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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



This message was seen one day last week in Cobden.

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Be sure to check out this year's Pumpkin Town displays at the Anna City Park.

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The City of Anna planned to start flushing hydrants Monday morning, Oct. 20. The city noted that the flushing may cause discoloration of water.

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A disc golf tournament is planned Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Cobden Community Park. Competition is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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State Sen. Dale Fowler and State Rep. Patrick Windhorst met recently with Dr. Tim Taylor, who is the new president of Shawnee Community College.

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Even in the midst of the pandemic, a lot of Halloween decorations are on display in Union County communities.

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An Illinois Department of Natural Resources event which offered free Asian carp fish tacos last Saturday at the Giant City State Park visitors center near Makanda proved to be extremely popular.

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The boat launch area at Cedar Lake south of Carbondale was a busy place last Sunday afternoon.

## Resurgence mitigations set to take effect today

State officials on Monday announced that COVID-19 resurgence mitigations will be implemented in Region 5 in Southern Illinois, including Union County.

The mitigations were set to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, today.

The region is seeing a seven-day rolling average test positivity rate of 8 percent or above for three consecutive days, which exceeds the threshold set for establishing mitigation measures in the region

under the state's Restore Illinois Resurgence Plan.

Region 5 includes Union, Marion, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Perry, Jackson, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Massac and Pulaski counties.

"While we continue to see a safer pandemic landscape than back in the spring, in terms of positivity, hospital capacity, and community spread,

and safer than much of the Midwest, things have changed," Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday during a visit to Murphysboro.

"Every region of the state has started to move in the wrong direction. Cases, positivity rates, hospitalizations and deaths are rising statewide.

"Experts have predicted for months that the country could see a resurgence of the virus as temperatures get colder and more people spend more time inside.

"Here in Illinois, it looks like a new wave could be upon us. To be clear, ours will not be one of the states that takes no action in response to rising cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

"We will follow public health recommendations to bring our numbers down, save our economy and let more of our kids go to school."

"We are seeing an alarming trend as the number of COVID-19 cases increases, but we are not helpless to

change the trajectory," said Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

"Your actions matter. If you wear your mask and keep your distance from others, you help stop the spread of the virus.

"Your actions also matter if you don't wear your mask and you are around numerous other people not wearing masks at a large event. You become part of the reason the virus spreads. (continued on page 2)

## 1,593 COVID-19 cases in seven area counties

Southern Seven Health Department reported a cumulative total of 1,593 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Monday, Oct. 19.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday confirmed a total of 42 new cases of COVID-19 in the region it serves in Southern Illinois.

Seventeen of the new cases were in Union County.

As of Monday, there were 545 active cases in the region.

The health department reported that the newly confirmed cases, by county, gender and age, included:

Union County: one male in his 10s, two females in their 20s, three males in their 20s, one male in his 30s, two females in their 40s, one female in her 50s, three males in their 50s, one female in her 60s, two males in their 60s and one male in his 80s.

Alexander County: one male in his 10s, one female in her 20s, one male in his 20s.

Johnson County: one female in her 10s, one female in her 20s, one male in his 20s, one female in her 30s, one male in his 30s, one female in her 40s, one male in his 40s, one male in his 50s, one male in his 60s, one male in his 80s.

Massac County: one female in her 20s, one female in her 30s, one male in his 60s, one male in his 70s.

Pulaski County: two females in their 10s, two

males in their 10s, three males in their 20s, one male in his 60s.

All of those with active cases of COVID-19 are being isolated.

The health department reported 22 new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Oct. 19.

As of Oct. 19, there were 1,019 people in the health department's service area who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Twenty-six deaths had been reported in the region since the start of the pandemic.

The number of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 in the area counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department as of Oct. 19 follows:

Union County: 715 cases. 452 had recovered. 240 active cases. 21 deaths had been reported in the county. (The department noted that three deaths had been retracted in the county.)

Alexander County: 103 cases. 63 had recovered. 39 active cases. One death had been reported.

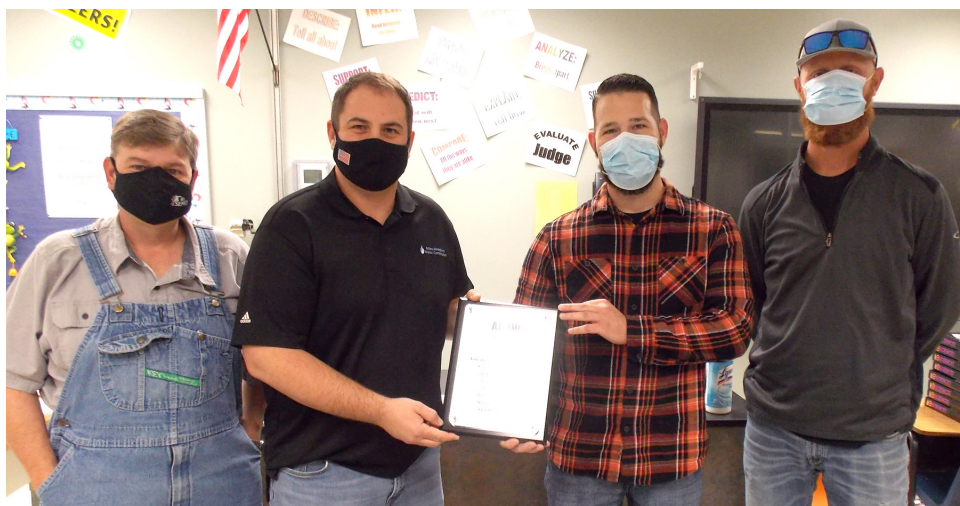
Hardin County: 47 cases. 37 had recovered. 10 active cases.

Johnson County: 337 cases. 190 had recovered. 147 active cases.

Massac County: 138 cases. 80 had recovered. 56 active cases. Two deaths had been reported.

Pope County: 32 cases. 18 had recovered. 12 active cases. One death has been reported in the county.

Pulaski County: 221 cases. 179 had recovered. 41 active cases. One death had been reported in the county.



### Going above and beyond

Members of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education were on hand last week at a Jonesboro School District No. 43 Board meeting to present a plaque to the neighboring district for assistance during the pandemic. From left are Jonesboro School Board secretary R.W. McAlister and board president Casey Johnson, receiving a plaque on behalf of Jonesboro, and Shawnee School Board president Tim Qualls and board member Jason Stegle. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

## Shawnee School officials thank Jonesboro School for special help

By Benjamin Marxer

Representatives of Shawnee School District No. 84 were in attendance at the Jonesboro School District No. 43 Board of Education's meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, to formally voice appreciation to the neighboring district. Shawnee School District superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill said that starting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, nearly one-third of the school's employees were placed in quarantine for 14 days, including all of the kitchen staff, due to the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had no way to serve food to our students," said Clover-Hill during the public comments section of the meeting.

"And I'm sure, like

you, we are a high poverty school district. Food insecurity is a real problem. So the thought of some of those kids not eating for two weeks was very discouraging."

Throughout the pandemic, Shawnee continued to provide meals to students, even during times of remote learning.

In order to continue to provide this service, Clover-Hill contacted Jonesboro School District superintendent Kevin Westall to ask for assistance.

"By Wednesday, Kevin and his crew, four kitchen staff and two custodians, and I'm sure there were others, had it all ready to go that Thursday morning," said Clover-Hill.

"We picked it up, we didn't miss a beat, our kids

didn't miss a meal, they didn't miss a breakfast, they didn't miss a lunch, for two weeks."

To show their appreciation, the members of the Shawnee School Board presented a plaque to Jonesboro Elementary School for going "above and beyond."

"With sincere appreciation of your commitment in providing meals to our students during the pandemic," the plaque read.

"We wouldn't have been able to do that without the Jonesboro School District," said Clover-Hill. "So we thought it was important to come tell the board how much we appreciate that."

"And if you ever need anything from your neighbors to the west, please let us know. We would be happy to return the favor."



### Autumn morning

An autumn morning was the setting for a visit one day last week to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The pond at the picnic grounds was very still. Leaves on many of the trees have started to change...and have fallen to the ground. Birds were calling and the occasional squirrel could be heard chattering in a tree.





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## Warning continues

Union County remains at an orange warning level for coronavirus/COVID-19.

Southern Seven Health Department reported that the Illinois Department of Public Health announced on Oct. 16 that four of the seven counties in the southern seven region were at the orange warning level on the coronavirus/COVID-19 risk metrics.

The four counties at the orange warning level included Union, Alexander, Johnson and Pulaski.

An orange designation indicates warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the community.

Public health officials said that residents of the counties are asked to remain vigilant to slow the spread of the virus.

Southern Seven Health Department said that all four of the counties showed an increase in two risk metrics, new cases per 100,000 and test positivity percentage, from Oct. 4 to Oct. 11. The increases led to the orange warning designation for the counties.

A warning for the new case rate metric indicates the rate is greater than 50 cases per 100,000 people.

A warning for test positivity indicates that the percentage was above 8 percent from the previous seven-day period.

The health department explained that the new cases per 100,000 people rate is a unit of measure calculated as a rate to compare the number of cases in large and small counties.

The rate is calculated by dividing the county case count for seven days by county population by 100,000.

This describes the potential number of people who

are currently ill and may be infectious in the county.

Union County had 647 potential new cases (based on 109 positive cases) per 100,000 reported, down from the previous week of 196 new potential cases (based on 33 positive cases).

The test positivity percentage for the county was 18.5 percent out of 616 tests, up from 9.1 percent out of 362 tests the previous week.

Alexander County had 165 potential new cases (based on 10 positive cases) per 100,000 reported, up from the previous week of 9 new positive cases.

The test positivity percentage for the county was 9 percent out of 78 tests, up from 4.5 percent out of 134 tests the previous week.

Johnson County had 610 potential new cases (based on 76 positive cases) per 100,000 reported, up from the previous week of 233 new potential cases (based on 29 positive cases).

The test positivity percentage for the county was 15.2 percent out of 256 tests, up from 12.4 percent out of 193 tests the previous week.

Pulaski County had 311 potential new cases (based on 17 positive cases) per 100,000 reported, down from the previous week of 256 new potential cases (based on 14 positive cases).

The test positivity percentage for the county was 11.8 percent out of 102 tests, down from 13.2 percent out of 91 tests the previous week.

Eight different indicators are used to determine a county's designation.

A county is considered at the orange warning level when at least two of the main indicators are going in the wrong direction.

## Resurgence mitigations

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“Help us reduce the spread of the virus so restaurants can stay open, so kids can go to schools, and so loved ones can visit family in long-term care facilities.”

“Southern Illinoisans are known for rising above challenges,” said Dr. Craig Davis, system director of Hospitalist Medicine at Southern Illinois Health-care.

Davis said he could recall “countless examples” of a “powerful community when we set aside differences and work together.

“Today, we’re in a health-care crisis that continues to escalate; we’re losing family, friends and neighbors.

“My appeal to each of you is simple. Wear a mask. Pause large gatherings. Practice social distancing.

Wash your hands frequently. Please consider these short-term sacrifices for the greater good. The enemy is disease, not each other.”

**Mitigation Measures**

Mitigation measures announced by state officials which take effect Thursday, today, in Region 5, include:

**Bars**

No indoor service. All outside bar service closes at 11 p.m.

All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside. No ordering, seating or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)

Tables should be six feet apart. No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.

No dancing or standing indoors. Reservations required for each party. No seating of multiple parties

at one table.

**Restaurants**

No indoor dining or bar service. All outdoor dining closes at 11 p.m.

Outside dining tables should be six feet apart. No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting.

Reservations required for each party. No seating of multiple parties at one table.

**Meetings, Social Events, Gatherings**

Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity.

No party buses. Gaming and casinos close at 11 p.m., are limited to 25 percent capacity and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.

**Schools**

These mitigations do not

currently apply to schools.

**Continued Tracking**

In the coming days, IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in Region 5 to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required or if current mitigations should remain in place.

If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent for three consecutive days, then Region 5 will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan.

If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, the new mitigations will remain in place and unchanged.

If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations can be applied to further reduce spread of the virus.

## Choate Center employees face charges of aggravated battery, obstructing justice

An Illinois State Police, ISP, Division of Internal Investigation, DII, led to the arrests of five employees at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The arrests were reported last week in Illinois State Police news releases.

**Four Arrested**

An ISP DII investigation led to the arrest of Bobby L. Lee, Johnny Brimm, Dalton Anderson and Mathew Wiseman, all employees of the Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

Bobby L. Lee and Dalton

Anderson were charged with aggravated battery (a Class 3 felony).

Mathew Wiseman and Johnny Brimm were charged with aggravated battery (a Class 3 felony) and obstructing justice (a Class 4 felony).

The Class 3 felony has a possible sentence of two to five years. The Class 4 felony has a possible sentence of one to three years.

On May 18, ISP DII was requested by IDHS staff to investigate a possible aggravated battery to one of the facility's residents.

After a comprehensive, cooperative investigation

involving IDHS, and led by ISP, Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann's office secured indictments on Sept. 30 for Bobby L. Lee, Johnny Brimm, Dalton Anderson and Mathew Wiseman.

Johnny Brimm, 40, of Jonesboro, was taken into custody on Oct. 6 at approximately 11:03 a.m. by the ISP and confined in Union County.

Bond on the warrant for the charge was set at \$30,000, 10 percent to apply, by a Union County judge.

Dalton Anderson, 29, of Jonesboro, was taken into custody on Oct. 6 at approximately 11:38 a.m. by the ISP and confined in Union County.

Bond on the warrant for the charge was set at \$30,000, 10 percent to apply, by a Union County judge.

Bobby L. Lee, 33, of Marion, was taken into custody on Oct. 6 at approximately 12:42 p.m. by the ISP. He was confined at the Williamson County Jail awaiting extradition to Union County.

Bond on the warrant for the charge was set at \$30,000, 10 percent to apply, by a Union County judge.

Mathew Wiseman, 28, of Marion, was taken into custody on Oct. 6 at approximately 2 p.m. by the ISP and confined in Union County.

Bond on the warrant for the charge was set at \$30,000, 10 percent to apply, by a Union County judge.

**One Arrested**

An ISP DII investigation led to the arrest of Kevin Jackson, who was also identified as an employee of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

Kevin Jackson was charged with aggravated battery (a Class 3 felony). The Class 3 felony has a possible sentence of two to five years.

On Jan. 23, ISP DII was requested by IDHS staff to investigate a possible aggravated battery to one of the facility's residents.

After a comprehensive, cooperative investigation involving IDHS, and led by ISP, Union County State's Attorney Daniel Klingemann's office secured an indictment on Sept. 30 for Kevin Jackson.


Jackson, 38, of Carbon-dale, was taken into custody at approximately 11:07 a.m. Oct. 6 and confined at the Jackson County Jail.

Bond on the warrant for the charge was set at \$30,000, 10 percent to apply, by a Union County Judge.

“The dedicated men and women of the ISP Division of Internal Investigation are committed to conducting investigations which identify criminal misconduct in state facilities,” stated ISP Col. Jamal Simington.

“It is imperative those who reside and work at these institutions are able to enjoy a safe environment which contributes to the best quality of life, free of any wrongdoing.”

This case has been turned over to the Union County state's attorney.



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**Helping hands**  
From left are Sharon Brashear, president of the PTK chapter at Shawnee Community College, and Bethany Bell, a Shawnee Community College student and president of PBL. Shawnee Community College photo.

## Shawnee Community College program offers personal care items for students

The Alpha Lambda Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently donated personal care items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and deodorant, to The Cupboard, the Shawnee Community College food and personal care pantry.

College students often struggle to obtain bare essentials in addition to other college-related expenses, which can significantly impact their finances.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a significant increase in students facing challenges to purchase these necessary essential items.

Shawnee Community College recently opened the pantry to combat this growing problem.

The Cupboard provides weekly distribution for students.

The Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at Shawnee Community College has been assisting with the efforts by giving monetary donations and personal care items for students in need.

Chapter sponsor Craig

Bradley said: “We hope these items will be of assistance to students in need. Our goal is to do our part to ensure any of our students at SCC who may find themselves in need won’t go without these basic personal care items.”

To learn how to make a donation to The Cupboard, or to request more information, call 618-634-3200 or visit [shawneecc.edu/foundation/online-donation](http://shawneecc.edu/foundation/online-donation).

## Weather

Red flag warning Saturday, then heavy rain

On Saturday, a red flag warning was in effect for parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

On Monday and Tuesday, heavy rain fell in the region.

The red flag warning for the region was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

The weather service warned that conditions on Saturday were conducive to the rapid spread of wildland fires between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The conditions which were of concern included gusty south winds and low relative humidities.

Heavy rain, sometimes accompanied by lightning and thunder, brought relief

from the very dry conditions early this week.

Precipitation during the period of Oct. 13-19 in the Union County area included .13 of an inch of rain on Oct. 15, .04 of an inch of rain on Oct. 18 and 1.56 inches of rain on Oct. 19.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 80 degrees to a low of 32.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 13	74	38
Wednesday, Oct. 14	80	42
Thursday, Oct. 15	67	46
Friday, Oct. 16	63	32
Saturday, Oct. 17	68	33
Sunday, Oct. 18	68	53
Monday, Oct. 19	53	47

## Judge: Municipalities exempt from law passed for Election Day ‘holiday’

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SPRINGFIELD—A Sangamon County judge has ruled local units of government are exempt from a law the General Assembly passed this year declaring the Nov. 3 general election as a state holiday and requiring all government offices to be closed that day, unless they are used as polling places or for other election-related services.

Lawmakers passed that measure during their special session in May as a way to protect public safety during the election amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, it was intended to allow schools, colleges and universities to be used as polling places without exposing students to members of the public who might be carrying the virus.

The Illinois Municipal League, a nonprofit advocacy group that represents local governments, filed suit in July seeking a declaratory judgment stating that the law did not apply to its members.

The case was filed on behalf of the village of Bolingbrook, in Will and DuPage counties, and Southern View, in Sangamon County, against the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The plaintiffs challenged a portion of the law that reads, “All government offices, with the exception of election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be used as a location for election day services or as a polling place.”

If that applied to local governments, the plaintiffs argued, it would have forced many of them to pay tens, or even hundreds of thousands of dollars for holiday pay and related expenses for law enforcement officers, firefighters, other first responders and other staff who would be required to work on that day.

In a six-page opinion released Friday, Oct. 16, Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow ruled that if the law were applied to local governments, it would amount to an impermissible unfunded mandate.

“Where the Legislature fails to make necessary appropriations allowing reimbursement of expenses, local governments are not required to implement such mandates,” Grischow wrote.

She also cited transcripts of debate in the House over the bill, including a statement from Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, one of the lead sponsors of the bill, who said upon questioning that the bill would not apply to local governments.

“We applaud the court’s decision to uphold the authority of local officials,” Illinois Municipal League executive director Brad

Cole said in a statement.

“Local leaders understand the needs of their communities and must be able to make decisions in their best interest. This decision allows them to do so in respect to Election Day. At a time when municipalities have experienced added public health costs and decreases in tax revenue, many simply cannot afford the extra costs this mandate would have created.”

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TRICK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 24

3PM - 6PM

Downtown Anna & Jonesboro Square

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**Early trick-or-treating planned in Anna, Jonesboro**  
Halloween trick-or-treaters can get an early start this weekend in Anna and Jonesboro.

Nearly 30 businesses and organizations in the downtown Anna and Jonesboro Square areas are planning to offer trick-or-treating Saturday, Oct. 24. Hours are scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A list of the participating businesses and organizations can be found on the Downtown Anna, IL Facebook page.

(Plans for the trick-or-treating were posted prior to this week’s announcement about new restrictions in the region due to the pandemic.)

## Pumpkin Town planned; opening moved to Saturday

The 2020 edition of Pumpkin Town had been scheduled to make its debut Thursday, today, at a new home. The opening has been changed due to soggy weather conditions.

Pumpkin Town will be at the Anna City Park this year.

Since its inception, Pumpkin Town has been displayed on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has led to the creation of a new home for Pumpkin Town this year.

The theme for the 2020 display is “Superheroes.”

Set up for the drive-thru event was scheduled to begin early this week at the park.

A ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of Pumpkin Town had been set for 5:30 p.m. today.

**Ribbon Cutting Moved**  
The ribbon cutting has been moved to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

Pumpkin Town is scheduled to be on display through Oct. 31, which is Halloween Day. More than 20 displays are planned.

Breakdown and removal of displays will be Sunday, Nov. 1, by 3 p.m.

Pumpkin Town is being sponsored by the City of Anna, the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club and the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau.

## Drive-thru trick-or-treat planned in Anna

Drive-thru trick-or-treating is planned on Halloween evening at the Anna City Park.

The event comes at a time when safe alternatives to traditional trick-or-treating are being planned in response to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Halloween is Saturday, Oct. 31. Drive-thru trick-or-treating is planned at the Anna City Park from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Anna and Jonesboro fire departments will be among those offering treats for children. Both departments plan to have fire trucks at the park.

Everyone will remain in their cars. Firefighters will hand out treats.

Donations of candy and money to help support the special event can be made at Anna City Hall.

Those interested in supporting the event can contact Anna City Hall at 833-8528 for more information.

The deadline to donate or to participate is Oct. 28.

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# Sports

## A-J golfers compete at sectional events

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School’s Luke Lasley finished in second place at the Class 1A boys’ golf sectional at the Franklin County Country Club in West Frankfort Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Lasley’s 10-footer for par at hole 18 swerved wide left and gave West Frankfort’s Chase Elko a one-stroke win to claim the victory.

A-J golf head coach Brandon Bierstedt said that Lasley “hit a good drive on 18, but missed the green on his approach shot.”

Elko carded a 2-under par 69 to Lasley’s 70 to claim the championship. Both just took one bogey until Lasley played the last hole.

At the high school girls’

golf sectional at the Salem Country Club, which was also played on Oct. 13, A-J’s Marlee Smth finished 30th to lead her squad with 92.

“That finishes up high school golf,” Bierstedt said.

The A-J head coach said his golfers had “a great season, with both Luke and Marlee advancing to sectional.”

“I would like to thank all the parents for getting their kids out to practice all the time,” Bierstedt said.

He also voiced appreciation to “the other coaches for their help in having a good season.”

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the high school state golf tournament series has been cancelled.

## A-J cross country teams compete at conference championship in Du Quoin

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ and boys’ cross country teams competed at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division championship Thursday, Oct. 15, at Du Quoin.

**A-J Boys**  
**Pinckneyville 20, Du Quoin 70, A-J 77, Nashville 86, Carterville 109:** Jayden Perez led the way for the Wildcats with an 8th place finish in 17:00.9.

Beto Vaca Diez was next for A-J with a 9th place finish in 17:01.9.

Other results posted by A-J runners included: 14th, Matteo Vaca Diez in 17:46.7. 19th, Zach Henry in 18:35.6. 27th, Colby Bowman in 19:11.1. 30th, Nick McGrath in 19:35.9. 35th,

Jason Swink in 19:55.9.

**A-J Girls**  
**Du Quoin 21, Pinckneyville 43, Nashville 89, A-J 103, Carterville 117:** Kaylee Stover led the way for the Lady Wildcats with a 9th place finish in 20:41.4.

Lakelyn Carter was next for A-J with a 19th place finish in 22:20.2.

Other results posted by A-J runners included: 23rd, Avila Yoselin in 22:33.1. 24th, Julia Hall in 22:37.7. 28th, Marisol Zamora in 23:20.5.

A-J’s Perez and Beto Vaca Diez on the boys’ squad and Stover on the girls’ team finished among the top 10 runners and were all-conference selections.

The Class A boys’ and girls’ regional will be held at Marissa Saturday.

## Anglers invited to participate in virtual fishing tournament

The NubAbility Athletics Foundation is holding a virtual bass fishing tournament during the month of October, with all proceeds going towards camps for limb-different children.

Anglers can participate in the #CastingforNubKids event by registering and submitting competition entries through the Fish-Donkey mobile app.

Final submissions are due before 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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The registration fee for the competition is \$25 per person. For more information, visit nubability.org, call 618-357-1394 or email info@nubability.org.



**Jonesboro cross country runners qualify for state**

The Jonesboro School Bulldogs’ boys’ and girls’ cross country teams finished the season with multiple runners qualifying for state competition. The girls’ varsity team took first place at the regional meet, with six runners finishing in the top 10. The girls’ varsity team includes Raegan Jones, Melaina Bundren, Reese Jones, Zoe Jones, Kenzie Miller, Kinley Leek and Sophia Hill. Blake Abernathy of the boys’ team advanced to state meet after placing in the top five runners who were not on the winning team. The Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletics Association plans to have its Class S state meet on Oct. 23 in Du Quoin.

Members of the Jonesboro School boys’ and girls’ JV and varsity teams are, from left, in the first row, Melaina Bundren, Sophia Hill, Kinley Leek, Doug Buck and Hayden Staples. In the second row are Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Aleah Box, Jaylin Vicory, Lauren Crow, Kenzie Miller, Zoe Jones, Blake Abernathy and Shane Vicory. Photo provided.

## SIU, Southeast Missouri State football game now scheduled for Oct. 30

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Saluki Athletics has announced that the football game versus SEMO, originally scheduled for Oct. 23, has been moved to Friday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. at Saluki Stadium.

Seating capacity for the game will be limited to 20 percent, based upon a plan approved by the campus Emergency Operations Center and with guidance from the State of Illinois and Jackson County Health Department.

Due to the attendance restrictions, SIU director of athletics Liz Jarnigan said ticketing will be modified to include season-ticket holders, SIU students and player families only.

“We’re excited to bring football back to our campus and community, and I’m confident in our ability to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the fans who can attend the game,” Jarnigan said in a news release.

“In these trying times, sports provide a welcome break from the hardships we’ve all endured throughout the pandemic.”

Safety measures will include socially-distanced, assigned seating.

Tailgating will not be permitted, and fans will be required to wear a mask or facial covering upon entering the stadium. It can be removed while eating or drinking.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the stadium.

chair-back in the new location.”

Fans could still purchase new season tickets and will receive tickets for the SEMO game, plus seats for the four spring home games. Seat assignments will be determined after current season-ticket holders have been relocated, Williams said.

Students have until Friday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. to request tickets online. Students who request tickets to the game must pick up their tickets at the Banterra Center ticket window on Oct. 26-27 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by showing their student ID.

For more ticket information, call the ticket office at 618-453-1803.

SIU officials noted that in conjunction with the Jackson County Health Department, SIU will re-assess fan attendance should Jackson County be placed on the Illinois Department of Public Health Covid-19 warning list for greater than two consecutive weeks (related to “substantial transmission” based upon the IDPH county and school metric).

## Hunting safety addressed

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has announced updated health and safety protocols and procedures.

The protocols and procedures have been developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for implementation during the 2020-2021 waterfowl hunting seasons at IDNR sites.

The procedures are intended to minimize or eliminate direct contact among site users and IDNR staff.

The goal is to help keep all individuals safe and ensuring that hunting can take place at IDNR sites.

IDNR noted that some of the new procedures may represent significant changes from previous hunting seasons.

IDNR said that hunters should follow all public health guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, including wearing masks when social distancing cannot be achieved, carrying hand sanitizer and refraining from congregating in parking lot areas.

Check out The Gazette-Democrat online at [annanews.com](http://annanews.com)



**Dongola takes fourth at state**

The Dongola Junior High School Lady Devils softball team earned fourth place at the 2020 Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletics Association Class S state tournament. The Lady Devils took on the New Hope Lady Panthers in the finals of the consolation bracket on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Pinckneyville. In addition to placing at state, Dongola was also the 2020 conference and regional champions.

Members of the Dongola squad, pictured with their trophy, are, in the first row, from left, Jersey Shepard, Maddie Moss, Kahli Sanders, Ashlynn Welch and Gabbie Hight. In the second row are Dusti Bracken, Reaslyn Shepard, Kiara Aden, Natalie Aldrich, Jayda Shepard, Dixie Kaufman, Mikyla Bean and Bailey Griffin. Photo provided.

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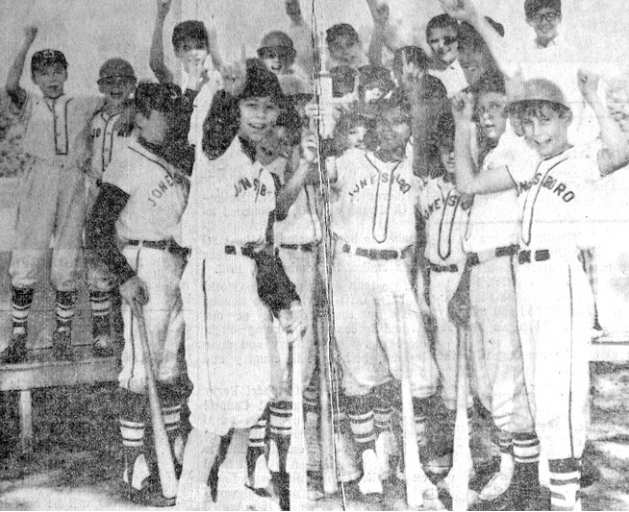
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## Sports Page from the Past

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Thursday, October 22, 1970



**JONESBORO’S BULLDOGS WIN OVER DU QUOIN TO CAPTURE STATE TITLE** – Ron Fulenwider’s Bulldogs won over Du Quoin by a score of 3-1 to capture the Southern Illinois State Championship last week. The team has a 12 to 0 record for the season. – Photo by Wiggs.

The Jonesboro Bulldogs, behind Ron Woolridge’s one hit pitching, defeated the Du Quoin Junior High School by the score of three to one to win the Southern Illinois State Championship.

The Bulldogs finished the season with 12 wins and no losses as Du Quoin suffered their first setback of the season. The Bulldogs would like to express their appreciation to everyone for their support.

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The offensive attack and the stubborn defense of the Du Quoin Indians forced the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats into a disastrous 38-0 homecoming loss.

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## River-to-River Trail Society planning hike on Snake Road

The River-to-River Trail Society this fall again plans to offer a schedule of guided hikes in and near the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

All hikes are free and open to the public. The trail society said in a news release that although the hikes vary in level of difficulty, all are intended for people in good health who have done some hiking in the past.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Shawn Gossman plans to lead a hike on the Snake Road near Wolf Lake.

Gossman is known through the online video series “Hiking With Shawn.”

The fall snake migration should still be going on during this hike, and there will be plenty more to see. To register, call Gossman at 618-694-7034.

Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended. All hikers should bring their own water and a snack. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

The trail society said that in order to protect the health of leaders and hikers, a number of new procedures will be in effect during the coronavirus emergency and are mandatory.

All groups will be limited to no more than 15 hikers, except in certain wilderness areas where the U.S. Forest Service has limited groups to no more than 10.

In order to achieve that goal, all hikes will require advance registration with the hike leader.

Starting times and meeting places will be communicated to registrants over the telephone.

All hikers must bring a face mask capable of covering nose, mouth and chin. The trail society shared the following message: “No Mask, No Hike.”

While hikers need not wear face masks while hiking, they must wear them when standing near other hikers or when passing on the trail.

Proper social distance must be maintained whenever possible.

Because the route of all hikes will be either a loop or out-and-back, the society will not provide any transportation.

All hikers will be responsible for transporting themselves to the trailhead, and all will be expected to sign a waiver of liability.

Any other conditions required by executive order of the governor or recommendations of the CDC must be complied with.

## Local students earn degrees at Southeast Missouri State

Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau has announced its summer 2020 graduates.

Degrees were conferred on 340 summer graduates.

Students from the Union County area were among those to receive degrees.

Area graduates included:

Makenzie Chaney of Anna, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree with a major in health-care management: quality and patient safety option.

Adam Barr of Cobden, who graduated with a bachelor of arts degree with a major in global cultures/ languages: anthropology option.

Beth Marks of Cobden, who graduated with a master of arts degree with a major in secondary administration.

Emily Reese of Cobden, who graduated with a bachelor of arts degree with a major in global cultures/ languages: anthropology option.

Megan Gilpin of McClure, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree with a major in biology: wildlife and conservation option.

## Massac County Early Learning Center temporarily closed after two positive COVID-19 cases

Southern Seven Head Start reported on Friday, Oct. 16, that it had temporarily closed its Massac County Early Learning Center for one week following two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the facility.

Southern Seven Head Start reported that the center would be closed for remote learning from Oct. 19 through Oct. 23.

Classes are scheduled to resume Oct. 26. Families were notified.

Head Start said in a news release that the decision to temporarily close the center occurred after consultation with Southern Seven Health Department during its investigation of the two cases.

Head Start learned on Oct. 11 that the first person tested positive on Oct. 10 and subsequently closed a classroom for two weeks.

Head Start then learned on Oct. 15 that a second individual, who was also tested on Oct. 10, had tested positive.

Both persons had not been in the facility since their testing date.

The center was closed on Oct. 16 as part of regular weekly remote learning.

Head Start reported it was determined that both cases occurred within 14 days of each other, which according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, constitutes a reason to temporarily close a facility.

According to Head Start officials, the closure is a precautionary measure to provide time for cleaning and disinfecting of the facility and for health department officials to gain a better understanding of the impact to the center.

Southern Seven Health Department began contact tracing to identify those who may have been exposed to the coronavirus.

Contact tracing helps identify those who may be at risk after someone tests positive.

This is done to let people know what symptoms to watch for, reduces their exposures to others and slows the spread of COVID-19.

The health department advised area residents that should they be identified as a possible contact, their cooperation is appreciated.

Anyone with questions regarding possible exposure can call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297.

The health department reports that there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases being spread by community transmission at social events and gatherings in recent months.

The virus can be spread up to 48 hours before a person has symptoms.

Anyone who has been at gatherings where little to no safety measures were in place is at risk of contracting COVID-19.

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Hazel V. Vaughn. Grantee: Adrina J. Melvin, David A. Ottolini. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Maria Elizabeth Nunez. Grantee: Blanca Ambrocio, Juan Daniel Mendez. Subdivision Name: E. Davis Add. Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jacqueline Robbins, Josh Robbins. Grantee: Michelle Pitts, Jacqueline Robbins, Josh Robbins. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jason Bennett. Grantee: Debra L. Hicks. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Heidi Basler, Mark McCann. Grantee: Tylor Duckworth. Subdivision Name: Sunset Hills Subdivision. Lot 13.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kenneth Laster. Grantee: Jason S. Joles, Stephanie R. Joles. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dwayne Brinkmann. Grantee: L&K McDowell Properties LLC. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: US Bank National Association. Grantee: Valdas Bator, Zita Bator. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 1E. Subdivision Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub. Block 2. Lots 7, 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mark Eddleman. Grantee: Ja-Mar Land Company LLC. Tract Section 13 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lisa M. Tripp. Grantee: Joshua D. Tripp. Tract Section 32 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Miller Family Enterprises LLC. Grantee: Byford Jeffrey Miller, Stephanie Nicole Miller. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vinod C. Gupta. Grantee: ASL Real Estate Corp. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 8. Lots 11, 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amry Anne Barger, David Barger, Cynthia Kohler, Steven Kohler. Grantee: John R. Reeves Sr., Rose Reeves. Subdivision Name: Lynwood Addition. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tami Ury. Grantee: Bethany Harvel, Samuel Harvel. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vicky Chamness, Creva Loretta Henson. Grantee: Trevor Kell. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 31.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Benjie L. Dunville, Janet K. Dunville. Grantee: Kelsey E. Goins. Subdivision Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 43.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joyce Mowery Crews, Mike Crews. Grantee: Mark A. Norris, Meghan R. Norris. Name: Meadowbrook Add. Lots 5, 6, 7.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Pistol City Properties. Grantee: Clyde E. Pinnon, Patricia Y. Pinnon. Subdivision Name: D.G. Wilsons 1st Add. of Wolf Lake. Lots 10, 12, 15.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: LMN Holdings LLC. Grantee: Benito Orea Baltazar. Subdivision Name: Henry Kohlers 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Danielle Renee Baity. Grantee: Douglas Cerney,

Nancy Cerney. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ryan Michael Vicenzi, Samantha N. Vicenzi. Grantee: Jessica Martinez. Subdivision Name: Miller Heights Sub. of Anna. Block 2. Lot 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charles Michael Smiddy. Grantee: Jacalyn D. Jennings. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ashley R. Willenborg, Jason H. Willenborg. Grantee: Shane Bruce. Tract Section 18 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Perry D. Wright, Sharon S. Wright, Sharon Sue Wright. Grantee: Dacota S. Knop, Doug T. Knop. Name: Hartlines Add. Lots 40, 41, 42, 43.

**Traffic Citations**  
The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Evetta R. Hughes, Carbondale. Daphanie Kiana Hollis, Cairo. Jailon Colby Rush, Indianapolis, Ind. John O. Melvin II, Du Quoin. Brittany Ann Hill, Cape Girardeau.

Armando Ramos Garcia, Cape Girardeau. Susanna Lorraine Cohen, Anna. Anthony Jermaine Knighton, Fort Pierce, Fla. Tavonte D. Paige, Indianapolis, Ind.

Tammy L. Medders, Cicero. Lacey Nicole Smith, Franklin, Tenn. Anthony Roydell Peairs, Cape Girardeau. Babah Kofi Festus, Atlanta, Ga.

Ethan Daniel Cunningham, Mammoth Spring, Ark. Willie Jane Cave-Dunkel, De Soto. Gary Lynn Stevens, Creal Springs. Wesley K. Walters, Ava. Brianna N. Wells, Carbondale.

Michael J. Willyard, Highlands Ranch, Colo. Deacon Jarrett Tapley, Cape Girardeau. Andre J. Triplett, Carbondale. Kimberly M. Daniels, Milwaukee, Wis.

Chynna Blair Bradford, Jonesboro. Timbra R.K. Mansfield, Du Quoin. Lorena Jeanneth Morales, Humble, Texas. Eleazar Naquan Edwards, Jackson, Mo. Robert Lee Thornton, Jackson, Tenn.

Christopher Wyatt Tellor, Dongola. Amari R. Godsey, New Burnside. Brian A. Mayer, Cutler. Theopolis K. Phipps, Lansing. Lloyd D. Sarver Jr., Carbondale.

Emily G. Fischer, Murphysboro. Ruben A. Sanchez Carpovich, Bertrand, Mo. Olivia K. Standerfer, Marshall.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$164 fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Zachary Everett Justice, Anna, seat belt required/driver. Dustin Tyler Thomas Wilda, Jonesboro, obstruct driver's view.

Deidra K. Coleson, Anna, electronic communication device. Michael T. Stewart, Buford, seat belt required/driver.

James A. Truver, Buford, seat belt required/passenger. Lonnie Dean Martin, Mentone, Ind., following too closely.

Johnny L. Cook, Centralia, electronic communication device. Bradly E. Cross, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver.

Jerry Lyn Reynolds, Murphysboro, improper passing on left. Jefferey Elijah Foster, Jonesboro, electronic communication device.

Eric Lynn Lamb, Jackson, Mo., electronic communication device. Trevor S. Glidewell, Anna,

electronic communication device.

Timothy Dewayne McHarry, Ullin, electronic communication device. Kendra Anne Brown, Olmsted, electronic communication device.

Donald C. Spurlock, Anna, seat belt required/driver. Darrell D. Houston, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device.

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$251 fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

John B. Millstead, Cape Girardeau. Martinez D. Steele, Riverdale. Fairleigh D. Ward, Carbondale. Alicia N. Hammond, Carbondale. Samson O. Agbayewa, Chicago Heights.

Crystal S. Eubanks, Carbondale. Joshua Thomas Peeler, Anna. Kyerra J. Henderson, Carbondale. Robert Allen Zimmers, St. Charles. Niasia N. Lester, Pulaski. Eli Morgan M.R. Roberts, Energy.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$251 in fines and court costs for each violation as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Keithy D. Carter, Tamms, unlicensed.

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

Mylena G. Fruits, Elkhville, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727; speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$251. Precious S. Taborn, Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727.

William J. Henry, Troy, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727. David S. Wright Jr., Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727.

Troikus M. Conrod, Sunflower, Miss., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727; speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$251. Britnie N.L. Woodrome, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727.

Seth W. Wakefield, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$727. Tiffany Leigh Hileman, Anna, registration expiration, \$164; speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

# Gun owners frustrated with FOID application backlog in Illinois

By Peter Hancock  
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SPRINGFIELD – Despite a temporary rule that extends the expiration dates for Firearm Owners Identification cards and concealed carry permits, many Illinois gun owners are still finding it difficult to buy weapons and ammunition.

That was one of the issues that came up Wednesday, Oct. 14, during a meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, a legislative body that oversees the state's regulatory processes.

“The problem that a lot of my constituents are having is firearms dealers and businesses are not accepting the FOID cards that are expired, even though they know...that the state of Illinois has said, hey, they’re still good beyond the expiration date,” State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, said during the hearing.

Schimpf was speaking to officials from the Illinois State Police, which recently renewed an emergency rule first adopted in April that extends the expiration date of FOID cards and concealed carry permits by 12 months, as long as the permit holder submits a renewal application. On Sept. 3, the agency extended that rule to 18 months.

ISP, which issues firearm permits, had been struggling with a backlog of applications since long before the pandemic began.

But the problem multiplied after the pandemic hit and again later amid the civil unrest that erupted following the May 25 murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

According to data that ISP provided in an email, 147,862 FOID card applications were received during the first four months of the disaster declaration, March through June. That was more than double the number received in the prior four-month period.

From July through September, ISP said it received 135,798 applications for new or renewed FOID cards.

There are currently more than 142,000 FOID card applications pending and more than 26,000 applications pending for concealed carry licenses.

Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, said in an interview that he receives complaints from gun owners who are frustrated about the delays on a daily basis.

“One guy has been waiting for three years and no explanation of why he hasn’t gotten it or anything. So, yeah, we’re actually forwarding those all to our attorney,” he said.

Under state law, FOID cards are supposed to be issued or denied within 30 days of an application, but the backlog has caused most applicants to wait for several months.

Pearson said there are currently 12 lawsuits pending in various courts arguing the delays amount to a violation of individuals’ constitutional right to bear arms.

According to the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Illinois is one of only three states, alongside Massachusetts and New York, that require a license to buy and possess a firearm.

Ten states require a permit to purchase at least some types of firearms, but not all of them require a license to continue owning one.

Pearson confirmed that despite the emergency rule extending the expiration dates, many gun dealers still will not sell firearms to anyone who does not have a current, valid FOID card.

“I know that they’re worried about liability,” he said. “And so, (the rule) might say that they’re okay, but the law says you can’t do it, and the executive order overrides the law. It is a big quagmire. Plus the fact that these people can’t buy ammunition in Illinois. And so they have to go on online and buy it, and to get it online, you have to supply the provider of that ammunition, the seller of that ammunition, with a valid FOID card and they don’t have a valid FOID card.”

Pearson said that has been especially frustrating for hunters because deer and waterfowl hunting seasons are coming soon.

“And deer slugs in some places are in short supply,” he said. “So, you know, you’re supposed to have a valid FOID card while you’re out hunting. But of course, the executive order overrides that, so they’re not doing anything about it.”

ISP general counsel Yvette Loizon said during the Oct. 14 hearing that the agency has heard directly from firearms dealers about the issue.

“It’s an issue that we are cognizant of, and we are looking into ideas in different ways where we could help alleviate some of those problems,” she said.

An ISP spokesperson said in an email that the agency has been in the process of hiring more analysts to process applications since early this year.

“The hiring process is ongoing and includes a minimum six-month training program to ensure applications are accurately and efficiently processed,” the spokesperson said.

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# What to know about the graduated tax amendment

A look at the amendment on the November election ballot, proposed rates, and arguments for and against

By Jerry Nowicki  
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One of the major questions Illinois voters will answer on Nov. 3 will be on the ballot statewide: whether to amend the state’s constitution to allow for a graduated rate income tax. Strictly speaking, the amendment removes a provision from the Illinois Constitution that requires any income tax to be levied at a flat rate on any level of income – the current rate is 4.95 percent.

Passage of the amendment would allow lawmakers to apply different tax rates on varying levels of income.

Of the 42 states that have an income tax, 32 and Washington, D.C., have a graduated rate structure, while Illinois is one of nine that impose a flat tax.

While the amendment itself does not set any tax rates, legislation already passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor would take effect in January if the amendment passes.

The rates created by that legislation would apply to six tax brackets, ranging from 4.75 percent on income up to \$10,000 to 7.99 percent on all income for individual filers making more than \$750,000.

Here’s a look the amendment, the accompanying rate legislation, some of the arguments being made and who is funding the advertising campaigns for and against it.

**The Amendment**  
Specifically, Article 9, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution would be amended if the ballot question passes. The new language would read:

“The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.”

That would replace the current language, which states:

“A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.”

On the ballot, voters will see the question worded as follows:

“The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the “flat tax,” that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.”

They’ll be able to vote “yes” or “no,” and the amendment has two paths to passage.

If it receives 60 percent of the vote from those

voting on the question, it passes.

But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold for those voting on the question but still musters “yes” votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

**The Rate Structure**  
The proposal to put the amendment question on the ballot was approved with support from only Democrats, as was Senate Bill 687, the accompanying legislation to set graduated rates beginning in January 2021, should the amendment pass. Again, the current rate is 4.95 percent on any taxable income.

The new rate structure would create six tax brackets, with rates applying to margins of taxable income instead of every penny of an earner’s income, except for those in the top bracket. The rates would be:

- 4.75 percent on single or joint filers’ first \$10,000 of taxable income.
- 4.9 percent on single or joint filers’ income from over \$10,000 to \$100,000.
- 4.95 percent on single or joint filers’ income from over \$100,000 to \$250,000.
- 7.75 percent on a single filer’s income from over \$250,000 to \$350,000 and joint filers’ from over \$250,000 to \$500,000.
- 7.85 percent on a single filer’s income from over \$350,000 to \$750,000 and joint filers’ from over \$350,000 to \$1 million.
- Once a single filer exceeds \$750,000 or joint filers exceed \$1 million, the top rate of 7.99 percent will apply at a flat rate to every penny of income. For all other earners, the previous brackets apply.

Those rates effectively mean anyone earning \$250,000 or less will pay the same or lower income tax rates under the graduated structure, while those earning above that amount would pay higher rates.

The measure also raises the corporate tax rate to 7.99 percent from 7 percent and does not change the Corporate Property Replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent which already exists in current law.

It also raises the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and creates a \$100 per-child tax credit for joint filers earning less than \$60,000 annually and single filers earning less than \$40,000 annually.

The tax credit would decrease by \$5 per child for every \$2,000 of income a filer has above those amounts.

In estimates released before the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor’s office said the graduated tax is expected to bring in about \$1.2 billion for the current fiscal year as it would be in place for only part of it, and \$3.4 billion once it is in place for a full year.

Neither the amendment nor the accompanying legislation would change the level of authority lawmakers have to raise tax rates.

A simple majority vote from both chambers in the General Assembly and a signature from the governor is all that is needed to raise rates currently, and that would remain the case with the passage of the amendment.

**The Fiscal Picture**  
For proponents of the measure, the amendment and the rates approved are all about raising more revenue without increasing rates on middle-income earners or making drastic budget cuts to state services, education and public safety. Pritzker frequently notes he inherited a state government “hollowed out” by budget cuts from previous administrations and a two-

year state budget impasse during which the state spent roughly \$5 billion more than it took in each year, driving a backlog of unpaid bills up to \$16 billion.

Pritzker has estimated the budget shortfall for the current fiscal year at \$6.2 billion, as the COVID-19 pandemic has blown a hole in state finances.

Without the graduated tax, which would be in effect for only half of the fiscal year, the shortfall could reach \$7.4 billion, he said in April.

To fill that gap, the governor has left open the option of borrowing billions from the federal government and has lobbied for greater aid to states in another federal stimulus package.

But even before the pandemic, Pritzker pegged Illinois’ structural, year-after-year budget deficit at \$3.2 billion, and he has framed the graduated tax debate as a choice between 15 percent across-the-board cuts to state government, a 20 percent flat tax hike or passage of the graduated rates.

On Sept. 24, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said lawmakers “will be forced to consider raising income taxes on all Illinois residents by at least 20 percent, regardless of their level of income” if the graduated income tax fails.

That would push the current tax rate to about 6 percent, and would require a simple majority vote in a legislature dominated by Democrats with or without the passage of the amendment.

But opponents argue that without spending reforms, particularly to unfunded state pension obligations which exceed \$137 billion, voters should not consider sending the state more revenue.

They also note both graduated tax measures are devoid of any meaningful immediate property tax reforms.

Property taxes are levied and collected locally, not by the state, and they fund such things as schools, local gov-

ernments, fire departments and libraries.

Those in favor of the amendment argue the added revenue could make it easier to fully fund the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 schools, which – years down the line, they say – could alleviate property tax pressures by shifting funding responsibility from local taxes to the state.

But opponents are skeptical of what the added revenues would be used for, as the amendment and accompanying legislation contain no guarantees and the state’s pension burden continues to increase.

Opponents also point out that Illinois’ combined total tax burden – including state and local sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and others – is the highest in the country, according to the personal finance website Wallethub.

The graduated tax would only add to that, they say, claiming that it might drive high-earning residents from the state.

Pritzker has said it is middle-income earners who have thus far been more likely to leave the state because, he says, the tax burden is “unfairly” distributed.

Proponents of the amendment, including Pritzker, cite a breakdown which shows the bottom 20 percent of Illinois earners pay 14.4 percent of their total income to state and local taxes, while the top 1 percent of earners pay 7.4 percent of their income in taxes.

That’s according to a report by the left-leaning Washington D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

**Other Arguments**  
Opposition, led in large part by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, has centered on what the tax would do to businesses and what lawmakers might do in the future if voters give them the opportunity to levy taxes on portions of the electorate at any one time, rather than on every taxpayer at once.

They also point out the

added revenues would not cover state budget deficits amid the pandemic and would require further tax hikes in the future, which could mean adjusting the brackets to raise rates on middle-income earners.

The idea, according to much of the advertising against the amendment, is that giving Springfield politicians the authority to raise taxes on just a small group of taxpayers at any one time makes it easier politically to raise taxes, even though the simple majority vote threshold remains unchanged.

Opposition groups also point to June comments from Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat who has no role in setting tax rates, who said it was “worth a discussion” to consider taxing retirement income on certain brackets.

While the graduated tax would make it possible to implement taxes on high-earning retirees without taxing all retirees, Pritzker has said he and Democrats in the General Assembly oppose taxing any retirement income, and the idea remains widely unpopular in Illinois – one of 12 states that do not tax retirement income. Of those 12, nine do not levy income taxes at all.

The senior advocacy group AARP held a news conference in early October, noting added revenue from the graduated tax could make lawmakers less likely to tax retirement income in order to fill budget gaps.

But opponents continue to point to Frerichs’ comments, although the treasurer has since said he does not support a retirement tax.

While those against the measure say the increase to the corporate tax rate will hit job creators hard at a time when the pandemic is already making it difficult to remain afloat, proponents note that businesses structured as pass-through entities – such as S corporations, sole proprietors and others who claim business income on

personal taxes – will see taxes decrease if they earn less than \$250,000 annually in taxable income.

Opponents also take issue with the amendment’s removal of language which states “there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations,” claiming the removal of the language allows for tax bills such as “education surcharges” or other such fees on top of the regular income tax.

Those in favor of the bill, however, say the prohibition on levying multiple income taxes was simply a companion to the requirement for a single flat tax rate.

The framers’ inclusion of the language, proponents say, was aimed at stopping lawmakers from creating a multi-tiered tax structure through a series of limited flat taxes on different levels of income.

Allowing for a graduated tax renders the language moot, they argue.

**The Funding**  
The omnipresent TV and social media advertising regarding the amendment has largely been funded thus far by two billionaires whose combined donations top \$100 million.

The first is Gov. JB Pritzker, who has donated \$56.5 million of his personal fortune to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The other is Kenneth Griffin – Illinois’ wealthiest person, founder of the hedge fund Citadel and former major donor to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner – who has donated \$46.75 million to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment, a business-tied group led by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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News from

## Camp Ground Church, Community

Brooke Bates, assisted by her grandfather Kenneth Thompson, rang the church bell calling all to worship. The children’s sermon was shared and the intercessory prayer offered on behalf of those mentioned, the nation’s military and their families, the country and the church universal as well as the congregation. Rev. Thompson’s sermon the 18th was titled “Now Show Me Your Glory,” based upon scripture from Exodus. The message shared that “Moses had experienced so much by heeding God’s call: leading the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery, crossing the sea on dry ground, food and water provided daily, receiving the Ten Commandments, etc. “Yet Moses desired a closer relationship with God. Moses felt that he could do nothing if God was not with him, and boldly asked God to show him His glory. “If you have been missing the presence of God in your life, do you want to change? If God isn’t us with us, we need to stop and draw closer to Him before we move on.” For those who don’t feel comfortable returning to in-person worship, services are available on YouTube on the church’s Facebook page “Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church.” For those who are getting out and about, the church invites everyone to Sunday School classes beginning at 9 a.m., followed by worship

News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 18, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both the morning and evening worship services. The morning message was about how “God has promised to bless everyone who blesses Israel.” Scripture was from Numbers. The messages were sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church’s lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM. During the service, Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Chris Rose sang “To God Be the Glory.” The church plans to have another drive-in movie night at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. A family friendly movie will be shown, with free popcorn, hot dogs and soda. Those who want to do so can sit in their car and tune in to 87.9 to hear the movie, or they can bring a lawn chair and sit outside. There will be extra speakers set up to boost the sound. The church plans to have trunk or treat from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31 in the lower parking lot. Birthdays: Jaryt Tripp, Oct. 8; Jim Brumitt, Oct. 9; Floyd Landis, Oct. 11; Irma Brown, Linda Eudy, Oct. 14; Lynn Timmerman, Oct. 18; Joyce Holshouser, Oct. 21; Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24. The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church for the coming week includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

## First Baptist Church, Anna

Mary Knight led worship music for the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 18. Pastor Nick’s sermon title was “You Had One Job.” Scripture was from Mark. The church started a contemporary worship service on Sunday evening with a great crowd of people. The Jermaine Bollinger Band sang the worship music. Pastor Nick DiMauro preached from God’s Word. The Sunday evening service starts at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. A mask and social distancing are required. All are welcome. The church’s morning service starts at 10:15 a.m. Children’s church also starts at 10:15 a.m. Those who may need to ride the church bus can call the church office at 833-5416, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna. The church’s next food giveaway is planned for Nov. 12.

News from

## Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



**Reading to children**  
**Ms. Paula read a story to the children about how to deal with bad moods: patience and love. Photo provided.**

Ms. Paula presented the children’s sermon Sunday, Oct. 18, by reading the book “Pout Pout Fish.” This was a lesson about being in a bad mood and how to change that by showing patience and love. The main sermon was about the Pharisees who kept trying to trap Jesus, and it never worked. The message recalled how “Pilate was amazed at how little Jesus tried to defend himself. He would ‘give unto the emperor that which he claimed as his own.’ But Jesus won out in the end, when he arose from the dead.” The lesson of the sermon was that “no one can vote in or out of the kingdom of God.” Prayers were offered for the whole people of God, for the sick and suffering, for families who have lost loved ones. Since the Hands of Faith group is not having its annual bazaar in November this year because of the Covid virus, a bucket has been placed in the back of

the sanctuary for donations to the “Bizarre Bazaar.” Any and all donations are appreciated. These will go towards the backpack program at school, which provides lunches for children who are in need. The church has Christmas cards and note cards for sale. The cards have pictures of the old and new Mt. Moriah churches and are great for sending notes to friends and family. If you are interested, you may contact Liz at the church office, 833-5234. The youth plan to meet on Oct. 25, and confirmation is planned Sunday, Oct. 25, at Mt. Moriah.

The ladies of the church enjoyed another night out by meeting in the church basement, social distancing and bringing their own meal for the meeting. In the meantime, the church encourages everyone stay safe, stay home, wear masks if you go out, wash your hands and, above all, practice social distancing. This, too, shall pass. Thanks be to God.

## Former Massac EMA director facing charges

The former assistant director of the Massac County Emergency Management Agency is facing federal fraud charges after an East St. Louis grand jury returned an eight-count indictment against him. The United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Illinois reported in a news release that Christopher Thompson, 29, of Kevil, Ky., is accused of devising and participating in a scheme to defraud Massac County and private businesses to obtain money, credit and property. According to the indictment, Thompson operated his fraudulent scheme from November 2018 to September 2019, in Massac County and elsewhere. Thompson is alleged to

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## Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Oct. 18, at 9:30 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary. Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team. Special music was provided by Madison Schnaare. The pastor’s message on Sunday was titled “Wait on the Lord.” Scripture was from Isaiah. The message can be found on the church’s website at annanaz.com and on the church’s Facebook page. Birthday: Glenda Shepard, Oct. 22. Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed, with the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Bible study also will be available on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting. Sunday School for children is planned from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 25. A parking lot service is planned at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, if the weather permits, and on Zoom. Services will be

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In the second place, man needs Jesus because he is a sinner. From the time of Adam and Eve until now, the history of man shows clearly that he is a sinner. The Great Flood in the time of Noah was brought on because “the wickedness of man was great in the earth” (Genesis 6:5). Romans 3:23 tells us that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Because of sin separating us from God, we need a Savior.

Finally, man must spend eternity somewhere. “It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Jesus shows only two destinies, and we choose ours by how we live here in this life. The wicked and righteous are separated to the left and right. Jesus says of the wicked, “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matt. 25:46). In spite of our sins, God “wants all men to be saved.” (I Tim. 2:4). The strongest proof of this is found in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

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Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens. Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts. Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity. From the Psalms

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# Downstate judges face off for 5th District Supreme Court seat

By Sarah Mansur  
For Capitol News Illinois  
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The race for the 5th District seat on the Illinois Supreme Court that represents 37 counties in Southern Illinois is pitting a centrist Democratic candidate against a self-described “constitutional conservative” Republican.

Democrat Judy Cates, 68, and Republican David Overstreet, 54, are competing for a spot on the state’s highest court that is currently held by Lloyd Karmeier, a Republican who plans to retire from the bench in December.

Cates and Overstreet both serve on the 5th District Appellate Court – one of five state appellate courts, which are below the Illinois Supreme Court and hear appeals from circuit courts.

The losing candidate in November’s election will continue serving on the ap-

pellate court until his or her term ends.

The Illinois State Bar Association rated both Cates and Overstreet as “highly recommended.”

After graduating from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in 1977, Cates worked as a prosecutor in the St. Clair County State’s Attorney’s Office.

She spent about 30 years in private practice before she was elected to a seat on the 5th District Appellate Court in 2012.

She was a founding partner of the Cates Law Firm in Swansea, but left the firm upon her appellate court election.

Cates, who grew up in Belleville, is the only woman to serve as president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association.

Overstreet, a Mount Vernon native, earned his law degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1991.

He has worked in small, private firms – in Southern Illinois and Knoxville, Tennessee – until being appointed to the 2nd Judicial Circuit Court in 2007 by Karmeier, who Overstreet describes as his role model.

He was elected to the circuit court in 2008, appointed to the appellate court in 2017, and won election to the appellate court in 2018.

Overstreet did not respond to requests for an interview.

In an interview, Cates said she believes a major issue in this election is the selection of circuit court judges to fill judicial vacancies, which are generally filled by an appointment from the Illinois Supreme Court.

Although the entire Supreme Court votes to appoint new circuit or appellate judges, the court gives deference to recommendations from the justice who represents the district where the vacancy occurred.

If elected, Cates said she would recommend qualified and diverse candidates to the bench.

“Because what is not well understood by voters, is that the Supreme Court justice for your district selects judges whenever there’s a vacancy (in the district),” Cates said.

“That’s why this whole race is going to be about how to select judges. What is the judiciary going to look like in 10 years? Are we just going to have more of the same, or are we going to have a bench that more fairly reflects Southern Illinois?”

In a video interview earlier in October with Williamson County Republican Party Chairman Jeff Die-

derich, Overstreet said he would follow Karmeier’s approach to selecting judges – which is the same process that Karmeier used in 2007 to choose Overstreet.

Overstreet said Karmeier’s process involves appointing a committee of legal professionals, attorneys and others to interview applicants for a vacancy.

“Those folks would vet the candidates and pick the top two, three or four,” Overstreet said in the interview from Oct. 6.

“I, as a Supreme Court justice, would interview those and choose the candidate who would best serve the public as a circuit judge.”

For both candidates, the theme of law and order has also dominated this election campaign.

Overstreet has claimed the statewide endorsements of the Illinois State Rifle Association and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police.

Cates touts endorsements from sheriffs in Jackson, Madison, St. Clair and Randolph counties, as well as her experience as a prosecutor.

“Law enforcement to me, as a former prosecutor, is very important to keep our community safe,” Cates said. “I know what criminals are like, and I know what that devastation does to a family. ...I get it. I understand that.”

Combined, both campaigns have spent roughly \$1 million – which pales in comparison to the \$9.3 million total spent during Karmeier’s 2004 election contest against Democrat Gordon Maag.

Karmeier was the first Republican elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in the 5th District since the ju-

dicial districts were formed in 1964.

In 2005, Karmeier cast the deciding vote to overturn a \$1 billion jury verdict against State Farm that was awarded in a 1999 case, Avery v. State Farm.

Years later, State Farm faced a federal class action lawsuit that alleged the insurance company illegally funneled money to Karmeier’s 2004 campaign. State Farm reached a \$250 million settlement with the class of policyholders in 2018.

The insurance company maintained the claims in the lawsuit were without merit, and the settlement was “made simply to bring an end to the entire litigation,” according to a State Farm news release at the time. For his part, Karmeier has said he didn’t know who was funding his campaign.

Cates said Karmeier should have recused himself from the State Farm case, adding that she al-

ready recuses herself from cases that involve her campaign contributors.

“If a case comes before me now, and I have a donor involved, I’ve already recused myself,” Cates said.

In an interview with the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin in late February, Overstreet said he doesn’t look at his financial contributors but would consider recusing himself if he was deciding on a case involving one of his donors.

If a party to a case before him has donated in a “major way,” Overstreet said at the time, he “would have a duty to take a look at that and, try to, if it’s going to cause an appearance problem, to recuse myself.”

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## 'Guidance for Illinois Voters' available

The Illinois attorney general’s office released new online guidance to help the state’s residents understand their rights during the 2020 general election.

The attorney general’s “Guidance for Illinois Voters: 2020 Election” is available online at illinoisattorneygeneral.gov as a resource for Illinois voters on election laws and their voting rights.

This year, the Illinois General Assembly amended some election statutes in order to protect voters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The online guidance provides access to accurate, reliable election information to answer questions regardless of whether people vote

by mail or in person.

“Guidance for Illinois Voters: 2020 Election” is designed to walk voters through various steps in the process and answer potential questions.

People can access basic information to identify and contact local election authorities and the Illinois State Board of Elections, and determine whether they are registered to vote.

Additionally, the guidance details important remaining deadlines and procedures for those who have not yet registered to vote or applied to vote by mail.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many individuals will exercise their right to vote.

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# How ponds can save a home: Dry hydrants and rural fire protection

Duane Friend grew up on a farm and knows the devastation rural fires can have on structures.

Lack of nearby water supplies increased the danger of total structure losses.

House or barn fires often require 10,000 to 25,000 gallons of water for full suppression and often require several trips from pumper trucks.

“Having an accessible source of water in rural areas may be as close as a pond,” Friend says.

Friend, a University of Illinois Extension energy and environment educator in Western Illinois, says a pond can be turned into a water source through the use of a dry hydrant.

Non-pressurized pipes are installed next to a body of water to supply the water needed for fire suppression.

“Having this type of water source can be a benefit to everyone living in the area and may help lower insurance premiums.”

Before installing a dry hydrant, calculate how much water is available for pumping.

To make this calculation for a pond, determine the surface square footage and multiply this amount by the average depth.

To determine square

footage for a rectangular pond, take the length times the width. For circular ponds, multiply 3.14 by the radius.

To figure an average depth, it may be necessary to take several depth readings across the pond.

“When the square footage and average depth are multiplied, this gives you the amount of water in cubic feet,” Friend says.

“Then, multiply that number by 7.5 to determine the gallons of water available. The amount of water available for pumping will be a little less than this amount since not all of the water can be pumped out.”

In the winter, ice will decrease the amount of available water, as well.

Friend specifies some installation considerations.

The hydrant should be well marked and located near an all-weather road to allow pumper trucks to hook up to it.

The hose connection must be 2 feet above the ground.

The intake needs to be 2 feet above the bottom of the pond and 2 feet below the anticipated low water level.

There is a limit to the height water can be pumped; the total vertical height of pipe from intake

to outlet cannot exceed 18 feet, with shorter heights preferred.

Long, horizontal lengths must also be considered. For example, a 500 gallon per minute pump will only lift water 13 feet if the horizontal length of pipe is 200 feet.

Most dry hydrants are made from 6-inch or larger schedule 40 PVC pipe, Friend says.

Additional components include a hose connection compatible with local fire trucks, two 90-degree or 45-degree elbows, and a strainer cap.

Costs for installation can vary from about \$700 to \$1,500, depending on your location and amount of materials needed, Friend says.

Once installed, dry hydrants must be properly maintained. Clear brush and trees for easy access.

In addition, silt or plants should be kept from clogging the intake screen.

“Regular inspections and back-flushing can be used as a training opportunity for new fire protection personnel,” Friend suggests.

For technical assistance about site suitability, survey, design and installation, contact a local Natural Resources Conservation Service or local Soil and Water Conservation District office.

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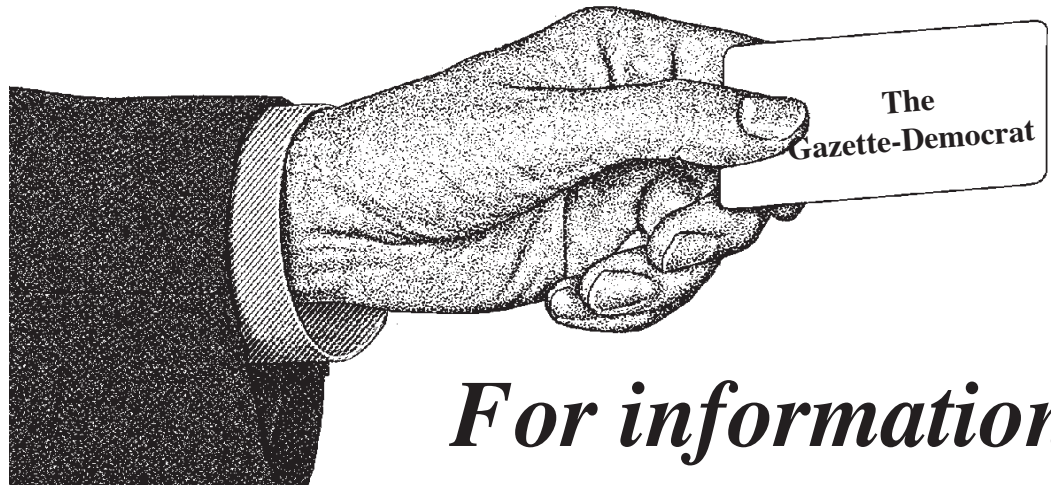
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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## Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Town will be at the Anna City Park this year. The theme is “Super Heroes.”

A ribbon cutting is planned at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

Displays will be on view from Thursday, today, until Oct. 31.

Sponsored by the City of Anna, the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club and the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau.

## A-JCHS

Monday, Oct. 26, Battle of the Bands will be at the football field at 2 p.m.

## Guest

Jane Bauer’s nephew Chuck Anderson from Schererville, Ind., visited Southern Illinois this week. They toured Giant City State Park and had the chicken evening meal at the lodge. The fall colors were beautiful. Chuck was on his way to Florida for a few days.

## Outing

David and Marie Samuel went for a drive on Wolf Creek Road and Rocky Comfort Road Sunday and around several lakes Saturday before going for apples at Flamm’s and to Cobden to the flea market. Prayers for our first responders and all affected by the virus. Marie

## Moose Lodge

The Anna Ladies of the Moose are busy preparing for the Main Street Downtown Trick or Treating on Oct. 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Zach Dudley, volunteer, has been busy assembling treat bags while Ladies of

the Moose member Bev Phillips of Jonesboro made a Tommy Moose.

Bev is a busy and appreciated member for the Anna Moose Lodge, devoting many hours within all aspects of the Moose Lodge.

Tommy Moose will be available as a backdrop for picture taking on Oct. 24 as they distribute treat bags, goodies and more to community members.

The Tommy Moose program is easily one of the most successful community service outreach programs in the history of the Loyal Order of Moose.

Its success lies in its simple message and uncomplicated structure.

Moose Lodges and chapters across the U.S. and Canada have purchased over 100,000 Tommy Moose plush dolls and presented them to police, fire and other emergency workers to be carried in their vehicles.

The Tommy Moose dolls are given to children who have been encountered during stressful or traumatic situations, calming them, and giving them a soothing object to refocus their attention toward, while emergency aid takes place.

Also, the Ladies of the Moose will be at the Anna City Park on Halloween Eve from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to participate in the drive-through trick or treating.

## Early Trick or Treat

The stores in beautiful down town Anna will have an early trick or treat and stay open late Saturday,

Oct. 24, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also in Jonesboro on the square.

## 28th Anniversary

Brent and Angela Gordon celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary Oct. 17.

They were honored with a dinner at Giant City Lodge by their children Olivia and Graham.

On their wedding day they were married by Brent’s father in Ullin. They had their reception at Shawnee College and then went to Jamaica for their honeymoon.

Angela said it was a very blessed day.

## Birthday Celebration

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er attended the 39th birth-day celebration for their son-in-law Jamie Yates in Anna.

Others in attendance were his family Rebecca, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles Yates and Jamie’s parents Don and Joni Yates.

## Columbus Day Outing

Terrie Rhymer, along with Violet and Miles Yates, went to Rendleman Orchards to pick pumpkins and enjoy other activities there on Columbus Day.

## Bald Knob Cross of Peace Outing

Terrie Rhymer and Violet Yates went to Alto Pass to enjoy the activities at the Colors of the Cross on Saturday.

Bessie Mae Ellis and Martha Ann Webb also enjoyed the fall colors and activities Saturday.

Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett visited the Cross of Peace on Friday.

## Benefit Held

A benefit was held at the Dongola Fire Station for Mrs. Teri aka Momma Chick on Saturday. Spaghetti along with garlic bread, and desserts were served.

Baskets were donated by several people that were bid on at a silent auction along with sales of t-shirts made for the family.

Mrs Chick works at the Dongola School and had inspired many with her kindness and caring for the students there. The benefit for Mrs. Teri Chick raised over \$2,000.

## Bird Baths

We have discovered where another bird bath is made from one of the molds from the fund raiser the Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club did back in the 1930s and 1940s.

Phil has installed it in front of Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home on



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Sunday evening contemporary worship service at Anna First Baptist Church: From left to right are Emma Peper, Shadi Frick, Grant Hertzing, Jermaine Bollinger, sermon by Pastor Nick Di Mauro. Everyone welcome to come join them this Sunday night at 7 p.m.



Thanks to these special volunteers at Bald Knob Cross of Peace: Lenna Reeder, Jodie Wright, Teresa Gilbert, Lisa Short, Jennifer O'Donnell. They were getting ready last Friday for the big day Saturday Fall Colors at the Cross.



Rev. Tim Gossett gave the children’s message Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna. He told the children our lives could be clean like he is cleaning the inside of the pumpkin when we let Jesus come inside and we should then let our lights shine for Jesus and give of our life every day like Jesus gave his life for us. Think of a kindness you can do for someone today.



Rebecca, Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla and Owen Corbit were happy to be at church at the United Methodist Church in Anna last Sunday morning.



Hand bell choir at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning: Marcy Morris, Natilyn and Brinley Corbit, Callysta Borders with director Carla Anderson. Amanda Boreup is behind Carla.



Happy 28th wedding anniversary Oct. 17 to Brent and Angela Gordon. Brent’s father married them in Ullin. Their reception was at Shawnee College and they enjoyed their honeymoon in Jamaica.

Spring Street, in memory of the Hilemans son Justin.

The bird bath was at the home of Wayne and Florence Bartruff and daughters Joyce Bartruff and Sharon Hileman’s parents yard at 412 N. Main St. corner of N. Main and Douglas St. for many years before it was moved to Jonesboro to the Hileman home and now back to Anna.

These bird baths from the 1930s and 1940s really have history behind them.

If you have one or have any history of one please let me know.

Barbara Bauer is thinking this bird bath could possibly be the bird bath that at one time sat in front of the E.P. Owen Corner at the 4 way stop in Anna.

Does anyone have a picture of a bird bath at the 4 way stop in Anna? I do not remember one being there.

It’s so much fun following where these bird baths have traveled and some of them never moved from where they were made.

I can’t wait to find some history about mine. I know it traveled from the alley on Kirk Street to my front yard at West Monroe Street hanging from Chris Plott’s Bob Cat.

I feel so blessed and was so happy I was outside to see him turn the corner of Green Street with that coming up the street. These bird baths are not easy to move.

## Celebrating Birthday

Barbara File was honored with a birthday supper at the Mexican restaurant in Anna given by her daughter Brenda Allen. Barbara’s son from Florida was also there.

## Congratulations

Bessie Mae Ellis won



Bessie Mae Ellis and Martha Ann Webb attended the Fall Colors at the Bald Knob Cross of Peace Saturday. Beth Hileman was giving wagon rides with her beautiful horses. It was a little windy but it was a beautiful day. Thanks Teresa Gilbert for taking our picture.



Zack Dudley holds the Kiwanis logo. Members of the Anna Kiwanis group were busy last weekend as they worked on their fall display as part of the newly designed Pumpkin Town. The Anna Kiwanis will also be participating in the drive through trick-or-treating on Halloween evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Make sure you stop your car so your kiddos can receive a hefty supply of sweets and goodies.





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the WIBH birthday club on her Oct. 13 birthday. A personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut and a treat from the Anna Baking Company.

**Birthday Celebration**

Homer and Janet Hawk were honored on Homer's birthday Saturday, Oct. 12, with guests at the home of John and Shelby Pickles.

Their power went out along with many in our area that day.

The power came back on at John and Shelby's first so they all went to their home and had pizza, cake and ice cream.

It's so good to hear that Homer is feeling much better. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Anna Kiwanis Club**

The Anna Kiwanis Club will be having a pork shoulder cook on Nov. 20 and 21.

You may order through the Anna Kiwanis Facebook page, by calling the Anna Kiwanis president, Randy Kinder at 618-697-



Doris Gloria Leonard celebrated her 94th birthday Oct. 13. She is the mother of Janice Plemon.

6144 or by getting in contact with any Anna Kiwanis member.

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**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

October birthdays: 28 Rachel Frazier, Chuck Marks, Aaliyah Prater, 29 Beto Vaca Diez 30 Noah McFarland, 31 Pelesia Karsen.

Anniversaries: Oct 26 Victor and Alisha Murillo, 30 Richard and Donna Lyerla.

Modified Pumpkin Patch Saturday, Oct. 31. Anna Heights will be organizing a different way of doing their Pumpkin Patch this year. They will be setting up tables in the parking lot and gym to pass out bagged candy. Only games that can be quickly sanitized will be played. Cones will be set out for social distancing.

Operation Christmas Child Pack a Shoebox. Pick up a shoebox and pamphlet from the sanctuary fill it for a boy or girl and then return it by Sunday, Nov. 1. Don't forget to include \$9 for postage.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Essentials: This week: Defending Your Authority (the Bible) taken from Matthew 4:4.

Anna Heights Sunday morning worship service can be streamed on YouTube and Facebook at 10:30 a.m. In person worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. also on Sun-



Former Anna resident Lucas Hileman has traded out his old football for his new baby son. Lucas and Rachael Johnson Hileman welcomed Wyatt Ethan Hileman, who was born on Oct. 17, 2020, in Evansville, Ind. Baby Wyatt weighed 9 pounds, 13.2 ounces, and measured 21.5 inches. Reports were that he was invited to watch his first Sunday afternoon football game on TV, but he chose to sleep instead. Proud grandparents are Doug and Beth Hileman of Anna, and Larry and Carolyn Johnson of Fort Branch, Ind. Great-grandparents include Bonnie Hileman and Norm and Barbara Bauer of Anna, and Virginia Musiel and Lucille Johnson of Indiana.

days. Wednesday evening prayer meeting also can be streamed on in person in the FLC Chapel at 7 p.m.

**Anna VFW**

Extreme Bar Bingo is Monday nights, starting at 7 p.m. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m.

A special thanks to everyone who cooked and served the fish last Friday night.

Saturday, Oct. 24, Mystify Music will be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31, Peggy will be at the post with her Star Karaoke and hosting a Halloween party.

Auxiliary members: if you haven't paid your 2020-2021 dues they can be mailed to VFW Auxiliary, 70 VFW Ln., Anna, Ill. 62906.

**Trick or Treat**

Children will get a special treat this year on Halloween from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at our Anna Park. There will be a drive through trick or treat.

Anna and Jonesboro fire trucks will be there to pass out candy to children along with others.

Anyone wishing to donate candy, money or to help may contact the fire departments or the Anna or Jonesboro city halls.

A special thanks to Steve Bundy for being the first to make a donation to the fire department for the trick or treaters.

**Anna Trick or Treat**

Children will be able to trick or treat in Anna from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, on Halloween.

They will need to wear their special masks and go to houses with lights on.

The candy will be placed on tables in front of the homes that want to give out treats and social distance used.

The people who are giving out treats will watch and when the tables are empty they will place more candy there. They will also be wearing masks.

**The Stables**

Pastor Randy Wheaton is working on the old school house in Ware to have non denominational church services there.

There will be a fund raiser on Oct. 24 starting at 5 p.m. held at The Spark in McClure to help raise money for the roof. The Tiptons from Arkansas will be singing. Everyone welcome.

**Anna First Baptist**

**Church**

Last Sunday night was the first Sunday night for the new service with Jermaine Bollinger and his band.

Anna First is so excited to have Jermaine at their church. They are reaching out to the young people, young families and the young at heart in the Anna-Jonesboro and surrounding area.

Jermaine and his band will sing and church Pastor Nick DiMaruo will bring a message every service. Doors will open at 6 p.m., service will start at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

They will require everyone to wear a mask and social distance, please. They will have pews marked where to sit and will have ushers who will help with that, if needed.

**Bald Knob Cross of Peace**

The welcome center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

It was a beautiful day last Saturday for Fall Colors at the Cross and was well attended.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jennifer Cleghorn and her family. They are opening a small diner named Margaret, located on the corner of the historic square in Jonesboro.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation month. Rev. Tim and Myra are appreciated so much.

Sunday, Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Give to God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's.

Rev. Tim said a special prayer for Doris Womick and Gary Rider and for all those who are sick and have lost loved ones and for our country.

Myra Gossett said a special prayer for Tim before he brought his message.

Special music was the hand bells with a beautiful favorite song Amazing Grace played by Brinley Corbit, Natilyn Corbit, Callysta Borders, Amanda Boreup, Marcy Morris, led by Carla Anderson.

Other special music was Lord of the Dance by Carla Anderson and Marcy Morris.

Rev. Tim gave the children's message. He illustrated with a real pumpkin



Barbara Bauer and Etoile Casper, historian at the time for the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, are pictured at the home of Esther Mary Ayers in 2002 in front of one of the bird baths made from the mold the club had as a fund raiser in the 1930s and 1940s. This bird bath still sits at the home now owned by John and Tracee Foley. The club has been searching for these bird baths for several years and has found several. These bird baths still amaze people and how they have survived all these years.

showing the children how the inside of the pumpkin looked all messy but when cleaned and eyes, mouth and ears carved in it and a light put inside it shined so pretty.

He told them this is the way our lives were, dirty, before we ask Jesus to come into our lives and forgive us of our sins. When Jesus forgives our sins then our lives change from darkness to light.

We should always let our light shine for Jesus, our mouth, ears, and eyes only see, hear and speak and proclaim the Gospel and listen to God as God speaks to us.

Tuesday Loaves and Fishes passed out food.

Wednesday men's Bible study is at 7 a.m. and women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

Oct. 30 will be Friendship and Sewing/Happy Scrappers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Light House Outreach**

Light House Outreach meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of West Chestnut and North Green Street. Gary Broadway is the pastor.

**Honor Wreaths For Veterans**

The ceremony will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. Phil Ray will be in charge of the ceremony. Frankie Williams will put the large American flags at the entrances to our cemetery in honor of our Veterans.

The dead line to buy an Honor Wreath for a Veteran will be Monday, Nov. 30.

If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15. We have a lot of veterans buried in our Anna cemetery that have no living family if you would like to sponsor one of them.

The check can be made out to Honor Wreaths For Veterans and mailed to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906. You can also drop your check off at Anna City Hall.

A special thanks to everyone who has sponsored a veteran. All over the United States that day our veterans will be honored and wreaths laid on their graves in small cemeteries through the Honor Wreaths For Veterans a branch from the Wreaths Across Amer-

ica.

**Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club**

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Monday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. at El Jalapeno in Anna. The program is honoring veterans. Guest speaker will be Mary Nell Chew.

**Military Prayer List**

Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittan Michelle Lence, Kilian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

**Correction**

The Stable Ministries is not going to be a church. It will be open for gospel singing and fellowship.

**Sympathy**

Janice Lewellyn and Chipper attended the funeral of her friend Verlia Lawrence in Salem.

Also sending sympathy to our cousin Julia Lee Rayburn Theil in Tennessee. Her husband Ken went to be with our Lord last week. Julia is the daughter of our cousin Jane Lee Bauer Rayburn that grew up in Anna.

**Anna Arts Center**

Downtown Anna Christmas Holiday Bazaar at the Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St., Anna. Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All crafters, artists and vendors are invited to rent a space at the annual holiday bazaar.

The first event at the arts center is the Reindeer 5K Run/Walk at 8 a.m.

Space is an eight foot table with chairs for only \$20. Deadline for reserving your table is Nov. 10; due to space for only 25 vendors. Questions please call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com



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**UNION COUNTY GUIDELINES, PERTAINING TO YARD/GARAGE SALES:**  
1.Social Distancing must be exercised.  
2. Please wear a mask and/or other protective clothing.  
3.No more than 10 people at one time permitted.

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**YARD SALE:** 402 Springfield Avenue, Anna, scheduled October 23-24, canceled because of rain, will be held Friday & Saturday, October 30 & 31.

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All clients can call the office, (618)-833-8677, to make arrangements to come and get their file. We will be open on Wednesdays the month of October from 8:30 am. to 4:30p.m., or by appointment. After October 28, remaining files will be destroyed.  
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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3Q**  
**FILED September 29, 2020**

**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK;**  
**MELISSA JOYCE BROOKER A/K/A MELISSA JOYCE ANGLIN BROOKER;**  
**CARMAN ANGLIN; VIRGINIA ANGLIN; OCCUPANT;**  
**DONOVAN JOHNSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CARMAN ANGLIN AND VIRGINIA ANGLIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 1 East of the Third Principal

Meridian, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the said Quarter-Quarter with the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17, thence South 0 degrees 42' East along the said Easterly right-of-way line a distance of 747.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 84 degrees 04' 40" West a distance of 123.18 feet to a point; thence Southerly in a line parallel to the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17 for a distance of 80 feet; thence Southwesterly for a distance of 123.0 feet to a point in the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17, which point is 106.0 feet South to the point of beginning for this description; Thence North 0 degrees 42' West a distance of 106.0 feet to the point of beginning.

AND

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the said Quarter-Quarter with the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17; thence South 0 degrees 42' East along the said Easterly right-of-way line a distance of 605.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 79 degrees 21' 44" East a distance of 79.95 feet; thence South 21 degrees 41' 45" East a distance of 123.58 feet; thence South 84 degrees 04' 40" West a distance of 123.18 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17; thence North 0 degrees 42' West along the said right-of-way line a distance of 142.30 feet to the point of beginning, the tract containing 0.296 acres more or less, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

Property Index Number 03-06-01-412-A

On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 6 A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF OLD ROUTE 51 A DISTANCE OF 55 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY TO A POINT IN THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OLD ROUTE 51 WHICH IS 65 FEET SOUTHERLY OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.2066 ACRES MORE OR LESS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 05-18-03-330

On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3S**  
**FILED September 29, 2020**

**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK;**  
**GRAND RIVERS COMMUNITY BANK; LINDSEY FISHER; OCCUPANT; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

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

TRACT 1: A parcel of land being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel is also a part of property described and recorded book 118, page 103 in the Union County Courthouse in the name of Juanita Denny, as Trustee under the provisions of a trust agreement dated March 15, 1973, identified as Trust No. 4056-73-1, and also known as Tri D Development Land Trust. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at an iron pipe found at the Southeast Corner of said Quarter-Quarter Section, said corner being established per survey of J.T. Blankenship, IPLS No. 699, for Dale Denny, Dated June 6, 1966; thence N 0 degrees 33' 33" W 1007.81 feet along the East line of said Quarter-Quarter Section to the Southeast corner of an existing utility easement; thence N 88 degrees 41' 32" W 278.65 along the South line of said utility easement to an iron rod set, this being the point of beginning; thence along new lines the following two (2) calls: Thence S 1 degrees 55' 21" E 213.36 feet to an iron rod set; thence N 8 degrees 41' 15" W 190.60 feet to an iron rod set; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 22 degrees 03' 40" W 144.07 feet, a radius of 209.22 feet, and an arc of 147.08 feet to and iron rod set in the South line of said existing utility easement the following two (2) calls: thence S 88 degrees 41' 32" E 170.94 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel to contain 1.001 acres, more or less. Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise.

TRACT II: A perpetual, non-exclusive easement for roadway purposes, for the benefit of the foregoing "Tract I" (The Dominant Tenement), being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast

Quarter of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said easement being more particularly described as follows: commencing at an iron pipe found at the Southeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter section, said corner being established per survey of J.T. Blankenship, IPLS 699, for Dale Denny, Dated June 6, 1966; thence N 0 degrees 33' 33" W 1345.81 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker found in the South right of way line of Dog Walk Road; thence N 88 degrees 41' 32" W 456.70 feet along the South right-of-way line of Dog Walk Road to a concrete right-of-way marker found in the South right-of-way line of Lick Creek Road; thence along the South right-of-way line of Lick Creek Road along a curve to the right with chord bearing S 46 degrees 54' 01" W 310.20 feet, a radius of 8634.42 feet, and an arc of 310.22 feet to an iron rod found, this being the point of beginning; thence along new easement lines the following Seven (7) calls: thence S 42 degrees 12' 00" E 252.63 feet to an iron rod set; thence along a curve to the right with chord bearing S 22 degrees 03' 40" E 144.07 feet, a radius of 209.22 feet and a arc of 147.08 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 1 degrees 55' 21" W 15.49 feet to an iron rod set; thence along a curve to the left with the chord bearing 22 degrees 03' 40" W 109.64 feet, a radius of 159.22 feet, and an arc of 111.93 feet to an iron rod found in the South right-of-way line of Lick Creek Road; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 48 degrees 05' 44" E 50.00 feet, a radius of 8634.42 feet, and an arc of 50.00 feet, to the point of beginning. Said easement to contain 0.458 acres more or less. Said parcel being subject to all right-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. Per plat of survey prepared by Mitchell R. Garrett, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 3085, Dated April 7, 2000, and recorded on April 13, 2000, in record book 180 at page 895 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 05-21-03-711-K

On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3T**  
**FILED September 29, 2020**

**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK;**  
**STANLEY PEELER; PAMELA JERRELL A/K/A PAMELA PEELER; OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

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

TRACT 1: LOT NUMBER 28 IN LEWIS MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 AND NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AS RECORDED IN THE UNION COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 150, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUAR-

TER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION WITH THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TOLL-GATE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) CALLS: THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH CHORD BEARING N 64 DEGREES 10' 18" W 301.11 FEET, A RADIUS OF 2760.00 FEET, AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 301.26 FEET TO AN IRON ROD FOUND; THENCE N 61 DEGREES 02' 41" W 135.97 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 61 DEGREES 02' 41" W 43.59 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT #28 IN LEWIS MEADOWS SUBDIVISION; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 43' 29" E 207.21 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT #28 TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CALLS; THENCE S 66 DEGREES 33' 31" E 72.68 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 25 DEGREES 47' 48" W 210.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 0.277 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, DATED 10/07/02. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 05-28-03-924

On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3U**  
**FILED September 29, 2020**

**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK;**  
**KEITH HARTLINE; CLIFTON BENNETT; JESSICA BENNETT; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; ELIZABETH HARTLINE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF CLIFTON BENNETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

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

APART OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF LOT



1 OF W.A. SMITH'S FIRST ADDITION; THENCE SOUTHERLYALONGTHE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WETAUG ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 400 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 268.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 149.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONGTHE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 69.02 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 445.00 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 156.56 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 210.00 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 25.54 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 21' 34" WEST A DISTANCE OF 45.79 FEET; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 50' 42" WEST A DISTANCE OF 161.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 52' 14" EAST A DISTANCE OF 177.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 26' 16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 57.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.56 ACRES MORE OR LESS. EXCEPTING THEREFROM: PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF W.A. SMITH'S FIRST ADDITION; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WETAUG ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 400 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 268.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 149.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 69.02 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 445.00 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 31.33 FEET; THENCE 88 DEGREES 26' 16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 100.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 52' 14" EAST A DISTANCE OF 105.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 26' 16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 57.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.18 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF W.A. SMITH'S FIRST ADDITION; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WETAUG ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 400 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 268.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 44.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 2 DEGREES 25' 57" EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE

OF 105.20 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 26' 16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 57.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 3 DEGREES 12' 17" EAST A DISTANCE OF 101.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 34' 03" EAST A DISTANCE OF 47.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Index Number 06-25-04-870-A and 06-25-04-870-A1  
On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3V  
FILED September 29, 2020**  
**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; MICHAEL P. BLANK; OCCUPANT; CYNTHIA LUCAS; JIM BURKE; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THENCE NORTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 3 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 7 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 594.69 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 32 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 14 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 2.86 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 502.47 FEET FOR A DISTANCE OF 63.29 FEET; THENCE EAST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 30 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 1339.69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 35 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 649.09 FEET; THENCE WEST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 269 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 7 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 1367.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Property Index Number 07-10-05-239

On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
43-45g

**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3W  
FILED September 29, 2020**  
**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; ANNA NATIONAL BANK; BILLY G. STONER, SR.; VALETTA STONER; RALPH GURLEY; OPAL GURLEY; BILL G. STONER, JR.; OCCUPANT; ANGELA STONER; MICHAEL STONER;**

**AUSTIN STONER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF BILLY G. STONER, SR. AND RALPH GURLEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
Lot Number 7 in Block Number 5 in Forest Place Addition to the City of Anna, situated in Union County, State of Illinois.  
Property Index Number 14-00-09-219  
On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

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**TAX DEED NO. 2018TX3X  
FILED September 29, 2020**

**TAKE NOTICE TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; BRAEDEN TREECE; SCOTT TREECE; OCCUPANT; JODI TREECE; AUSTIN TREECE; KAYLA TREECE; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.**

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
Lot 5 in Block G in Rendleman Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded on November 3, 1966 in Plat Book 5, page 159, situated in Union County, Illinois.  
Property Index Number

14-00-11-426-D  
On February 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on May 30, 2018 for general taxes of the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire January 29, 2021.

Kathleen A. Kyndberg,  
Attorney for Petitioner  
(618) 457-4586  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**IN RE THE INTEREST OF: KENNETH THORNTON, A minor child, Case No. 20-P-15**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

**TO: KRISTIAN WOOLARD, a/k/a KRISTIAN JOHNSON and KENNETH THORNTON, PARENTS OF THE MINOR CHILD,**

**KENNETH THORNTON.**

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of court for Union County, Illinois a Petition for Guardianship in case number 2020-P-15, which prays for Jordan Rhymer and Alexis Rhymer, be named the Guardian of the minor child's person and estate. For further details contact the Union County Circuit Clerk's Office at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL 62952.  
The petitioner's attorney and address are: D. Brian Trambley, P. O. Box 899, Vienna, IL 62995.  
You are hereby notified that there will be a hearing on the Petition for Guardianship before the Honorable Tyler Edmonds, Circuit Court Judge of Union County, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Illinois, at 11:00 A.M. on the 17th day of November, 2020. If you wish to be heard in this matter you must appear at the above time and date.

Witness, October 1, 2020

Tiffany Busby  
Circuit Clerk  
43-45g

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pre-Game	Local Programs	Countdown	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Lovecraft Country	"Season of" (11) (HD)	(5:00) "Courage" (96)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Feud (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Thursday Night Football New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles (Live)	Superstore TBA	College Football Arkansas State vs Appalachian State (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Lovecraft Country	"The Warriors" (79, Action) (HD)	Shameless (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	The Third Presidential	The Presidential Debates "The Third Debate"		To Be Announced		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Aquaman" (18) Search for ancient power source. (HD)		"Set It Off" (96) Four women turn to crime.
<b>9 PM :30</b>				Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D		"Jacob's Ladder" (90) Veteran is haunted.	
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	The Misery		BUNK'D			DESUS &
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	The Third Day (HD)	Warrior	The Best
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Lovecraft	"Planet Apes" (11)	DESUS &

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Countdown	"Movie"		Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Descendants 3"	"Ford v Ferrari" (19, Drama) Matt Damon. An American car designer.	"The Gentlemen" (20) American expatriate.
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Shark Tank (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	World of Dance (HD)	College Football Tulsa Golden Hurricane at South Florida Bulls (Live)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven		(15) "The Quarry" (20) Criminal drifter. (HD)	To Be Announced
<b>8 PM :30</b>	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Undercover Boss		Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D			
<b>9 PM :30</b>		Blue Bloods (HD)			SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D	Real Time Maher (HD)	Warrior (HD)	(45) "21 Bridges" (19) A citywide hunt. (HD)
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local			Family	Raven	How To	Warrior	
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Just Roll	Real Time Maher (HD)	"The Watch" (12) Alien invasion.	
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			Family	Disney Fam	How To		Good Lord

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Scoreboard	Local Programs	FOX Pregame (Live)	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	(5:45) "Movie"	"Fast & Furious" (09) Vin Diesel.	Unsitabile	(4:45) "Shazam" (19)	Warrior (HD)	The Good Lord Bird
<b>7 PM :30</b>	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	2020 MLB Playoffs "Teams TBD" (Live)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)			"San Andreas" (15) Rescue attempt after an earthquake.	Big City	"Emma" (96, Romance) Friends pair off. (HD)	"Dodgeball: True Underdog"	The Best
<b>8 PM :30</b>		NCIS: New Orleans				Bang (HD)		Big City			Showtime Championship Boxing from Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn. (Live)
<b>9 PM :30</b>		48 Hours (HD)		Sat. Night Live (HD)	(15) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City	Amphibia	(05) The Vow (HD)	
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local		Bang (HD)		Owl House	How To	Warrior (HD)	
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		Frontal	"Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift" (06) (HD)		Lovecraft Country		The Best

## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	FOX Pregame (Live)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★½★ "Overboard" (18)	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie Disney	(5:45) ★★ "Emma" (20) Selfish young woman.	★½★ "Winter's Bone" (10)	The Good Lord Bird
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Supermarket Sweep	Young	2020 World Series "Game 5 (if necessary)" (Live)	(20) Sun. Night Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Las Vegas Raiders (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Crazy Rich Asians" (18) Gemma Chan. Wealthy family.	Law & Order: SVU	Raven		★½★ "The Judge" Lawyer's father is suspected of murder.	The Circus Cartoon
<b>8 PM :30</b>	Who Wants to Be a	★★★ "Scream" (96) A killer stalks and slashes teenagers.			UFC Unleashed (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	The Undoing (HD)	(55) "Hero" (02) Ancient warriors.	The Good Lord Bird
<b>9 PM :30</b>	Card Sharks (HD)			Sat. Night Live (HD)	UFC Main		Law & Order: SVU	Disney Fam	The Undoing (HD)	(25) "Shaft" (19, Action) Best friend's death.	The Comedy Store
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"Crazy Rich Asians" (18) Gemma Chan. Wealthy family.	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Oliver	(45) TBA	DESUS & The Circus
<b>11 PM :30</b>	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Wizards	The Undoing (HD)	We Are Who We Are	The Good Lord Bird
<b>11 PM :30</b>						Frontal	Family	Girl World	Oliver	"Chainsaw"	

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Descendants 2" (15)	Undong	★½★ "Last Exorcism"	"21 Bridges"
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Dancing with the Stars Ballroom dancing.	Big Brother (HD)	Local	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 3" (HD)	Monday Football Chicago Bears at Los Angeles Rams (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (T) (HD)	Raven	"The Invisible Man" (20) A violent and controlling man.	Warrior (HD)	The Circus
<b>8 PM :30</b>		Essential Heroes: A	Filthy Rich (HD)			Fam Guy		Raven			The Good Lord Bird
<b>9 PM :30</b>	To Be Announced	One Day	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Weakest Link		Fam Guy		Raven		(55) "Hero" (02) Ancient warriors.	"American Selfie: One" (20)
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local	One Day		Local	(15) SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Dad (HD)		Jessie	We Are Who We Are	"The Apparition" (12) Evil spirit.	The Good Lord Bird
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)	Family	Jessie	(45) TBA		The Comedy Store
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	NFL Rewind	Conan	Family	Jessie	We Are Who We Are	"Safe House" (12)	DESUS &

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	CFB Playoff: Top 25	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Descendants 2" (15)	"Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (03)	(4:55) "Valkyrie" (08)	The Good Lord Bird
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Conners	The Price Is Right at	Pregame	The Voice (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Disney		★½★ "Anna" (19)	Ray Donovan (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	Family	Let's Make a Deal	2020 World Series "Game 7 (if necessary)" (Live)	This Is Us (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Soul" (20) (NR) (HD)	"Alita: Battle Angel" (19) Amnesia cyborg.	Inside the NFL (HD)
<b>9 PM :30</b>	What Would You Do?	The FBI Declassified		This Is Us (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	(:20) The Undoing	"Femme Fatale" (02) Woman is black-mailed	The Best "Point Gods" (HD)
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Celebrity Show-Off	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	(:20) The Undoing	(50) Axios "Axios 30"	Inside the NFL (HD)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Liv Maddie	How To	Warrior (HD)	ALL ACCESS Comedy
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Celebrity Show-Off	Family	Liv Maddie	(45) TBA		
<b>11 PM :30</b>						Seinfeld	Family	Jessie	We Are Who We Are	"Safe House" (12)	
<b>11 PM :30</b>						Conan	Family	Jessie			

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Baseball Tonight (HD)	(10:30) Celebrity Show-Off Celebrities compete.	NCIS "Rendezvous"	"Descendants 3"	Burning Oj (45) Real Sports (HD)	(5:00) ★★ "Anna" (19)	"Tomatoes"
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Goldbergs	Amazing Race (HD)	2020 World Series "Game 7 (if necessary)" (Live)	The Wall (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries		WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Disney	(:45) "Prometheus" (12) Space expedition. (R)	"Winter's Bone" Girl tracks dad.	★½★ "Catch Me If You Can" (02) A master con-man. (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	Housewife	Big Brother (HD)		American Ninja Warrior "Finals 1" (HD)				Bizaard	(:40) "The Quarry" (20) Criminal drifter. (HD)	★½★ "Legally Blonde" (01)	
<b>9 PM :30</b>	Single				MLS Soccer Los Angeles vs Portland (Live) (HD)		"The Purge: Anarchy" Struggle to survive.	Bizaard	(:50) The Undoing "The Undoing"	(25) "The Lovely Bones" (09)	"Madea's Family Reunion" (06)
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local				Bizaard			
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)				Good Luck			
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports	Seinfeld	Family	Good Luck	We Are Who We Are		
<b>11 PM :30</b>						Conan	Family	Good Luck			

## OCTOBER 28, 2020



# Obituaries

## Georgianna Tucker

Georgianna Tucker, born Georgianna Lannom on January second in the year nineteen and forty-seven, a woman who never met a person she didn’t like, passed on to the meadow where the best people gather on October fourteenth in the year two thousand and twenty at eleven hours and two minutes in the morning.

If there is someone she wants to see that didn’t make it there, be sure she will ask politely and get them a pass.



Strong as a bear and gentle as a fawn, she was more generous than the sun to a field of wildflowers, and sweeter than the honey the bees made from them.

Her laughter was a tonic for any ailment of the spirit and if you ever heard it, even just once, you will always have that inexhaustible bottle of giggles in your soul’s back pocket for future use.

She is survived by her one and only husband of fifty-six years, her only child and son, one remaining sister, and one remaining brother.

More importantly to this earth are the thousands whose lives she touched, no matter how briefly. They may not remember her name, they may not remember exactly what she said or did, but they will never forget how she made them feel.

Other than being her natural amazing self, she was the employee at the Florsheim Shoe factory that everyone hoped they ran into that day, was the most fun and efficient Cub Scout transportation system ever, a volunteer for The Department of Children and Family Services, spent many years helping with Relay for Life, and was a front and center beloved public figure at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

There will be no formal services, but rather, Georgianna would ask a service of you, for once, since she never asked anything of anybody. If you loved her, if you just knew her, if you’ve only met her once and just now realize who this is about, please take that joy and kindness she made you feel and spread it to three people, and ask them to do the same. At that rate every single person in the world could feel the same way she made you feel in two weeks, twice over, and that could change everything.

Also, in lieu of any cards, flowers, or other gifts of condolence you might wish to send to the family, Georgianna would prefer you take that money, or other items you might have and donate them to Bethany Village in Anna, Ill. Their website is bvillageanna.com, and their phone number is 618-833-1777 if you would like to find all the ways you can help their Family Crisis Center for women, or even how to get to their wonderful resale shop.

Envelopes for memorial contributions will be available at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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FUNERAL HOMES

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

## Mary Louise ‘Nanny’ Kinder

Mary Louise “Nanny” Kinder, 68, of Anna, died Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1952, in Charleston, Mo., the daughter of Martin George and Hattie Lenore Moore Hedge.

She married Jackie Lee Brimm on March 14, 1968, in Anna. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1976. She later married Dale Kinder.

She is survived by her daughter, Katina Gill of Cape Girardeau, and son, Dwayne Brimm of Anna; grandchildren Britney Mull, Jacqueline Nicole Warner, Gabrielle Mull, Raven Gill, Amir Shouder and Rayne Shouder; great-grandchildren JaQuan Johnson, Jaly Johnson, Brayden Boyd, Ryker Johnson, Ka’Miya Mason, Damion Warner and Colten Lee Warner; siblings Opal Cummins of Mississippi, Jim Morroe of Mill Creek and Faye Cummins of Georgia; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by her husband, Jackie Lee Brimm; an infant son, Travis Lee Brimm; and siblings Rita Hedge, Betty Hale, Bonnie Pinter, Curtis Hedge, Alvin Hedge, Donald Hedge, Tommy Hedge, Bud Hedge and Barbara Cummings.

She enjoyed the outdoors and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She worked for many years at Lincoln Square in Jonesboro.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN**  
FUNERAL HOMES

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



## Dorris E. Penrod

Dorris E. Penrod, 93, of Dongola, died at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1927, in Dongola, the son of Ellis E. and Iva B. Johnson Penrod.

He married Mary Elizabeth Hill on April 16, 1948. She preceded him in death on Nov. 27, 2013.

Mr. Penrod grew up in Dongola, working on the family farm from a very young age.

He left to serve his country with the U.S. Army at the end of World War II.

Mr. Penrod moved his young family to St. Louis to pursue a career at the National Stock Yards. Despite the distance, he went back to Dongola every week-end to run the family farm. He was an expert cattleman at the stockyards for 38 years.

He knew horses well, knew dogs well and knew people well. He had a long list of customers throughout Illinois and Missouri who valued his extensive knowledge of the livestock market and depended on that knowledge to buy and sell livestock.

He was a colorful storyteller and everyone will all miss his funny sayings. His devotion to his wife and family was a true example of what a man should be. A real cowboy has been lost.

He is survived by his two daughters, Debra (Kenneth) Whitlow of House Springs, Mo., and Beth (Lawrence) Horvath of Bloomington; six grandchildren, Michael (Jen) Whitlow, Scott (Jodi) Whitlow, Cynthia (Tim) Hecht, Timothy (Lisa) Whitlow, Elissa (Todd) Albert and Eric Horvath; six great-grandchildren, Kyle, Noah, Myla, Ava, Kayleigh and Hudson.

Besides his wife, Mr. Barnhart was preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Marella Kaufman and Mary Belle Morgan.

Family and friends were asked to gather for graveside funeral services at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Friendship Cemetery, with Jason Forby officiating.

Military honors were accorded by the Illinois Honor Guard and local veterans. Interment took place at Friendship Cemetery.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

**Crain**  
*Funeral home*

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.



## Jewell Ellean Lindsey Hicks

A strong headed woman has left this world and now rests in heaven. Jewell Ellean Lindsey Hicks, of Jonesboro, died on Oct. 16, 2020, at the young age of 69. She was actually 90, but loved telling everyone she was 15 to 20 years younger even to the end.

She was born in Pulas-ki, the daughter of Hester Armeady McBride and Barney Lindsey on May 16, 1930.

She married the love of her life, Harold Dale Hicks, in Caitlin in 1948. They celebrated 55 years together until Dale’s death in 2003.

She retired from the SIU Carbondale Bakery in 2008. She was an excellent baker and loved decorating the many wedding cakes, birthday cakes and holiday treats for SIU students, as well as her family.

Her greatest passions after retiring were her yard and many flower gardens. Most times she could be found outside in her yard tending to every corner of it or sitting on her patio admiring all her hard work.

She will be remembered by her two sons, Larry Dale Hicks and Michael Allen (Karen) Hicks; three grandchildren, Lindsey (Ryan) Sadler, Hailey (Jay) New and Dustin (Hanea) Hicks; six great-grandchildren, Landon Sadler, Paisley, Holden and Anistyn New, Harper and Miles Hicks; two step-grandchildren, Jeannie (Eddie) Martin and Julie (Jeff) Elmore; four step-great-grandchildren, Kailey New, Ashley (Lance) Luginbill, Jared (Jane) Martin and Amanda Martin; and one sister Martha Jerrell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Dale Hicks; a daughter-in-law, Aleta Hicks; a brother, Earl Lindsey; and a sister, Rose Ray.

Private graveside services will be held at the Jonesboro Cemetery in Jonesboro. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association. Envelopes are available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN**  
FUNERAL HOMES

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



## Linda Kay Riggs Ryan

Linda Kay Riggs Ryan, 64, of Dongola, died at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1955, in Cairo, the daughter of William Henry and Elsie Geraldine Schierbaum Riggs.

She married Jim Ford on June 3, 1972. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1976.

She retired from Laborer’s Local 773, where she had worked as a claims processor and previously a supervisor of health insurance.

Her day revolved around her family and you couldn’t find a more proud grandma than her. She was baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church.

She survived by her daughters, Jessi Causey and Kisha Hileman; grandchildren Kaden Greer, Kasen Causey, Ryan (Hannah) Hileman and Nathan Hileman; a great-grandchild, Josie Hileman; brothers Gary Riggs and Keith Palmer; sisters Melissa Palmer and Mickie Gear; her former husband, John Ryan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Charles Allen Palmer.

Funeral services for Linda Ryan will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola. Burial will follow in the American Legion Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

**Crain**  
*Funeral home*

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).



## Wallace ‘Wally’ Henry Prystalski

Wallace “Wally” Henry Prystalski, 90, of Alto Pass, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1929, in Chicago, the son of Henry John and Ida Prystalski.

He married Judith Ann “Judy” Jenter in Oak Forrest; together, they shared 56 years of marriage. She preceded him in death in May of 2019.

Mr. Prystalski is survived by his son, Henry John Prystalski of Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Prystalski; and by his parents, Henry and Ida Prystalski.

Mr. Prystalski worked as an electrician for over 50 years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass, with the Rev. Davy Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Dutch Ridge Cemetery.

Friends call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass. All of those attending will be required to wear a face covering and to observe social distancing guidelines.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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



## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Rev. Mark Anderson, pastor of Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, spoke at the funeral service for Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Jack was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church. After attending the funeral more than 50 family and friends gathered together outside at the home of Delores and Jack Reynolds to celebrate the life of Jack.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Gary and Judy Gibbs and family members spent the weekend in the Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tenn., area.

Shirley Miller of McClure prepared lunch for Penny Hill of McClure and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., on Monday.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited Shirley Miller Thursday afternoon.

Shirley Miller had lunch Sunday at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill. Also present were Julie and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo.

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.





**Misty morning**  
A foggy mist was rising above a pond in rural Union County on a recent chilly autumn morning. Waterfowl, including Canada geese and ducks, could be seen at the pond.

**Union County Hospital District Auxiliary Scholarship Tree campaign underway**

In spite of COVID-19 restrictions and cancellations, some things go on – such as supporting local persons as they pursue an education in a health care field. The falling leaves of autumn bring to mind that the Union County Hospital District Auxiliary is beginning the sale of leaves and tree branches for its Scholarship Tree.

Leaves and/or tree branches may be designated in honor or, or in memory of, a family member or some other special person. Leaves are \$1 each. Tree branches are \$25 each. All of the funds go into the Alma Wilson Scholarship Fund.

Donations to the Scholarship Tree allow the auxiliary to award scholarships to individuals in the community who are continuing their education in the healthcare field.

Thanks to the generosity of the 2019 Scholarship Tree donors, the auxiliary was able to award a \$1,250 scholarship in August to following persons: Jenna Hartline, Madison Lingle, Erin Dillow, Hailey Merri-man and Joseph Brumleve. A \$1,000 scholarship renewal also was made to Lexie Miller.

The auxiliary notes that the generosity of the community allows it to continue this project and to help someone else in the community to continue her or his education and to add to the dedicated number of healthcare professionals who work in the area.

As always, Union County Hospital District Auxiliary remains a not-for-project organization; therefore, donations are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to the Scholarship Tree, c/o Union County Hospital District Auxiliary, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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**Anna VFW Auxiliary planning to serve drive-thru meal**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna reports that due to circumstances that it cannot control, the post once again will be closed.

The Auxiliary to the VFW plans to serve a drive-thru meal on Monday, Oct. 26. The menu will consist of a Polish sausage sandwich with onions and peppers, fried potatoes, baked beans and a cookie for a \$10 donation. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-7737 to make reservations for pick up before noon Oct. 26. You will then just drive under the awning in front of the building at the time you select, give them your name and they will bring your meal out to you.

The Auxiliary asks everyone to have correct change; no credit cards or debit cards can be accepted. They thank everyone for their support during this difficult time.

**Villa Ridge American Legion post plans dinner, open house**

An open house and dinner are planned from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Louis Phares American Legion Post No. 178 in Villa Ridge. The post is located at 1853 Olmsted Rd.

The dinner will feature barbequed chicken smoked by Hileman Brothers, along with sides, dessert and tea provided by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

The dinner will be offered for donations only, with no charge.

During the event, 50-year members of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion will be honored.

The Legion recently renovated the lodge. The improvements included new paint, building a new handicapped accessible bathroom and updating the kitchen.



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# Opinion and Commentary

Commentary

## Protests out of control

By Mike Estel

It was good to see former Congressman Glenn Poshard conducting a “silent march” last week in Southern Illinois about all the many protests that have gotten out of hand throughout the country recently.

Protests are just part of the American way of life and have been around in a free country since the founding fathers came up with a Constitution.

I can remember back in the 1970s at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale when I was an ambulance driver for the SIU Health Service. There were protests going on then in the streets about sending American troops to fight in Vietnam.

I would be the first to admit that whether we should have been there or not is very negotiable. But with our troops being there in Vietnam, we should have backed them up and in the war fought to win it instead of letting the politicians call the shots that became a stalemate. But we didn’t and it’s past history and it mushroomed into nationwide protests throughout the country.

In Carbondale, the majority of those arrested for destruction of property and throwing objects at law enforcement were not students and away from out of town.

This is also true to the protests going on throughout the nation right now. The majority of people arrested appear to be from places not even associated with the protests.

Protests are just part of the American culture, but we have to find a way to keep them from getting out of hand and losing the support they deserve. Mr. Poshard is doing the right thing and trying to correct that drawback. We don’t need all that destruction of property and turning the majority of people off to any good intentions a protest could accomplish in the long run.

## Letter to the editor

### Response to stealing of signs

To the editor,

We recently put two political signs by our mailbox on Route 146 and within a week the one for Joe Biden was stolen. We have never put up political signs before.

We did so this year because of how strongly we feel about replacing Mike Bost as our federal representative. Bost was pictured in our recent issue of Illinois Outdoor News because he voted against the Great American Outdoors Act, a bill that tries to remedy years of financial neglect of public lands.

Bost was one of only three Illinois congressmen to vote against the bill which was signed into law. If you research Bost’s record on the League of Conservation Voters website you will find he has earned a grade of 3 percent, 2nd lowest among all Illinois representatives. Groups like Ducks Unlimited and the Wild Turkey Federation strongly supported the bill.

Like a lot of people, we can’t afford the tens of thousands of dollars it costs to lease private land for hunting or fishing, we rely on public lands, so we contributed to Bost’s opponent, Ray Lenzi. We got a yard sign and they also gave us a Biden sign.

Because our Biden sign was stolen, I decided to make my own. Any time any of the signs are damaged or stolen I will contribute \$50 to the Biden campaign. My apologies to my neighbors, the signs are large and not attractive. I have never had a talent for arts and crafts, but I felt I had to do something. That people steal political signs, no matter what party they are for, is just wrong.

Signed, Barb Woolard, Jonesboro

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, October 22, 1970

A strike, which idled approximately 470 employees of the Florsheim Shoe Company plant in Anna, commenced Monday afternoon, Oct. 19, with picketing starting at the plant and continuing Wednesday morning, Oct. 21.

The Lincoln Memorial Park (on the Jonesboro Square) with its beautiful new fountain was dedicated in ceremonies held Sunday night at 6:30. A large crowd attended and heard a former Anna resident, John S. Rendleman, now Chancellor of Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, praise the students and all of Union County for making a dream into a reality through a lot of work and ingenuity.

Paul Powell, 31st Secretary of State of Illinois, was laid to rest in his beloved hills of Southern Illinois, Thursday, Oct. 15. Present at the funeral services held in the Vienna High School gymnasium were many of his friends and co-workers throughout the years. Honorary pallbearers included Presidents Harry S Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson.

The Union County Board of Commissioners set the salaries of all public officials as required by the Illinois Revised Statutes of 1969, at their meeting Monday, Oct. 19.

The nation will revert to Standard Time Sunday, Oct. 25, and residents are being reminded to set their clocks back one hour.

For the first time in three days, the Union County area caught a glimpse of the sun Wednesday morning, Oct. 21, that is, after the fog which covered the area in the early morning hours lifted.

The Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service reports the first freeze of the season occurred on Oct. 16 in Illinois.

Over 600 members of Future Homemakers of America met at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Monday, Oct. 19, for a sectional rally.

A fish fry was held Saturday, Oct. 19, at the old Lingle school house.

From the Shiloh news: Well, we’re getting more rain, after all we had last week.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

## Plan A...then Plan B...did not go as planned...

So, the plan was, on the morning of the third Saturday in October, we would get in the car, motor to Metropolis, and spend part of our day at the Fort Massac Encampment.

The plan might have flashed through my simple little mind months and months and months ago... ..of course, my plan did not take a pandemic into consideration.

Then again, I’m pretty sure that the word pandemic was not on anybody’s mind months and months and months ago.

As you may recall, The Other Half and yours truly have, for a number of years, taken a bit of a trip back in time during the middle of October. Our journey takes us to Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis, which is the home of an encampment each fall.

The encampment brings historical reenactors who strive to bring the 1700s, and early 1800s, to life for thousands of visitors who journey to Fort Massac each October to be a part of the encampment.

We have a lot of special memories from our journeys back in time...going to the encampment with our kids...making the trip one time with a visitor from Colombia, South America... meeting reenactors, the creators of “old-times” arts and crafts and several authors (whose books became a part of our library).

Sadly, like so many other activities in what has been a very strange year, the 2020 Fort Massac Encampment was cancelled due to pandemic... ..so, since we could not go with our original plan, I decided to go to Plan B.



One of my favorite photographs from our visits to the Fort Massac Encampment. The image was captured at the 2015 encampment...and was used on the cover of a tourism publication which we create here at the paper.

Plan B involved cooking something on the grill last Saturday evening...using a wood fire. I really enjoy the aroma of wood fires which are part of the experience at the encampment... ..well, cooking on a wood fire pretty much went down the tubes last Saturday, thanks to a pretty much

unanticipated Red Flag Warning which was issued by the National Weather Service. Oh, well... ..anyway, since Plan A and Plan B did not go exactly as planned, I decided to go with a variation of our original idea for this week’s column.

Since my sweetheart and I could not go on our time travel adventure to the Fort Massac Encampment, we’ll take a trip down Memory Lane, which, by the way, is somewhere on the way to Metropolis. Hopefully, by next year, we’ll be able to get some new photos...and some new memories, too...



Sugar cookies...and other cookies, too...that were baked in a stone oven at Fort Massac State Park during the 2018 encampment. The cookies are one of the treats yours truly looks forward to savoring at the encampment.



The sounds of muskets...as well as the boom of a cannon...also can be heard at the encampment.



The creation of such “old-time” crafts as lace making can be seen...and admired...at the encampment.



From back in the day...like back in 1997...this is one of the “oldest” photographs from the Fort Massac Encampment which yours truly has in his digital scrapbook.