four years exploring the southwest and hosting many out-of-town guests until Clark’s passing in 1996.

Everywhere she called home, Kay became a devoted friend to many and cherished each of those special relationships. Her life was marked by kindness towards everyone she knew. She had deep, unconditional love for her immediate and extended family and all of her friends – she never met a stranger.

She had a generous soul and thrived on being surrounded by people, most notably her many students. For 30 years, Kay was a cherished teacher and mentor. She continually advocated for that child in need, and Clark was an immense supporter of her mission. It was not unusual to find the house filled with students who needed support, a good meal, laughter and the gift of her love.

Kay was a two-time breast cancer survivor. Her sense of style was always on point, and she loved a good red lipstick.

Her love of travel was immense, and she was always ready to pack her bags for an adventure to visit family and friends along the way. Later in life, her most notable trips were with her sisters-in-law, Joyce and Marilyn, traveling to Sweden, Greece, and Turkey, and a memorable family trip to Israel in 2015.

Following the birth of her twin granddaughters in 2002, Kay moved to the Chicago area, to be close to her children and grandchildren.

This new chapter of her life was marked by helping out at her daughter’s showroom, following her son’s career in media, and spending every possible moment with her granddaughters.

She loved nothing more than sharing stories of her childhood, travels and students with her family – her family time was sacred.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Dolly Par-ton’s Imagination Library, which provides free books to children in countries around the world, and/or the Obama Youth Jobs Corps, which provides professional support to Chicago high school students, in honor of Kay’s years as an educator and advocate for youth.

Kay was a beautiful woman inside and out. May the memory of her grace, style, warmth and generosity continue to inspire all that knew her. We will forever hold her in our hearts.

Ernest M. Rhodes

Ernest M. Rhodes, 88, of rural Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1935, in Beech Grove, the son of Ernest Rhodes and Molly Frogge.

He married Doris Groves on May 26, 1956.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Doris; daughters Becky (Don) of Texas, Nancy of Arizona, Dianna of Texas and Danette (Dana) of Jonesboro; grandchildren Jared Rhodes Ozols, Adriel (Austin) Heidland and Elliott Cross; one great-grandson, Owen; other relatives and friends.



He was preceded in death by his mom and dad and his step-mom Marie, who raised him from age 7.

He grew up and lived in the Mississippi River bottoms until 1973, when he moved to the hills. He farmed his entire life while also working for the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District.

He was a member of the Jonesboro First Baptist Church. He was an avid reader and enjoyed antique cars and travelling.

Funeral services for Ernest Rhodes were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Perry Williams and Bill Littrell officiating. Private interment followed.

Memorials can be made to the church of the donor’s choice or to the donor’s local FFA chapter.

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

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Joseph D. ‘Joe’ Wilson

Joseph D. “Joe” Wilson, 73, of Ware, died tragically on Jan. 2, 2023, as the result of an automobile accident.

Joe and his twin brother, Gerald, were born on Aug. 8, 1949, in Anna, the sons of Earl and Edith Rosenthal Wilson.

Joe is survived by his brother, Gerald (Sue) Wilson of Green Valley, Ariz.; his daughter, Valerie (Drew) Martin of Pacific, Mo.; his son, Joshua of Ware; grandchildren Autumn, Summer, Larry and Kylo, all of Pacific, Mo.; nephews Douglas Adams of Loganville, Ga., and Jeremy Wilson of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Thomas Wilson; and a sister, Earlene Adams.

After graduating from Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake in 1967, Joe attended Bailey Technical School in St. Louis, where he studied auto and diesel mechanics. He owned and operated Wilson’s Marine Service in Ware for approximately 15 years.

A memorial service for Joe Wilson is being planned for a later date.

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

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

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Our sympathy to the family of Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro who passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 2. His funeral was Saturday, Aug. 5.

Maxine and Fred Pender attended a birthday party for Ridge Pender, son of Shelton and Kayde Pender, on Saturday, Aug. 5. Ridge was 4 years old on Sunday, Aug. 6. There were several relatives and friends in attendance.

Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Saturday with Maxine and Fred Pender. Gary Gibbs also visited with the Penders.

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch and Tony Pender of Paducah visited Sunday with Maxine and Fred Pender.

Visiting during last week with Shirley Miller of McClure were Joe and Sawyer Schneider of Cape Girardeau.

Shirley Miller attended the funeral for Ernie Rhodes on Saturday and then visited with Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro and Penny Hill of McClure.

Shirley Miller had lunch on Sunday, Aug. 6, with Penny and Kerry Hill and Kacie and Milo Gollhier of Fenton, Mo.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Aug. 6 were Kevin, Jennifer and Emma Eudy, Jonathan and Oliver Bohnert and Ryan, Breeanna, Jade and Wade Driscoll, all of Cape Girardeau.

Those enjoying eating at Pizza Hut in Anna after church Sunday night at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church were Rev. Jamie, Maria and Clayton Bridgeman of Cape Girardeau, Shirley Miller, and Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure and Sue Eudy of Anna.

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

Jose Chaires

Jose Chaires, 44, of Anna, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1979, in Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas, Mexico, the son of Ciro Humberto and Maria Guadalupe Chairez.

He is survived by his parents, Ciro and Maria Chairez; siblings Jose Humberto, Mario, Fernando, Juan Carlos, Jose Guadalupe, Maria Elena, Julio Cesar, Linda and Eric; other relatives and friends.



Funeral Mass for Jose Chaires will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Cobden.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. The Rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. Thursday, today, and the family will receive guests afterwards.

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

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

Charles ‘Charlie’ Baker

Charles Baker, 64, of Cobden, passed away Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Manor Court in Carbondale.

He was born on June 29, 1959, in Berwyn, the son of Charles and Bessie Baker.

He is survived by his brother, Ermal (Cami) Sorrels of West Frankfort; a sister, Jane Baker of Cobden; and a niece, Shonda Sorrels.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked and traveled as a laborer, building dry kilns. Prior to that, he worked as a custodian at the Su Casa Migrant Head Start Day Care Center in Cobden. He also did carpentry, electrical and plumbing work for friends and anyone who asked him.

He enjoyed fishing and working on cars, tractors, mowers or anything with a motor.

A service will be planned at a later date.

Riley Olivia Shields

Riley Olivia Shields, of Anna, passed away at birth on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Riley is survived by her parents, Patrick and April Shields; sisters Millie Shields and Morgan Shields; and grandparents, Melanie and Kurt Hileman.

Her grandparents, Mike and Kathy Shields, preceded her in death and made sure she got her heavenly home.

Interment will be held at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park at a later date.

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

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

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Overcoming Pessimism: Part 1

It is an age-old question: Is the glass half-empty? Is the glass half-full? For some, the answer explains the difference between being an optimistic person and being a pessimistic person. But the issue is much more complicated than a simple answer. Pessimism is the disposition of viewing the worst of each situation. Many times, we find ourselves focusing upon the negative of life; usually, it leads us into a chasm of self-pity. Pessimism can cripple a Christian in fulfilling the Great Commission and it is with this consideration, we discuss a series of ideas taken from Philippians 4:8, “Overcoming Pessimism.”

In Paul’s final exhortation to the saints at Philippi, the apostle charged, “think on these things.” Paul challenged the saints to reflect, meditate, or consider a positive outlook on life. First, to overcome pessimism, we must reflect upon what is “TRUE.” For something to be true, it must be unchangeable and eternal. Scripture reminds us that God is True, 2 Corinthians 1:18 as well as 1 John 5:20. Based upon that fact, we can conclude that God’s Word is “TRUE.” David wrote in Psalm 119:160 “thy word is true from the very beginning.” Another factor in overcoming pessimism is to focus upon what is “HONEST.” For a Christian, honesty should highlight our behavior. When a Christian reflects upon an honest or honorable disposition, 2 Corinthians 8:21, this outlook aids in making good decisions, loyal actions, and words which are full of integrity. Honesty gives us a greater peace of mind and sets a proper example for all to view. Christians are to “provide things honest in the sight of all men.” Provide means to “take thought, plan, or make ready.” To provide honest “things,” we must be optimistic, hoping for the future; Honesty has a way of showing us our shortcomings if we will listen.

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Opinion and Commentary

Drought poses challenges for Illinois farmers

By Richard Guebert Jr.
Illinois Farm Bureau President

This summer’s growing season has brought a whirlwind of challenges for Illinois farmers, from severe drought to a devastating derecho and flash flooding. When it comes to how farmers are faring under such conditions, my friend and colleague said it the best: “It depends on what cloud you’re under.”

Every farmer’s situation is different. How drought affects profitability and yield depends on numerous variables, including crop variety and location, making it difficult to generalize how farmers will end up after this roller coaster ride of weather patterns.

In a single county one farmer’s field of corn or soybeans might look completely different from another’s 5 miles down the road.

Illinois closed July with some of the warmest temperatures so far this year with drought conditions spottily disrupted by pop-up thunderstorms across the state. While some areas were lucky enough to see rain, we’re not out of the woods yet. To quote the Illinois state climatologist’s office, “drought is a complex physical and social phenomenon, usually with no clear beginning or end.”

At the end of the day, farmers want to produce a good crop. Drought and unpredictable weather are discouraging for farmers planning for a bountiful harvest, but we are still a long way from the bin. We are hopeful for good, timely rains in the coming weeks.

While we wait for the upcoming harvest, now is a good time to remind consumers to take full advantage of their local farmers markets. Illinois ranks second in the nation for the number of farmers markets, which offer fresh, locally produced vegetables, meat and other food products at affordable prices. (One of the Illinois farmers markets is scheduled each Tuesday morning during the growing season in Anna.)

Sweet corn, a summertime favorite, is now available, so be sure to grab a few ears to grill on your next farmers market visit.

It’s hard to believe the dog days of summer are nearly over. I am eagerly looking forward to another lively Illinois State Fair. Some of my favorite memories are the years I spent showing dairy cattle owned by family friends. Now as a spectator, I am energized watching the youth exhibitors take to the ring during the Master Showmanship competition, which Illinois Farm Bureau proudly sponsors.

Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair is an annual event celebrating all that Illinois agriculture has to offer. This year’s celebration will take place on Aug. 11 and is a great opportunity for Illinoisians to connect with agriculture at every level, whether it’s stopping by the commodity pavilion for a pork chop sandwich or grabbing a refreshing cup of frozen apple cider and other fresh produce from the Illinois Specialty Growers tent.

Amid the excitement of fair activities, however, Ag Day is also an opportunity for farm leaders to work collaboratively on agricultural issues. Such conversations are increasingly important as lawmakers hammer out the details of the next Farm Bill, which extends beyond the farm by protecting our nation’s food supply, access to nutrition and advancing conservation efforts.

Later this August hundreds of farmers and agribusinesses from across the globe will travel to Decatur for the 70th annual Farm Progress Show. This event will showcase the latest agricultural innovations and emerging technologies.

There is no better way to end a busy summer than celebrating Illinois agriculture, whether it is at the State Fair or Farm Progress Show. I encourage everyone to take a day or two to spend at the fair and learn more about how Illinois agriculture touches their everyday life.

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By Geof Skinner



Tic...tac...doe? Three in a diagonal line... These white-tailed deer were enjoying a fresh soybean salad last Sunday evening in a field west of Cobden.

'Doo, doo, doo, lookin' out my back door'...

An old song. A new song. And a chance encounter in the potato chip aisle were among the highlights on your writer’s Journey Through Life during the past week or so.

The old song came to mind last Saturday evening while I watched some rather dark, ominous clouds blowing in from the north. The clouds gave way to sheets of rain.

After the deluge, I checked and our fancy rain measuring gear in the backyard showed somewhere between 4 and 5 inches of precipitation had fallen from last Thursday through last Saturday evening. Guess our drought might be over...

I’m not quite sure what it was about stormy weather and yet another deluge that made me think about “Lookin’ Out My Back Door.” Maybe you know that one. “Lookin’ Out My Back Door” is a song by the group Creedence Clearwater Revival. CCR was, and is, one of my favorite bands.

I hope that song writer and CCR front man John Fogerty doesn’t mind a mention of some of the lyrics to “Lookin’ Out My Back Door,” which include getting home from Illinois, locking the front door, taking a rest on the porch, “a giant doin’ cartwheels,” “a statue wearin’ high heels” and “happy creatures dancin’ on the lawn.”

We didn’t see any giants or statues or happy creatures dancing on the lawn last Saturday evening. Just lots and lots of rain. Again.

I heard the new song Sunday evening on the radio in the car while I was on a drive through the country, heading west on rural roads in the general direction of Bald Knob Mountain.

“Here’s to the Journey” was the name of the song. Since I was driving, I couldn’t jot down the lyrics. And couldn’t find them online, either.

I decided to go for a ride Sunday evening, just to see what I might see. Evening often is a good time to see white-tailed deer out and about. I saw about half a dozen of the critters munching on soybeans in a field west of Cobden. I also saw a colorful, eye-catching sunset. The journey was a good one.

The encounter in the potato chip aisle involved a fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life who I happen to see on occasion.

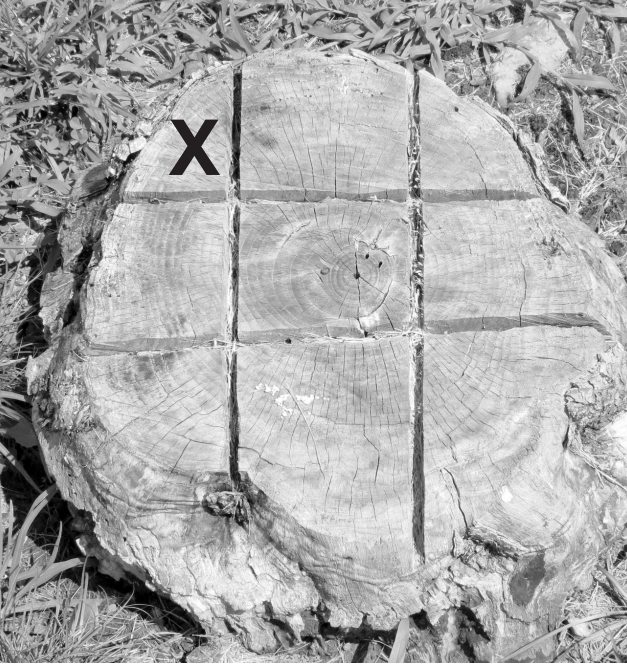
When I see this traveler, he often will show me a picture,

or two, or three of the latest arrowheads he has found. One time, he even shared one of his finds with me. It’s a treasure...mainly because I have never, ever, ever found an arrowhead. Not a one. Nada. Zilch. Big Zero.

I mentioned that I have found fossils, including some very nice ones, over the years. He asked if I knew about blastoids. Of course I do. A blastoid is what happens when you have a kidney stone. I have special memories of such experiences. Just not as special as a Sunday evening drive in the country.

Enough for now. Hope you get to hear a favorite old song...or two...or three today...and maybe a new one, too.

Almost forgot...again...the "back page" had to be moved so the "back page" could help pay the bills.



Your turn. Sorry. Just could not help myself after I happened to see a somewhat familiar pattern on a tree stump during a walkabout on a much warmer than anticipated walkabout last Sunday afternoon.

More severe weather was possible Wednesday

After several rounds of storms had occurred during the past week, more severe weather and heavy rainfall were possible Wednesday, Aug. 9, in the Union County area.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah advised that multiple rounds of thunderstorms, some with very heavy rainfall, were expected Wednesday in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region.

Rainfall in the amount of 1 to 3 inches was possible, with localized higher amounts, the weather service stated.

“Areas with higher amounts will be susceptible to flooding, especially in locations that recently experienced flooding,” the weather service stated Tuesday morning on its website.

Two rounds of storms were possible on Wednesday, with the first round early in the day and the second late in the day and overnight.

The Union County area experienced more stormy weather during the first few days of August.

The weather service is-

Drought update

Drought conditions continue to ease in the southern tip of Illinois.

After an extended period of dry weather, the area has received numerous rounds of heavy rain.

A U.S. Drought Monitor update released Thursday, Aug. 3, showed that Union County was experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

Abnormally dry conditions also were reported in most of Alexander, Johnson and Jackson counties; parts of Pulaski and Massac counties; and a small part of Williamson County.

A small part of Alexander County was experiencing moderate drought conditions.

Weather 4.14 inches of rain

The month of August started with lots of rain and high temperatures in the 80s in the Union County area.

Rainfall in the Jonesboro area totalled 4.14 inches, which included .47 of an inch Aug. 2, 1.35 inches Aug. 3, .42 of an inch Aug. 4, 1.89 inches Aug. 5 and .01 of an inch Aug. 6.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Aug. 1	83	66
Wednesday, Aug. 2	82	67
Thursday, Aug. 3	83	70
Friday, Aug. 4	86	73
Saturday, Aug. 5	88	68
Sunday, Aug. 6	88	67
Monday, Aug. 7	81	65

sued a flood advisory Saturday evening for Union and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois and Cape Girardeau county in Southeast Missouri.

At about 7 p.m. Saturday, the weather service reported that Doppler radar indicated heavy rain due to thunderstorms which would cause urban and small stream flooding.

Between 0.5 of an inch and 1.5 inches of rain had fallen. Additional rainfall amounts of 0.5 of an inch to 1.5 inches were expected.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 1.89 inches of rain on Saturday

in the Jonesboro area.

In addition to the flood advisory, the weather service issued a severe thunderstorm warning at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday for parts of the area. Parts of Union, Pulaski and Alexander counties were included in the warning area.

A severe thunderstorm warning also was issued shortly after 4 a.m. Saturday for parts of Union, Pulaski, Massac and Johnson counties.

Parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky were under a flood watch last Friday.

July climate summary

Precipitation across the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region varied greatly during July.

A July climate review by the National Weather Service office in Paducah showed that temperatures also varied.

Temperatures averaged around 0.5 of a degree below normal across southern portions of the region.

However, areas including Carbondale registered temperatures around 1 degree above normal.

Precipitation varied across the region. The story of the month was the excessively wet conditions across the Jackson Purchase area of West Kentucky that extended northwest into

southwest Illinois and portions of Southeast Missouri along the Mississippi River.

This region observed amounts over 6 inches and included a swath of even higher amounts ranging from 10 to 15 inches.

A large portion of the region was in moderate to severe drought by mid month, thanks to rainfall deficits that had accrued from the spring into the first half of summer.

July was a very active month for severe thunderstorms across the region. The weather service office in Paducah shattered the previous July record for most number of combined warnings (severe thunderstorm, tornado and flash flood).



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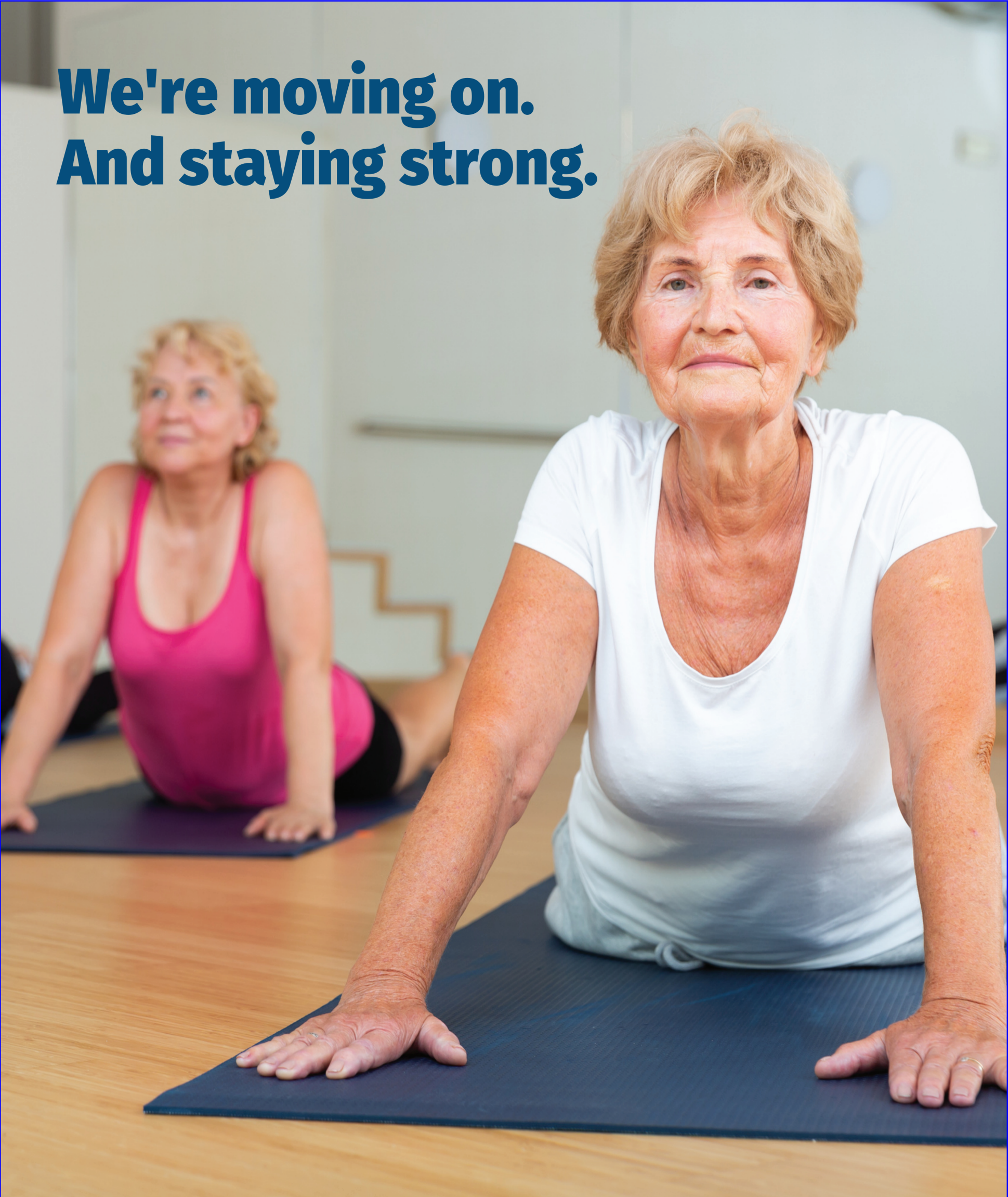
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2022 Cobden Peach Festival queen coronation

Makenzie Howell was crowned as the 2022 Cobden Peach Festival queen. From left are Lilia Carmona of Cobden, Miss Congeniality, the daughter of Luz and Carmen Carmona; Liv Cerny of Cobden, second runner-up, the daughter of Tom and Jeannine Cerny; 2022 Cobden Peach Festival queen Makenzie Howell of Cobden, the daughter of Anthony and Diana Howell; and Avery Osman of Anna, first runner-up, the daughter of Eric and Janice Osman. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein.

Don't Miss This Year's Cobden Peach Festival

Special activities set at Cobden’s downtown park during Peach Festival

Special activities are planned in Cobden’s downtown park during the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

The Peach Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12.

The Big Muddy River Boys are scheduled to perform at the downtown park shelter from noon to 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12. They play a variety of music. Those who attend are asked to bring lawn chairs.

The music is sponsored by the Cobden Community Association and the Village of Cobden.

The Cobden High School English as a Second Language Dance Team is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in the downtown park.

The youth group from the Apostolic Lighthouse in Cobden plans to sell lemon shake-ups in the park.

Cobden also has a variety of shops and restaurants in the downtown area. A list of activities and shops will be available at the Union County Museum. The museum is in downtown Cobden.

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“Can You Name It”Contest Creates Lots Of Interest

The Cobden Museum booth at the Peach Festival was well patronized and the “Can You Name It?” contest created quite a lot of interest.

Ten museum items were on display and the two winners each won with four correct answers. Mrs. Hobart Clutts, Jr., won Friday night and Bud Griffith was the winner on Saturday night.

The correct answers were as follows: sewing bird, a device for holding cloth while sewing;

fluter, an iron for fluting or pleating cloth; miner’s lamp, an early lamp worn on miners’ caps; candle snuffer, instrument resembling a pair of scissors that was used for extinguishing candle flames; smell salts container, dating from Civil War times, used in emergencies to revive fainting women; wad cutter, used to cut wads for loading shot gun shells; fossil trilobite, remains of an ancient sea animal; pre-historic Indian granite celt.

The museum is now open each afternoon seven days a week. Adolph Flamm, who is now retired, is on hand to play host to the visitors.

Mr. Flamm takes great interest in the museum and invites everyone to stop in and visit with him. He will be glad to explain the exhibits to visitors.

The museum is also open this summer and fall each evening, except Saturdays, from 7 to 9.

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The Cobden High School English as a Second Language Dance Team is scheduled to perform at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in the park in downtown Cobden. The photograph was taken when the dance team performed in Alto Pass in May.

After pause, art exhibit set to resume

After a pause due to tree damage at the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society’s resource center in Cobden, an exhibit featuring art work by Austin Dent is scheduled to resume during the upcoming Peach Festival weekend.

Dent, of Cobden, is a retired art teacher who began painting again three years ago.

Featured in the exhibit are the 12 paintings, mostly in acrylics but some in oils, that he has completed in those three years. His subjects range from whimsical to home and family and the spiritual.

Dent taught drawing, painting and sculpting to all grade levels from kindergarten through junior college.

In his off hours

he farmed, did carpentry work, painted houses and trimmed and removed trees.

Sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, the exhibit is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, in the Nimmo-Walter Gallery of the Jane Brown Resource Center at 103 N. Appleknocker in Cobden.

The exhibit is scheduled to continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday in August.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

More information is available by calling the Union County Museum in Cobden at 893-2865 or 893-2567.

Union County Museum plans extended hours

The Union County Museum plans to have extended hours during the upcoming Cobden Peach Festival.

The museum is scheduled to be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12, which are the days the Peach Festival is scheduled.

The museum is located on South Appleknocker Street in downtown Cobden.

The museum will have a photo exhibit of Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad depots from the 1930s, including Buncombe, Fayville, Thebes, Goreville and more.

Items from the Fore-

man Drugstore of Cobden will also be featured. Al Foreman sold the family drugstore to Halley and Wilma Nebugh of Carbondale in 1946.

A commercial flour sifter from the Cobden Steam Bakery will be on display. A.H. Joram was the proprietor.

The Shop for the

Benefit of the Museum is scheduled to be open featuring a variety of newly stocked merchandise such as fall decorations, glassware, and collectibles.

After the Peach Festival the museum’s normal hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Lulu Leonard wrote about history of town originally called South Pass

This story about Cobden appeared in a history of Union County which was written in the 1940s by Lulu Leonard:

Cobden, originally known as South Pass was laid out in 1857 and upon the completion of the Illinois Central was made a station.

The land was then owned by Benjamin L. Wiley, whose wife was Emily, the daughter of Winstead and Anna Davie.

The town was located on Section 30 of Township 11, Range 1 West, on the west side of the railroad.

The original plat was recorded May 28, 1857, but afterward other additions were made: Buck’s addition west of the original plat; Hartline addition, south of Buck’s; Frick’s addition east of Hartline’s and on the east side of the railroad; and Clemens

addition, east of Wiley’s.

Cobden was brought into existence by a real estate company whose office was in Anna.

Isaac N. Phillips located here February 1, 1858, as the agent of L. W. Ashley, Benjamin L. Wiley and J. L. Phillips. He occupied a log cabin just back of what became known later as the Phillips House.

In the summer of 1860, Richard Cobden, one of the owners of the Illinois Central and an Englishman, made a tour of the railroad and stopped at South Pass and, because he liked the climate, stayed a few days to picnic and hunt.

The town was then named Cobden in his honor and the railroad station was called Cobden.

The settlers who came to this part of the county, before 1850,

like the others in the county were originally from North Carolina.

However among the settlers who came after the building of the railroad were many New Englanders, attracted by the suitability of this part of the country for growing orchards.

In May, 1858, Amos Bulin and Moses Land moved into Cobden and later in the summer Col. Bainbridge came and bought the Bell farm on Bell Hill east of Cobden.

Henry Ede lived in a house built in the Buck Addition and Jerry Ingraham, foreman of the repair shop of the railroad, lived next to his shop.

Thomas Baker built a house which was occupied by Isaac Phillips and later became known as the Roth Hotel.

The first store, kept by William Henry Harrison Brown was opened early in 1859. He sold out to Adam Buck because he had been indicted by the grand jury for selling a deck of playing cards.

The second store was opened by John Davis and the next by Frick and Lamer.

Mathias Clemens came during the time of the construction of the railroad and ran a boarding house for the workers.

LeBar and Davie built a mill about 1860.

The first school

built in the town was a brick building costing \$10,000. This was one of the first brick schools in the county.

The Presbyterian, the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal and the Catholic were the first churches established in Cobden.

The Masons and Odd Fellows organized Cobden Lodge No. 466, A. F. and A. M., October 3, 1861 and Relief Lodge, No. 452, I. O. O. F. October 10, 1871.

Millions of pounds shipped

Millions of pounds of fruits and vegetables were shipped annually during the late 1870s through the 1890s.

At the end of the growing season The Jonesboro Gazette frequently reported the amount and kind of produce shipped from Cobden.

Reports showed a total of 58 million pounds of produce shipped during the combined years of 1877, 1878, 1881-1884, 1886, and 1890; 6.5 million pounds of strawberries during 1880, 1881, 1883, and 1886; 383 railroad cars of strawberries during 1892, 1893, and 1895; three million pounds of sweet potatoes during 1880-1884, and 1886; and 699 railroad cars of tomatoes in 1891-1893 and 1895.

(Editor’s note: This story is reprinted from “South Pass Revisted: A 150 Year History of Cobden, Illinois.”)

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2021, Hannah Stillman
2022, Makenzie Howell



Delores Flamm

The First Cobden Peach Festival Queen

Richard Cobden paid visit to South Pass in spring 1859

(Editor's note: The following item is reprinted from "South Pass Revisited: A 150 Year History of Cobden, Illinois." The item makes reference to South Pass, which was Cobden's original name.)

In the spring of 1859 Richard Cobden, an eminent English statesman, member of Parliament, an ardent free trade supporter, and the man responsible for the repeal of the British Corn Laws, passed through the village of South Pass.

Richard Cobden strongly believed in the concept of equal rights and of helping the common man.

Even though Cobden has been referred to as "Sir Richard," he actually declined the royal title of "Sir" because he did not want to be elevated among others.

He was a major stockholder in the Illinois Central Railroad and had encouraged several associates to invest in the company.

He came to America to assess the railroad enterprise in which he had invested and to tour the United States. His trip included a visit with President James Buchanan.

South Pass was just emerging as a community but was attracting attention as a fruit and vegetable growing center.

Cobden traveled on the railroad from Chicago to New Orleans and made several stops along the way.

He does not mention South Pass or detrain-ing in Union County in the diary he kept of his trip to America.

He does record "passing through Jonesboro" which he referred to as "the neighborhood of which is the garden of Illinois."

Cobden was either mis-informed about the name of the community he was passing through or recorded the wrong name of the town in his diary because at that time there was no railroad through Jonesboro.

Regardless, South Pass was referred to informally as Cobden shortly after Cobden's trip to America.

The identity of the person responsible for the village's name change remains a mystery.

An article titled "Genesis of Refrigerator Car" from the October 1928 Illinois Central Railroad magazine stated that George B. McClellan, vice president of the railroad at the time of Cobden's visit to Illinois, renamed the town in honor of the distinguished visitor.

Another source claims that William Osborn, President of the ICRR, asked that the town be renamed Cobden.

The people of the area and the railroad company embraced the name Cobden although it was not officially changed to Cobden until September 9, 1901.

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Cobden top shipping point for fruits, vegetables in 1880s

(Reprinted from the 1883 "History of Alexander, Union and Pulaski Counties, Illinois.")

There are more fruit and vegetables shipped from Cobden than from any other point on the Illinois Central Railroad.

As an illustration of this fact, we are informed that there were twenty-two car-loads of tomatoes alone shipped from this place in one day during the fall of 1882.

This was, perhaps, the largest shipment of tomatoes ever made in one day, but it merely shows the quantities of fruits and vegetables grown contiguous to this station.

George E. Walker, now deceased, did as much, perhaps, to develop the fruit interests of this region as any one man.

His father was the first permanent settler of Ottawa, Ill., and George was the first Sheriff

of La Salle County. After accumulating a large fortune in the mercantile business, he retired, on account of poor health, and came to this county.

Here he opened up a number of the best fruit farms in the vicinity of Cobden, and assisted others in the same business.

After the Chicago fire, in which he lost heavily, he went to that city and erected the Oriental building, on La Salle street, and died there soon after.

Horticultural society organized

(Editor's note: the following information is reprinted from "South Pass Revisited: A 150 Year History of Cobden, Illinois, which was published by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society in August 2007.)

The South Pass Horticultural Society purchased land and built Horticultural Hall in 1863 at a cost of \$1,200.

It was located at the corner of Jefferson Street and East Ash Street where the First Presbyterian Church now stands.

The Hall was a plain brown building with a steeple-like tower built into a front corner.

E.N. Clarke was the first president and C.C. Wright was the first corresponding secretary.

Society meetings were held every Saturday afternoon.

The South Pass Religious Association and the Plymouth Congregation Church alternated in using the hall as a meeting place on the Sabbath.

The Methodist Church held evening services in the Hall once every three weeks.



2022: A 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run has been held for nearly 20 years during the Cobden Peach Festival. The events take place early on Saturday morning during the festival.

Reprinted from January 1963

Diary Tells Of Winter Of 1918

In the Cobden Museum is a diary kept by the late Miss Bertha Morse of Cobden.

Entries in the diary, made in 1917 and 1918, tell a vivid story of that unforgettable winter in the county.

According to the day-by-day descriptions, this unbelievable weather began with an unusually cold August, which passed into the coldest October ever known.

A cold November was a prelude to the main event, which began on Dec. 7. A heavy snow arrived on that date, accompanied by temperatures to 6 to 14 degrees below zero. It continued to snow intermittently for a month or so and low temperatures preserved it all.

The first week in January, 1918, when people were praying for relief, it began snowing firecly once more and snowed for a week.

By January 14, the

area lay quietly under a heavy white blanket and the temperature was 21 degrees below zero.

Trains could not run, schools were closed, few people were moving about all except men who were driving mules hitched to snow plows.

Trenches were finally opened, so that people could move about and in places they were shoulder deep.

More snow was to fall before it began to melt, which it did on January 25.

At last it looked as though the snow was leaving, as the sun shone brightly on a white world.

Almost as soon as the snow began melting, another blizzard arrived, bringing four inches of snow and sleet.

This froze into a crust that allowed hardy souls to skate most anywhere. After two months of snow and of near and below zero temperatures, the final thaw began.

Reprinted from May 1963

Replacement Of Peach Orchards On Decline Here

Carbondale, Ill., May 29 – Replacement of old peach orchards with plantings of youth peach trees has declined significantly in Southern Illinois during the past 15 years.

So reports Walter J. Wills, Southern Illinois University professor of agricultural industries, in a fruit-tree census survey carried in the current issue of "Agriculture at Southern" a bi-monthly publication of the SIU School of Agriculture.

At the same time, an increase in apple tree plantings since 1955 – particularly dwarf varieties – will mean a substantial increase in Illinois apple production soon, Wills say.

Cooperating with SIU in a census of Illinois fruit trees were the Illinois Crop Reporting Service, the Illinois Division of Markets, and Illinois and Western Illinois Universities.

The 1962 survey includes 396 peach orchards containing 428,700 trees and 445 apple orchards with 613,416 trees.

Over half of the commercial peach orchards are in southern Illinois and 74 per cent of the apple trees are located in the southwestern half of Illinois, it shows according to survey statistics.

Elberta peaches account for about half of all age groups in the surveyed orchards. Before 1949 they made up 78 per cent of the new plantings, but since 1961 plantings of Elbertas

have gone down to 23 per cent. During the same period Hale Haven declined from 10 to 8 per cent.

Failure to replace old peach orchards with new plantings has been especially noticeable in the Centralia area, once dotted with many peach orchards which have been removed as farmers converted the acreages to cash grain crops.

Numerous small orchards in the southern counties also have not been replaced as peach production costs mounted and techniques became more complicated to meet the quality standards demanded by the consumers.

The census data also indicate changes in varieties planted to spread the harvesting and shipping season over a longer time span.

In the last two years the Red Skin variety has accounted for 14 percent of new plantings; Red Haven, 10; and Rio-Oso-Gem and J.H. Hale, six each.

Also interesting is the shift toward planting dwarf-type trees, which comprised 75 per cent of all apple trees set out in 1962. Over 90 per cent of the dwarf trees have been planted since 1954.

The Jonathan variety accounts for 30 per cent of the apple trees in all age groups; Golden Delicious 23; and Red Delicious, 19. In plantings since 1959 Red Delicious types lead with 30 per cent. Others are Jonathan, 24; and Golden Delicious, 23.

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December 2022: A layer of snow was covering the downtown Cobden area on Dec. 22, 2022. The snow was accompanied by bitter cold temperatures and wind chills. The blast of winter weather has had a major impact on the area’s peach crop.

December’s Polar Vortex slammed area’s peach crop

By Daniel Grant FarmWeek

If you’re looking to order a dessert based on crop availability in Illinois this season, apple pie or strawberry shortcake should be plentiful – but there might not be as much peach cobbler on the menu.

Wild weather swings dating back to last December sapped much of the peach crop this season while apple trees at some orchards appear to be set up for a big harvest in coming months, specialty growers from around the state told FarmWeek.

“We feel like we probably have maybe 10 percent of our peach crop,” said Austin Flamm, manager of Flamm Orchards in Cobden in Union County.

“We feel the majority of all the damage occurred December 23. We went from temperatures in the 30s to minus 5 in just eight hours with negative 25 wind chills.”

The Flamm cut thousands of buds in January, just weeks after the farm

was slammed by the Polar Vortex, and hardly found any peaches taking shape for the upcoming season.

“It’s not very often, if ever, you lose a peach crop in December like that, but that’s what we feel happened,” Flamm said. “In 2007 we had a total loss of peaches and apples. This (season) was the hardest our peaches have been hit since then.”

Rendleman Orchards in nearby Alto Pass also lost a majority of this year’s peach crop (80 to 85 percent) to the Polar Vortex in December, as previously reported in FarmWeek.

“We had no idea (the Polar Vortex) would have the severity on our peaches that it did,” said Wayne Sirles, who operates Rendleman Orchards with his wife, Michelle. “But it was too big of a temperature drop and it was too cold for too long.”

Both Sirles and Flamm believe there will be enough peaches on their farms to serve local markets. But neither farmer plans on much if any wholesale business this season due to the peach shortage.

“There are a few more peaches than we originally thought (emerging

this summer),” Flamm said. “We do have a retail store where you can buy peaches and we hope to at least have enough peaches for the store. But there will probably be some days we’re out.”

Elsewhere, Hagen Family Orchard in Brussels in Calhoun County reported cooler weather with lower humidity earlier this month could slow fruit ripening a touch. But they also plan to have peaches available for nearby markets.

“We’re still predicting to have tree-ripened peaches anywhere from the Fourth of July to July 15,” Hagen Family Orchard noted on its business line phone message. “Keep checking in. We’re anxious to see all our customers.”

Meanwhile, Eckerts Orchards reported you-pick opportunities exist for black raspberries and peaches at its Grafton farm, but peaches likely will be available in only its store at the Belleville location.

On the other hand, apple trees seemed to fare much better so far this year at many locations in the state.

“Our apples look really

good. We’ve got a big crop setting up on most of our farm,” Flamm said. “We had one farm with hail damage, but it’s a small percentage of our entire crop.”

Sirles also expects a bountiful apple harvest at Rendleman Orchards.

“We have a wonderful apple crop – one of the best blossoms we’ve had in a long time,” he said. “We’re really looking forward to that (with harvest expected to begin in August).”

Strawberries were also overflowing this season at Flamm Orchards, where harvest of that crop was winding down recently. Strawberries were still being picked as of June 20. “That season has been

really good. We put in extra acres this year to meet demand,” Flamm said.

Flamm Orchards grows its strawberries on raised beds with drip irrigation.

“The dryness (in recent weeks) is actually good for the berries,” Flamm said.

Sirles said the flower fields at Rendleman Orchards, where they grow sunflowers and mums, also got off to a good start this season.

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Chances Slim For County Peach Crop

Sub-Zero Temperatures Virtually Destroyed Every Live Peach Bud

Sub-zero temperatures virtually destroyed the peach crop, according to several Union County farmers contacted by The Gazette-Democrat.

Matt Zalinkas, manager of the Illinois Fruit Growers Exchange, said “There is very definitely a peach kill.”

Mrs. Claude Boyd said the temperatures caused “about a total loss in our vicinity.” Bon Hartline, who has a large peach orchard near Anna, said they would have none at all. Hartline said Dan McGuire of Makanda told him they found no live buds.

It was the same story with orchardists in the Alto Pass vicinity.

The Associated Press reported that orchards in southeast Missouri have been hard hit, but not as hard as Southern Illinois. Approximately 300,000 bushels of peaches are produced annually in Southern Illinois.

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Cobden Lions Club shows appreciation

Each year, the Cobden Lions Club hosts the Cobden Peach Festival. Many hours of hard work go into presenting the annual community celebration. The Cobden Lions Club shows its appreciation by giving back to those who contribute to the success of the Peach Festival by helping at the community's celebration. Photos provided.



Appreciation was voiced by the Lions Club to the members of the Cobden Women's Club.



Cobden Lions Club secretary Lisa Tomazzoli and Kristin Steele with a donation to Delta Theta Tau.



Boy Scouts Troop No. 7044 leader Eddie Mayton and Lions Club treasurer Mary K Harris-Miller.



The Cobden Lions Club shared funds to help support activities at Cobden High School. From left are boys basketball coach Karl Sweitzer, band director Wendy Ronna, baseball coach Dana Pearson, softball coach Wally Britt and golf coach Brett Pinnon.

We look forward to the Cobden Peach Festival.



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How Appleknockers Got Their Name

By Gerald E. Dawes
During the State Tournament at Champaign many people brought up the question, "How did the Appleknockers get their name?" Some people said that an Appleknocker was a tall person who knocked apples out of the tops of the tallest trees, while others said an Appleknocker was a person who knocked apples out of trees in the spring to "thin" them. "Thinning" refers to the process of using poles, rubber hoses, or sticks to knock excess fruit from limbs which have too many apples or peaches in a cluster. If this is not done the fruit will overload the limbs and, in some cases, causes them to break or produce (a) smaller, poorer quality apple or peach. To set the record straight, we called on Mayor Frank Petty of Cobden, who defines an Appleknocker as a person who "thins" apples. So until someone produces evidence to the contrary, Mayor Petty's definition will have to be recognized as the most accurate of the two. "Appleknockers" was adopted as the school nickname while Joe Hickey, who is now Principal of Glen Ellyn Junior High, was the basketball, baseball, and track coach at Cobden High School nearly 35 years ago. His daughter, Jo Ann (now Mrs. Jim Williams of Glen Ellyn) was only six months old at the time and was the team mascot. The student body was allowed to choose between two names in a school election. Principal G.E. Goforth wanted "Peachpickers", but Coach Hickey wanted "Appleknockers." "Appleknockers" won by a landslide and teams representing the school have been labeled that ever since.

Reprinted from June 1963

Announce Cobden New ZIP Code

Our five-digit ZIP Code is 62920, Postmaster Claude Rendleman announced. "Everyone in Cobden, Ill., will use this ZIP Code on all their correspondence to speed mail deliveries and reduce the chance of mis-sent mail," Postmaster Rendleman said. ZIP Code, the Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery, goes into effect nationally on July 1. Postmaster Rendleman stressed the importance of all citizens of Cobden, Ill., learning this city's ZIP Code and using it in their return address on all correspondence. In answering mail, he said, ZIP Codes taken from returning addresses on incoming mail should be used. "The ZIP Code is literally the last word in mail addressing," Mr. Rendleman said. "It should follow the city and state in addresses." The new ZIP Code plan, Mr. Rendleman said, for the first time will permit the Post Office Department to short-cut repeated address reading. "The address on mail must often be read as many as eight or ten times by postal employees to get it to the proper destination," Mr. Rendleman said. "Each handling slows the process of mail dispatch and adds to the opportunity for human error. "With ZIP Code, a clerk needs only to glance at the code to know immediately to what national area, state and post office the letter is destined, and to speed it on its way, cutting up to 24 hours off the time between deposit and delivery." Mr. Rendleman said that when ZIP Code is in full swing, the United States will have "the most modern system of mail distribution and delivery in existence."

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2022: Peaches were lined up and ready to go at the popular Spin & Win game at the Cobden Peach Festival. Winners took home Cobden peaches.

‘Let all the county be proud of peach festival’

The following thoughts were shared in The Democrat newspaper in Anna on Aug. 11, 1939.

At Cobden Saturday will be held an event that epitomizes the life and blood of Union County, the second annual Union County peach festival.

Since peaches are so much a Union County project, and something which concern so many people, the peach festival has been made a community project also, with the entire county cooperating.

Instead of the Cobden peach festival, the event is the Union County peach festival. It is an excellent example of all the people uniting for a common purpose, to rejoice and let the world know about Union County peaches.

All Union County is proud of Union County peaches. Let all the county be proud of the peach festival.

Invention by Cobden resident in 1860s helped to boost fruit production industry

Fruit production has long been an important part of the Cobden area’s economy and history.

And an invention by a Cobden resident helped to boost the industry.

In the spring of 1866, Parker Earle of Cobden built several large, wooden chests.

Each chest had three layers of boards. Each was insulated, water-proof and air-tight.

In the bottom of each chest was a chamber several inches deep for the storage of ice. The remainder of the chest was filled with strawberries.

When berry season arrived, Earle had 12 of the chests ready to go.

Earle had convinced himself of the chest’s practicality and use for shipping fruit.

Each chest held 100 pounds of ice

and 200 quarts of choice strawberries.

The first shipment arrived in Chicago in perfect condition and brought as much as \$2 a quart on the South Water Street Market.

That was just the beginning. Soon, Earle was shipping refrigerated fruit to Pittsburgh, New York and New Orleans.

Later developments brought cooling rooms to Cobden, where berries were held under refrigeration for 24 hours before they were shipped by express rail.

By 1869, Chicago was receiving 800 bushels of strawberries from Southern Illinois daily while they were in season.

The new market encouraged Union County growers; soon, there were 400 acres of strawberries in the county.

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Choose Editors For High School Paper, Annual Staffs

The faculty of the Cobden High School recently made appointments for the position of editor for both the dual newspaper and annual staffs for the next school year.

The basis for the faculty’s decisions rested on four qualifications needed by an editor: journalistic skill, leadership, dependability, and typing skill.

In regard to the dual paper staffs, in which there are two separate staffs working in competition against the other, Chuck Neal and Frances Tweedy

were chosen as co-editors for the staff with Gloria Glasco and Paula Williams as co-editors of the other paper staff.

In regards to the annual staff, Roy G. Adams was chosen as the editor with Ralph Rich as the assistant editor.

In the coming weeks, these six people will consult with the sponsor of the newspaper and annual staff, Mrs. James O’Brien, and the school superintendent, Bert Casper, on the selection of staff members for next year.

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Cobden Bank Re-Elects Board Of Directors

Stockholders of First National Bank in Cobden, at their annual meeting Tuesday at the bank, voted to re-elect the board of directors as follows: Melvin C. Lockard, G. Wallace Rich, H.W. Venerable, T.V. Tunnel, and Howard Boaz.

The board has set a meeting for Saturday, Jan. 19, to elect officers and employees.

Early businesses

Fifteen Cobden businesses were advertising in the Jonesboro Gazette newspaper around 1870.

Among the businesses were:

W.H. Eden, a boot maker. Renschler Nursery. Cobden Stove and Tin Shop.

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Mayor Breaks Ground For Cobden Telephone Building

Ground was broken for a new dial equipment building in Cobden. Frank Petty, mayor of Cobden, turned over the first shovelful of dirt.

The new building will be located on Oak Street. November 17 of this year is the dial conversion date set by the company.

Prior to the ground breaking ceremony, a group of businessmen in Cobden, officials from General Telephone Company of Illinois, and representatives of the press were served dinner in the dining room of First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.

W.W. Bartruff of Anna, commercial manager for General Telephone at Anna, Cobden, and Ullin, was master of ceremonies at the dinner. Bartruff welcomed the guests. He said Cobden will have all-number calling and direct distance dialing.

He introduced Mayor Frank Petty, who pledged the co-operation of the city in working with General Telephone on the dial telephone project. “We are very happy to see dial phones come to Cobden,” Mayor Petty said.

R.A. Reel, Southern Division Manager for General Telephone Company of Illinois, spoke about the company’s plans for the future. Reel cited the friend-

ly spirit of co-operation between General Telephone and Cobden. “I know you are looking forward to the completion of this project,” he stated.

Reel told the group that the Southern Division of General Telephone Company of Illinois will be 100 percent dial by the end of 1965.

Other exchanges to be converted this year include Cypress, Karnak, Ullin, Anna, and Sparta. There are 13 counties in the Southern Division.

Other General Telephone officials present were L.D. Carter, Southern Division commercial superintendent; and N.E. Klaus, district commercial manager.

Prominent Cobden residents present were Mayor Frank Petty; John Tripp, Charles Anderson, Elvis Pearson, John Stroehlein, Arthur Root, Ira Casper, and R.G. Williams, all of the village board; Wallace Rich, chairman of the planning commission; and Howard Boaz, president of the Cobden Lions Club.

Cobden’s new dial building will include enough equipment for present needs and for anticipated future requirements.

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Cobden Lions Club has always shown support for community

(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from "South Pass Revisited: A 150 Year History of Cobden, Illinois," which was published in August 2007 by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.)

Cobden Lions Club
Cobden's business community made several attempts over the years to organize a service club. A Chamber of Commerce and a Commercial Club had failed. U.S. Congressman C.W. "Runt" Bishop, a well known local personality, was District Governor of the Lions Club in 1938. Bishop helped organize a new club in Cobden with a charter membership of thirty-one. Those charter members were:

- Arthur Allen
- Blake Broadway
- Paul Corzine
- F .A. Hunsaker
- John Mesler
- Melvin Lockard
- Frank Petty
- C.R. Scott
- Albert Townsend
- H. W. Venerable
- G. L. Ashworth
- Melvin Caraker
- Howard DuBois
- Glenn Lamer
- R.L. Lawrence
- Charles W. Neal
- Everett Randall
- H.L. Stroud
- John Tripp
- Robert Wallace
- H.L. Wohlwend
- A.J. Bigler
- Harold Clutts
- George Ede, Sec.
- William R. Lamer
- W.E. Mangold
- R.C. Parks
- Donald Ridgway

John Stroehlein
V.F. Tunnell
J.H. Wilkins

The new Lions Club's first project was a peach festival, which was held August 13, 1938. The first year was especially difficult because everything had to be built from scratch or improvised including food and drink stands and a platform for a queen contest. It was difficult but it was done. The can-do attitude has prevailed throughout the life of the organization. Early on, the stands and equipment for the festival were stored in whatever building was available. Each year materials were moved from storage to the school grounds and back again. Over the years stands were rebuilt or improved and the accumulation of those things necessary to hold the festival grew annually. The problem of storage was solved in the mid 1970's, when the Lions uncharacteristically spent some money on themselves and put up a pole barn for storage. The storage facility was erected on the edge of the tract the Lions had bought for a new community park. It is fair to say that the Cobden Lions Club and the Peach Festival are one entity. The club uses the Peach Festival to generate income that is returned to the community and to support Lions International projects, which historically has

dealt with eyesight. Old eye glasses are collected and recycled and made available to underdeveloped countries. The Lions of Illinois raised enough money to build an eye research complex in Chicago in the early 1980's which they gave to the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. Recently, Lions International has begun a program to recycle hearing aids. The Cobden Club, like all other Lions Clubs, provides financial assistance to those persons who need eyeglasses but do not have the resources to obtain them. The number and magnitude of the projects that the Cobden Club has sponsored or co-sponsored are impressive by any standards. The major projects have been:

1. Bought a fire truck for the community in 1947
2. Helped fund the Cobden Medical Clinic in 1958
3. Assisted in the development of a tomato canning facility in 1944
4. Built grandstand for the ballpark, later rebuilt the grandstand
5. Bought high school band uniforms
6. Spearheaded and helped fund the new Community Park
7. Donated \$5500 to help build the eye research clinic in Chicago
8. Planted trees and shrubs in downtown Cobden
9. Bought five acres of land for new Cobden park
10. Provides \$1000 annually for purchasing eyeglasses
11. Provides \$1000 annually for college scholarships to peach festival queen and queen candidates
12. Helped buy another fire truck in the late 1960's
13. Split cost with the village for the Emergency Warning System & Fire Siren
14. Helped retire debt

on the Medical Clinic 15. Paid for the sidewalks across railroad tracks at Maple Street crossing It is impossible to list everything that the Lions Club has done for the community and everything about the Peach Festival. The reader is encouraged to peruse the fifty year history of The Peach Festival, 1938-1987, published by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. The one thing that does need to be mentioned is the cooperation between the Lions Club and the Cobden Women's Club. Cobden is famous for its peaches and the Peach Festival is famous for its peach cobbler. These cobblers have been and are provided by the Cobden Women's Club. Recruiting enough women to bake over 100 large peach cobblers is difficult; as the Peach Festival grew, so did the region's appetite for peach cobblers. The number of women baking cobblers decreased as the demand for cobblers increased. Just recently Flamm Orchards has helped supplement the cobbler supply. Of all the projects attempted by the Lions Club, the development of a new community park was the most difficult. In the 1970's the Lions Club bought five acres of land for a community park. The club was not making enough money from the festival to fund ongoing projects and save any substantial money to build a new park. In the meantime, the school board expressed

an interest in the land for school expansion. Plans were in the talking stage for a new high school. The club voted to sell the site to the school board with the exception of the storage building and one-half acre of land. The school board's plans did not materialize and the land was not used for expansion. The school board decided to dispose of the land and there was a renewed interest on the part of the Lions Club in 1997 to build a community park and establish a permanent site for the Peach Festival. The Lions Club traded the storage building and the one-half acre of land to the school board for the remainder of the acreage in the parcel, some four and one-half acres. The club kept one plus acre and gave the remainder of the site to the Village of Cobden for a park. Through the Southern Five Regional Planning Commission the Lions encouraged the village to apply for a matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources park program. The estimated cost of the park was put at \$100,000 or a \$50,000 matching grant. Southern Five wrote the grant for the village and the application was accepted. The Lions pledged up to \$25,000 to help the village with their half. Local donations and volunteer help poured in, especially from E.T. Simonds Construction Co. who loaned heavy equipment to do the bulk of the site development. The Lions Club bought and erected the picnic shelters

at a cost of \$20,000. The other work was completed by the village and the park became a reality in 2000. With the new park completed, the Lions turned their attention to a permanent facility for the Peach Festival. The festival had been held on school property since the very beginning. When the ballpark was opened the festival was held on the grassy part of the ball diamond. The Lions Club turned to its own membership and to several persons sympathetic to the aims of the club and raised enough money to build a permanent building to house the food, drink, and cobbler enterprises. Development of the site, just north of the community park, is not complete but will be in a matter of time. This structure is the second time the Lions have spent money on themselves. The prevailing sentiment of the club was that the festival needed a permanent home. Secondly, there was the practical matter of the work involved in erecting and dismantling stands and the increasing age of the membership. The current membership of the Lions Club is ten less than the charter figure of 1938. More importantly, the average age of the club membership is sixty plus. The Lions Club has always and continues to support the community. Cobden would have, no doubt, survived without the Lions Club but we would like to believe that we have made a difference through these sixty-nine years.

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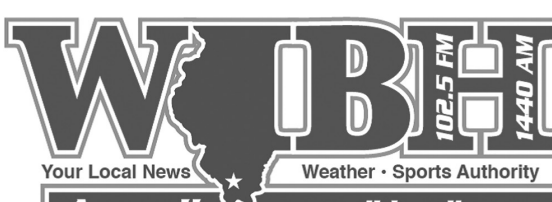


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- Brian Pender Trio

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- Queen Contest with Swimsuit Contest Followed by Evening Gowns

Saturday

6:30 a.m.

- Registration for the 18th annual 5k Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run

4:30 p.m.

- Peach Festival Parade

5:00 p.m.

- Rides, Food and Games

6:00 p.m.

- The Swamp Tigers

8:30 p.m.

- At least 51 Previous Peach Festival Queens take the stage

9:00 p.m.

- Raffle Drawings (you do not have to be present to win)
- Queen Coronation